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VIA E-MAIL

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Nicolas A. Mitchell
Investigation Counsel
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
Democratic Congress of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Your letters of September 30, 2019, to Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This letter will confirm our recent telephone conversation of October 1, 2019, in response to the Committees' extensive and detailed letters which the Committees unfortunately caused to be published on the internet in violation of all norms of fairness and decency.

In that call, I advised you of my anticipated retainer by Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman. I now represent Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman with respect to the alleged impeachment investigation referenced in your letters of September 30, 2019.

I will meet with Mr. Parnas and Mr. Fruman beginning this weekend to get acquainted with them, the facts and documents requested in your detailed letter in order to prepare a response to the Committees' requests. This effort will take some time.

Be advised that Messrs. Parnas and Fruman assisted Mr. Giuliani in connection with his representation of President Trump. Mr. Parnas and Mr. Furman have also been represented by Mr. Giuliani in connection with their personal and business affairs. They also assisted Joseph DiGenova and Victoria Toensing in their law practice. Thus, certain information you seek in your September 30, 2019, letter is protected by the attorney-client, attorney work product and other privileges. Given the breadth and detail of your request for information, an appropriate privilege review cannot reasonably be conducted by October 7, 2019, the date you have set to produce documents and communications. The amount of time required is difficult to determine. but we are happy to keep you advised of our progress and engage in a rolling production of non-privileged documents.

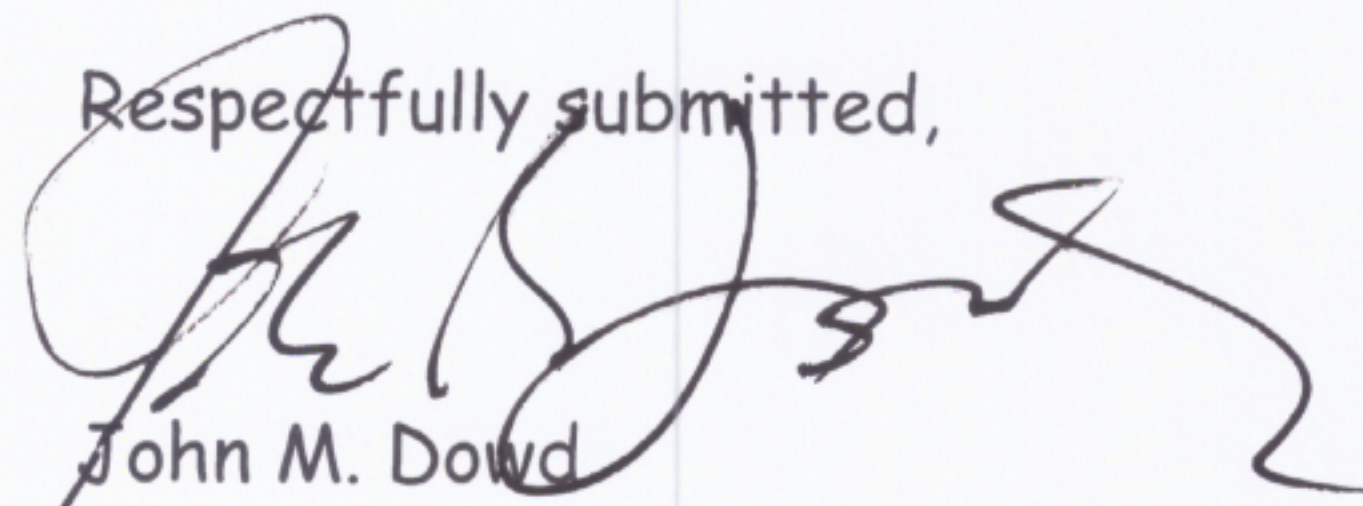
Your request for documents and communications is overly broad and unduly burdensome. The subject matter of your requests is well beyond the scope of your inquiry. This, in combination with requiring immediate responses, leads me to the inescapable conclusion that the Democratic Committee members' intent is to harass, intimidate and embarrass my clients.

The "Committees" and its Democratic members are well aware that my clients are entitled to retain counsel and counsel is entitled to an adequate period of time to get acquainted with the clients, review documents, consult with the clients and prepare the clients for any

potential testimony and document production. Requesting production of documents within seven days and requiring testimony within fifteen days is unreasonable and not in keeping with your Committees' standard procedures.

Considering the important factual questions and legal issues attendant to the alleged whistleblower, your investigation, your authority and requests for information, your charter should be amended to exhibit some semblance of due process, fairness, justice and common decency.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Dowd", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

John M. Dowd

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