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From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 6:07 PM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Grassley Statement on FBI's Partial Release of Records following Clinton Email Investigation

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His first email in response simply said, "Outstanding."

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From: "James B. Comey" <jcb.dir@ic.fbi.gov>
Date: 09/02/2016 6:04 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)"
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Subject: RE: Grassley Statement on FBI's Partial Release of Records following Clinton Email Investigation

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I should have added that I'm proud of the way we have handled this release. Thanks for the work on it. Just another reminder that Emerson was right when he said, "To be great is to be misunderstood." Have a great and quiet weekend,

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From: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 9/2/16 5:41 PM (GMT-05:00)
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For Immediate Release
Friday, September 02, 2016

Grassley Statement on FBI's Partial Release of Records following Clinton Email Investigation

WASHINGTON – Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley made the following statement regarding FBI's partial release of its unclassified summary of its investigation into Hillary Clinton's email arrangements while Secretary of State.

"FBI Director Comey said 'the American people deserve the details in a case of intense public interest,' and 'unusual transparency is in order.' Well, a Friday afternoon release of incomplete records ahead of a three-day weekend is hardly my idea of transparency—especially considering the FBI has limited congressional investigators' access to *unclassified* information. As a result, congressional staff working to perform our constitutionally-mandated oversight responsibility have an incomplete view of the facts. That's simply unacceptable," Grassley said.

"Today's selective release of portions of the FBI's findings is exactly the sort of thing Secretary Clinton's own advocates warned against when calling for full disclosure. It provides an incomplete and possibly misleading picture of the facts without the other unclassified information that is still locked away from the public and even most congressional staff. That's not fair to the American people, Congress or Secretary Clinton.

"Americans deserve accountability from their government. FBI should follow through on Director Comey's call for transparency by releasing all unclassified records, and by providing congressional oversight committees with full and complete copies of the unclassified information."

Some information in the FBI's summary memorandum appears to be inaccurate, but a fully informed public discussion cannot occur until the other unclassified interview summaries are released.

The FBI submitted records of its investigation into Clinton's email arrangement to Congress last month. While a significant majority of the material is unclassified, it was commingled with classified material, limiting its review to a small number of congressional staff who hold high-level security clearances. Grassley has called on the Office of Senate Security, which holds the documents, and the FBI to follow regulations and historic precedents by providing copies of the unclassified material to Senate oversight committees.