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Sent time: 05/06/2021 04:06:44 PM
To: (b) (6) <[REDACTED]@nara.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

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From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Date: Thu, May 6, 2021 at 3:16 PM
Subject: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records
To: Patrick Philbin <(b) (6) [REDACTED]>, Mike Purpura <(b) (6) [REDACTED]>, Scott Gast <(b) (6) [REDACTED]>
Cc: Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>

Pat, Mike, Scott:

As the EOP continues to transfer the electronic Trump Presidential records into our custody, we have come upon several problems that we need your help in resolving. We have already been working with Scott to address various issues with respect to capturing Presidential records on social media accounts; his assistance has been very helpful, although some problems remain that will likely require further follow up with you.

There are also now certain paper/textual records that we cannot account for. We therefore need your immediate assistance to ensure that NARA receives all Presidential records as required by the Presidential Records Act.

For example, the original correspondence between President Trump and North Korean Leader Kim Jong-un were not transferred to us; it is our understanding that in January 2021, just prior to the end of the Administration, the originals were put in a binder for the President, but were never returned to the Office of Records Management for transfer to NARA. It is essential that these original records be transferred to NARA as soon as possible.

Similarly, the letter that President Obama left for President Trump on his first day in office has not been transferred; since that letter was received by President Trump after his term commenced, it is a Presidential record – note that all of NARA's other Presidential Libraries maintain the original copy of similar letters, and it is necessary that this one be provided to us as well.

It is also our understanding that roughly two dozen boxes of original Presidential records were kept in the Residence of the White House over the course of President Trump's last year in office and have not been transferred to NARA, despite a determination by Pat Cipollone in the final days of the Administration that they need to be. I had also raised this concern with Scott during the final weeks.

We know things were very chaotic, as they always are in the course of a one-term transition. This is why the transfer of the Trump electronic records is still ongoing and won't be complete for several more months. But it is absolutely necessary that we obtain and account for all original Presidential records.

Please let us know as soon as you can how we can get these issues resolved.

Thanks,
Gary
(b) (6) [REDACTED] (cell)

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From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 12/13/2021 06:07:58 PM
To: susan.donius@nara.gov; william.bosanko@nara.gov
Subject: Discuss Pickup of Trump Records from Florida
Attachments: invite.ics

You have been invited to the following event.

Discuss Pickup of Trump Records from Florida

When Tue Dec 14, 2021 9am – 9:30am Eastern Time - New York

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Calendar susan.donius@nara.gov

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- garym.stern@nara.gov - organizer
 - susan.donius@nara.gov
 - william.bosanko@nara.gov

Going (susan.donius@nara.gov)? [Yes](#) - [Maybe](#) - [No](#) [more options »](#)

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From: William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Sent time: 12/13/2021 07:14:29 PM
To: garym.stern@nara.gov
Subject: Discuss Pickup of Trump Records from Florida
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William Bosanko has accepted this invitation.

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Sent time: 12/13/2021 07:14:51 PM
To: garym.stern@nara.gov
Subject: Discuss Pickup of Trump Records from Florida
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Susan Donius has accepted this invitation.

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Sent time: 01/18/2022 10:08:28 AM
To: (b) (6) @nara.gov>
Subject: Shipment Palm Beach to A1

Good morning (b) (6),

I wanted to notify you that the shipment will arrive at A1 tomorrow January 19th between the hours of 6-7am. Will you be able to receive it at that time? If you have any questions for me please let me know. I can be reached at (b) (6).

Regards,

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From: (b) (6) @nara.gov>
Sent time: 01/18/2022 10:23:51 AM
To: (b) (6) @nara.gov>
Subject: Re: Shipment Palm Beach to A1

(b) (6):

Yes, I will be able to be here.

(b) (6)

On Tue, Jan 18, 2022 at 10:08 AM (b) (6) @nara.gov> wrote:

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From: (b) (6) @nara.gov>
Sent time: 01/18/2022 05:18:15 PM
To: (b) (6) @nara.gov>; mark sprouse (b) (6) <mark.sprouse@nara.gov>
Subject: SMS - (b) (6) and mark sprouse - January 18, 2022 (GMT)

(b) (6), *18 Jan 2022 22:18:15*

Message: Palm Beach delivered

END CHAT

From: (b) (6) @nara.gov>

Sent time: 01/18/2022 07:36:59 PM

To: (b) (6) @nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov>; Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>; Susan Donius <susan.donius@nara.gov>; GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>; Sprouse, Mark <mark.sprouse@nara.gov>

Subject: Re: Courier Movement from Palm Springs FL to A1 - January 17-19, 2022

All:

The truck from Florida arrived around 4:15 today. I let Security Control know as soon as I got the material secured. My apologies for the delay in letting you know, but I was just able to get to a computer to send this out.

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On Thu, Jan 13, 2022 at 1:21 PM (b) (6) @nara.gov> wrote:

Hi,

Attached is the action plan for the courier movement from a facility in Palm Springs to Archives 1 on January 17-19, 2022. Please forward to A1 Security Control to track the movement of these records. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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From: (b) (6) @nara.gov>
Sent time: 01/18/2022 07:42:55 PM
To: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>; Susan Donius <susan.donius@nara.gov>; GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Subject: Boxes

All:

I was late sending the email the the material arrived and was safely secured because I was in the SCIF and didn't have access to a computer. I'll write something up right now to give you an overview of what we received. We can then get to work on a full inventory.

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From: (b) (6) @nara.gov>
Sent time: 01/19/2022 07:27:42 AM
To: (b) (6) @nara.gov>
Subject: Re: Courier Movement from Palm Springs FL to A1 - January 17-19, 2022

Great, thanks for the update!

On Tue, Jan 18, 2022 at 7:37 PM (b) (6) @nara.gov> wrote:

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From: (b) (6) @nara.gov>
Sent time: 01/19/2022 07:34:05 AM
To: (b) (6) @nara.gov>
Subject: Re: Courier Movement from Palm Springs FL to A1 - January 17-19, 2022

Thanks (b) (6).

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I will be alternating between in office work and teleworking for the duration of the COVID-19 response. I am receiving and responding to emails as normal; however, you can also reach me at my office number, (b) (6) [Redacted] work cell phone, (b) (6) [Redacted] or personal cell phone, (b) (6) [Redacted] if you need assistance. I am also monitoring my office voicemail and will respond as soon as possible. As always, if you need urgent assistance with any Archives I security matter, please contact our central office number at 202-357-5020 or the A1 Security Control Center at 202-357-5023.

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From: Laura Sheehan <laura.diachenko@nara.gov>
Sent time: 02/04/2022 11:08:37 AM
To: Susan Donius <susan.donius@nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov>; Garner, Terri <terri.garner@nara.gov>; Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>; Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>; John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov>
Cc: Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>
BCc: laura.diachenko@nara.gov
Subject: (MEDIA REQUEST/Washington Post on deadline for 2 pm today) Questions about Trump records

Good morning,

Please see these questions from Washington Post reporter Jackie Alemany and let me know how to respond. Her deadline is 2 p.m. today.

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Here are the Post questions:

- Two Trump advisers said the Archives recently visited former president Trump's home in Florida at the end of last year to retrieve boxes of documents and items that were not properly turned over to the agency. Does the Archives have any comment on how these missing items were identified and tracked down?
- The advisers referred to "several" boxes -- how many boxes were retrieved?
- Are there any documents that were recovered that are relevant to the House select committee's investigation into January 6?
- How did the Archives discover that the materials were missing?
- Are there additional missing documents that were not retrieved from the former president?
- The Trump advisers say that the boxes contained letters from world leaders, mementos, gifts and other correspondences -- and nothing nefarious. Does the Archives agree with that assessment? How would the archives characterize the contents of the boxes tracked down in Mar-a-Lago?
- Does it appear that the former president was improperly hiding material or engaged in unlawful behavior in keeping the documents?
- Has the archives ever had to track down materials from another president like it did with President Trump? If so, who, and what
- We understand that some ripped documents were discovered during the Trump era in classified burn bags and that White House records staff had to remove them and often tape fragments together. Can you please comment on this?

Thank you for your assistance,

[Laura Sheehan](#)
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Office of the Chief of Staff
email: laura.diachenko@nara.gov



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From: 'Alemany, Jacqueline' via Public and Media Communications <public.affairs@nara.gov>
Date: Fri, Feb 4, 2022 at 8:09 AM
Subject: Re: time to chat?
To: public.affairs@nara.gov <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Thanks so much for getting in touch and for your help earlier this week.

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We have some time-sensitive reporting regarding the Trump White House's handling of presidential records that I've outlined below.

Please let me know if the Archives might be able to provide any responses or comments to our questions. Our deadline is a bit tighter than usual so we'd appreciate a response by 2p today.

Let me know if it's easier for you to hop on the phone to discuss.

Thanks again for your time and help.

Jackie

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From: public.affairs@nara.gov <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 12:12 PM

To: Alemany, Jacqueline <Jacqueline.Alemany@washpost.com>; Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Subject: Fwd: time to chat?

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Ms. Alemany:

Thank you for your interest in the National Archives. We understand you have been attempting to contact several people across our agency, and we would like to coordinate on your behalf. Do you have questions that we can address for you? Please let us know how we can help.

Public and Media Communications staff

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From: Miriam Kleiman <miriam.kleiman@nara.gov>

Sent time: 02/07/2022 07:56:47 AM

To: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>; Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov

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BCc: john.valceanu@nara.gov

Subject: Press ?s re: records from Mar-a-Lago

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Miriam

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Sent time: 02/07/2022 07:57:34 AM
To: Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>
BCc: laura.diachenko@nara.gov
Subject: Fwd: Axios request - Miriam will handle

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From: Oriana Gonzalez <oriana.gonzalez@axios.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 7:25 AM
Subject: Axios request: Confirming Nat. Archives retrieved Trump WH info from Mar-A-Lago
To: National Archives Public and Media Communications <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Hello — This is Oriana Gonzalez, reporter for Axios.

I am looking for confirmation on this [WaPo](#) story saying that the National Archives retrieved information from Trump's White House from his Mar-a-Lago residence.

Please let me know what statements/comments you have on the matter.

Feel free to contact me via phone at 754-715-7919 (call, text, signal, whatsapp).

Thank you,
Oriana

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Pronouns: she/her

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Sent time: 02/07/2022 07:57:05 AM
To: Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>
BCc: (b) (6) @nara.gov
Subject: Fwd: CBS News Inquiry: Mar A Lago/Trump - Miriam will handle

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From: Rosen, Jacob <RosenJ@cbsnews.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 7:39 AM
Subject: CBS News Inquiry: Mar A Lago/Trump
To: public.affairs@nara.gov <public.affairs@nara.gov>
Cc: @WashDeskOnly <WashDeskOnly@cbs.com>

Hi all,

Jake Rosen here with CBS News. I am reaching out to check if the National Archives have a statement or comment on [this Washington Post](#) report that the Archives retrieved multiple boxes of Trump White House documents from Mar-a-Lago because they contained documents that should have been turned over to the Archives at the end of the Trump presidency. Thanks.

Jake Rosen
CBS News Broadcast Associate
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c: 347-213-9146
p: 908-210-6154

From: Mark Sprouse <mark.sprouse@nara.gov>
Sent time: 02/07/2022 09:35:03 AM
To: Mark Smith <mark.smith@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: Tuesday Tag-up

Works for me.....

Was just watching CNN.....had a great story about the National Archives having to go to Mar-A-Lago to retrieve federal records.....uggghhh!!!!

Regards,

Mark D. Sprouse, FMA

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mark.sprouse@nara.gov

On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 9:28 AM Mark Smith <mark.smith@nara.gov> wrote:

Good Morning!

I've got a conflict now for tomorrow's tag-up. As were both online early, can we move it to 0800?

Mark

From: Mark Smith <mark.smith@nara.gov>
Sent time: 02/07/2022 09:38:05 AM
To: Mark Sprouse <mark.sprouse@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: Tuesday Tag-up

I saw that in the news this morning, too.
Thanks for the flexibility,
Mark

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Subject: More press interest re: records from Mar-a-Lago

Quick update:

We've heard from WJS, CNN, and AFP in addition to CBS and Axios.

If possible, please let us know if you don't expect to have a response shortly - we'll email reporters to note that we've received their queries and will get back to them.

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BCc: john.valceanu@nara.gov
Subject: Re: More press interest re: records from Mar-a-Lago

Got it. Thanks so much.

On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 10:03 AM William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov> wrote:

We should be able to answer the facts and provide a quote from N on the importance of the PRA, but we need a little time. I am out but have my phone.

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Jacob Rosen, CBS: I am reaching out to check if the National Archives have a statement or comment on [this Washington Post](#) report that the Archives retrieved multiple boxes of Trump White House documents from Mar-a-Lago because they contained documents that should have been turned over to the Archives at the end of the Trump presidency.

Oriana Gonzalez, Axios: I am looking for confirmation on this [WaPo](#) story saying that the National Archives retrieved information from Trump's White House from his Mar-a-Lago residence. Please let me know what statements/comments you have on the matter.

From: Laura Sheehan <laura.diachenko@nara.gov>
Sent time: 02/07/2022 11:10:53 AM
To: Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>
BCc: (b) (6) @nara.gov
Subject: (Laura will respond)Fwd: Seeking comment on Trump news

Laura Sheehan

National Archives
Public and Media Communications
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email: laura.diachenko@nara.gov



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From: Leary, Alex <alex.leary@wsj.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 10:58 AM
Subject: Re: Seeking comment on Trump news
To: <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Also I'd like any statements that have been released regarding records that were torn up.

Thanks.

On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 9:44 AM Leary, Alex <alex.leary@wsj.com> wrote:

Good morning, I'm seeking comment on news that boxes of documents were recovered from former President Donald Trump's residence in Florida.

Thanks.

At the very least can you confirm Archives staff visited Mar-a-Lago?

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/07/trump-records-mar-a-lago/>

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To: john.hamilton@nara.gov; debra.wall@nara.gov; maria.stanwich@nara.gov; william.bosanko@nara.gov; garym.stern@nara.gov; susan.donius@nara.gov; john.laster@nara.gov
Subject: Mar-o-Lago Records Discussion
Attachments: invite.ics

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Mar-o-Lago Records Discussion

When Mon Feb 7, 2022 1pm – 1:30pm Eastern Time - New York

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To: john.valceanu@nara.gov
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Debra Wall has accepted this invitation.

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Sent time: 02/07/2022 12:46:43 PM
To: john.valceanu@nara.gov
Subject: Mar-o-Lago Records Discussion
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Susan Donius has accepted this invitation.

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To: john.valceanu@nara.gov
Subject: Mar-o-Lago Records Discussion
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Gary Stern has accepted this invitation.

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To: john.valceanu@nara.gov
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William Bosanko has accepted this invitation.

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To: john.valceanu@nara.gov
Subject: Mar-o-Lago Records Discussion
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Maria Stanwich has accepted this invitation.

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To: john.valceanu@nara.gov
Subject: Mar-o-Lago Records Discussion
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Billy Laster has accepted this invitation.

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To: David Ferriero <david.ferriero@nara.gov>
Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov>; William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>; Maria Stanwich <maria.stanwich@nara.gov>; Gary Stern
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Very respectfully,
Valchy

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Subject: Re: ELT/MT Topics for This Week

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Subject: Re: For Review: Draft Press Statement Regarding Trump Records From Mar-o-Largo

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To: John Valceanu <john.valceanu@nara.gov>
Subject: Fwd: ELT/MT Topics for This Week

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Subject: Re: ELT/MT Topics for This Week

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Thanks,

David

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Management Team Agenda

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

via Google Hangout

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Press Statement Regarding Boxes of Trump PRA Records From Mar-a-Lago Transferred to the National Archives

By National Archives and Records Administration Public & Media Communications

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Subject: Fwd: AP NEWS REQUEST - Miriam added her to our press list

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Date: Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 3:31 PM
Subject: Re: AP NEWS REQUEST —> National Archive Expert
To: National Archives Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>
Cc: Auresto, Jack <JAuresto@ap.org>

Greetings team, Thank you for this information. I look forward to joining your press list.

Best, Hilary



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Subject: Re: AP NEWS REQUEST —> National Archive Expert

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Hello Hilary,

Please direct

any future questions to this email address and see below, attributable as "a statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications." We're not able to grant your interview request at this time.

Press

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Cc: Auresto, Jack <JAuresto@ap.org>

Greetings National Archive Team:

Thank you in advance for helping to provide context to important stories. I'm Hilary Powell, a video reporter for The Associated Press based in D.C.

I am working on a story today where The Associated Press would like to confirm reports that the National Archives last month retrieved boxes of President Donald Trump White House records from Mar-a-Lago that were improperly removed from the WH.

I am seeking your confirmation of these documents being returned.

I am also seeking a 10-minute recorded interview on video Zoom to help Americans explain how presidential papers are supposed to be handled according to federal protocol.

Would there be an archivist or spokesperson available for this brief interview?

As an introduction, AP TV's broadcast clients include all of the nation's local markets and major news networks and news sites, including Black News Channel, The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today and all 109

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Gannett newspaper local sites across the nation, along with all Hearst newspapers. Our interviews are also available to radio clients, including NPR and Westwood One.

We could meet here at your team's best time:

<https://ap.zoom.us/j/8819802891?pwd=VXh6eEdudDZKYXJsU1MvcGZVM1h5UT09>

I look forward to hearing from you!

Best, Hilary

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Subject: Re: Newsweek Comment Request

Thank you, we are already in touch with this reporter so she is all set! Please forward any others that you might receive.

Laura Sheehan

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On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 7:52 AM (b) (6) @nara.gov> wrote:

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We received this message in our general OGIS box.

Thank you,

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Good Afternoon,

I hope you're doing well. My name is Zoe Strozewski and I'm a reporter with Newsweek.

I'm reaching out in regard to this [report](#) that former President Donald Trump removed several boxes from the White House that included documents and other items that should have been turned over to the National Archives and Records Administration.

Would a spokesperson for the Archives be willing to provide any comments on what the retrieval of the documents and items means, especially in light of the requirements stipulated by the Presidential Records Act?

I would be happy to provide more clarification/context if necessary. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration, and feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

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Attachments: 2022-02-09.CBM to Ferriero-NARA re Trump Mar-a-Lago.pdf

Here is the letter we knew was coming.....I have acknowledged our receipt of this letter.

John

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Hello—

Please see the attached letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration.

Please acknowledge receipt of the letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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February 9, 2022

The Honorable David S. Ferriero
Archivist of the United States
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Dear Mr. Ferriero:

The Committee is seeking information about the 15 boxes of presidential records that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) recently recovered from former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. I am deeply concerned that these records were not provided to NARA promptly at the end of the Trump Administration and that they appear to have been removed from the White House in violation of the Presidential Records Act (PRA). I am also concerned by recent reports that while in office, President Trump repeatedly attempted to destroy presidential records, which could constitute additional serious violations of the PRA.

The PRA preserves the records made by a sitting president, while giving legal ownership of those records to the American people.¹ Congress enacted the PRA in response to President Nixon's attempts to destroy presidential records during the Watergate scandal.

President Trump is required not only to preserve presidential records, but to turn them over to the National Archives at the end of his presidential term. The PRA specifically states:

Upon the conclusion of a President's term of office, or if a President serves consecutive terms upon the conclusion of the last term, **the Archivist of the United States shall assume responsibility for the custody, control, and preservation of, and access to, the Presidential records of that President.**²

On February 7, 2022, the *Washington Post* reported that former President Trump improperly removed 15 boxes of records from the White House and transported them to his Mar-a-Lago residence. These boxes reportedly contained correspondence and letters from world leaders, including correspondence with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, and a letter President

¹ See 44 U.S.C. §§ 2201–2209.

² 44 U.S.C. § 2203(g)(1) (emphasis added).

Obama left for his successor.³ The records recovered from Mar-a-Lago also reportedly include several newspaper clippings. A previous Committee investigation revealed that President Trump wrote notes on press clippings, which could mean that even those clippings were likely presidential records.⁴

On February 5, 2022, it was reported that while in office, former President Trump “tore up briefings and schedules, articles and letters, memos both sensitive and mundane.”⁵

Removing or concealing government records is a criminal offense punishable by up to three years in prison. Former National Security Advisor Sandy Berger, for example, was prosecuted for taking classified documents from NARA.⁶ Former President Trump and his senior advisors must also be held accountable for any violations of the law. Republicans in Congress obsessively investigated former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for her use of a private email server for official communications. Former President Trump’s conduct, in contrast, involves a former president potentially violating a criminal law by intentionally removing records, including communications with a foreign leader, from the White House and reportedly attempting to destroy records by tearing them up.

In order for the Committee to examine the extent and impact of former President Trump’s violations of the PRA, please provide responses to the following requests by February 18, 2022:

1. Did NARA ask the representatives of former President Trump about missing records prior to the 15 boxes being identified? If so, what information was provided in response?
2. Has NARA conducted an inventory of the contents of the boxes recovered from Mar-a-Lago?
3. Please provide a detailed description of the contents of the recovered boxes, including any inventory prepared by NARA of the contents of the boxes. If an inventory has not yet been completed, please provide an estimate of when such an inventory will be completed.

³ *National Archives Had to Retrieve Trump White House Records from Mar-a-Lago*, Washington Post (Feb. 7, 2022) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/07/trump-records-mar-a-lago/).

⁴ Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Committee Chairs Release New Documents Showing Mar-a-Lago Trio Violated Transparency Law and Improperly Influenced Veterans Policies Under President Trump* (Sept. 27, 2021) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/committee-chairs-release-new-documents-showing-mar-a-lago-trio-violated>).

⁵ *“He Never Stopped Ripping Things Up”: Inside Trump’s Relentless Document Destruction Habits*, Washington Post (Feb. 5, 2022) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/05/trump-ripping-documents/).

⁶ See e.g., National Archives and Records Administration, *Notable Thefts from the National Archives* (online at www.archives.gov/research/recover/notable-thefts.html) (accessed Feb. 8, 2022).

The Honorable David S. Ferriero

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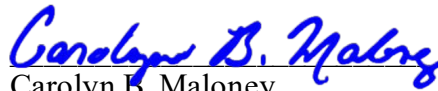
4. Are the contents of the boxes of records recovered by NARA undergoing a review to determine if they contain classified information? If so, who is conducting that review and has any classified information been found?
5. Is NARA aware of any additional presidential records from the Trump Administration that may be missing or not yet in NARA's possession?
6. What efforts has NARA taken, and is NARA taking, to ensure that any additional records that have not been turned over to NARA are not lost or destroyed?
7. Has the Archivist notified the Attorney General that former President Trump removed presidential records from the White House? If not, why not?
8. Is NARA aware of presidential records that President Trump destroyed or attempted to destroy without the approval of NARA? If so, please provide a detailed description of such records, the actions taken by President Trump to destroy or attempt to destroy them, and any actions NARA has taken to recover or preserve these documents.

The Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. In addition, House Rule X states that the Committee on Oversight and Reform has jurisdiction to "study on a continuing basis the operation of Government activities at all levels, including the Executive Office of the President."

An attachment to this letter provides additional instructions for responding to the Committee's request. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact the Oversight Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member

Responding to Oversight Committee Document Requests

1. In complying with this request, produce all responsive documents that are in your possession, custody, or control, whether held by you or your past or present agents, employees, and representatives acting on your behalf. Produce all documents that you have a legal right to obtain, that you have a right to copy, or to which you have access, as well as documents that you have placed in the temporary possession, custody, or control of any third party.
2. Requested documents, and all documents reasonably related to the requested documents, should not be destroyed, altered, removed, transferred, or otherwise made inaccessible to the Committee.
3. In the event that any entity, organization, or individual denoted in this request is or has been known by any name other than that herein denoted, the request shall be read also to include that alternative identification.
4. The Committee's preference is to receive documents in electronic form (i.e., CD, memory stick, thumb drive, or secure file transfer) in lieu of paper productions.
5. Documents produced in electronic format should be organized, identified, and indexed electronically.
6. Electronic document productions should be prepared according to the following standards:
 - a. The production should consist of single page Tagged Image File ("TIF"), files accompanied by a Concordance-format load file, an Opticon reference file, and a file defining the fields and character lengths of the load file.
 - b. Document numbers in the load file should match document Bates numbers and TIF file names.
 - c. If the production is completed through a series of multiple partial productions, field names and file order in all load files should match.
 - d. All electronic documents produced to the Committee should include the following fields of metadata specific to each document, and no modifications should be made to the original metadata:

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BEGATTACH.

7. Documents produced to the Committee should include an index describing the contents of the production. To the extent more than one CD, hard drive, memory stick, thumb drive, zip file, box, or folder is produced, each should contain an index describing its contents.
8. Documents produced in response to this request shall be produced together with copies of file labels, dividers, or identifying markers with which they were associated when the request was served.
9. When you produce documents, you should identify the paragraph(s) or request(s) in the Committee's letter to which the documents respond.
10. The fact that any other person or entity also possesses non-identical or identical copies of the same documents shall not be a basis to withhold any information.
11. The pendency of or potential for litigation shall not be a basis to withhold any information.
12. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(d), the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and any statutory exemptions to FOIA shall not be a basis for withholding any information.
13. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(9), the Privacy Act shall not be a basis for withholding information.
14. If compliance with the request cannot be made in full by the specified return date, compliance shall be made to the extent possible by that date. An explanation of why full compliance is not possible shall be provided along with any partial production.
15. In the event that a document is withheld on the basis of privilege, provide a privilege log containing the following information concerning any such document: (a) every privilege asserted; (b) the type of document; (c) the general subject matter; (d) the date, author, addressee, and any other recipient(s); (e) the relationship of the author and addressee to each other; and (f) the basis for the privilege(s) asserted.
16. If any document responsive to this request was, but no longer is, in your possession, custody, or control, identify the document (by date, author, subject, and recipients), and explain the circumstances under which the document ceased to be in your possession, custody, or control.
17. If a date or other descriptive detail set forth in this request referring to a document is inaccurate, but the actual date or other descriptive detail is known to you or is otherwise apparent from the context of the request, produce all documents that would be responsive as if the date or other descriptive detail were correct.

18. This request is continuing in nature and applies to any newly-discovered information. Any record, document, compilation of data, or information not produced because it has not been located or discovered by the return date shall be produced immediately upon subsequent location or discovery.
19. All documents shall be Bates-stamped sequentially and produced sequentially.
20. Two sets of each production shall be delivered, one set to the Majority Staff and one set to the Minority Staff. When documents are produced to the Committee, production sets shall be delivered to the Majority Staff in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and the Minority Staff in Room 2105 of the Rayburn House Office Building.
21. Upon completion of the production, submit a written certification, signed by you or your counsel, stating that: (1) a diligent search has been completed of all documents in your possession, custody, or control that reasonably could contain responsive documents; and (2) all documents located during the search that are responsive have been produced to the Committee.

Definitions

1. The term “document” means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of how recorded, and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, data, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, communications, electronic mail (email), contracts, cables, notations of any type of conversation, telephone call, meeting or other inter-office or intra-office communication, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, teletypes, invoices, transcripts, diaries, analyses, returns, summaries, minutes, bills, accounts, estimates, projections, comparisons, messages, correspondence, press releases, circulars, financial statements, reviews, opinions, offers, studies and investigations, questionnaires and surveys, and work sheets (and all drafts, preliminary versions, alterations, modifications, revisions, changes, and amendments of any of the foregoing, as well as any attachments or appendices thereto), and graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotape, recordings and motion pictures), and electronic, mechanical, and electric records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, and recordings) and other written, printed, typed, or other graphic or recorded matter of any kind or nature, however produced or reproduced, and whether preserved in writing, film, tape, disk, videotape, or otherwise. A document bearing any notation not a part of the original text is to be considered a separate document. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.
2. The term “communication” means each manner or means of disclosure or exchange of information, regardless of means utilized, whether oral, electronic, by document or otherwise, and whether in a meeting, by telephone, facsimile, mail, releases, electronic

message including email (desktop or mobile device), text message, instant message, MMS or SMS message, message application, or otherwise.

3. The terms “and” and “or” shall be construed broadly and either conjunctively or disjunctively to bring within the scope of this request any information that might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope. The singular includes plural number, and vice versa. The masculine includes the feminine and neutral genders.
4. The term “including” shall be construed broadly to mean “including, but not limited to.”
5. The term “Company” means the named legal entity as well as any units, firms, partnerships, associations, corporations, limited liability companies, trusts, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, departments, branches, joint ventures, proprietorships, syndicates, or other legal, business or government entities over which the named legal entity exercises control or in which the named entity has any ownership whatsoever.
6. The term “identify,” when used in a question about individuals, means to provide the following information: (a) the individual’s complete name and title; (b) the individual’s business or personal address and phone number; and (c) any and all known aliases.
7. The term “related to” or “referring or relating to,” with respect to any given subject, means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, reflects, identifies, states, refers to, deals with, or is pertinent to that subject in any manner whatsoever.
8. The term “employee” means any past or present agent, borrowed employee, casual employee, consultant, contractor, de facto employee, detailee, fellow, independent contractor, intern, joint adventurer, loaned employee, officer, part-time employee, permanent employee, provisional employee, special government employee, subcontractor, or any other type of service provider.
9. The term “individual” means all natural persons and all persons or entities acting on their behalf.

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Thanks John. Gary and I have alerted NARA OIG, ODNI OIG, and DOJ.

Jay

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Subject: Fwd: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

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Here is the letter we knew was coming....I have acknowledged our receipt of this letter.

John

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Hello—

Please see the attached letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration.

Please acknowledge receipt of the letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney

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February 9, 2022

The Honorable David S. Ferriero
Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Administration
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Dear Mr. Ferriero:

The Committee is seeking information about the 15 boxes of presidential records that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) recently recovered from former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. I am deeply concerned that these records were not provided to NARA promptly at the end of the Trump Administration and that they appear to have been removed from the White House in violation of the Presidential Records Act (PRA). I am also concerned by recent reports that while in office, President Trump repeatedly attempted to destroy presidential records, which could constitute additional serious violations of the PRA.

The PRA preserves the records made by a sitting president, while giving legal ownership of those records to the American people.¹ Congress enacted the PRA in response to President Nixon's attempts to destroy presidential records during the Watergate scandal.

President Trump is required not only to preserve presidential records, but to turn them over to the National Archives at the end of his presidential term. The PRA specifically states:

Upon the conclusion of a President's term of office, or if a President serves consecutive terms upon the conclusion of the last term, **the Archivist of the United States shall assume responsibility for the custody, control, and preservation of, and access to, the Presidential records of that President.**²

On February 7, 2022, the *Washington Post* reported that former President Trump improperly removed 15 boxes of records from the White House and transported them to his Mar-a-Lago residence. These boxes reportedly contained correspondence and letters from world leaders, including correspondence with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, and a letter President

¹ See 44 U.S.C. §§ 2201–2209.

² 44 U.S.C. § 2203(g)(1) (emphasis added).

Obama left for his successor.³ The records recovered from Mar-a-Lago also reportedly include several newspaper clippings. A previous Committee investigation revealed that President Trump wrote notes on press clippings, which could mean that even those clippings were likely presidential records.⁴

On February 5, 2022, it was reported that while in office, former President Trump “tore up briefings and schedules, articles and letters, memos both sensitive and mundane.”⁵

Removing or concealing government records is a criminal offense punishable by up to three years in prison. Former National Security Advisor Sandy Berger, for example, was prosecuted for taking classified documents from NARA.⁶ Former President Trump and his senior advisors must also be held accountable for any violations of the law. Republicans in Congress obsessively investigated former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for her use of a private email server for official communications. Former President Trump’s conduct, in contrast, involves a former president potentially violating a criminal law by intentionally removing records, including communications with a foreign leader, from the White House and reportedly attempting to destroy records by tearing them up.

In order for the Committee to examine the extent and impact of former President Trump’s violations of the PRA, please provide responses to the following requests by February 18, 2022:

1. Did NARA ask the representatives of former President Trump about missing records prior to the 15 boxes being identified? If so, what information was provided in response?
2. Has NARA conducted an inventory of the contents of the boxes recovered from Mar-a-Lago?
3. Please provide a detailed description of the contents of the recovered boxes, including any inventory prepared by NARA of the contents of the boxes. If an inventory has not yet been completed, please provide an estimate of when such an inventory will be completed.

³ *National Archives Had to Retrieve Trump White House Records from Mar-a-Lago*, Washington Post (Feb. 7, 2022) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/07/trump-records-mar-a-lago/).

⁴ Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Committee Chairs Release New Documents Showing Mar-a-Lago Trio Violated Transparency Law and Improperly Influenced Veterans Policies Under President Trump* (Sept. 27, 2021) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/committee-chairs-release-new-documents-showing-mar-a-lago-trio-violated>).

⁵ *“He Never Stopped Ripping Things Up”: Inside Trump’s Relentless Document Destruction Habits*, Washington Post (Feb. 5, 2022) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/05/trump-ripping-documents/).

⁶ See e.g., National Archives and Records Administration, *Notable Thefts from the National Archives* (online at www.archives.gov/research/recover/notable-thefts.html) (accessed Feb. 8, 2022).

The Honorable David S. Ferriero

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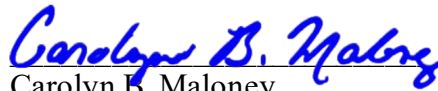
4. Are the contents of the boxes of records recovered by NARA undergoing a review to determine if they contain classified information? If so, who is conducting that review and has any classified information been found?
5. Is NARA aware of any additional presidential records from the Trump Administration that may be missing or not yet in NARA's possession?
6. What efforts has NARA taken, and is NARA taking, to ensure that any additional records that have not been turned over to NARA are not lost or destroyed?
7. Has the Archivist notified the Attorney General that former President Trump removed presidential records from the White House? If not, why not?
8. Is NARA aware of presidential records that President Trump destroyed or attempted to destroy without the approval of NARA? If so, please provide a detailed description of such records, the actions taken by President Trump to destroy or attempt to destroy them, and any actions NARA has taken to recover or preserve these documents.

The Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. In addition, House Rule X states that the Committee on Oversight and Reform has jurisdiction to "study on a continuing basis the operation of Government activities at all levels, including the Executive Office of the President."

An attachment to this letter provides additional instructions for responding to the Committee's request. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact the Oversight Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member

Responding to Oversight Committee Document Requests

1. In complying with this request, produce all responsive documents that are in your possession, custody, or control, whether held by you or your past or present agents, employees, and representatives acting on your behalf. Produce all documents that you have a legal right to obtain, that you have a right to copy, or to which you have access, as well as documents that you have placed in the temporary possession, custody, or control of any third party.
2. Requested documents, and all documents reasonably related to the requested documents, should not be destroyed, altered, removed, transferred, or otherwise made inaccessible to the Committee.
3. In the event that any entity, organization, or individual denoted in this request is or has been known by any name other than that herein denoted, the request shall be read also to include that alternative identification.
4. The Committee's preference is to receive documents in electronic form (i.e., CD, memory stick, thumb drive, or secure file transfer) in lieu of paper productions.
5. Documents produced in electronic format should be organized, identified, and indexed electronically.
6. Electronic document productions should be prepared according to the following standards:
 - a. The production should consist of single page Tagged Image File ("TIF"), files accompanied by a Concordance-format load file, an Opticon reference file, and a file defining the fields and character lengths of the load file.
 - b. Document numbers in the load file should match document Bates numbers and TIF file names.
 - c. If the production is completed through a series of multiple partial productions, field names and file order in all load files should match.
 - d. All electronic documents produced to the Committee should include the following fields of metadata specific to each document, and no modifications should be made to the original metadata:

BEGDOC, ENDDOC, TEXT, BEGATTACH, ENDATTACH, PAGECOUNT, CUSTODIAN, RECORDTYPE, DATE, TIME, SENTDATE, SENTTIME, BEGINDATE, BEGINTIME, ENDDATE, ENDTIME, AUTHOR, FROM, CC, TO, BCC, SUBJECT, TITLE, FILENAME, FILEEXT, FILESIZE, DATECREATED, TIMECREATED, DATELASTMOD, TIMELASTMOD,

INTMSGID, INTMSGHEADER, NATIVELINK, INTFILPATH, EXCEPTION,
BEGATTACH.

7. Documents produced to the Committee should include an index describing the contents of the production. To the extent more than one CD, hard drive, memory stick, thumb drive, zip file, box, or folder is produced, each should contain an index describing its contents.
8. Documents produced in response to this request shall be produced together with copies of file labels, dividers, or identifying markers with which they were associated when the request was served.
9. When you produce documents, you should identify the paragraph(s) or request(s) in the Committee's letter to which the documents respond.
10. The fact that any other person or entity also possesses non-identical or identical copies of the same documents shall not be a basis to withhold any information.
11. The pendency of or potential for litigation shall not be a basis to withhold any information.
12. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(d), the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and any statutory exemptions to FOIA shall not be a basis for withholding any information.
13. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(9), the Privacy Act shall not be a basis for withholding information.
14. If compliance with the request cannot be made in full by the specified return date, compliance shall be made to the extent possible by that date. An explanation of why full compliance is not possible shall be provided along with any partial production.
15. In the event that a document is withheld on the basis of privilege, provide a privilege log containing the following information concerning any such document: (a) every privilege asserted; (b) the type of document; (c) the general subject matter; (d) the date, author, addressee, and any other recipient(s); (e) the relationship of the author and addressee to each other; and (f) the basis for the privilege(s) asserted.
16. If any document responsive to this request was, but no longer is, in your possession, custody, or control, identify the document (by date, author, subject, and recipients), and explain the circumstances under which the document ceased to be in your possession, custody, or control.
17. If a date or other descriptive detail set forth in this request referring to a document is inaccurate, but the actual date or other descriptive detail is known to you or is otherwise apparent from the context of the request, produce all documents that would be responsive as if the date or other descriptive detail were correct.

18. This request is continuing in nature and applies to any newly-discovered information. Any record, document, compilation of data, or information not produced because it has not been located or discovered by the return date shall be produced immediately upon subsequent location or discovery.
19. All documents shall be Bates-stamped sequentially and produced sequentially.
20. Two sets of each production shall be delivered, one set to the Majority Staff and one set to the Minority Staff. When documents are produced to the Committee, production sets shall be delivered to the Majority Staff in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and the Minority Staff in Room 2105 of the Rayburn House Office Building.
21. Upon completion of the production, submit a written certification, signed by you or your counsel, stating that: (1) a diligent search has been completed of all documents in your possession, custody, or control that reasonably could contain responsive documents; and (2) all documents located during the search that are responsive have been produced to the Committee.

Definitions

1. The term “document” means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of how recorded, and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, data, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, communications, electronic mail (email), contracts, cables, notations of any type of conversation, telephone call, meeting or other inter-office or intra-office communication, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, teletypes, invoices, transcripts, diaries, analyses, returns, summaries, minutes, bills, accounts, estimates, projections, comparisons, messages, correspondence, press releases, circulars, financial statements, reviews, opinions, offers, studies and investigations, questionnaires and surveys, and work sheets (and all drafts, preliminary versions, alterations, modifications, revisions, changes, and amendments of any of the foregoing, as well as any attachments or appendices thereto), and graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotape, recordings and motion pictures), and electronic, mechanical, and electric records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, and recordings) and other written, printed, typed, or other graphic or recorded matter of any kind or nature, however produced or reproduced, and whether preserved in writing, film, tape, disk, videotape, or otherwise. A document bearing any notation not a part of the original text is to be considered a separate document. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.
2. The term “communication” means each manner or means of disclosure or exchange of information, regardless of means utilized, whether oral, electronic, by document or otherwise, and whether in a meeting, by telephone, facsimile, mail, releases, electronic

message including email (desktop or mobile device), text message, instant message, MMS or SMS message, message application, or otherwise.

3. The terms “and” and “or” shall be construed broadly and either conjunctively or disjunctively to bring within the scope of this request any information that might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope. The singular includes plural number, and vice versa. The masculine includes the feminine and neutral genders.
4. The term “including” shall be construed broadly to mean “including, but not limited to.”
5. The term “Company” means the named legal entity as well as any units, firms, partnerships, associations, corporations, limited liability companies, trusts, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, departments, branches, joint ventures, proprietorships, syndicates, or other legal, business or government entities over which the named legal entity exercises control or in which the named entity has any ownership whatsoever.
6. The term “identify,” when used in a question about individuals, means to provide the following information: (a) the individual’s complete name and title; (b) the individual’s business or personal address and phone number; and (c) any and all known aliases.
7. The term “related to” or “referring or relating to,” with respect to any given subject, means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, reflects, identifies, states, refers to, deals with, or is pertinent to that subject in any manner whatsoever.
8. The term “employee” means any past or present agent, borrowed employee, casual employee, consultant, contractor, de facto employee, detailee, fellow, independent contractor, intern, joint adventurer, loaned employee, officer, part-time employee, permanent employee, provisional employee, special government employee, subcontractor, or any other type of service provider.
9. The term “individual” means all natural persons and all persons or entities acting on their behalf.

From: John Valceanu <john.valceanu@nara.gov>
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To: Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov>
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BCc: (b) (6) @nara.gov
Subject: Re: Trump documents and DOJ

Got it. Thanks, Deb. We'll respond.

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On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 4:57 PM Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov> wrote:

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Subject: Trump documents and DOJ
To: <debra.wall@nara.gov>

Good afternoon, Dan McCue from The Well News here. I understand the National Archives and Records Administration has asked the Justice Department to probe former President Trump's handlings of White House records ... and wondered if you could confirm that's happened and, if possible, could you send a copy of the request sent the DOJ?

Thank you in advance for any insight you can provide.

Cordially,

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From: Laura Sheehan <laura.diachenko@nara.gov>
Sent time: 02/10/2022 01:39:52 PM
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BCc: miriam.kleiman@nara.gov
Subject: (Laura will respond)Fwd: Fox News media inquiry re: National Archives DOJ referall

Laura Sheehan

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From: **Blitzer, Ronn** <Ronn.Blitzer@fox.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 1:14 PM
Subject: Fox News media inquiry re: National Archives DOJ referall
To: public.affairs@nara.gov <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Hello,

The Washington Post reported that the National Archives made a criminal referral to the Justice Department regarding President Trump's handling of White House records. Can someone confirm this? On background is fine.

Thank you.

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Subject: Fwd: Question for NARA Public Affairs Staff

All Concerned,

Please see the below questions from Pamela Brown at CNN. She's been calling a number of people at NARA, trying to get information. The questions provide some indication of what their upcoming coverage might look like.

Very Respectfully,
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Date: Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 3:52 PM
Subject: Re: Question for NARA Public Affairs Staff
To: National Archives Public and Media Communications <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Great thank you!

- 1.) Did NARA reach out to a Trump lawyer in May of 2021?
- 2.) Is it true there was virtually no movement on this between May and October when general counsel Gary Stern reached out and said NARA would send a letter to DOJ and Congress were not returned in the immediate future? What happened in the interim between May and October? I'm told there were 'various reasons' things stalled. (between us, my understanding is Gary is not one to let things slide as he takes his role very seriously!)
- 3.) Is it true that Stern wrote multiple letters demanding the documents until they were finally turned over in January?
- 4.) Is the NARA aware there are classified documents in these boxes or is this just a concern?
- 5.) It is our understanding DOJ told NARA that the NARA IG should first investigate the issue. Is the IG still reviewing it or has the IG gone back to DOJ?
- 6.) I can't believe I'm asking this but is there any evidence that any of the documents either in pieces or together showed any evidence of any water damage as though they had been submerged? (Maggie Haberman is reporting today some of Trump's documents were flushed down the toilet)

On Thu, 10 Feb 2022 at 15:39, National Archives Public and Media Communications <public.affairs@nara.gov> wrote:
| Pam,

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Please outline your questions in writing and we'll get back to you as soon as we can. Thanks.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 2:47 PM Pamela Brown <pambrown22@gmail.com> wrote:

Circling back.

Pamela Brown

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> On Feb 10, 2022, at 1:19 PM, Pamela Brown <Pambrown22@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hi there - I know you've been in touch with my colleague, Zach, but I wanted to run some reporting I have by you involving NARA. Would it be possible to speak over the phone on my cell number below? Thank you!

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> Pamela Brown

> CNN Anchor/Reporter

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Pamela Brown

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Sent time: 02/11/2022 12:11:11 PM
To: Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>
BCc: laura.diachenko@nara.gov
Subject: (Laura will handle)Fwd: Request for comment — Trump docs

Laura Sheehan

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From: 'Paul Blest' via Public and Media Communications <public.affairs@nara.gov>
Date: Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 11:49 AM
Subject: Request for comment — Trump docs
To: <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Hi all, I'm a reporter for Vice News, I was wondering if the Archives could comment on reports that the agency asked DOJ to investigate the former President for mishandling documents/records?

Best,
Paul