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Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Bill Posey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congressman Posey:

This responds to your letter to the Deputy Attorney General dated September 1, 2017, concerning the appointment of Department of Justice (Department) Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III. We apologize for our delay in responding to your letter.

As your letter notes, on May 17, 2017, the Department announced the appointment of Mr. Mueller to serve as Special Counsel to oversee the previously-confirmed FBI investigation of Russian government efforts to influence the 2016 election and related matters. The Special Counsel is carrying out his investigation in accordance with the Department's Special Counsel regulations (*see* 28 CFR §§ 600.4 through 600.10). Under these circumstances and consistent with the Department's longstanding policy regarding the confidentiality and sensitivity relating to pending matters, the Department is not in a position to respond further to your inquiry at this time.

We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Boyd", written over a blue ink stamp.

Stephen E. Boyd  
Assistant Attorney General