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On January 5, following a briefing by JC leadership on Russian hacking during the 2016 Presidential election, President Obama had a brief follow-up conversation with FBI Director Jim Comey and Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates in the Oval Office. Vice President Biden and I were also present.

President Obama began the conversation by stressing his continued commitment to ensuring that every aspect of this issue is handled by the intelligence and law enforcement communities "by the book". The President stressed that he is not talking about, initiating or authorizing anything from a law enforcement perspective. He mentioned that our law enforcement team needs to proceed as it normally would by the book.

From a national security perspective, however, President Obama said he needs to be sure that, as we engage with the incoming team, we are mindful to ascertain if there is any reason that we cannot share information fully as it relates to Russia.



The President asked Comey to inform him if anything changes in the next few weeks that should affect how we share classified information with the incoming team. Comey said he would.

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