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The Honorable John Kerry
Secretary of State
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The Honorable Loretta Lynch
Attorney General of the United States
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Dear Secretary Kerry and Attorney General Lynch,

Just released Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) interview summaries make clear that Undersecretary of State Pat Kennedy engaged in conversations that contemplated the use of a government asset to bribe a federal official. Undersecretary Kennedy is reported to have sought to barter FBI overseas positions in exchange for FBI cooperation in downgrading the classification of Secretary Clinton's emails. While seemingly a footnote in the FBI's inquiry into Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server, this revelation requires immediate investigation, as it is potentially felonious.

Undersecretary Kennedy sought to remove classification apparently without any regard for the actual classification needs of the documents or the security concerns related to their contents. The FBI official involved in this conversation may have also violated the law.

The integrity of our government and the trust of the American people are far too important to be sacrificed for any one official. Undersecretary Kennedy's apparent attempt to cover up for Secretary Clinton cannot stand. Our government cannot operate on "quid pro quo" arrangements.

While it appears that this illegal "deal" did not ultimately go through, the mere fact that this discussion took place casts doubt upon the integrity of the two men involved and the institutions they represent. There is no evidence contained in the materials released indicating that Kennedy attempted to report the deal to his superiors or, in fact, that he saw anything wrong with discussing trading American national security secrets in exchange for bureaucratic benefits. He had a duty to report these conversations.

General Lynch, I call on you to immediately launch an investigation into these allegations. Secretary Kerry, it seems only prudent for you to place Undersecretary Kennedy on a leave of absence, and revoke his security clearance, until this investigation is completed. I hope both of you agree that this allegation goes to the integrity of the United States Government and will act accordingly. Please let me know as soon as possible how you plan to respond to this disturbing revelation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Pompeo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Pompeo
Member of Congress