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Re: Ethics Complaint against Rep. Adam Schiff

Honorable Chairwoman Brooks:

On behalf of Freedom Watch, I hereby file this complaint against Congressman Adam Schiff, Ranking Member of the House Intelligence Committee, and request an investigation of these facts and circumstances by the Committee, with appropriate and strong remedies to follow.

The U.S. House of Representatives "Code of Ethics for Government Service" 72 Stat., Part 2 B12 (1958), H. Con. Res. 175, 85th Congress, requires that:

Any person in Government service should

- 1 Put loyalty to the highest moral principles and to country above loyalty to Government persons, party, or department.
- 2 Uphold the Constitution, laws and legal regulations of the United States and of all governments therein and never be a party to their evasion.

- 10 Uphold these principles, ever conscious that public office is a public trust.

It is now clear that as Ranking Member of the House Intelligence Committee, Schiff has been fully aware of and sought to cover up widespread crimes, multitudes of felonies, of warrantless surveillance of U.S. citizens within the domestic United States for partisan political purposes and partisan advantage, invasion of privacy, and illegal disclosure of classified information. These multiple felonies have occurred under the presidential administrations of both Barack Hussein Obama and before him George W. Bush in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

Instead of fulfilling his duties to uphold the law, report violations of law, protect and defend the U.S. Constitution, protect the civil liberties and constitutional rights of U.S. citizens and the integrity of the U.S. Government with regard to illegal surveillance intimidation of U.S. officials, Ranking Member Adam Schiff is actively furthering these violations of the law and seeking to obstruct justice by covering them up, also committing the crime of misprison of many felonies.

In short, Ranking Member Schiff is actively committing obstruction of justice. Note that that is not just within the processes inside Congress. Schiff is actively seeking to conceal evidence of crimes that require criminal prosecution by federal prosecutors external to the Congress. Schiff's misconduct does not only affect how the Congress or the Committee does its business. Schiff's efforts are to interfere with actual prosecution of real crimes in federal court and before a federal grand jury. Schiff seeks to silence the Chairman and squelch any legitimate investigation.

As General Counsel of Freedom Watch, and previously the Founder of Judicial Watch, and a former federal prosecutor at the U.S. Department of Justice, I petitioned the House Intelligence Committee that it must question Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation James Comey about apparent illegal and unconstitutional surveillance of prominent Americans, such as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, other justices, 156 judges, and prominent businessmen and others such as Donald J. Trump (later President). I explained my efforts to have the Committee question FBI Director Comey about what was supposed to be an ongoing investigation of materials and testimony provided by whistleblower Dennis Montgomery, a former NSA and CIA contractor. While the Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Devin Nunes, is belatedly and slowly taking partial action to investigate and expose widespread abuses by some members of the intelligence community, Ranking Member Schiff has then attacked and sought to obstruct the modest efforts of Chairman Nunes to silence exposure of these crimes.

I personally wrote the attached letter to the House Intelligence Committee on March 21, 2017, faxed and mailed to every member of the Committee, alerting them to the seriousness of this matter. However, I also contacted the Committee much earlier about this topic.

But as further confirmation, we are now learning the truth from Evelyn Farkas, who served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense under the Obama administration. Of greatest concern here, Farkas admitted on March 2, 2017, in a television interview on MSNBC that she was talking to members of Congress, of which the House Intelligence Committee is the most relevant:

“I was urging my former colleagues and, frankly speaking, *the people on the Hill, it was more actually aimed at telling the Hill people*, get as much information as you can, get as much *intelligence* as you can, before President Obama leaves the administration.”

(Emphases added.) See: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/03/29/former-obama-official-discloses-rush-to-get-intelligence-on-trump-team.html>

Therefore, according to Farkas, in the middle of 2016, she personally alerted "*people on the Hill*" *about intelligence information*, while she was still an Obama administration official. Clearly, that must have been Ranking Member Adam Schiff -- the same partisan political party (Democrat) as Farkas and President Obama whom she then served. The person on the Hill that Democrat Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense under the Democrat Obama administration would contact is clearly Democrat Ranking Member Adam Schiff.

Furthermore, on October 26, 2016, Farkas made remarks as a panelist at the annual Warsaw Security Forum urging Americans to vote for Hillary Clinton, saying during the 2016 presidential election campaign:

"I am not afraid to be political. I am not hiding who I am rooting for."

See: http://warsawsecurityforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/AGENDA_WSF2016-1.pdf. Farkas further revealed her intentions by saying:

"And actually, if Donald Trump were elected I believe he would be impeached pretty quickly or somebody else would have to take over government. And I am not even joking."

Meanwhile, sources in the intelligence community are now confirming that Susan Rice, then National Security Advisor for President Barack Obama, orchestrated systematic "1984" style political surveillance of Donald Trump, his campaign staff, and his transition staff, then headquartered in Trump Towers while the Obamas still occupied the White House. See: Eli Lake, "Top Obama Adviser Sought Names of Trump Associates in Intel," Bloomberg, April 3, 2017, accessible at: <https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2017-04-03/top-obama-adviser-sought-names-of-trump-associates-in-intel>.

Evelyn Farkas tells us that these efforts mostly involved "people on the Hill." This Committee, dedicated to upholding ethics, needs to investigate the involvement of the Democrat Ranking Member of the House Intelligence Committee in this Democrat Party hacking of the Republican candidate's campaign.

Susan Rice further admitted that:

Ms. Rice said she had sometimes asked for the names of Americans whose identities were redacted in her daily intelligence briefings in order to understand the context of what she was being told.

Peter Baker, "*Susan Rice, Ex-Obama Adviser, Is Back in Political Cross Hairs Over Surveillance*," New York Times, April 4, 2017, available at:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/04/us/politics/susan-rice-obama-trump-leak.html>

In other words, the Obama administration routinely and promiscuously circumvented the Foreign Intelligence Security Act by using the intelligence community to “wiretap” and eavesdrop and conduct illegal surveillance on U.S. citizens inside the United States without a warrant. Susan Rice admits that she routinely violated the safeguards for no particular reason than her curiosity. And that is only what she admits to. We are now learning that this practice was far from “sometimes” but systematic and routine.

As others have pointed out, the White House does not do its own investigations. The FBI, CIA, DIA, and NSA conduct those investigations. The National Security Advisor is a consumer of investigative reports. There is no excuse for Susan Rice from the West Wing of the White House to be unmasking the identity of U.S. citizens whose conversations have been wiretapped without a warrant, violating and circumventing the purpose of the FISA court.

Much as whistleblower Dennis Montgomery warned us, Susan Rice working only steps from the Oval Office in the West Wing systematically orchestrated surveillance aimed at “wiretapping” and conducting illegal surveillance on the conversations of political opponents’ campaign leaders, so that she could then illegally and unconstitutionally unmask the conversations of political opponents.

In other words, Barack Obama and Susan Rice “hacked” the 2016 presidential election. Susan Rice claims that she did not leak this information to media or the public. Therefore, the question remains who did. Farkas points us to the U.S. Congress.

There is a myriad of evidence, direct and circumstantial of massive illegal and unconstitutional surveillance of U.S. citizens within the domestic United States, as disclosed to the FBI by Montgomery. FBI Director Comey has been aware of these issues now for over two (2) years, yet has taken no action to follow up. When finally the issue is getting notice, Schiff is working to attack anyone seeking to investigate these crimes, to prevent the full revelation and prosecution of those crimes.

The crimes at issue threaten the corruption of government through threats, intimidation, and coercion with compromising information obtained through illegal surveillance. Working side by side with former Obama Director of National Intelligence (DIA) James Clapper, who lied in Congressional testimony, and former Obama Director of the CIA, the equally ethically challenged John Brennan, whistleblower Montgomery witnessed and likely participated in “up close and personal” this “Orwellian Big Brother” this intrusion on privacy (in the words of federal Judge Richard Leon), likely for potential coercion, blackmail or other nefarious purposes.

Unfortunately, FBI Director Comey has now lost the confidence of the American people and any reasonable legal observer with regard to these issues.

President Donald Trump must immediately replace Obama's hold-over U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia with a U.S. Attorney who will command the confidence of the American people. A U.S. Attorney above any question of taint must vigorously investigate and proceed before a grand jury.

But with Comey apparently unwilling to properly address what could be the most massive corruption of our government in our nation's history, obstruction of justice by Adam Schiff is intolerable. The House Intelligence Committee's honest action and supervision of this issue is essential. Schiff's covering up of crimes cannot stand. An uncompromised and uncompromising House Intelligence Committee is essential at this time to the legal and political health of our nation.

Just as the controversy over Monica Lewinsky and her blue dress distracted and covered up for widespread selling of intercontinental ballistic missile guidance technology to the People's Republic of China in return for illegal donations to the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign, through straw-man John Huang, Adam Schiff is now seeking to cover up for widespread felonies that corrupt the core of our constitutional republic. I uncovered the widespread sale of U.S. national security secrets and government actions in the 1990s as the head of Judicial Watch at that time. I explained at the time how the blue dress merely served to keep the American people distracted from much more serious crimes. Adam Schiff is now seeking to obstruct justice and cover up for current crimes today.

As further stated in the Committee's "House Ethics Manual" under "Jurisdiction of the Committee on Ethics" --

The jurisdiction of the Committee on Ethics is derived from authority granted under House Rules and federal statutes. The scope of the Committee's jurisdiction under the various authorizing rules and statutes is given below.

House Rule X, clause 1(g)

The Committee on Ethics has jurisdiction over all bills, resolutions and other matters relating to the Code of Official Conduct adopted under House Rule XXIII.

House Rule XI, clause 3

With respect to Members, officers, and employees of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Ethics is authorized to undertake the following actions:

A) Recommend administrative actions to establish or enforce standards of official conduct.

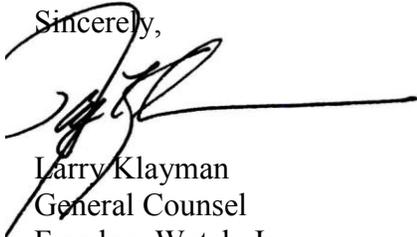
B) Investigate alleged violations of the Code of Official Conduct or of any applicable rules, laws, or regulations governing the performance of official duties or the discharge of official responsibilities. Such investigations must be made in accordance with Committee rules.

C) Report to appropriate federal or state authorities substantial evidence of a violation of any law applicable to the performance of official duties that may have been disclosed in a Committee investigation. Such reports must be approved by the House or by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Committee.

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In short, Ranking Member Schiff must be held to account legally and ethically for his failure to carry out his oath of office and obligations to the American people to defend and protect the Constitution of the United States and all of its underlying laws.

Sincerely,

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