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Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Barrack:

Today, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that you have had a “series of conversations” with former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn, Senior Adviser to the President Jared Kushner, and others about a proposal General Flynn was secretly promoting to build nuclear reactors across the Middle East. The report stated:

In early January, Mr. Flynn talked favorably about the proposed deal with Mr. Trump’s friend, real-estate magnate Thomas Barrack Jr., who was heading the inauguration, according to a person familiar with the conversation. Mr. Flynn suggested to Mr. Barrack that he talk with one of the project’s backers. The suggestion kicked off a series of conversations between Mr. Barrack, who was interested in broader change in the Middle East and has extensive business contacts in the region, and Mr. Flynn’s former colleagues, as well as Mr. Kushner.¹

It has also been reported that you met with General Flynn’s former business colleagues on this proposal at the White House in April 2017.² You have also publicly advocated for a Middle East “Marshall Plan”—a term that General Flynn’s business associates use to characterize their proposal.³

We are writing to request that you participate in a transcribed interview with our staff about these matters by December 12, 2017. Specifically, we request that you be prepared to answer questions relating to the following issues:

1. discussions you have had and actions you have taken regarding a Middle East nuclear plan with former and current officials in the Trump Administration,

¹ *Mike Flynn’s Promotion of Nuclear-Plant Project Went Deep Into the White House*, Wall Street Journal (Nov. 28, 2017) (online at www.wsj.com/articles/flynn-promotion-of-nuclear-plant-project-went-deep-into-the-white-house-1511901009).

² *Flynn Promoted Nuclear-Plant Project While in White House*, Wall Street Journal (Sept. 13, 2017) (online at www.wsj.com/articles/flynn-promoted-nuclear-plant-project-while-in-white-house-1505328226).

³ *What the Middle East Needs Now from America*, Fortune (Oct. 22, 2016) (online at <http://fortune.com/2016/10/22/middle-east-isis-syria/>).

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including but not limited to General Flynn, Mr. Kushner, and former White House staffer Derek Harvey;

2. discussions you have had and actions you have taken regarding a Middle East nuclear plan with foreign officials or business colleagues in the Middle East;
3. discussions you have had and actions you have taken regarding your formal or informal role in promoting this plan to Trump Administration officials and cabinet agencies; and
4. any personal or financial benefit you have received or would potentially receive as part of this proposed Middle East nuclear plan.

Please contact Susanne Grooms at (202) 226-5123 to discuss arrangements for this interview. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Trey Gowdy
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