

United States Senate

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The Honorable Avril Haines
Director of National Intelligence
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20511

Dear Director Haines:

I write to request that you declassify information from Volume 5 of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence's report on Russian Active Measures Campaigns and Interference in the 2016 U.S. Election (Counterintelligence Threats and Vulnerabilities). Specifically, I request the declassification of information related to Paul Manafort, who reportedly is expected to take a position in Donald Trump's 2024 presidential campaign ("Trump may enlist Paul Manafort, who was criticized for Russia ties," *Washington Post*, March 18, 2024).

According to the public version of the bipartisan report:

"The Committee found that Manafort's presence on the [2016] Campaign and proximity to Trump created opportunities for Russian intelligence services to exert influence over, and acquire confidential information on, the Trump Campaign. Taken as a whole, Manafort's high-level access and willingness to share information with individuals closely affiliated with the Russian intelligence services, particularly [Konstantin] Kilimnik and associates of Oleg Deripaska, represented a grave counterintelligence threat."

Yet many of the details of this threat remain classified. As I wrote in my Additional Views to the report:

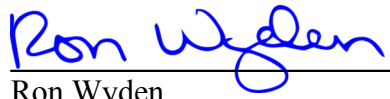
"Information related to Manafort's interactions with Kilimnik, particularly in April 2016, are the subject of extensive redactions. Evidence connecting Kilimnik to the GRU's hack-and-leak operations are likewise redacted, as are indications of Manafort's own connections to those operations. There are redactions to important new information with regard to Manafort's meeting in Madrid with a representative of Oleg Deripaska. The report also includes extensive information on Deripaska, a proxy for Russian intelligence and an associate of Manafort. Unfortunately, much of that information is redacted as well."

It is critical that these details be made public to the greatest extent possible. As the Committee recommended, the public should be informed as soon as a foreign influence campaign is detected. In this case, a known "grave counterintelligence threat" is reportedly joining a presidential campaign. Only by understanding the details of that threat can the public guard against a malign foreign influence effort that could once again threaten an American election.

During your January 2021 confirmation, you committed to ordering a review of the Committee's report to determine whether additional declassification was possible. I request that, to the extent that full review has not been completed, it be undertaken expeditiously.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator