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Chairman Schiff Statement on BuzzFeed Report

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Washington, DC — Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), the Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, released the following statement:

“On October 24, 2017, Michael Cohen testified before the House Intelligence Committee under oath. We now know that he made false statements about the efforts to consummate the Trump Tower Moscow deal during the campaign. Contrary to Mr. Cohen’s testimony, and notwithstanding Donald Trump’s many public denials of business dealings with the Russians during the campaign, those negotiations continued through at least the middle of 2016. Most significantly, and while espousing the relaxation of sanctions on Russia, Trump was seeking the Kremlin’s help to make this multimillion dollar project possible.

“It is now alleged that the President of the United States directed Michael Cohen to lie under oath to Congress about these matters in an effort to impede the investigation and to cover up his business dealings with Russia. These allegations may prove unfounded, but, if true, they would constitute both the subornation of perjury as well as obstruction of justice. Our committee is already working to secure additional witness testimony and documents related to the Trump Tower Moscow deal and other investigative matters. As a counterintelligence concern of the greatest magnitude, and given that these alleged efforts were intended to interfere with our investigation, our Committee is determined to get to the bottom of this and follow the evidence wherever it may lead.”

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