

March 11, 2025

Hon. Edward R. Martin, Jr.
United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia
601 D Street NW
Washington DC 20004
VIA email and first class mail

Re: Your letter of February 4, 2025 to Representative Eugene Vindman

Dear Mr. Martin:

With my colleague Stephen Kuperberg and Mark S. Zaid, I represent Representative Vindman, the Member of Congress for the Seventh District of Virginia. He has asked me to respond to the "Dear Eugene" letter you sent him on February 4. In the future, please have the professional courtesy of respectfully addressing him in the customary fashion for official United States Government correspondence to elected officials.

James "Clayton" Cromer, who has represented himself as your Executive Assistant United States Attorney, has repeatedly contacted Representative Vindman's congressional office. He has claimed that your inquiry "is a big priority for the Department of Justice," or words to that effect. I cannot tell whether that is the case or not since your letter asked for a response by "day, month, date, 2025." Regardless, please instruct Mr. Cromer to immediately cease all contact with my client and his staff, since you and he are now on notice that Representative Vindman has legal representation. If Mr. Cromer is not your Executive Assistant, of course, I need to know that immediately.

If you have specific questions for Representative Vindman, you may send them to me. Please also send me any documents that constitute or memorialize the "requests for information and clarification" to which your letter refers, including the name(s) and official position, if any, of the person(s) making such requests. Finally, please preserve all documents relating to those requests and this entire matter, since your inquiry is transparently part and parcel of a pattern of political retaliation against those who played a role in the first of President Trump's

impeachments and/or who are now engaged in oversight work to hold the executive branch of government accountable for what appears to be unlawful and/or unconstitutional policies.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Eugene R. Fidell

Cc: Rep. Eugene Vindman
Mark S. Zaid, Esq.
Stephen Kuperberg, Esq.