



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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David Ferriero
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National Archives and Records Administration
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Dear Mr. Ferriero,

I write in response to your communication of October 22, 2021, informing us that former President Trump has asserted executive privilege with regard to a subset of documents requested by the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (the “Select Committee”), and requesting President Biden’s views. President Biden has considered the former President’s assertion, and I have engaged in consultations with the Office of Legal Counsel at the Department of Justice. President Biden has determined that an assertion of executive privilege is not in the best interests of the United States, and therefore is not justified, as to the documents provided to the White House on September 16, 2021, and September 23, 2021. Accordingly, President Biden does not uphold the former President’s assertion of privilege.

As I wrote in my letter to you on October 8, 2021:

[T]he insurrection that took place on January 6, and the extraordinary events surrounding it, must be subject to a full accounting to ensure nothing similar ever happens again. Congress has a compelling need in service of its legislative functions to understand the circumstances that led to . . . the most serious attack on the operations of the Federal Government since the Civil War. . . . Constitutional protections of executive privilege should not be used to shield, from Congress or the public, information that reflects a clear and apparent effort to subvert the Constitution itself.

President Biden instructs you, in accord with Section 4(b) of Executive Order 13489, to provide to the Select Committee the pages identified as privileged by the former President. In light of the urgency of the Select Committee's need for the information, President Biden further instructs you to provide those pages 30 days after your notification to the former President, absent any intervening court order.

In the course of an accommodation process between Congress and the Executive Branch, the Select Committee has deferred its request for the following responsive records: Bates Numbers 000143-000179; 000398; 000879-000890. In addition, your staff has informed the White House that a record found at Bates Numbers 000443-000445 is not a presidential record and therefore falls outside the scope of the Select Committee's request. No decision on executive privilege is required for these records.

You should provide to the Select Committee as soon as possible any pages not identified in the preceding paragraph as to which the former President has not asserted privilege. Where appropriate, non-responsive content within responsive records should be redacted.

Sincerely,



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