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**Letter to Federal Bureau of  
Investigation Director James  
B. Comey, Jr., Informing Him  
of His Termination and Removal From Office**

May 09, 2017

*Dear Director Comey:*

I have received the attached letters from the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General of the United States recommending your dismissal as the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have accepted their recommendation and you are hereby terminated and removed from office, effective immediately.

While I greatly appreciate you informing me, on three separate occasions, that I am not under investigation, I nevertheless concur with the judgment of the Department of Justice that you are not able to effectively lead the Bureau.

It is essential that we find new leadership for the FBI that restores public trust and confidence in its vital law enforcement mission.

I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald J. Trump".

DONALD J. TRUMP

The White House,

May 9, 2017.

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*NOTE: The Office of the Press Secretary also released a letter to the President from Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions III recommending Director Comey's removal from office and a memorandum for Attorney General Sessions from Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein on restoring public confidence in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

*APP NOTE: The attached letters can be accessed by following the two links below:*

*Letter to the President from Attorney General Jeff Sessions Recommending the Termination of FBI Director James Comey*

*(<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/letter-the-president-from-attorney-general-jeff-sessions-recommending-the-termination-fbi>)*

*Memorandum for the Attorney General from Rod J. Rosenstein Recommending the Termination of FBI Director James Comey*

*(<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/memorandum-for-the-attorney-general-from-rod-j-rostenstein-recommending-the-termination-fbi>)*

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