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The Honorable Robert S. Mueller III
Department of Justice
Special Counsel's Office
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Room B-103
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Special Counsel Mueller,

Today the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held its nomination hearing for Michael Pompeo for the position of Secretary of State. As you know, the nomination hearing process is an important part of the U.S. Senate's constitutional mandate to provide advice and consent on the President's appointments. During these hearings, the Senate expects nominees to be forthcoming and truthful in response to questions.

Director Pompeo indicated today in his hearing that you spoke with him as part of your investigation into Russia's interference in the United States 2016 election. I asked him about those conversations, and he refused to answer the questions. When I asked Director Pompeo whether you had instructed him not to speak about his conversation with you, he replied that he would not speak about the conversation while the investigation is ongoing.

I would like to know whether there is any prohibition on Director Pompeo answering my questions.

As Director Pompeo's nomination process is moving on a short timeline, I would greatly appreciate a reply by Friday, April 13, 2018. Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez
Ranking Member