

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 11, 2018

The Honorable Mike Pompeo
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street N.W.
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Dear Secretary Pompeo:

We write to request that the State Department immediately brief Congress on your November 26 meeting with Ecuadorian Foreign Minister Jose Valencia.

While the State Department has been unwilling to confirm the details publicly, we remain deeply interested in knowing whether you discussed the future of Julian Assange's presence in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London in your meeting with Foreign Minister Valencia.

As you are aware, in January 2017, the unclassified report by the U.S. Intelligence Community assessed with high confidence that Russian military intelligence used proxies to transfer hacked data obtained in cyber operations to WikiLeaks. These activities were explicitly intended to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Congress and the American people deserve answers about foreign interference in our elections and your efforts to hold accountable those responsible. To that end, we ask that the State Department brief Congress on the following questions:

1. Did you ask Foreign Minister Valencia to confirm whether Paul Manafort visited Julian Assange in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, including as recently as March 2016, as has been described in media reports?
2. Did you request that the complete, unedited log of Julian Assange's visitors at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London be made available to all ongoing U.S. investigations?
3. Did you ask Foreign Minister Valencia to provide you with any security camera footage or other electronic media that was maintained by the Ecuadorian Government to supplement the visitor logs?
4. Did you request that Foreign Minister Valencia confirm whether Paul Manafort spoke to Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno about Julian Assange in Quito, Ecuador in May 2017?

5. In the event that you received affirmative confirmation, did you ask Foreign Minister Valencia to provide you with all relevant notes and information from Paul Manafort's meeting with Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno?
6. Did you ask Foreign Minister Valencia about the status of the Ecuadorian Government's discussions with the British Government regarding Julian Assange?


While we understand that Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno inherited from his predecessor the challenges posed by Julian Assange's presence at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, it is imperative that this situation be resolved swiftly. We trust that you will remain in close contact with Foreign Minister Valencia on this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and we look forward to the State Department briefing Congress next week.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



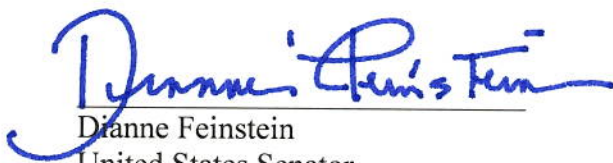
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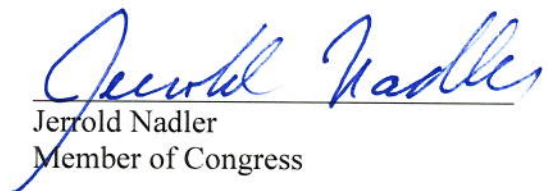
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