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Subject: RE: Conversation with the P_E.... --- UNCLASSIFIED
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Jim:

I just had a chance to review the proposed talking points on this for today. Perhaps it is a nit, but I worry that it may not be best to say "The IC has not made any judgment that the information in the document is reliable." I say that because we HAVE concluded that the source [REDACTED] is reliable and has a track record with us of reporting reliable information; we have some visibility into his source network, some of which we have determined to be subsources in a position to report on such things; and much of what he reports in the current document is consistent with and corroborative of other reporting included in the body of the main IC report. That said, we are not able to sufficiently corroborate the reporting to include it in the body of the report.

That all rings in my ears as more complicated than "we have not made a judgment that the information in the document is reliable." It might be better to say that "we have not be able to sufficiently corroborate the information to include it in the body of our Russia report but, for a variety of reasons, we thought it important to include it in our report to our senior-most audience."

Jim

From: James R. Clapper-DNI- [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 10:17 PM
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Jim:

We caucused this afternoon, and decided I should try to call the President-elect. I spoke to him for about 20 minutes late this afternoon.

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I apologize for not running this by you. Am sending it this way, since I can't pull up your address on the low side:

Here it is:

"This evening I had the opportunity to speak with President-elect Trump to discuss recent media reports about our briefing last Friday. I expressed my profound dismay at the leaks that have been appearing in the press, and we both agreed that they are corrosive and damaging to our national security.

I told him that I do not believe that these leaks are coming from the Intelligence Community (IC).

We also discussed the private security company documents which were widely circulated in recent months among the media, Members of Congress, and Congressional Staff before the IC became aware of it. I emphasized that this is not a USIC product. The IC has not made any judgment that the information in this document is reliable, and we did not rely upon it in any way for our conclusions. However, part of our obligation is to ensure that policy-makers are provided with the fullest possible picture of any matters might affect national security.

President-elect Trump again affirmed his appreciation for all the men and women serving in the Intelligence Community, and I assured him that the IC stands ready to serve his Administration and the American people."

I just turned on CNN and they already picked it up....

Jim

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