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The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
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Dear Director Wray:

On September 18, 2024, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency announced that in “late June and early July,” the Islamic Republic of Iran attempted to interfere with the upcoming presidential election by “sen[ding] unsolicited emails to individuals then associated with the Biden-Harris campaign that contained an excerpt taken from stolen, non-public material from former President Trump’s campaign”¹ Since then, Iran has continued “to send stolen, non-public material” from President Trump’s campaign to the media.² Iran’s actions raise serious concerns about foreign election interference targeting President Trump’s campaign to support President Biden’s and Vice President Harris’s campaigns. We write to request information about this serious matter.

While media reports have supplemented the FBI’s September 18 announcement, details about the hack are few. According to reporting, Iran emailed the illegally obtained information to “at least three advisers on the Democratic presidential campaign[.]”³ Additionally, Iran emailed stolen information, including “research compiled by the Trump campaign on [Senator] JD Vance . . . and internal polls from the campaign,”⁴ to at least three major media outlets—*Politico*, the *Washington Post*, and the *New York Times*—from an AOL account using the pseudonym “Robert.”⁵ However, the outlets have not publicly disclosed what other confidential information they received from Iran.⁶

¹ Press Release, Fed. Bureau of Investigation, Joint ODNI, FBI, and CISA Statement (Sept. 18, 2024).

² *Id.*

³ Josh Dawsey, *Hacker tried to give stolen Trump material to Biden campaign, U.S. says*, WASH. POST (Sept. 18, 2024)

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Allie Griffin, *FBI says Iranian hackers sent unsolicited stolen Trump info to people associated with Biden campaign*, N.Y. POST (Sept. 18, 2024).

⁶ *Id.*

In order to further the Committee's legislative and oversight responsibilities, we request an unclassified briefing on the Iranian hack of President Trump's campaign. The briefing should address at minimum the following non-exhaustive list of questions:

1. What material did Iran obtain from President Trump's campaign?
2. To whom at the Biden for President or the Harris for President campaigns did the hackers send information and materials?
3. What actions did the Biden for President or the Harris for President campaigns take with regards to the material after it was received?
4. Who has the FBI interviewed in relation to this matter, including those individuals associated with the Biden for President or the Harris for President campaigns?
5. On what date did the FBI learn there had been a hack and exfiltration of nonpublic information from President Trump's campaign?
6. On what date did the FBI authenticate the documents that Iran obtained from President Trump's campaign?
7. How did the FBI authenticate the documents that Iran obtained from President Trump's campaign?
8. On what date(s) did Iran provide the stolen documents to the Biden for President campaign or the Harris for President campaign?
9. On what date did the FBI first inform President Trump's campaign it had been hacked?
10. On what date did the FBI first inform the Justice Department about the Iranian hack of President Trump's campaign?
11. On what date did the FBI first inform the National Security Council about the Iranian hack of President Trump's campaign?
12. On what date did information about the Iranian hack of President Trump's campaign first appear in the Presidential Daily Brief?
13. Why did it take the FBI so long to inform President Trump's campaign it had been hacked?
14. Did the FBI use any Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act authorities to surveil President Trump's campaign?

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15. Did President Trump receive a defensive briefing?

We ask that this briefing occur as soon as possible but no later than September 26, 2024. Pursuant to Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of the FBI and the Department of Justice to inform potential legislative reforms.⁷ Please ask your staff to contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906 promptly to schedule this briefing.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member

⁷ Rules of the House of Representatives, R. X, 118th Cong. (2023).