

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 6, 2024

Mr. Andrew Makridis
Via e-mail

Dear Mr. Makridis:

The Committee on the Judiciary and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence are conducting oversight of federal law-enforcement and intelligence matters within our respective jurisdictions. In October 2020, *Politico* published a statement, titled “Public Statement on the Hunter Biden Emails,” signed by 51 former intelligence community officials, many of whom were former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) employees. This statement falsely implied the *New York Post*’s reporting about Hunter Biden was the product of Russian disinformation. We have requested documents and communications relating to the CIA’s potential knowledge of and involvement in the October 2020 public statement prior to its publication.¹ On February 7, 2024, the CIA made a limited production to the Committees containing unclassified emails.² The documents show that the CIA’s Prepublication Review Board, upon receiving the draft public statement, raised the statement to the Office of the Chief Operating Officer (COO) for consideration. It is our understanding that it is rare for the COO, the third highest ranking official within the CIA, to review such publications.³

According to public information, you served as the CIA’s COO from 2018 to 2022.⁴ As such, we believe that you possess critical insight into the CIA’s potential involvement in and approval of the October 2020 statement. Your testimony is necessary to further our oversight. Accordingly, we request that you appear promptly for a transcribed interview with the Committees.

Please contact Judiciary Committee staff at (202) 225-6906 to schedule your interview as soon as possible, but no later than March 20, 2024. If you are represented by private counsel, please ask your attorney to respond promptly to the Committee on your behalf.

¹ Letter from Rep. Mike Turner, Chairman, H. Permanent Select Comm. On Intelligence and Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Hon. William J. Burns, Dir., Central Intelligence Agency (Dec. 4, 2023).

² Letter from Robert F. Dugas, Deputy General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency to Rep. Mike Turner, Chairman, H. Permanent Select Comm. On Intelligence and Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary (Feb. 7, 2024).

³ Transcribed Interview with Michael Morell, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, at 29 (Apr. 4, 2023).

⁴ Andrew Makridis Senior Advisors, Beacon Global Strategies, <https://bgsdc.com/team/andrew-makridis>.

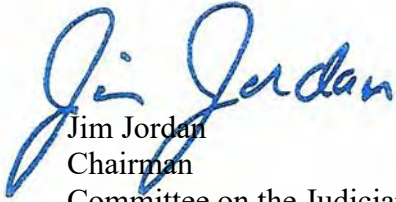
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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Jordan".

Jim Jordan
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michel R. Turner".

Michel R. Turner
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
The Honorable Jim Himes, Ranking Member, Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence