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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

November 3, 2017

The Honorable John J. Sullivan
Deputy Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Deputy Secretary Sullivan:

I write seeking additional details surrounding the State Department's issuance of multiple passports for Paul Manafort, Jr. According to a recent filing by the Special Counsel's office, Mr. Manafort currently holds three different U.S. passports with three different numbers.¹

While there are legitimate reasons for an individual to hold more than one U.S. passport, the circumstances under which an individual would simultaneously hold multiple passports are generally very limited. For example, individuals traveling to certain countries with restrictive entry policies may seek an additional passport to avoid being denied entry. An additional passport may also be issued for upcoming travel if the original passport is being used to obtain a visa. However, usually, a second passport would suffice to address these issues.

In order to assess whether these passports were properly issued and align with existing State Department policies, I request that you provide the following:

1. What was the basis for issuing each of the two additional passports? Has the State Department reviewed the issuance of each to ensure that they were provided in accordance with State Department guidelines?
2. Are any of the passports a limited passport?
3. Has the State Department assessed whether Mr. Manafort misrepresented any of the grounds under which he was seeking a passport?
4. Does the State Department conduct any heightened review for individuals who apply for more than one additional passport?

¹ Government's Memorandum In Support of Conditions of Release at n.5, *U.S. v. Manafort*, Crim No. 17-201 (D.D.C., Oct. 31, 2017).

Please provide your responses in writing by November 16, 2017. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Cardin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Benjamin L. Cardin
Ranking Member

cc: Mr. Carl Risch
Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs