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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

May 11, 2017

Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Member of Congress
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Nadler:

This responds to your letter dated April 13, 2017 to Director Comey and Charles S. Phalen, Director, National Background Investigations Bureau, Office of Personnel Management, expressing concern regarding allegations that an advisor to the President did not disclose information during his application process for a top secret security clearance. A similar response will be sent to the other Members who joined in your letter.

The FBI is the Investigative Service Provider responsible for conducting thorough and comprehensive background investigations on behalf of the President, President-Elect and respective designees. These clients submit requests for security clearances for any newly assigned individuals to the transition team, other national security positions, and proposed cabinet level officials. The FBI does not grant, deny, or otherwise adjudicate security clearances for individuals on behalf of these clients. As a result, the granting or suspension of Mr. Kushner's clearance would be the responsibility of the client adjudication entity, in this case, the White House.

We appreciate your continued support for the FBI and its mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory A. Brower", is positioned above the typed name.

Gregory A. Brower
Assistant Director
Office of Congressional Affairs