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Regards,

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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 Mon, Feb 7, 2022, 9:58 AM Miriam Kleiman <miriam.kleiman@nara.gov> wrote:
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.

Thanks!
On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 7:56 AM Miriam Kleiman <miriam.kleiman@nara.gov> wrote:
Good morning -

We've received two press requests (CBS and Axios) so far for a NARA response/statement/comment re: the WPPost story, and anticipate far more. Please see below and advise re: responses. Thanks to all.

Miriam

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.

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To: William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>  
Cc: Wall, Debra <debra.wall@nara.gov>, Stanwich, Maria <maria.stanwich@nara.gov>

Have not seen this. We need a press strategy.

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Tom, et al, in light of very many press queries we are receiving about the boxes, the Archivist would like to issue the following statement as soon as possible. The statement is at a general level, and appropriately redacted.

Here’s the statement:

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On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 9:16 AM Jason Metrick wrote:

Gary,

Just to confirm the boxes (12) that were recently picked up in Florida contained "torn up" records or is that piece of information being confused with other records NARA received.

On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 8:12 AM Gary Stern wrote:

fyi, here's the Post story that appeared this morning, and we've now received two more press queries asking if we can confirm the story.

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Date: Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 5:19:28 PM
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Subject: Re: (MEDIA REQUEST/Washington Post on deadline for 2 pm today) Questions about Trump records

Our public affairs staff responded to the questions simply with "no comment."

Jay

On Sun, Feb 6, 2022, 4:48 PM Thomas A Monheim <thomas.a.monheim@nara.gov> wrote:
Do you know if NARA provided any information in response to this press query? Thanks.

On Sun, Feb 6, 2022, 5:22 PM Thomas A Monheim <thomas.a.monheim@nara.gov> wrote:
Okay, good to know, thanks, Jay.

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From: "Thomas A Monheim" <thomas.a.monheim@nara.gov>
Date: Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 5:35:07 AM
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Thanks, Gary.

Enjoy the weekend.

Tom

Thomas A. Monheim
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From: "GaryM Stern" <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Date: Friday, February 4, 2022 at 5:09:01 PM
To: "Thomas A Monheim" <thomas.a.monheim@nara.gov>, "Brett Baker" <brett.baker@nara.gov>, "Simms, John" <john.simms@nara.gov>, "Jason Metrick" <jason.metrick@nara.gov>, "William Bosanko" <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
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Tom and , we wanted to share with you this press query that we got this morning. [b] (5), [b] (7)(A) 

Please let us know if you have questions or would like to discuss.

Thanks,
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cc: NARA OIG and COO

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Cc: Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>

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.

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?
- 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,

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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.

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
914.874.7882

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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.

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Gary,

I'd like to introduce you to Wyn Hornbuckle at DOJ Office of Public Affairs, he may have some questions for you.

Respectfully,

John Simms
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Thanks for sending along the approval not to comment.

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Stefan Passantino
Deputy Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20501
By Email

Dear Mr. Passantino:

A June 11, 2018, article in Politico, entitled “Meet the guys who tape Trump’s papers back together,” states that two former White House employees were responsible for taping together textual documents that were torn up by President Trump. To the extent that this Politico article and related news stories is accurate in the assertion that documents were torn up and that these items are Presidential records as defined in the Presidential Records Act (PRA), I am writing to request information on how the White House is addressing this issue.

The Politico article states that “White House aides realized early on that they were unable to stop [President] Trump from ripping up paper after he was done with it and throwing it in the trash or on the floor, according to people familiar with the practice. Instead, they chose to clean it up for him, in order to make sure that the president wasn’t violating the law.” The article goes on to state that, “[d]espite the president’s apparent disregard of the Presidential Records Act, sources said, aides around him have tried to take an overly inclusive approach to what would be considered a presidential record.”

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Subject: Update on Issues related to Trump Boxes, et al.

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https://www.archives.gov/foia/pra-trump-admin

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[Redacted]

Staff Assistant | Committee on Oversight & Reform

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February 24, 2022

The Honorable David S. Ferriero
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Dear Mr. Ferriero:

The Oversight Committee is seeking additional documents about former President Donald Trump’s removal of classified documents and presidential records from the White House, President Trump’s attempt to destroy records by tearing them into pieces, and other presidential records from the Trump Administration that are missing. In response to a request from the Committee, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) provided new details of what appear to be the largest-scale violations of the Presidential Records Act since its enactment. I am deeply concerned that former President Trump may have violated the law through his intentional efforts to remove and destroy records that belong to the American people. This Committee plans to get to the bottom of what happened and assess whether further action is needed to prevent the destruction of additional presidential records and recover those records that are still missing.

On February 9, 2022, the Committee sought information related to the 15 boxes of presidential records recovered from the former president’s Mar-a-Lago residence and recent reports that Mr. Trump attempted to destroy documents while serving as president.1 On February 18, 2022, you sent two letters constituting a partial response and identifying significant potential violations of the Presidential Records Act and other federal laws governing the preservation of federal records, but you did not provide all the information the Committee requested.2

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2 Letter from David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, to Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform (Feb. 18, 2022) (responding in part to the Committee’s February 9, 2022 letter) (online at www.archives.gov/files/foia/ferriero-response-to-02.09.2022-maloney-letter.02.18.2022.pdf); Letter from David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, to Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform (Feb. 18, 2022) (describing the Trump Administration’s failure to capture social media records) (online at www.archives.gov/files/foia/ferriero-letter-to-maloney-on-trump-presidential-records-on-social-
Your response confirmed that “NARA has identified items marked as classified national security information within the boxes” recovered at Mar-a-Lago, and that “NARA staff has been in communication with the Department of Justice” regarding this discovery. In response to the Committee’s request for an inventory of the contents of the 15 boxes, you stated the inventory should be completed by February 25 and that the Committee could request the inventory under Section 2205(2)(C) of the PRA.³

Your response also provided concerning new information about Mr. Trump’s destruction or attempted destruction of documents while serving as president. You stated that following press reports in 2018 that President Trump was tearing up records, NARA wrote to the Deputy Counsel for the President requesting information and that “[t]he White House Counsel’s Office indicated that they would address the matter.” However, you wrote that after this incident, “NARA learned that additional paper records that had been torn up by former President Trump were included in the records transferred to us.” You also wrote that White House staff had “taped together some of the torn-up records” but that “a number of other torn-up records that were transferred had not been reconstructed by the White House.”⁴

Your response also indicated that the Trump Administration failed to preserve other presidential records, and that NARA is continuing to search for missing records from the Trump Administration. You explained:

NARA has identified certain social media records that were not captured and preserved by the Trump Administration. NARA has also learned that some White House staff conducted official business using non-official electronic messaging accounts that were not copied or forwarded into their official electronic messaging accounts, as required by section 2209 of the PRA.⁵

On February 18, 2022, you also sent me a detailed description of the Trump Administration’s failure to capture and preserve presidential records on social media platforms. Among other information, your letter indicated that:

- The Trump Administration failed to adequately capture and preserve all tweets that the former president posted in the course of his official duties, including deleted tweets, despite being warned by NARA as far back as March 2017;

- The Trump Administration failed to preserve deleted content from the former president’s other social media accounts, and failed to preserve the former president’s Facebook, Instagram, and SnapChat accounts after he was suspended or banned from those platforms;


⁵ Id.
The Trump Administration appears to have failed to preserve the former president’s direct or private messages on social media accounts; and

The Trump Administration failed to capture presidential records from the Twitter accounts of seven White House aides, including Ivanka Trump, Mark Meadows, Peter Navarro, and others.\(^6\)

The information in your response suggests that former President Trump and his senior aides may have repeatedly violated the Presidential Records Act and other federal laws, which could severely impact the preservation of records from the Trump Administration. The Committee needs additional documents and information uniquely available from NARA to investigate the full extent of this conduct and determine what additional steps, including potential legislative reforms, may be needed to ensure the preservation of presidential records for the American people.

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. The Committee has legislative jurisdiction over the Presidential Records Act and the Federal Records Act and has a long history of conducting oversight related to compliance with these laws.\(^7\)

For all these reasons, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act,\(^8\) please provide by March 10, 2022:

1. A detailed description of the contents of the boxes recovered from Mar-a-Lago, including any inventory prepared by NARA of the contents of the boxes, and identification of any items that are classified and the level of classification including, if necessary, a classified index;

\(^6\) Id.


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2. A detailed description of any reviews conducted by other federal agencies of the information in the recovered boxes since the boxes were obtained by NARA, including with respect to classified information; the findings from these reviews; and the anticipated completion date of any reviews that are ongoing;

3. All presidential records transferred to NARA that NARA learned former President Trump had torn up, destroyed, mutilated, or attempted to tear up, destroy, or mutilate;

4. Any written responses from Deputy Counsel to the President Stefan Passantino, or any other White House official to NARA’s June 14, 2018, letter to the Trump Administration; and

5. All letters sent by NARA to the Trump Administration related to the Presidential Records Act not already provided to the Committee and any responses from the Trump Administration to those letters.

In addition, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act, the Committee requests that you produce by March 17, 2022, the following documents from the records of President Donald Trump’s Executive Office of the President (EOP) in your possession, custody, or control:

1. Documents and communications received, prepared, or sent between January 20, 2017, and January 20, 2021, by employees or officials of EOP or any of its components, offices, or directorates, relating to the use of personal messaging accounts for official business;

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5. Documents and communications received, prepared, or sent between January 20, 2017, and January 20, 2021, by employees or officials of EOP or any of its components, offices, or directorates, relating to missing records; and

6. Documents and communications received, prepared, or sent between January 20, 2020, and January 20, 2021, by employees or officials of EOP or any of its components, offices, or directorates, relating to determinations of whether to transfer records to NARA.

For requests 1 through 6, please prioritize producing records from the following custodians: Pat Cipollone; John Kelly; Nicholas Luna; Derek Lyons; Don McGahn; Mark Meadows; Stefan Passantino; Robert Porter; Reince Priebus; and Madeleine Westerhout.

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An attachment to this letter provides additional instructions for responding to the Committee’s request. Please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5051 if you have any questions about this request.

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.

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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.

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13. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(9), the Privacy Act shall not be a basis for withholding information.

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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.

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9. The term “individual” means all natural persons and all persons or entities acting on their behalf.
In the air. Report back.

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On Fri, Feb 25, 2022, 8:41 AM Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov> wrote:
| Trying to arrange a call for me, Jay, Gary, John on Maloney letter. Do you want to be on it or should I just report back?
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Gary - (b) (5), (b) (7)(A), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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John Hamilton  Feb 24, 2022, 1:08 PM
Heads up. another letter is coming today.

Gary Stern  Feb 24, 2022, 1:11 PM
Thanks
By the time I got out of there it was late so I will likely be in the car for the call at 220-230.

Curious to hear details. \((b)\ (5),\ (b)\ (7)(A)\)
John Hamilton  Mar 11, 2022, 1:41 PM
OK. (b) (5), (b) (7)(A) Just thinking about Valchy needing to be ready.

Gary Stern  Mar 11, 2022, 2:03 PM
(b) (5), (b) (7)(A)
William Bosanko  May 11, 10:54 AM
Will we be releasing the correspondence re the 15 boxes or no? I was not sure what you were noting at MT

Gary Stern  May 11, 10:57 AM
No, not the letters re the boxes. But at the same time we had another series of letters re a pending 1/6 request, which we post here: https://www.archives.gov/foia/january-6-committee

Ahhh - thanks. Had me wondering
John Hamilton  Aug 4, 3:05 PM
Let me know when you have a minute today.

Gary Stern  Aug 4, 4:18 PM
Can it wait until tomorrow? If not, I will try you soon.

John Hamilton  Aug 4, 4:20 PM
(b) (6), just wanted to check about the COR request re JFK. Should I have Jay B reach out to them? I am out next week, but keeping up online and by phone as much as I can.

Gary Stern  Aug 4, 4:25 PM
Yes, Jay should just talk to them (b) (5), (b) (7)(A)
Laura Sheehan  Aug 31, 1:52 PM
@Robin Waldman  reupping this to you from earlier: do we ignore press requests for more info on NARA made its referral to the Justice Department? I'm talking about Jack Gililum's email/bloomberg(timestamp 11:41 am)

(b) (5)

Robin Waldman  Aug 31, 1:53 PM
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Laura Sheehan  Aug 31, 1:54 PM   Edited
(b) (5)

Miriam Kleiman  Aug 31, 1:54 PM
I'm back as well
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Robin Waldman  Aug 31, 2:00 PM
(b) (5)  please send it to Gary to decide

Laura Sheehan  Aug 31, 2:00 PM
sure
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