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The Democrats' Memo: Key Points

- The Democrat memo represents a lengthy but wholly unpersuasive attempt to distract from the Committee's key findings on FISA abuse—which were confirmed by Senators Grassley and Graham's criminal referral to the Department of Justice (DOJ) of Christopher Steele.
- The Democrat memo ignores the fact that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and Hillary Clinton campaign paid for the Steele dossier, which—as confirmed by the Graham-Grassley referral—formed the “a significant portion” of the Carter Page FISA application. **Amazingly, the Democrat memo does not contain a single reference to the DNC or Clinton campaign, or acknowledge that they funded the dossier, or admit that this information was not provided to the FISA Court.**
- The Democrat memo confirms that a September 2016 *Yahoo News* article by Michael Isikoff was part of the FISA application. However, the memo ignores that the FBI failed to subsequently inform the Court that Steele provided information to *Yahoo News*. **Isikoff has publicly confirmed Steele was a source for his article about Page.**
- The Democrat memo claims FBI had a “reasonable basis for finding Steele credible.” As explained in Graham-Grassley referral, Steele “told the FBI he had not shared the Carter Page dossier information beyond [Fusion GPS] and FBI”; DOJ “repeated that claim to the FISC”—*four times*. In reality, by September 2016—before the initial FISA application—Steele had personally shared dossier information with numerous media outlets, senior DOJ and State Department officials, and the DNC's law firm.
- The Democrat memo—like the FISA application—paints an incomplete picture of Page's past activities, and omits that, in a secretly-taped statement reproduced in a 2015 federal court filing, a Russian intelligence officer called Page “an idiot.” **It is extremely troubling that DOJ failed to provide to a secret court significant information from a public court filing.**
- The Democrat memo suggests that information from the DNC- and Clinton campaign-funded dossier about specific meetings held by Page in Moscow was corroborated. **Nothing in the initial application corroborated these claims about Page, which—to this day—have not been confirmed.**
- The Democrat memo was subject to the same executive branch review process as the Committee's memo on FISA abuse. Like the Grassley-Graham referral, the Democrat memo has redactions—which is not surprising given that the 10-page Democrat memo contains much more classified information, including information implicating sources and methods, than the GOP's declassified 4-page memo.