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**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 5:37 PM  
**To:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
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Looping in my colleagues.

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914.874.7882

On Feb 7, 2022, at 10:54 AM, Alemany, Jacqueline <[Jacqueline.Alemany@washpost.com](mailto:Jacqueline.Alemany@washpost.com)> wrote:

Hi there - just wanted to circle back after our reporting this morning to see if the Archives has any comment.  
Thanks so much for your time and help.  
Jackie

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On Feb 4, 2022, at 3:03 PM, [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) wrote:

Ms. Alemany:  
Thank you for sending us your questions. Unfortunately, though, we have no comment on them.  
Please continue to reach out through our office in the future, and we'll be glad to find answers to your questions whenever possible.

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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.

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

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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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**Date:** Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 11:57 AM  
**Subject:** People Magazine Request  
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Good morning,

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Thank you for your time,  
Aaron Parsley  
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Referring URL: <https://www.archives.gov/>

Tell us more.:

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Sincerely,

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 Subject: Fwd: Newsweek Inquiry - Mar-a-Lago Statement

FYI - this was entered in the top chart, not the bottom. I'll add it to the bottom one.

WaPo article: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/05/trump-ripping-documents/>

2/8 Table for questions received after issuing **second statement**

ORG	EMAIL	QUESTION(S)	NARA RESPONSE
The Daily Mail	<a href="mailto:geoff.earle@malonline.com">geoff.earle@malonline.com</a>	At any point will there be a manifest for what was included, and when will that be available?	
Newsweek	<a href="mailto:e.brady@newsweek.com">e.brady@newsweek.com</a>	We recently read your statement regarding false claims that your organization raided former President Donald Trump's estate in Mar-a-Lago and wanted to know if you can provide any insight into what records you obtained with the help of Trump representatives. If you are able to give this insight, please respond at your earliest convenience.	
Washing Post	<a href="mailto:jacqueline.alem@washpost.com">jacqueline.alem@washpost.com</a> <a href="mailto:josh.dawsey@washpost.com">josh.dawsey@washpost.com</a> <a href="mailto:tom.hamburger@washpost.com">tom.hamburger@washpost.com</a>	Were any documents marked as sensitive or classified found in any of the boxes recovered from former president Trump's house in Florida?  Has NARA gone through all of the boxes?  Has there been a referral to the Office of Inspector General or to the Department of Justice?	



----- Forwarded message -----

From: Robin Waldman <robin.waldman@nara.gov>  
 Date: Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 12:13 PM  
 Subject: Fwd: Newsweek Inquiry - Mar-a-Lago Statement  
 To: Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Did they get the statements?

**Robin Z. Waldman**  
 (pronouns: she/her/hers)  
 Director, Public and Media Communications  
 301 837 0605 (office)  
 (b) (6) (mobile)



----- Forwarded message -----

From: Erin Brady <e.brady@newsweek.com>  
 Date: Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 2:49 PM  
 Subject: Newsweek Inquiry - Mar-a-Lago Statement  
 To: <public.affairs@nara.gov>

To whom it may concern,

Hello My name is Erin Brady, and I am a reporter for Newsweek We recently read your statement regarding false claims that your organization raided former President Donald Trump's estate in Mar-a-Lago and wanted to know if you can provide any insight into what records you obtained with the help of Trump representatives If you are able to give this insight, please respond at your earliest convenience

Sincerely,

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 Erin Brady | News Fellow  
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**From:** Laura Sheehan <laura.diachenko@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/09/2022 01:42:00 PM  
**To:** John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; Susan Donius <susan.donius@nara.gov>; Stephannie Oriabure <stephannie.oriabure@nara.gov>; Miriam Kleiman <miriam.kleiman@nara.gov>; Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>; Harris, Merrily <merrily.harris@nara.gov>; Garner, Terri <terri.garner@nara.gov>  
**Cc:** Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>  
**BCc:** robin.waldman@nara.gov  
**Subject:** checking back!(MEDIA REQUEST/CNN) Questions about Trump daily diary for January 6, 2021

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Bringing this higher up in your inbox!

Please let us know how to respond. I have to log off at 2 pm today, and will need to hand this off to Miriam.

Thank you!

[Laura Sheehan](#)  
National Archives  
Public and Media Communications  
Office of the Chief of Staff  
email: [laura.diachenko@nara.gov](mailto:laura.diachenko@nara.gov)



On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 9:35 AM Laura Sheehan <[laura.diachenko@nara.gov](mailto:laura.diachenko@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

Please see these questions from CNN below and let me know how to respond. Thank you!

Q1: Can you confirm NARA handed over a diary of the former President's daily activities and address the idea that the entries for January 6 are incomplete?

Q2: Can you also provide a general description of what that diary is?

Thank you for your assistance,

[Laura Sheehan](#)  
National Archives  
Public and Media Communications  
Office of the Chief of Staff  
email: [laura.diachenko@nara.gov](mailto:laura.diachenko@nara.gov)



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From: 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
Date: Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 4:11 PM  
Subject: CNN inquiry  
To: National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
Cc: National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Good afternoon,

We have new reporting that indicates former President Trump's daily diary for January 6, 2021 was among the records provided to the House Select Committee but that there are noticeable holes in the entries for that day regarding the former President's actions.

Can you confirm NARA handed over a diary of the former President's daily activities and address the idea that the entries for January 6 are incomplete?

Can you also provide a general description of what that diary is?

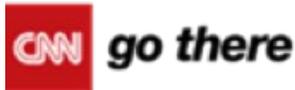
**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 2:03 PM  
**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thanks

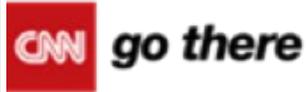
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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 2:03 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon,

Please see below, also attributable as "a statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

Throughout the course of the last year, NARA obtained the cooperation of Trump representatives to locate Presidential records that had not been transferred to the National Archives at the end of the Trump administration. When a representative informed NARA in December 2021 that they had located some records, NARA arranged for them to be securely transported to Washington. NARA officials did not visit or "raid" the Mar-a-Lago property.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 1:57 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hi, can I please get today's new statement regarding documents transported to NARA from Mar-a-Lago?

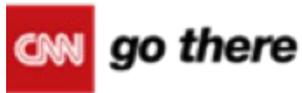
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**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>

**Date:** Monday, February 7, 2022 at 3:05 PM

**To:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Much appreciated thanks

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Monday, February 7, 2022 at 3:03 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Please see below, attributable as "a statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

#### Press Statement Regarding Boxes of Trump PRA Records Transferred to NARA

In mid-January 2022, NARA arranged for the transport from the Trump Mar-a-Lago property in Florida to the National Archives of 15 boxes that contained Presidential records, following discussions with President Trump's representatives in 2021. Former President Trump's representatives have informed NARA that they are continuing to search for additional Presidential records that belong to the National Archives.

As required by the Presidential Records Act (PRA), these records should have been transferred to NARA from the White House at the end of the Trump Administration in January 2021.

"The Presidential Records Act mandates that all Presidential records must be properly preserved by each Administration so that a complete set of Presidential records is transferred to the National Archives at the end of the Administration," said Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. "NARA pursues the return of records whenever we learn that records have been improperly removed or have not been appropriately transferred to official accounts."

Ferriero further stressed the importance of adherence to the PRA by all Presidents.

"The Presidential Records Act is critical to our democracy, in which the government is held accountable by the people," Ferriero said. "Whether through the creation of adequate and proper documentation, sound records management practices, the preservation of records, or the timely transfer of them to the National Archives at the end of an Administration, there should be no question as to need for both diligence and vigilance. Records matter."

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 9:47 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, I just wanted to check and see if you can confirm this story from the Post, specially that the Archives had to retrieve these documents from Mar-a-Lago: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/07/trump-records-mar-a-lago/>

Any additional information related to this that might move the story forward would also be helpful thanks.

Zachary Cohen

CNN National Security reporter

Cell/Signal: 404-863-7378

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 2:38:50 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon,

We apologize for the delay in getting back to you on this one. Please contact the committee for a copy of the letter.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Wed, Feb 2, 2022 at 3:05 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Thank you ... is it possible for us to have a copy of the Thompson letter that was sent last week or is that posted somewhere already? I did not see it anywhere but may have missed it. Thanks

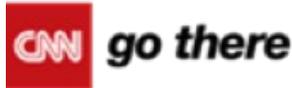
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**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 2:41 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cm.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thanks for your continuing interest. Please see below, attributable as "a statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

The National Archives continues to provide records to the House Select Committee's request on an ongoing basis. As Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero wrote in his [letter to President Trump yesterday](#): "Production to the Select Committee of the records from the December 8, 2021, notification as to which privilege was not formally asserted in your January 18, 2022, letter is ongoing and will continue until complete."

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Wed, Feb 2, 2022 at 2:29 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

House Select Committee chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson just said he sent NARA a new letter last week outlining which records in upcoming tranches the panel would like prioritized and handed over first. Are you able to provide a copy of this letter or confirm its contents? Thanks

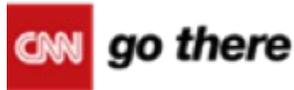
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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Monday, January 31, 2022 at 2:57 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cmn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cmn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

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**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for your patience. You may use this for attribution: "statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

Some of the Trump presidential records received by the National Archives and Records Administration included paper records that had been torn up by former President Trump. As has been reported in the press since 2018, White House records management officials during the Trump Administration recovered and taped together some of the torn-up records. These were turned over to the National Archives at the end of the Trump Administration, along with a number of torn-up records that had not been reconstructed by the White House. The Presidential Records Act requires that all records created by presidents be turned over to the National Archives at the end of their administrations.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 12:38 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Thanks so much!

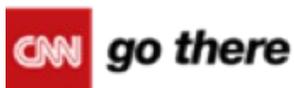
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**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Monday, January 31, 2022 at 12:28 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for reaching out to us. We are working on getting you a response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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On Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 12:13 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hello again, happy Monday. Hoping someone might be able to respond to my question below today. Happy to discuss over phone as well. Reachable at 404-863-7378

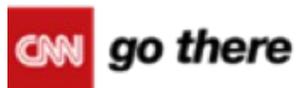
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**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>  
**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 at 10:53 AM  
**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Hello all, wanted to check back on the request below if possible. Thanks

Zachary Cohen

CNN Reporter, National Security

Cell: 404-863-7378

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 5:49:26 PM  
**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good evening, I just wanted to circle back on the question below. Thanks!

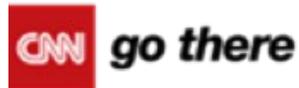
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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>  
**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 1:23 PM  
**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon, I wanted to reach out as we are hearing that a “substantial” number of the records provided to the House Select Committee in the latest tranche were damaged and required repair.

Are you able to confirm or offer guidance regarding this? Reachable on my cell too: 404-863-7378

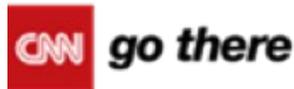
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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:44 AM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for reaching out to the National Archives. Yesterday evening NARA provided the Select Committee with all the records at issue in the litigation.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

On Fri, Jan 21, 2022, 11:28 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I wanted to see if you might be able to confirm that NARA has sent the House Select Committee investigating January 6 hundreds of pages of records following this week’s court decision.

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**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 2:38 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

**EXTERNAL SENDER: Caution opening links or attachments**

Hello Zachary,

The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) is a part of the National Archives and Records Administration and, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, coordinates certain functions of the Electoral College between the States and Congress. Acting as an intermediary, we review the Certificates of Ascertainment and Vote as soon as we receive them from their respective States and the District of Columbia. OFR posts the Certificates on its [website](https://www.archives.gov/electoral-college/2020) (<https://www.archives.gov/electoral-college/2020>, scroll down the page) and makes the Certificates available for public inspection for one year following the election. After that year, the Certificates become part of the National Archives collection.

Under the Privacy Act, OFR does not disclose information about communication with private individuals. As such, we cannot comment on what, if any, communication we've received except for the Certificates that are prepared and sent as part of an official State action.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 12:06 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I was hoping someone might be able to help clarify something regarding these documents that seem to have been sent to NARA in December 2020.

<https://www.americanoversight.org/american-oversight-obtains-seven-phony-certificates-of-pro-trump-electors>

Can you guys explain to me how NARA came into possession of these documents and what it did with them after the fact? Were state election officials notified, for example?

Thanks for any help you can offer and reachable on my cell below as well.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Friday, December 10, 2021 at 7:36 AM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Hello Zachary,

Please see the information and statement below. We hope this information is useful.

\* \* \*

Under section 2203(g)(1) of the PRA, all Trump Presidential records came into NARA's legal custody when the President left office on January 20, 2021. Whenever Presidential records of former Presidents are identified as being outside of NARA's physical control, NARA works to recover and obtain such records.

Under section 2209(a), all White House staff are required to copy or forward any Presidential records that are created on non-official electronic messaging accounts to their official electronic messaging account within 20 days. At the beginning of the Trump Administration, the Counsel to President Trump issued [a memo to all White Staff on their "Presidential Records Act Obligations."](#) The memo stated (emphasis in original):

*If you ever send or receive email that qualifies as a presidential record using any other account, you must preserve that email by copying it to your official EOP email account or by forwarding it to your official email account within twenty (20) days. After preserving the email, you must delete it from the non-EOP account. **Any employee who intentionally fails to take these actions may be subject to administrative or even criminal penalties.***

The same rules apply to other forms of electronic communication, including text messages. **You should not use instant messaging systems, social networks, or other internet-based means of electronic communication to conduct official business without the approval of the Office of the White House Counsel.** If you ever generate or receive presidential records on such platforms, you must preserve them by sending them to your EOP email account via a screenshot or other means. After preserving the communications, you must delete them from the non-EOP platform.

NARA is working with counsel to Mark Meadows to obtain any Presidential records that were not properly copied or forwarded into his official account.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Thu, Dec 9, 2021 at 3:02 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hello, are you able to confirm or offer additional information/guidance regarding this report?

<https://twitter.com/kyledcheney/status/1469026386388176900?s=21>

Zachary Cohen

CNN Reporter, National Security

Cell: 404-863-7378

**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2021 12:14:35 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Mr. Cohen,

Thank you for reaching out again. On [October 13, 2021, the Archivist of the United States informed former President Trump](#) that NARA would deliver an initial set of approximately 40 pages of records of records subject to the former President's assertion of privilege to the House Select Committee on the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capital on November 12, 2021, "absent any intervening court order."

On November 11, 2021, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued a court order that "an administrative injunction be entered and appellees the National Archives and Records Administration and the Archivist be enjoined from releasing the records requested by the House Select Committee over which appellant asserts executive privilege, pending further order of this court." Accordingly, NARA will not release to the Select Committee records for which President Trump has asserted privilege until subsequent order of the court.

As noted in the Archivist's letters of October 13, 2021, and [October 27, 2021](#), NARA has

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provided two sets of non-privileged records (201 pages) to the Select Committee, in electronic form. Relevant correspondence between the Archivist, former President Trump, and Counsel to President Biden Dana Remus can be found at this link: <https://www.archives.gov/foia/january-6-committee>.

We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 2:41 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I wanted to reach out with a few questions given former President Trump's latest appeal filed in federal court pertaining to records sought by the January 6 House Select Committee.

In the filing, it suggests that all parties agreed to a briefing schedule. Is that accurate?

Is NARA planning to file a response brief?

Also, is it true the plan (unless there's a court order) is to turn over docs at 6 pm tomorrow?

This is what it says in Trump's appeal: "On Friday, November 12, 2021, at 6:00 p m., the Archivist of the United States intends to produce records pursuant to a sweeping records request from the United States House Select Committee ..."

Thanks for any help you can offer. Reachable at 404-863-7378 as well.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:21 AM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for contacting the National Archives. We do not comment on matters in litigation, so we cannot assist you in this case.

You may find the related correspondence posted on this webpage useful: Records Related to the Request for Presidential Records by the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol: <https://www.archives.gov/foia/january-6-committee>.

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On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 4:41 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good evening,

I wanted to reach out and see if you guys had any response or comment on this latest development - <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/10/18/politics/trump-white-house-records/index.html>

Also, any guidance or context as to how this affects the process would be helpful.

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**From:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 at 4:32 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>, [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

We are also in receipt of the letter from President Trump's team.

On Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 4:26 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Ok thank you – given the deadlines outlined in the various records acts and relevant legal statutes, can you please confirm how many days are left before these documents are handed over to the

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committee?

Also, can you confirm you have a letter from the former President's legal team regarding the documents in question here?

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**From:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 at 4:20 PM

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**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for your question. NARA is in receipt of the White House letter but has no further comment.

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National Archives and Records Administration

On Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 2:25 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

NBC is reporting that the White House sent a letter to NARA ... wondering if possible to share a copy or confirm receipt and contents?

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Date:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 12:28 PM  
**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thanks, but respectfully that doesn't really address my question. Could someone please let me know if this is in fact causing a delay in the Senate request and whether that will also be an issue for the 1/6 committee? Thanks

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 12:22 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Mr. Cohen,

NARA is in receipt of the May 20, 2021, request from the Senate Judiciary Committee and will respond to it in accordance with the [Presidential Records Act \(44 U.S.C. Chap. 22\)](#), [Executive Order 13489](#), and NARA's regulations at [36 CFR Part 1270](#).

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Oct 7, 2021 at 10:57 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I noticed this line in the Senate Judiciary report that was released today and was wondering if this might pose a similar problem for records requested as part of the select committee probe. Thanks for any guidance you can offer:

“NARA has not responded to date, and has represented to the Committee that the delay in transitioning electronic Trump records from the White House to NARA may prevent the Committee from obtaining a response for several more months,” the report says.

<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Interim%20Staff%20Report%20FINAL.pdf>

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

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**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 1:50 PM

**To:** Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon,

I just wanted to check back on this to see if there was any status update or background information you can share about the process since the initial deadline is approaching. Thanks for any help you can offer.

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**From:** Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:45 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Mr. Cohen,

We have no comment, no comment, since we consider the entire PRA notification process to be deliberative until a final decision is made. Sorry we can't be of more help at this time.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Sep 23, 2021 at 3:44 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I wanted to check in and see if NARA has been contacted by former President Trump or the White House since being notified about the Select Committee's document request. Specifically, I'd like to know whether either party, in accordance with the procedures listed below, has said whether they intend to assert privilege over any of the relevant materials.

If not, could you please let me know where in the process things currently are? Thanks for any help you can offer. Reachable on my cell listed below if easier.

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 1:30 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Dear Zachary,

Thank you for contacting the National Archives.

NARA is in receipt of the August 25, 2021, request from the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 attack on the United States Capitol and will respond to it in accordance with the [Presidential Records Act \(44 U.S.C. Chap. 22\)](#), [Executive Order 13489](#), and NARA's regulations at [36 CFR Part 1270](#).

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 10:53 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

I wanted to check in and see if someone might be able to offer some insight into whether NARA has complied with the January 6 Select Committee's document request given the deadline is today. I'd also like to ask whether the current or former president have asserted executive privilege over any of the requested materials.

Happy to discuss over phone if easier, reachable on my cell below. Thanks

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**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/09/2022 04:23:35 PM  
**To:** John Valceanu <john.valceanu@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: New Washington Post Article on Trump Records

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Thank you!

On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 4:19 PM John Valceanu <[john.valceanu@nara.gov](mailto:john.valceanu@nara.gov)> wrote:

Jay,

Here you go:

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Archives asks Justice Department to investigate Trump's handling of White House records

The request came amid revelations that officials recovered 15 boxes of materials from the former president's Mar-a-Lago residence that weren't handed back to the government as they should have been.

By Matt Zapposky, Jacqueline Alemany, Ashley Parker and Josh Dawsey  
Today at 3:05 p m. EST

The National Archives and Records Administration has asked the Justice Department to examine Donald Trump's handling of White House records, sparking discussions among federal law enforcement officials about whether they should investigate the former president for a possible crime, according to two people familiar with the matter.

The referral from the National Archives came amid recent revelations that officials recovered 15 boxes of materials from the former president's Mar-a-Lago residence that weren't handed back in to the government as they should have been, and that Trump had turned over other White House records that had been torn up. Archives officials suspected Trump had possibly violated laws concerning the handling of government documents — including those that might be considered classified — and reached out to the Justice Department, the people familiar with the matter said.

The people spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a politically sensitive request. The two people said the discussions about the matter remained preliminary, and it was not yet clear whether the Justice Department would investigate. The department also might be interested in merely reclaiming classified materials. A Justice Department spokesman declined to comment.

Trump's years-long defiance of the Presidential Records Act, which requires the preservation of memos, letters, notes, emails, faxes and other written communications related to a president's official duties, has long raised concerns among historians and legal observers. His penchant for ripping up official documents was first reported by Politico in 2018, but it has drawn new scrutiny in recent weeks because of the House select committee's investigation into the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

The Washington Post reported late last month that some of the White House records the Archives turned over to the committee appeared to have been torn apart and then taped back together. The Post later found — and the Archives confirmed — that officials had recovered 15 boxes of presidential records from Mar-a-Lago.

Among the materials they recovered included correspondence with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, which Trump once described as "love letters," as well as a letter left for Trump by President Barack Obama, people familiar with the matter said. The Archives also retrieved a doctored map of Hurricane Dorian that had been altered with a black Sharpie by Trump in a failed attempt to show he hadn't been wrong about the storm's path, according to a person familiar with the contents of the boxes. The Archives in a statement earlier this week said that Trump representatives are "continuing to search" for additional records.

In a statement Wednesday, Trump said he had engaged in "collaborative and respectful" discussions with the Archives and had arranged for the "transport of boxes that contained Presidential Records in compliance with the Presidential Records Act." He said the media had falsely characterized his relationship with NARA as hostile and that it was a "great honor" to work with the agency.

“Much of this material will someday be displayed in the Donald J. Trump Presidential Library for the public to view my Administration’s incredible accomplishments for the American People,” he said.

The chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Archives, said this week that reports about torn and missing White House documents provided “a shocking example of long-standing loopholes that exist in our current federal records laws.”

Sen. Gary C. Peters (D-Mich.), said in a statement that “Congress must take action . . . to ensure that every administration is appropriately handling and preserving important records related to the President’s official duties.” Peters is working on legislation to strengthen records laws and plans to hold hearings on the topic in coming months, a Peters staffer said.

Actually substantiating a criminal case against Trump — and, perhaps, even launching a criminal investigation — could be difficult.

Legal experts and analysts have noted that the Archives lacks a real enforcement mechanism, and all recent administrations have had some violations of federal records laws — most often involving the use of unofficial email and telephone accounts.

Federal law makes it a crime to destroy government records, but it requires that a person know specifically they are breaking the law when they do so. That could be difficult to do for Trump, who advisers say tore up documents out of habit, leaving staff to retrieve and reassemble piles of torn paper. According to people familiar with the matter, Trump had been counseled by at least two chiefs of staff and the White House counsel to follow the law on preserving documents.

Last January, in the waning days of the Trump presidency, some administration staff also raised flags that some of the gifts Trump had received as president still remained in the White House, rather than properly turned over to the National Archives, said one former staffer familiar with the warning, speaking anonymously to share details of a potentially problematic practice. In the final days of the Trump administration, the packing was rushed and aides were concerned that personal items were being mixed with official items, according to former administration officials.

“There was quite a bit of concern about the amount of mixing of personal effects with gifts that had been received during his time in office, which I’m sure in a traditional White House would have immediately been processed and given to the Archives,” one former staffer said. “But in the Trump White House, it was scattered throughout the West Wing, displayed behind glass, in the private dining room, and in the private residence on the second floor.”

The concern now is that many of those gifts and other government documents improperly made their way to Trump’s private Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Fla. This former staffer said, for instance, that after leaving the White House Trump displayed mini replica of one of the black border wall slats — with an engraved plaque on top — on his desk in his private office at Mar-a-Lago. Previously, as president, Trump had kept the replica on the credenza in the private dining room just off the Oval Office, next to some challenge coins he had been given.

During Trump’s 2016 campaign, as well as his presidency, building a wall at the nation’s southern border became rallying cry for Trump and his supporters, with the former-president becoming deeply involved with the minutia of the wall’s design; Trump specifically wanted the wall to be a steel bollard fence painted in “flat black” — a dark color known to absorb heat that would make the wall too hot for climbers to scale — and with sharp spikes on top, to appear more intimidating to would-be climbers.

Trump also took with him a model of the Air Force One redesign he had proposed — replacing the Boeing 747’s iconic baby blue with a dark blue belly and a similarly dark red stripe — when he left the White House. As president, Trump proudly displayed the model redesign of Air Force One on a table in the Oval Office; now, it sits in a similar place of honor at his private Florida club, atop a coffee table at the entrance to Mar-a-Lago’s opulent gold-plated lobby room that guest pass through to get to the patio.

It also could be a legal problem if significant amounts of classified material were in the materials at Mar-a-Lago, though it is hardly unheard of for former government officials to have such material outside appropriate government storage channels. It was not immediately clear whether classified documents were among those at Mar-a-Lago.

As president, Trump would have had virtually unlimited ability to disseminate classified materials, and prosecuting him even as a former official would face significant challenges. To substantiate a criminal case, prosecutors would have to prove that — once out of office — he intentionally mishandled the material or was grossly negligent in doing so.

Hillary Clinton, Trump's opponent in 2016, was famously investigated by the FBI for possibly mishandling classified information in connection with her use of a private email server while she was secretary of state. That investigation began after a referral from the intelligence community inspector general.

Investigators found 110 emails that contained classified information at the time they were sent or received in the group of 30,000 that Clinton later turned over for review. But the Justice Department ultimately did not bring criminal charges, after the FBI decided that Clinton did not act with the intent necessary to substantiate a case. On the campaign trail, Trump called for Clinton to be jailed over the matter.

Two Trump advisers said they were aware of no investigation, and that their conversations had been cordial with the archives. Alex Cannon, a longtime Trump lawyer, has been a point of contact for the archives, two people familiar with the matter said.

Tom Hamburger contributed to this report.

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On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 4:14 PM William Bosanko <[william.bosanko@nara.gov](mailto:william.bosanko@nara.gov)> wrote:

Do you have a copy - it is behind the pay wall....

On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 3:45 PM John Valceanu <[john.valceanu@nara.gov](mailto:john.valceanu@nara.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, sir. We'll respond accordingly, declining to comment.

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On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 3:43 PM David Ferriero <[david.ferriero@nara.gov](mailto:david.ferriero@nara.gov)> wrote:

That is the case.

David

David S. Ferriero

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On Wed, Feb 9, 2022, 3:25 PM John Valceanu <[john.valceanu@nara.gov](mailto:john.valceanu@nara.gov)> wrote:

All Concerned,

Please see this news story just published by the Washington Post, which has sparked a flurry of queries and requests for us to confirm or comment.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/09/trump-archives-justice-department/>

We normally do not comment on matters involving potential or ongoing investigations, and I'm assuming that would be the case here. But I wanted everyone to be aware.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions or thoughts about responding.

Very respectfully,  
Valchy

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**BCc:** laura.diachenko@nara.gov  
**Subject:** (Laura will respond)Fwd: Time Sensitive for ABC can you confirm Re: ABC — WAPO: National Archives had to retrieve Trump White House records from Mar-a-Lago

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Laura Sheehan  
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**Date:** Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 5:45 PM  
**Subject:** Time Sensitive for ABC can you confirm Re: ABC — WAPO: National Archives had to retrieve Trump White House records from Mar-a-Lago  
**To:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Hi!  
Are you able to confirm -

Some of the White House documents that Donald Trump improperly took to his Mar-a-Lago residence were clearly marked as classified, including documents at the “top secret” level, according to two people familiar with the matter.<sup>[P]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> The existence of clearly marked classified documents in the trove — which has not previously been reported — is likely to intensify the legal pressure that Trump or his staffers could face, and raises new questions about why the materials were taken out of the White House.

—sent from iPhone—  
Rachel Scott | ABC News  
Congressional Correspondent  
C: [909-973-6717](tel:909-973-6717)

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**Subject:** ABC — WAPO: National Archives had to retrieve Trump White House records from Mar-a-Lago

Hi there,

I'm the Congressional Correspondent for ABC - reaching out to see if the National Archives is confirming this line of reporting by the Washington Post?

President Donald Trump improperly removed multiple boxes from the White House that were retrieved by the National Archives and Records Administration last month from his Mar-a-Lago residence because they contained documents and other items that should have been turned over to the agency, according to three people familiar with the visit.

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Rachel Scott | ABC News  
Congressional Correspondent  
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**From:** Laura Sheehan <laura.diachenko@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/11/2022 09:20:33 AM  
**To:** Miriam Kleiman <miriam.kleiman@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** (Laura will respond)Fwd: Top secret archives from Mar-a-Lago?

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**Subject:** Top secret archives from Mar-a-Lago?  
**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Good afternoon,

I'm AFP's Congress and Politics reporter.

Could you confirm that among the records president Trump took to Mar-a-Lago were "top secret" marked documents?

Many thanks.

All best,

**Camille CAMDESSUS**

*Congress and Politics Correspondent*

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**Subject:** (Laura will handle)Fwd: ABC Inquiry - Trump Mar a Lago records marked classified?

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**To:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Hi there,

Reaching out on this latest Washington Post report on some of the Trump WH records from Mar a Lago that were delivered to the Archives last month having been marked classified. Any guidance is much appreciated.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/10/trump-records-classified/>

Thanks,  
Alex

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On Feb 9, 2022, at 3:19 PM, Mallin, Alexander W. <[Alexander.W.Mallin@abc.com](mailto:Alexander.W.Mallin@abc.com)> wrote:

Hi there,

Reaching out about this Washington Post story that the Archives has asked DOJ to investigate former President Trump's handling of White House records. Any guidance would be much appreciated.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/09/trump-archives-justice-department/>

Thanks,  
Alex

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*Alexander Mallin // ABC News Justice Reporter // (816) 721-0906 // @alex\_mallin*

**From:** Laura Sheehan <laura.diachenko@nara.gov>  
**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

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Date: Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 11:49 AM  
Subject: Request for comment — Trump docs  
To: <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto: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

**From:** William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/11/2022 12:15:51 PM  
**To:** Wall, Debra <debra.wall@nara.gov>; Ferriero, David <david.ferriero@nara.gov>; Stanwich, Maria <maria.stanwich@nara.gov>; Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>  
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**Sent time:** 02/13/2022 04:16:10 PM  
**To:** John Valceanu <[john.valceanu@nara.gov](mailto:john.valceanu@nara.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Jackie from WaPo / truck!  
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**The Washington Post**

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**To:** John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>  
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Thanks John. They have contacted numerous others as well. It looks like their latest story is out now.

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**Subject:** could we get the statement about Trump WH records being retrieved from ...  
**To:** <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

-- Mar-a-lago?

From public reports, that statements says this

"In mid-January 2022, NARA arranged for the transport from the Trump Mar-a-Lago property in Florida to the National Archives of 15 boxes that contained Presidential records, following discussions with President Trump's representatives in 2021."

"Throughout the course of the last year, NARA obtained the cooperation of Trump representatives to locate presidential records that had not been transferred to the National Archives at the end of the Trump administration. When a representative informed NARA in December 2021 that they had located some records, NARA arranged for them to be securely transported to Washington."

"NARA officials did not visit or 'raid' the Mar-a-Lago property."

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**Sent time:** 02/16/2022 07:15:00 AM  
**To:** Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>; Laura Diachenko <laura.diachenko@nara.gov>  
**BCc:** john.valceanu@nara.gov  
**Subject:** (Laura will respond)Fwd: Reporter with a non deadline 2/16

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**Subject:** Reporter with a non deadline 2/16  
**To:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Hello,

I'm a reporter at FactCheck.org who writes about viral misinformation online and, right now, I'm looking into a claim related to the documents that former President Donald Trump had taken with him when he left office. The claim says (emphasis mine): "The left media is being dishonest about the Trump records issue. **A president has discretion on what docs to retain as presidential records while in office. So the law allows Trump to tear up documents, shred them, and take documents when he left the White House.**"

I'm hoping that your office could clarify some things. First, what was the nature of the documents recovered from Mar-a-Lago? Are press reports accurate in saying that there were 15 boxes that included correspondence with world leaders?

Second, how did NARA become aware that Trump had these documents?

Third, how does the scale of this compare to what other presidents may have taken when they left office?

Fourth, is it accurate to say that "the law allows Trump to tear up documents, shred them, and take documents when he left the White House?"

I can also be reached by phone at 215-573-9195

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Many Thanks,

Sara

**From:** Laura Sheehan <laura.diachenko@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/16/2022 10:46:18 AM  
**To:** Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>  
**Cc:** Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>  
**BCc:** robin.waldman@nara.gov  
**Subject:** (MEDIA REQUEST/Politico)

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Gary,  
Please see these questions below and let me know how we should respond. Thank you!

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**Subject:** Re: You have a connection request  
**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Sure thing. There seem to be conflicting reports about NARA's outreach to DOJ in regards to Trump's mishandling of classified records. One report said NARA "referred" the matter to DOJ (which implies NARA wants DOJ to bring criminal charges). But another said NARA just sought to consult with DOJ -- which is totally different.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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David Ferriero



Hi David, I'm with Politico and had a quick question about a NARA process issue. I was hoping to run it by you. Any chance I could give you a ring off the record, or you could call me if easy? I'm at 540-454-8293. Thank you!



**Betsy Woodruff Swan**

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David Ferriero



Hi David, I'm with Politico and had a quick question about a NARA process issue. I was hoping to run it by you. Any chance I could give you a ring off the record, or you could call me if easy? I'm at 540-454-8293. Thank you!



**Betsy Woodruff Swan**

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That looks good. Here are three documents you can start loading, and there should be two more coming:

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On Fri, Feb 18, 2022 at 12:18 PM Hannah Bergman <[Hannah.Bergman@nara.gov](mailto:Hannah.Bergman@nara.gov)> wrote:

As we discussed, I updated the text and header. Let me know if this works. (b) (7)(E)

Standing by to add the letters.

CAROLYN B. MALONEY, NEW YORK  
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February 9, 2022

The Honorable David S. Ferriero  
Archivist of the United States  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

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.<sup>1</sup> 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.**<sup>2</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> See 44 U.S.C. §§ 2201–2209.

<sup>2</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2203(g)(1) (emphasis added).

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Obama left for his successor.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup>

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.”<sup>5</sup>

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.<sup>6</sup> 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.

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<sup>3</sup> *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/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/07/trump-records-mar-a-lago/)).

<sup>4</sup> 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>).

<sup>5</sup> *“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](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/05/trump-ripping-documents)).

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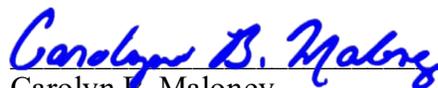
4. Are the contents of the boxes of records recovered by NARA undergoing a review to determine if they contain classified information? If so, who is conducting that review and has any classified information been found?
5. Is NARA aware of any additional presidential records from the Trump Administration 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.
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February 18, 2022

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Madam Chairwoman:

I write in response to your letter of February 9, 2022, in which you asked a number of questions relating to "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." Please see our responses to each of your questions:

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?

Answer: NARA had ongoing communications with the representatives of former President Trump throughout 2021, which resulted in the transfer of 15 boxes to NARA in January 2022.

2. Has NARA conducted an inventory of the contents of the boxes recovered from Mar-a-Lago?

Answer: NARA is in the process of inventorying the contents of the boxes.

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.

Answer: NARA staff are in the process of inventorying the contents of the boxes, which we expect to complete by February 25. Because the records in the boxes are subject to the Presidential Records Act (PRA), any request for information regarding the content of the records will need to be made in accordance with section 2205(2)(C) of the PRA.

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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?

Answer: NARA has identified items marked as classified national security information within the boxes.

5. Is NARA aware of any additional presidential records from the Trump Administration that may be missing or not yet in NARA's possession?

Answer: 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. NARA has already obtained or is in the process of obtaining some of those records.

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?

Answer: NARA has asked the representatives of former President Trump to continue to search for any additional Presidential records that have not been transferred to NARA, as required by the Presidential Records Act.

7. Has the Archivist notified the Attorney General that former President Trump removed presidential records from the White House? If not, why not?

Answer: Because NARA identified classified information in the boxes, NARA staff has been in communication with the Department of Justice.

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.

Answer: In June 2018, NARA learned from a press report in Politico that textual Presidential records were being torn up by former President Trump and that White House staff were attempting to tape them back together. NARA sent a letter to the Deputy Counsel to the President asking for information about the extent of the problem and how it is being addressed. The White House Counsel's Office indicated that they would address the matter. After the end of the Trump Administration, NARA learned that additional paper records that had been torn up by former President Trump were included in the records transferred to us. Although White House staff during the Trump Administration recovered and

taped together some of the torn-up records, a number of other torn-up records that were transferred had not been reconstructed by the White House.

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cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member



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June 14, 2018

Stefan Passantino  
Deputy Counsel to the President  
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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.”

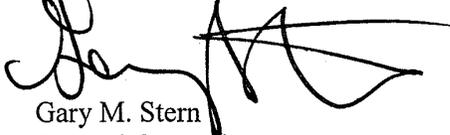
In accordance with the requirements of the PRA and our mutual interest in ensuring that all Presidential records are properly managed, preserved, and available for transfer to the National Archives at the end of the Administration, please let us know the extent of the problem and how it is being addressed. For example: How many records have been torn up? Have any records been destroyed or were in a state that they cannot be recovered? What steps are taken to recover any records that have been torn up? Is training about the requirements of the PRA and as it applies to this issue provided to White House personnel who may encounter the problem, including in the Oval Office and the residence? Is there a protocol to copy or scan all records, including correspondence, before they are presented to the President? NARA would also be happy to provide guidance on best practices for restoring damaged records.

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Thank you in advance for addressing our concerns.

Sincerely,



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General Counsel

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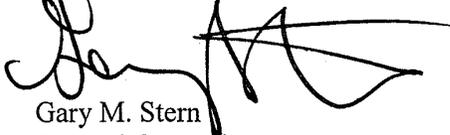
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- In January 2021, administration officials advised NARA that two social media accounts they thought contained Presidential record content were not enrolled in ArchiveSocial and could not be retroactively enrolled as they had been suspended by the platforms. These accounts were Donald J. Trump on Facebook and @realDonaldTrump on Instagram. NARA endeavored to work with Facebook, which operates Instagram, to obtain access to the accounts, but Facebook was not able to provide access.
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Please let me or my staff know if you have questions or would like to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David S. Ferriero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Please acknowledge receipt of the letter. Thank you.

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The Honorable David S. Ferriero  
Archivist of the United States  
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700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, to David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States (Feb. 9, 2022) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2022-02-09.CBM%20to%20Ferriero-NARA%20re%20Trump%20Mar-a-Lago%20FINAL.pdf>).

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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-](http://www.archives.gov/files/foia/ferriero-letter-to-maloney-on-trump-presidential-records-on-social-)

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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.<sup>3</sup>

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.”<sup>4</sup>

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.<sup>5</sup>

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;

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<sup>3</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

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- 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.<sup>6</sup>

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.<sup>7</sup>

For all these reasons, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act,<sup>8</sup> 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;

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<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> See, e.g., Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Press Release: Chaffetz, Cummings Urge Compliance with Federal Recordkeeping Laws* (Mar. 17, 2017) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chaffetz-cummings-urge-compliance-with-federal-recordkeeping-laws>); Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Donald F. McGahn II, White House Counsel (Sept. 25, 2017) (online at <https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017-09-25-TG-EEC-to-McGahn-WH-Presidential-Records-Act-due-10-9.pdf>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Committee Approves Subpoena to White House for Emails Sent on Personal Accounts in Violation of Federal Law* (July 25, 2019) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/committee-approves-subpoena-to-white-house-for-emails-sent-on-personal-accounts>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Chairwoman Maloney Seeks Details from National Archives on the Trump Administration’s Compliance with Presidential Records Act* (Dec. 21, 2020) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chairwoman-maloney-seeks-details-from-national-archives-on-the-trump>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Hearing on Examining Preservation of State Department Federal Records*, 114th Cong. (Sept. 13 and Sept. 22, 2016) (H. Rept. 114-161) (online at [www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf](http://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf)).

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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,<sup>9</sup> 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;
2. 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 attempted or actual destruction, tearing up, taping together, relocation, or removal of any presidential records or materials;
3. 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 communications with former President Trump about the Presidential Records Act or White House policies on recordkeeping;
4. 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 White House employees or contractors finding paper in a toilet in the White House, including the White House residence;

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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.

7. 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 preservation or destruction of records from social media accounts, including direct messaging on social media accounts.

For request seven, please prioritize producing records from the following custodians: Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. Please also prioritize producing records related to methods of archiving social media accounts, including records related to the disconnection of the account @realDonaldTrump from ArchiveSocial.

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.
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.

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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.
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Sincerely,

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This request will require substantial search efforts on Trump PRA records from all four years (b) (5)

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Thanks,  
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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, to David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States (Feb. 9, 2022) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2022-02-09.CBM%20to%20Ferriero-NARA%20re%20Trump%20Mar-a-Lago%20FINAL.pdf>).

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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-](http://www.archives.gov/files/foia/ferriero-letter-to-maloney-on-trump-presidential-records-on-social-)

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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.<sup>3</sup>

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.”<sup>4</sup>

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.<sup>5</sup>

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;

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<sup>3</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

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- 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.<sup>6</sup>

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.<sup>7</sup>

For all these reasons, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act,<sup>8</sup> 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;

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<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> See, e.g., Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Press Release: Chaffetz, Cummings Urge Compliance with Federal Recordkeeping Laws* (Mar. 17, 2017) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chaffetz-cummings-urge-compliance-with-federal-recordkeeping-laws>); Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Donald F. McGahn II, White House Counsel (Sept. 25, 2017) (online at <https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017-09-25-TG-EEC-to-McGahn-WH-Presidential-Records-Act-due-10-9.pdf>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Committee Approves Subpoena to White House for Emails Sent on Personal Accounts in Violation of Federal Law* (July 25, 2019) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/committee-approves-subpoena-to-white-house-for-emails-sent-on-personal-accounts>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Chairwoman Maloney Seeks Details from National Archives on the Trump Administration’s Compliance with Presidential Records Act* (Dec. 21, 2020) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chairwoman-maloney-seeks-details-from-national-archives-on-the-trump>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Hearing on Examining Preservation of State Department Federal Records*, 114th Cong. (Sept. 13 and Sept. 22, 2016) (H. Rept. 114-161) (online at [www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf](http://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf)).

<sup>8</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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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,<sup>9</sup> 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;
2. 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 attempted or actual destruction, tearing up, taping together, relocation, or removal of any presidential records or materials;
3. 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 communications with former President Trump about the Presidential Records Act or White House policies on recordkeeping;
4. 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 White House employees or contractors finding paper in a toilet in the White House, including the White House residence;

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<sup>9</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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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.

7. 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 preservation or destruction of records from social media accounts, including direct messaging on social media accounts.

For request seven, please prioritize producing records from the following custodians: Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. Please also prioritize producing records related to methods of archiving social media accounts, including records related to the disconnection of the account @realDonaldTrump from ArchiveSocial.

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.
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.”
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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, to David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States (Feb. 9, 2022) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2022-02-09.CBM%20to%20Ferriero-NARA%20re%20Trump%20Mar-a-Lago%20FINAL.pdf>).

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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-](http://www.archives.gov/files/foia/ferriero-letter-to-maloney-on-trump-presidential-records-on-social-)

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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.<sup>3</sup>

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.”<sup>4</sup>

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.<sup>5</sup>

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;

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<sup>3</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

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- 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.<sup>6</sup>

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.<sup>7</sup>

For all these reasons, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act,<sup>8</sup> 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;

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<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> See, e.g., Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Press Release: Chaffetz, Cummings Urge Compliance with Federal Recordkeeping Laws* (Mar. 17, 2017) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chaffetz-cummings-urge-compliance-with-federal-recordkeeping-laws>); Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Donald F. McGahn II, White House Counsel (Sept. 25, 2017) (online at <https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017-09-25-TG-EEC-to-McGahn-WH-Presidential-Records-Act-due-10-9.pdf>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Committee Approves Subpoena to White House for Emails Sent on Personal Accounts in Violation of Federal Law* (July 25, 2019) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/committee-approves-subpoena-to-white-house-for-emails-sent-on-personal-accounts>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Chairwoman Maloney Seeks Details from National Archives on the Trump Administration’s Compliance with Presidential Records Act* (Dec. 21, 2020) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chairwoman-maloney-seeks-details-from-national-archives-on-the-trump>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Hearing on Examining Preservation of State Department Federal Records*, 114th Cong. (Sept. 13 and Sept. 22, 2016) (H. Rept. 114-161) (online at [www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf](http://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf)).

<sup>8</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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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,<sup>9</sup> 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;
2. 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 attempted or actual destruction, tearing up, taping together, relocation, or removal of any presidential records or materials;
3. 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 communications with former President Trump about the Presidential Records Act or White House policies on recordkeeping;
4. 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 White House employees or contractors finding paper in a toilet in the White House, including the White House residence;

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<sup>9</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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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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For request seven, please prioritize producing records from the following custodians: Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. Please also prioritize producing records related to methods of archiving social media accounts, including records related to the disconnection of the account @realDonaldTrump from ArchiveSocial.

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.
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,  
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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**

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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.
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February 24, 2022

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Archivist of the United States  
National Archives and Records Administration  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20408

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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, to David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States (Feb. 9, 2022) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2022-02-09.CBM%20to%20Ferriero-NARA%20re%20Trump%20Mar-a-Lago%20FINAL.pdf>).

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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-](http://www.archives.gov/files/foia/ferriero-letter-to-maloney-on-trump-presidential-records-on-social-)

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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.<sup>3</sup>

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.”<sup>4</sup>

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.<sup>5</sup>

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;

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<sup>3</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

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- 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.<sup>6</sup>

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.<sup>7</sup>

For all these reasons, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act,<sup>8</sup> 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;

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<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> See, e.g., Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Press Release: Chaffetz, Cummings Urge Compliance with Federal Recordkeeping Laws* (Mar. 17, 2017) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chaffetz-cummings-urge-compliance-with-federal-recordkeeping-laws>); Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Donald F. McGahn II, White House Counsel (Sept. 25, 2017) (online at <https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017-09-25-TG-EEC-to-McGahn-WH-Presidential-Records-Act-due-10-9.pdf>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Committee Approves Subpoena to White House for Emails Sent on Personal Accounts in Violation of Federal Law* (July 25, 2019) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/committee-approves-subpoena-to-white-house-for-emails-sent-on-personal-accounts>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Chairwoman Maloney Seeks Details from National Archives on the Trump Administration’s Compliance with Presidential Records Act* (Dec. 21, 2020) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chairwoman-maloney-seeks-details-from-national-archives-on-the-trump>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Hearing on Examining Preservation of State Department Federal Records*, 114th Cong. (Sept. 13 and Sept. 22, 2016) (H. Rept. 114-161) (online at [www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf](http://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf)).

<sup>8</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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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,<sup>9</sup> 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;
2. 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 attempted or actual destruction, tearing up, taping together, relocation, or removal of any presidential records or materials;
3. 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 communications with former President Trump about the Presidential Records Act or White House policies on recordkeeping;
4. 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 White House employees or contractors finding paper in a toilet in the White House, including the White House residence;

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<sup>9</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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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.

7. 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 preservation or destruction of records from social media accounts, including direct messaging on social media accounts.

For request seven, please prioritize producing records from the following custodians: Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. Please also prioritize producing records related to methods of archiving social media accounts, including records related to the disconnection of the account @realDonaldTrump from ArchiveSocial.

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.
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.

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Sure, we will add you to our press list.

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Good morning,

Please see the statements below, attributable as "statements released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

**Press Statement (2/7/2022) Regarding Boxes of Trump PRA Records Transferred to NARA**

In mid-January 2022, NARA arranged for the transport from the Trump Mar-a-Lago property in Florida to the National Archives of 15 boxes that contained Presidential records, following discussions with President Trump's representatives in 2021. Former President Trump's representatives have informed NARA that they are continuing to search for additional Presidential records that belong to the National Archives.

As required by the Presidential Records Act (PRA), these records should have been transferred to NARA from the White House at the end of the Trump Administration in January 2021.

"The Presidential Records Act mandates that all Presidential records must be properly preserved by each Administration so that a complete set of Presidential records is transferred to the National Archives at the end of the Administration," said Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. "NARA pursues the return of records whenever we learn that records have been improperly removed or have not been appropriately transferred to official accounts."

Ferriero further stressed the importance of adherence to the PRA by all Presidents.

"The Presidential Records Act is critical to our democracy, in which the government is held accountable by the people," Ferriero said. "Whether through the creation of adequate and proper documentation, sound records management practices, the preservation of records, or the timely transfer of them to the National Archives at the end of an Administration, there should be no question as to need for both diligence and vigilance. Records matter."

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**Which was followed by this: Press Statement (2/8/2022)**

Throughout the course of the last year, NARA obtained the cooperation of Trump representatives to locate Presidential records that had not been transferred to the National Archives at the end of the Trump administration. When a representative informed NARA in December 2021 that they had located some records, NARA arranged for them to be securely transported to Washington. NARA officials did not visit or "raid" the Mar-a-Lago property.

Sincerely,

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-- Mar-a-lago?

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February 24, 2022

The Honorable David S. Ferriero  
Archivist of the United States  
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Washington, D.C. 20408

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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, to David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States (Feb. 9, 2022) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2022-02-09.CBM%20to%20Ferriero-NARA%20re%20Trump%20Mar-a-Lago%20FINAL.pdf>).

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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.<sup>3</sup>

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.”<sup>4</sup>

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.<sup>5</sup>

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;

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media-platforms.02.18.2022.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

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- 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.<sup>6</sup>

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.<sup>7</sup>

For all these reasons, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act,<sup>8</sup> please provide by March 10, 2022:

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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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**

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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.
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9. The term “individual” means all natural persons and all persons or entities acting on their behalf.

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This just arrived. A follow up from Chairwoman Maloney. They are asking for a LOT more info by March 10.

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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 24, 2022

The Honorable David S. Ferriero  
Archivist of the United States  
National Archives and Records Administration  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20408

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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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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.<sup>3</sup>

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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.<sup>5</sup>

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;
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- 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.<sup>6</sup>

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.

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member

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This just arrived. A follow up from Chairwoman Maloney. They are asking for a LOT more info by March 10.

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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 24, 2022

The Honorable David S. Ferriero  
Archivist of the United States  
National Archives and Records Administration  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20408

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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, to David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States (Feb. 9, 2022) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2022-02-09.CBM%20to%20Ferriero-NARA%20re%20Trump%20Mar-a-Lago%20FINAL.pdf>).

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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-](http://www.archives.gov/files/foia/ferriero-letter-to-maloney-on-trump-presidential-records-on-social-)

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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.<sup>3</sup>

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.”<sup>4</sup>

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.<sup>5</sup>

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;

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<sup>3</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

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- 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.<sup>6</sup>

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.<sup>7</sup>

For all these reasons, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act,<sup>8</sup> 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;

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<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> See, e.g., Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Press Release: Chaffetz, Cummings Urge Compliance with Federal Recordkeeping Laws* (Mar. 17, 2017) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chaffetz-cummings-urge-compliance-with-federal-recordkeeping-laws>); Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Donald F. McGahn II, White House Counsel (Sept. 25, 2017) (online at <https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017-09-25-TG-EEC-to-McGahn-WH-Presidential-Records-Act-due-10-9.pdf>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Committee Approves Subpoena to White House for Emails Sent on Personal Accounts in Violation of Federal Law* (July 25, 2019) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/committee-approves-subpoena-to-white-house-for-emails-sent-on-personal-accounts>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Chairwoman Maloney Seeks Details from National Archives on the Trump Administration’s Compliance with Presidential Records Act* (Dec. 21, 2020) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chairwoman-maloney-seeks-details-from-national-archives-on-the-trump>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Hearing on Examining Preservation of State Department Federal Records*, 114th Cong. (Sept. 13 and Sept. 22, 2016) (H. Rept. 114-161) (online at [www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf](http://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf)).

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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,<sup>9</sup> 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:

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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

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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.

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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.
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**To:** john.hamilton@nara.gov; Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>; William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Maloney Letter  
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Calendar john.hamilton@nara.gov

Who

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**Sent time:** 02/25/2022 08:43:39 AM  
**To:** debra.wall@nara.gov  
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**Gary Stern has accepted this invitation.**

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**To:** debra.wall@nara.gov  
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**From:** Robin Waldman <robin.waldman@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/25/2022 08:57:14 AM  
**To:** Maria Stanwich <maria.stanwich@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

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Wow. Thanks.

**Robin Z. Waldman**

(pronouns: she/her/hers)

Director, Public and Media Communications

301.837.0605 (office)

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On Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 7:59 AM Maria Stanwich <[maria.stanwich@nara.gov](mailto:maria.stanwich@nara.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/25/2022 09:00:54 AM  
**To:** debra.wall@nara.gov  
**Subject:** Maloney Letter  
**Attachments:** invite.ics

**William Bosanko has accepted this invitation.**

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**Cc:** (b) (6) <(b) (6)@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration  
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**Sent time:** 02/25/2022 09:09:09 AM  
**To:** (b) (6) <(b) (6)@nara.gov>  
**Cc:** John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

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**Sent time:** 02/25/2022 09:49:15 AM  
**To:** Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>  
**Cc:** Oriabure, Stephannie <stephannie.oriabure@nara.gov>; Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

oof. That's a lot. How can I help?

On Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 8:17 PM Gary Stern <[garym.stern@nara.gov](mailto:garym.stern@nara.gov)> wrote:

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Please acknowledge receipt of the letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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February 24, 2022

The Honorable David S. Ferriero  
Archivist of the United States  
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700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, Committee on Oversight and Reform, to David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States (Feb. 9, 2022) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2022-02-09.CBM%20to%20Ferriero-NARA%20re%20Trump%20Mar-a-Lago%20FINAL.pdf>).

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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-](http://www.archives.gov/files/foia/ferriero-letter-to-maloney-on-trump-presidential-records-on-social-)

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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.<sup>3</sup>

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.”<sup>4</sup>

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.<sup>5</sup>

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;

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media-platforms.02.18.2022.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

<sup>4</sup> 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](http://www.archives.gov/files/foia/ferriero-response-to-02.09.2022-maloney-letter.02.18.2022.pdf)).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

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- 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.<sup>6</sup>

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.<sup>7</sup>

For all these reasons, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act,<sup>8</sup> 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;

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<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> See, e.g., Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Press Release: Chaffetz, Cummings Urge Compliance with Federal Recordkeeping Laws* (Mar. 17, 2017) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chaffetz-cummings-urge-compliance-with-federal-recordkeeping-laws>); Letter from Chairman Trey Gowdy and Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Donald F. McGahn II, White House Counsel (Sept. 25, 2017) (online at <https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017-09-25-TG-EEC-to-McGahn-WH-Presidential-Records-Act-due-10-9.pdf>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Committee Approves Subpoena to White House for Emails Sent on Personal Accounts in Violation of Federal Law* (July 25, 2019) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/committee-approves-subpoena-to-white-house-for-emails-sent-on-personal-accounts>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Press Release: Chairwoman Maloney Seeks Details from National Archives on the Trump Administration’s Compliance with Presidential Records Act* (Dec. 21, 2020) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/chairwoman-maloney-seeks-details-from-national-archives-on-the-trump>); Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Hearing on Examining Preservation of State Department Federal Records*, 114th Cong. (Sept. 13 and Sept. 22, 2016) (H. Rept. 114-161) (online at [www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf](http://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-114hhrg26120/pdf/CHRG-114hhrg26120.pdf)).

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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,<sup>9</sup> 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;
2. 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 attempted or actual destruction, tearing up, taping together, relocation, or removal of any presidential records or materials;
3. 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 communications with former President Trump about the Presidential Records Act or White House policies on recordkeeping;
4. 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 White House employees or contractors finding paper in a toilet in the White House, including the White House residence;

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<sup>9</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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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.

7. 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 preservation or destruction of records from social media accounts, including direct messaging on social media accounts.

For request seven, please prioritize producing records from the following custodians: Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. Please also prioritize producing records related to methods of archiving social media accounts, including records related to the disconnection of the account @realDonaldTrump from ArchiveSocial.

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.
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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INTMSGID, INTMSGHEADER, NATIVELINK, INTFILPATH, EXCEPTION,  
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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.”
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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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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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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.<sup>3</sup>

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.”<sup>4</sup>

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.<sup>5</sup>

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;

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<sup>3</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C).

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- 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.<sup>6</sup>

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.<sup>7</sup>

For all these reasons, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act,<sup>8</sup> 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;

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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,<sup>9</sup> 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:

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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,

  
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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,

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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

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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.”
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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.
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**Sent time:** 02/25/2022 11:11:03 AM  
**To:** Hannah Bergman <Hannah.Bergman@nara.gov>  
**Cc:** Stephannie Oriabure <stephannie.oriabure@nara.gov>; Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>  
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Works for me too, as does 3:30 or 4 today?

Gary M. Stern  
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Maybe we should meet briefly to discuss this new request. Today seems pretty busy for all of you. Maybe Monday morning at 9:00?

Stephannie

On Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 9:49 AM Hannah Bergman <[Hannah.Bergman@nara.gov](mailto:Hannah.Bergman@nara.gov)> wrote:  
oof. That's a lot. How can I help?

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**To:** Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>; John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>; Garner, Terri <terri.garner@nara.gov>; John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; Susan Donius <susan.donius@nara.gov>; Harris, Merrily <merrily.harris@nara.gov>; Stephannie Oriabure <stephannie.oriabure@nara.gov>; Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>  
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**To:** William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>  
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Jay

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Gary

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### Maloney 02/24/2022 Request

For all these reasons, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act,<sup>8</sup> please provide by March 10, 2022:

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(b) (5)

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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;

(b) (5)

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(b) (5)

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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:

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**Subject:** (MEDIA REQUEST/CNN) inquiry for inventory of the 15 boxes from Mar-a-Lago

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Good morning,

Please see this request that came in from CNN on Friday afternoon. How should I respond?

Will NARA be releasing the inventory?

Thank you,

**Laura Sheehan**  
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Good afternoon,

I wanted to reach out and see if NARA plans to release its inventory of the 15 boxes from Mar-a-Lago or any other relevant records today. Thanks for any guidance you can offer.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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Thank you for your interest, but we do not comment on potential or ongoing investigations.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

One separate question regarding the records recovered from Mar-a-Lago ... is NARA having an issue at all discerning whether any of the MAL docs were classified or aware if any classified documents were in those 15 boxes transported back to Washington?

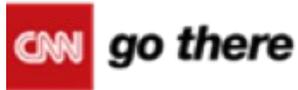
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**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 10:24 AM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good morning Zack,

Just confirming that we received your email. We will circle back if we have anything to share.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 4:11 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

We have new reporting that indicates former President Trump's daily diary for January 6, 2021 was among the records provided to the House Select Committee but that there are noticeable holes in the entries for that day regarding the former President's actions.

Can you confirm NARA handed over a diary of the former President's daily activities and address the idea that the entries for January 6 are incomplete?

Can you also provide a general description of what that diary is?

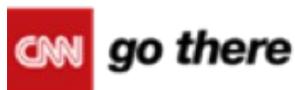
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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 2:03 PM

**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

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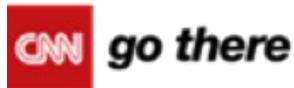
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**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon,

Please see below, also attributable as "a statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

Throughout the course of the last year, NARA obtained the cooperation of Trump representatives to locate Presidential records that had not been transferred to the National Archives at the end of the Trump administration. When a representative informed NARA in December 2021 that they had located some records, NARA arranged for them to be securely transported to Washington. NARA officials did not visit or "raid" the Mar-a-Lago property.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 1:57 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hi, can I please get today's new statement regarding documents transported to NARA from Mar-a-Lago?

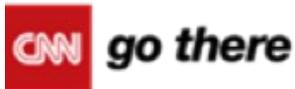
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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cmn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cmn.com)>

**Date:** Monday, February 7, 2022 at 3:05 PM

**To:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Much appreciated thanks

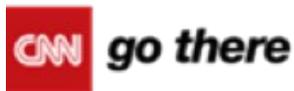
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**Date:** Monday, February 7, 2022 at 3:03 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Please see below, attributable as "a statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

#### Press Statement Regarding Boxes of Trump PRA Records Transferred to NARA

In mid-January 2022, NARA arranged for the transport from the Trump Mar-a-Lago property in Florida to the National Archives of 15 boxes that contained Presidential records, following discussions with President Trump's representatives in 2021. Former President Trump's representatives have informed NARA that they are continuing to search for additional Presidential records that belong to the National Archives.

As required by the Presidential Records Act (PRA), these records should have been transferred to NARA from the White House at the end of the Trump Administration in January 2021.

"The Presidential Records Act mandates that all Presidential records must be properly preserved by each Administration so that a complete set of Presidential records is transferred to the National Archives at the end of the Administration," said Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. "NARA pursues the return of records whenever we learn that records have been improperly removed or have not been appropriately transferred to official accounts."

Ferriero further stressed the importance of adherence to the PRA by all Presidents.

"The Presidential Records Act is critical to our democracy, in which the government is held accountable by the people," Ferriero said. "Whether through the creation of adequate and proper documentation, sound records management practices, the preservation of records, or the timely transfer of them to the National Archives at the end of an Administration, there should be no question as to need for both diligence and vigilance. Records matter."

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On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 9:47 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, I just wanted to check and see if you can confirm this story from the Post, specially that the Archives had to retrieve these documents from Mar-a-Lago: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/07/trump-records-mar-a-lago/>

Any additional information related to this that might move the story forward would also be helpful thanks.

Zachary Cohen

CNN National Security reporter

Cell/Signal: 404-863-7378

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 2:38:50 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon,

We apologize for the delay in getting back to you on this one. Please contact the committee for a copy of the letter.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Wed, Feb 2, 2022 at 3:05 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Thank you ... is it possible for us to have a copy of the Thompson letter that was sent last week or is that posted somewhere already? I did not see it anywhere but may have missed it. Thanks

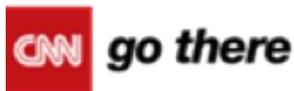
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**From:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 2:41 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thanks for your continuing interest. Please see below, attributable as "a statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

The National Archives continues to provide records to the House Select Committee's request on an ongoing basis. As Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero wrote in his [letter to President Trump yesterday](#): "Production to the

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Select Committee of the records from the December 8, 2021, notification as to which privilege was not formally asserted in your January 18, 2022, letter is ongoing and will continue until complete."

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Feb 2, 2022 at 2:29 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

House Select Committee chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson just said he sent NARA a new letter last week outlining which records in upcoming tranches the panel would like prioritized and handed over first. Are you able to provide a copy of this letter or confirm its contents? Thanks

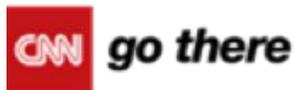
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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Monday, January 31, 2022 at 2:57 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for your patience. You may use this for attribution: "statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

Some of the Trump presidential records received by the National Archives and Records Administration included paper records that had been torn up by former President Trump. As has been reported in the press since 2018, White House records management officials during the Trump Administration recovered and taped together some of the torn-up records. These were turned over to the National Archives at the end of the Trump Administration, along with a number of torn-up records that had not been reconstructed by the White House. The Presidential Records Act requires that all records created by presidents be turned over to the National Archives at the end of their administrations.

Sincerely,

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On Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 12:38 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Thanks so much!

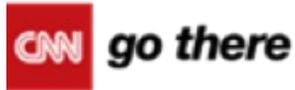
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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Monday, January 31, 2022 at 12:28 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for reaching out to us. We are working on getting you a response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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On Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 12:13 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hello again, happy Monday. Hoping someone might be able to respond to my question below today. Happy to discuss over phone as well. Reachable at 404-863-7378

**Zachary Cohen**

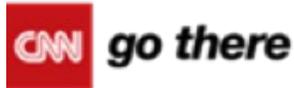
**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 at 10:53 AM  
**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Hello all, wanted to check back on the request below if possible. Thanks

Zachary Cohen

CNN Reporter, National Security

Cell: 404-863-7378

**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 5:49:26 PM  
**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good evening, I just wanted to circle back on the question below. Thanks!

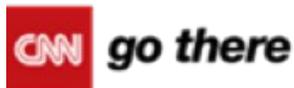
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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 1:23 PM

**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon, I wanted to reach out as we are hearing that a “substantial” number of the records provided to the House Select Committee in the latest tranche were damaged and required repair.

Are you able to confirm or offer guidance regarding this? Reachable on my cell too: 404-863-7378

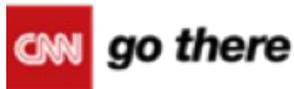
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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:44 AM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for reaching out to the National Archives. Yesterday evening NARA provided the Select Committee with all the records at issue in the litigation.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

On Fri, Jan 21, 2022, 11:28 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I wanted to see if you might be able to confirm that NARA has sent the House Select Committee investigating January 6 hundreds of pages of records following this week's court decision.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 2:38 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

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Hello Zachary,

The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) is a part of the National Archives and Records Administration and, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, coordinates certain functions of the Electoral College between the States and Congress. Acting as an intermediary, we review the Certificates of Ascertainment and Vote as soon as we receive them from their respective States and the District of Columbia. OFR posts the Certificates on its [website](https://www.archives.gov/electoral-college/2020) (<https://www.archives.gov/electoral-college/2020>, scroll down the page) and makes the Certificates available for public inspection for one year following the election. After that year, the Certificates become part of the National Archives collection.

Under the Privacy Act, OFR does not disclose information about communication with private individuals. As such, we cannot comment on what, if any, communication we've received except for the Certificates that are prepared and sent as part of an official State action.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 12:06 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I was hoping someone might be able to help clarify something regarding these documents that seem to have been sent to NARA in December 2020.

<https://www.americanoversight.org/american-oversight-obtains-seven-phony-certificates-of-pro-trump-electors>

Can you guys explain to me how NARA came into possession of these documents and what it did with them after the fact? Were state election officials notified, for example?

Thanks for any help you can offer and reachable on my cell below as well.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Friday, December 10, 2021 at 7:36 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Hello Zachary,

Please see the information and statement below. We hope this information is useful.

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Under section 2203(g)(1) of the PRA, all Trump Presidential records came into NARA's legal custody when the President left office on January 20, 2021. Whenever Presidential records of former Presidents are identified as being outside of NARA's physical control, NARA works to recover and obtain such records.

Under section 2209(a), all White House staff are required to copy or forward any Presidential records that are created on non-official electronic messaging accounts to their official electronic messaging account within 20 days. At the beginning of the Trump Administration, the Counsel to President Trump issued [a memo to all White Staff on their "Presidential Records Act Obligations."](#) The memo stated (emphasis in original):

*If you ever send or receive email that qualifies as a presidential record using any other account, you must preserve that email by copying it to your official EOP email account or by forwarding it to your official email account within twenty (20) days. After preserving the email, you must delete it from the non-EOP account. **Any employee who intentionally fails to take these actions may be subject to administrative or even criminal penalties.***

The same rules apply to other forms of electronic communication, including text messages. **You should not use instant messaging systems, social networks, or other internet-based means of electronic communication to conduct official business without the approval of the Office of the White House Counsel.** If you ever generate or receive presidential records on such platforms, you must preserve them by sending them to your EOP email account via a screenshot or other means. After preserving the communications, you must delete them from the non-EOP platform.

NARA is working with counsel to Mark Meadows to obtain any Presidential records that were not properly copied or forwarded into his official account.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Thu, Dec 9, 2021 at 3:02 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hello, are you able to confirm or offer additional information/guidance regarding this report?

<https://twitter.com/kyledcheney/status/1469026386388176900?s=21>

Zachary Cohen

CNN Reporter, National Security

Cell: 404-863-7378

**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2021 12:14:35 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Mr. Cohen,

Thank you for reaching out again. On [October 13, 2021, the Archivist of the United States informed former President Trump](#) that NARA would deliver an initial set of approximately 40 pages of records of records subject to the former President's assertion of privilege to the House Select Committee on the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol on November 12, 2021, "absent any intervening court order."

On November 11, 2021, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued a court

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order that "an administrative injunction be entered and appellees the National Archives and Records Administration and the Archivist be enjoined from releasing the records requested by the House Select Committee over which appellant asserts executive privilege, pending further order of this court." Accordingly, NARA will not release to the Select Committee records for which President Trump has asserted privilege until subsequent order of the court.

As noted in the Archivist's letters of October 13, 2021, and [October 27, 2021](#), NARA has provided two sets of non-privileged records (201 pages) to the Select Committee, in electronic form. Relevant correspondence between the Archivist, former President Trump, and Counsel to President Biden Dana Remus can be found at this link: <https://www.archives.gov/foia/january-6-committee>.

We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 2:41 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I wanted to reach out with a few questions given former President Trump's latest appeal filed in federal court pertaining to records sought by the January 6 House Select Committee.

In the filing, it suggests that all parties agreed to a briefing schedule. Is that accurate?

Is NARA planning to file a response brief?

Also, is it true the plan (unless there's a court order) is to turn over docs at 6 pm tomorrow?

This is what it says in Trump's appeal: "On Friday, November 12, 2021, at 6:00 p m., the Archivist of the United States intends to produce records pursuant to a sweeping records request from the United States House Select Committee ..."

Thanks for any help you can offer. Reachable at 404-863-7378 as well.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:21 AM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>

**Cc:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for contacting the National Archives. We do not comment on matters in litigation, so we cannot assist you in this case.

You may find the related correspondence posted on this webpage useful: Records Related to the Request for Presidential Records by the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol: <https://www.archives.gov/foia/january-6-committee>.

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On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 4:41 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good evening,

I wanted to reach out and see if you guys had any response or comment on this latest development -- <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/10/18/politics/trump-white-house-records/index.html>

Also, any guidance or context as to how this affects the process would be helpful.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 at 4:32 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>, [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

We are also in receipt of the letter from President Trump's team.

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On Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 4:26 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Ok thank you – given the deadlines outlined in the various records acts and relevant legal statutes, can you please confirm how many days are left before these documents are handed over to the committee?

Also, can you confirm you have a letter from the former President’s legal team regarding the documents in question here?

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**From:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 at 4:20 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>, [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for your question. NARA is in receipt of the White House letter but has no further comment.

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National Archives and Records Administration

On Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 2:25 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

NBC is reporting that the White House sent a letter to NARA ... wondering if possible to share a copy or confirm receipt and contents?

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>

**Date:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 12:28 PM

**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thanks, but respectfully that doesn't really address my question. Could someone please let me know if this is in fact causing a delay in the Senate request and whether that will also be an issue for the 1/6 committee? Thanks

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 12:22 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Mr. Cohen,

NARA is in receipt of the May 20, 2021, request from the Senate Judiciary Committee and will respond to it in accordance with the [Presidential Records Act \(44 U.S.C. Chap. 22\)](#), [Executive Order 13489](#), and NARA's regulations at [36 CFR Part 1270](#).

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Thu, Oct 7, 2021 at 10:57 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I noticed this line in the Senate Judiciary report that was released today and was wondering if this might pose a similar problem for records requested as part of the select committee probe. Thanks for any guidance you can offer:

“NARA has not responded to date, and has represented to the Committee that the delay in transitioning electronic Trump records from the White House to NARA may prevent the Committee from obtaining a response for several more months,” the report says.

<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Interim%20Staff%20Report%20FINAL.pdf>

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 1:50 PM  
**To:** Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon,

I just wanted to check back on this to see if there was any status update or background information you can share about the process since the initial deadline is approaching. Thanks for any help you can offer.

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**From:** Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:45 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Mr. Cohen,

We have no comment, no comment, since we consider the entire PRA notification process to be deliberative until a final decision is made. Sorry we can't be of more help at this time.

Sincerely,

15B000602

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On Thu, Sep 23, 2021 at 3:44 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I wanted to check in and see if NARA has been contacted by former President Trump or the White House since being notified about the Select Committee's document request. Specifically, I'd like to know whether either party, in accordance with the procedures listed below, has said whether they intend to assert privilege over any of the relevant materials.

If not, could you please let me know where in the process things currently are? Thanks for any help you can offer. Reachable on my cell listed below if easier.

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications  
<[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 1:30 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

15B000603

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Dear Zachary,

Thank you for contacting the National Archives.

NARA is in receipt of the August 25, 2021, request from the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 attack on the United States Capitol and will respond to it in accordance with the [Presidential Records Act \(44 U.S.C. Chap. 22\)](#), [Executive Order 13489](#), and NARA's regulations at [36 CFR Part 1270](#).

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 10:53 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

I wanted to check in and see if someone might be able to offer some insight into whether NARA has complied with the January 6 Select Committee's document request given the deadline is today. I'd also like to ask whether the current or former president have asserted executive privilege over any of the requested materials.

Happy to discuss over phone if easier, reachable on my cell below. Thanks

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**From:** Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/28/2022 10:08:57 AM  
**To:** Laura Sheehan <laura.diachenko@nara.gov>  
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**Cc:** david.anaya@nara.gov  
**Subject:** Re: (MEDIA REQUEST/CNN) inquiry for inventory of the 15 boxes from Mar-a-Lago

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On Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 10:06 AM Laura Sheehan <[laura.diachenko@nara.gov](mailto:laura.diachenko@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

Please see this request that came in from CNN on Friday afternoon. How should I respond?

Will NARA be releasing the inventory?

Thank you,

[Laura Sheehan](#)  
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From: 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Date: Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 3:26 PM

Subject: Re: CNN inquiry

To: National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Cc: National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Good afternoon,

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I wanted to reach out and see if NARA plans to release its inventory of the 15 boxes from Mar-a-Lago or any other relevant records today. Thanks for any guidance you can offer.

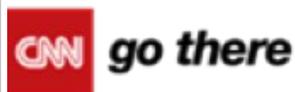
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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 11:23 AM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good morning,

Thank you for your interest, but we do not comment on potential or ongoing investigations.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 8:18 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hi guys just following up on the classified question below given this story: <https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/09/us/politics/national-archives-trump-classified-material.html> :!!AQdq3sQhfUj4q8uUguY!x9vRQM5-xl5ipTITtqychD1C0\_M4pGCODCiIQ8A0mSK5qFdhubnazOccFkBNjoZ\$

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:03:28 PM  
**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

One separate question regarding the records recovered from Mar-a-Lago ... is NARA having an issue at all discerning whether any of the MAL docs were classified or aware if any classified documents were in those 15 boxes transported back to Washington?

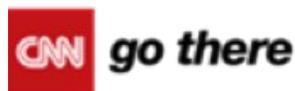
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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 10:24 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

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**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good morning Zack,

Just confirming that we received your email. We will circle back if we have anything to share.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 4:11 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

We have new reporting that indicates former President Trump's daily diary for January 6, 2021 was among the records provided to the House Select Committee but that there are noticeable holes in the entries for that day regarding the former President's actions.

Can you confirm NARA handed over a diary of the former President's daily activities and address the idea that the entries for January 6 are incomplete?

Can you also provide a general description of what that diary is?

**Zachary Cohen**

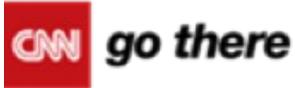
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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 2:03 PM  
**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

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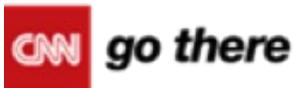
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**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 2:03 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon,

Please see below, also attributable as "a statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

Throughout the course of the last year, NARA obtained the cooperation of Trump representatives to locate Presidential records that had not been transferred to the National Archives at the end of the Trump administration. When a representative informed NARA in December 2021 that they had located some records, NARA arranged for them to be securely transported to Washington. NARA officials did not visit or "raid" the Mar-a-Lago property.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 1:57 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hi, can I please get today's new statement regarding documents transported to NARA from Mar-a-Lago?

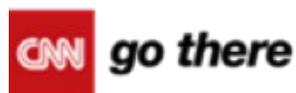
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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>  
**Date:** Monday, February 7, 2022 at 3:05 PM  
**To:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Much appreciated thanks

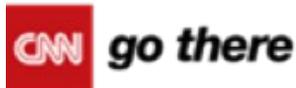
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**Date:** Monday, February 7, 2022 at 3:03 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Please see below, attributable as "a statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

Press Statement Regarding Boxes of Trump PRA Records Transferred to NARA

In mid-January 2022, NARA arranged for the transport from the Trump Mar-a-Lago property in Florida to the National Archives of 15 boxes that contained Presidential records, following discussions with President Trump's representatives in 2021. Former President Trump's representatives have informed NARA that they are continuing to search for additional Presidential records that belong to the National Archives.

As required by the Presidential Records Act (PRA), these records should have been transferred to NARA from the White House at the end of the Trump Administration in January 2021.

“The Presidential Records Act mandates that all Presidential records must be properly preserved by each Administration so that a complete set of Presidential records is transferred to the National Archives at the end of the Administration,” said Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. “NARA pursues the return of records whenever we learn that records have been improperly removed or have not been appropriately transferred to official accounts.”

Ferriero further stressed the importance of adherence to the PRA by all Presidents.

“The Presidential Records Act is critical to our democracy, in which the government is held accountable by the people,” Ferriero said. “Whether through the creation of adequate and proper documentation, sound records management practices, the preservation of records, or the timely transfer of them to the National Archives at the end of an Administration, there should be no question as to need for both diligence and vigilance. Records matter.”

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On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 9:47 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, I just wanted to check and see if you can confirm this story from the Post, specially that the Archives had to retrieve these documents from Mar-a-Lago: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/07/trump-records-mar-a-lago/>

Any additional information related to this that might move the story forward would also be helpful thanks.

Zachary Cohen

CNN National Security reporter

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 2:38:50 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon,

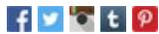
We apologize for the delay in getting back to you on this one. Please contact the committee for a copy of the letter.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Feb 2, 2022 at 3:05 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Thank you ... is it possible for us to have a copy of the Thompson letter that was sent last week or is that posted somewhere already? I did not see it anywhere but may have missed it. Thanks

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 2:41 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thanks for your continuing interest. Please see below, attributable as "a statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

The National Archives continues to provide records to the House Select Committee's request on an ongoing basis. As Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero wrote in his [letter to President Trump yesterday](#): "Production to the Select Committee of the records from the December 8, 2021, notification as to which privilege was not formally asserted in your January 18, 2022, letter is ongoing and will continue until complete."

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Feb 2, 2022 at 2:29 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

House Select Committee chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson just said he sent NARA a new letter last week outlining which records in upcoming tranches the panel would like prioritized and handed over first. Are you able to provide a copy of this letter or confirm its contents? Thanks

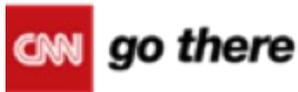
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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Monday, January 31, 2022 at 2:57 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for your patience. You may use this for attribution: "statement released by the National Archives Public and Media Communications."

Some of the Trump presidential records received by the National Archives and Records Administration included paper records that had been torn up by former President Trump. As has been reported in the press since 2018, White House records management officials during the Trump Administration recovered and taped together some of the torn-up records. These were turned over to the National Archives at the end of the Trump Administration, along with a number of torn-up records that had not been reconstructed by the White House. The Presidential Records Act requires that all records created by presidents be turned over to the National Archives at the end of their administrations.

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On Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 12:38 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Thanks so much!

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Monday, January 31, 2022 at 12:28 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for reaching out to us. We are working on getting you a response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 12:13 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hello again, happy Monday. Hoping someone might be able to respond to my question below today. Happy to discuss over phone as well. Reachable at 404-863-7378

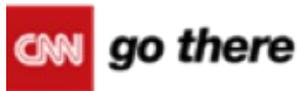
**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

202-351-4434 (desk)

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 at 10:53 AM

**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Hello all, wanted to check back on the request below if possible. Thanks

Zachary Cohen

CNN Reporter, National Security

Cell: 404-863-7378

**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 5:49:26 PM

**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good evening, I just wanted to circle back on the question below. Thanks!

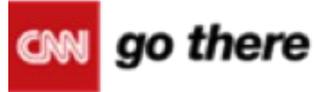
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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 1:23 PM

**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon, I wanted to reach out as we are hearing that a “substantial” number of the records provided to the House Select Committee in the latest tranche were damaged and required repair.

Are you able to confirm or offer guidance regarding this? Reachable on my cell too: 404-863-7378

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:44 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for reaching out to the National Archives. Yesterday evening NARA provided the Select Committee with all the records at issue in the litigation.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

On Fri, Jan 21, 2022, 11:28 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I wanted to see if you might be able to confirm that NARA has sent the House Select Committee investigating January 6 hundreds of pages of records following this week's court decision.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 2:38 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Cc:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

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Hello Zachary,

The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) is a part of the National Archives and Records Administration and, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, coordinates certain functions of the Electoral College between the States and Congress. Acting as an intermediary, we review the Certificates of Ascertainment and Vote as soon as we receive them from their respective States and the District of Columbia. OFR posts the Certificates on its [website](https://www.archives.gov/electoral-college/2020) (<https://www.archives.gov/electoral-college/2020>, scroll down the page) and makes the Certificates available for public inspection for one year following the election. After that year, the Certificates become part of the National Archives collection.

Under the Privacy Act, OFR does not disclose information about communication with private individuals. As such, we cannot comment on what, if any, communication we've received except for the Certificates that are prepared and sent as part of an official State action.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 12:06 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I was hoping someone might be able to help clarify something regarding these documents that seem to have been sent to NARA in December 2020.

<https://www.americanoversight.org/american-oversight-obtains-seven-phony-certificates-of-pro-trump-electors>

Can you guys explain to me how NARA came into possession of these documents and what it did with them after the fact? Were state election officials notified, for example?

Thanks for any help you can offer and reachable on my cell below as well.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Friday, December 10, 2021 at 7:36 AM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Cc:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Hello Zachary,

Please see the information and statement below. We hope this information is useful.

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Under section 2203(g)(1) of the PRA, all Trump Presidential records came into NARA's legal custody when the President left office on January 20, 2021. Whenever Presidential records of former Presidents are identified as being outside of NARA's physical control, NARA works to recover and obtain such records.

Under section 2209(a), all White House staff are required to copy or forward any Presidential records that are created on non-official electronic messaging accounts to their official electronic messaging account within 20 days. At the beginning of the Trump Administration, the Counsel to President Trump issued [a memo to all White Staff on their](#)

[“Presidential Records Act Obligations.”](#) The memo stated (emphasis in original):

*If you ever send or receive email that qualifies as a presidential record using any other account, you must preserve that email by copying it to your official EOP email account or by forwarding it to your official email account within twenty (20) days. After preserving the email, you must delete it from the non-EOP account. **Any employee who intentionally fails to take these actions may be subject to administrative or even criminal penalties.***

The same rules apply to other forms of electronic communication, including text messages. **You should not use instant messaging systems, social networks, or other internet-based means of electronic communication to conduct official business without the approval of the Office of the White House Counsel.** If you ever generate or receive presidential records on such platforms, you must preserve them by sending them to your EOP email account via a screenshot or other means. After preserving the communications, you must delete them from the non-EOP platform.

NARA is working with counsel to Mark Meadows to obtain any Presidential records that were not properly copied or forwarded into his official account.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Dec 9, 2021 at 3:02 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hello, are you able to confirm or offer additional information/guidance regarding this report?

<https://twitter.com/kyledcheney/status/1469026386388176900?s=21>

Zachary Cohen

CNN Reporter, National Security

Cell: 404-863-7378

**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2021 12:14:35 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Mr. Cohen,

Thank you for reaching out again. On [October 13, 2021, the Archivist of the United States informed former President Trump](#) that NARA would deliver an initial set of approximately 40 pages of records of records subject to the former President's assertion of privilege to the House Select Committee on the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capital on November 12, 2021, "absent any intervening court order."

On November 11, 2021, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued a court order that "an administrative injunction be entered and appellees the National Archives and Records Administration and the Archivist be enjoined from releasing the records requested by the House Select Committee over which appellant asserts executive privilege, pending further order of this court." Accordingly, NARA will not release to the Select Committee records for which President Trump has asserted privilege until subsequent order of the court.

As noted in the Archivist's letters of October 13, 2021, and [October 27, 2021](#), NARA has provided two sets of non-privileged records (201 pages) to the Select Committee, in electronic form. Relevant correspondence between the Archivist, former President Trump, and Counsel to President Biden Dana Remus can be found at this link: <https://www.archives.gov/foia/january-6-committee>.

We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 2:41 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I wanted to reach out with a few questions given former President Trump's latest appeal filed in federal court pertaining to records sought by the January 6 House Select Committee.

In the filing, it suggests that all parties agreed to a briefing schedule. Is that accurate?

Is NARA planning to file a response brief?

Also, is it true the plan (unless there's a court order) is to turn over docs at 6 pm tomorrow?

This is what it says in Trump's appeal: "On Friday, November 12, 2021, at 6:00 p m., the Archivist of the United States intends to produce records pursuant to a sweeping records request from the United States House Select Committee ..."

Thanks for any help you can offer. Reachable at 404-863-7378 as well.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:21 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnm.com)>  
**Cc:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for contacting the National Archives. We do not comment on matters in litigation, so we cannot assist you in this case.

You may find the related correspondence posted on this webpage useful: Records Related to the Request for Presidential Records by the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol: <https://www.archives.gov/foia/january-6-committee>.

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On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 4:41 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good evening,

I wanted to reach out and see if you guys had any response or comment on this latest development -- <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/10/18/politics/trump-white-house-records/index.html>

Also, any guidance or context as to how this affects the process would be helpful.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 at 4:32 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>, [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

We are also in receipt of the letter from President Trump's team.

On Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 4:26 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Ok thank you – given the deadlines outlined in the various records acts and relevant legal statues, can you please confirm how many days are left before these documents are handed over to the committee?

Also, can you confirm you have a letter from the former President's legal team regarding the documents in question here?

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 at 4:20 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>, [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thank you for your question. NARA is in receipt of the White House letter but has no further comment.

Public and Media Communications Staff

National Archives and Records Administration

On Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 2:25 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

NBC is reporting that the White House sent a letter to NARA ... wondering if possible to share a copy or confirm receipt and contents?

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Date:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 12:28 PM

**To:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Thanks, but respectfully that doesn't really address my question. Could someone please let me know if this is in fact causing a delay in the Senate request and whether that will also be

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an issue for the 1/6 committee? Thanks

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 12:22 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cmn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cmn.com)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Mr. Cohen,

NARA is in receipt of the May 20, 2021, request from the Senate Judiciary Committee and will respond to it in accordance with the [Presidential Records Act \(44 U.S.C. Chap. 22\)](#), [Executive Order 13489](#), and NARA's regulations at [36 CFR Part 1270](#).

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Thu, Oct 7, 2021 at 10:57 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I noticed this line in the Senate Judiciary report that was released today and was wondering if this might pose a similar problem for records requested as part of the select committee probe. Thanks for any guidance you can offer:

“NARA has not responded to date, and has represented to the Committee that the delay in transitioning electronic Trump records from the White House to NARA may prevent the Committee from obtaining a response for several more months,” the report says.

<https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Interim%20Staff%20Report%20FINAL.pdf>

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>

**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 1:50 PM

**To:** Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Good afternoon,

I just wanted to check back on this to see if there was any status update or background information you can share about the process since the initial deadline is approaching. Thanks for any help you can offer.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** Public Affairs <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>  
**Date:** Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:45 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cnn.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Mr. Cohen,

We have no comment, no comment, since we consider the entire PRA notification process to be deliberative until a final decision is made. Sorry we can't be of more help at this time.

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications

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On Thu, Sep 23, 2021 at 3:44 PM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I wanted to check in and see if NARA has been contacted by former President Trump or the White House since being notified about the Select Committee's document request. Specifically, I'd like to know whether either party, in accordance with the procedures listed below, has said whether they intend to assert privilege over

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any of the relevant materials.

If not, could you please let me know where in the process things currently are?  
Thanks for any help you can offer. Reachable on my cell listed below if easier.

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** National Archives Public and Media Communications

<[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 1:30 PM

**To:** Cohen, Zachary <[Zachary.Cohen@cmn.com](mailto:Zachary.Cohen@cmn.com)>

**Subject:** Re: CNN inquiry

Dear Zachary,

Thank you for contacting the National Archives.

NARA is in receipt of the August 25, 2021, request from the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 attack on the United States Capitol and will respond to it in accordance with the [Presidential Records Act \(44 U.S.C. Chap. 22\)](#), [Executive Order 13489](#), and NARA's regulations at [36 CFR Part 1270](#).

Sincerely,

National Archives Public and Media Communications staff

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On Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 10:53 AM 'Cohen, Zachary' via Public and Media Communications <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

I wanted to check in and see if someone might be able to offer some insight into whether NARA has complied with the January 6 Select Committee's document request given the deadline is today. I'd also like to ask whether the current or former president have asserted executive privilege over any of the requested materials.

Happy to discuss over phone if easier, reachable on my cell below. Thanks

**Zachary Cohen**

**Reporter, National Security**

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**From:** John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/28/2022 10:37:04 AM  
**To:** Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>; Donius, Susan <susan.donius@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Call with Oversight staff at 11:30 am

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Jay, Susan - Today at 1130 am, a couple of Chairwoman Maloney's staff would like to talk about her latest letter and our plans to respond. Gary will be on the call. I am going to send you an invitation.

John

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John O. Hamilton  
Director of Congressional Affairs  
National Archives and Records Administration  
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**From:** John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/28/2022 10:37:43 AM  
**To:** susan.donius@nara.gov; garym.stern@nara.gov; william.bosanko@nara.gov; (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Invitation: NARA-COR Call re Letter @ Mon Feb 28, 2022 11:30am - 12pm (EST) (susan.donius@nara.gov)  
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**To:** william.bosanko@nara.gov; garym.stern@nara.gov; susan.donius@nara.gov; (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Invitation: NARA-COR Call re Letter @ Mon Feb 28, 2022 11:30am - 12pm (EST) (william.bosanko@nara.gov)  
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**From:** Susan Donius <susan.donius@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/28/2022 10:38:14 AM  
**To:** Harris, Merrily <merrily.harris@nara.gov>; Oriabure, Stephannie <stephannie.oriabure@nara.gov>; Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Call with Oversight staff at 11:30 am

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**From:** William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/28/2022 10:45:53 AM  
**To:** Wall, Debra <debra.wall@nara.gov>; Ferriero, David <david.ferriero@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Call with Oversight staff at 11:30 am

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**From:** Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 02/28/2022 11:02:37 AM  
**To:** David Ferriero <david.ferriero@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: THANKS

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**From:** Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 03/02/2022 11:30:55 AM  
**To:** Hamilton, John <john.hamilton@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration  
**Attachments:** Ferriero Response to Maloney Signed.docx.pdf

John, I assume you will transmit this to the Committee?

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**To:** Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>  
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Gary,

Here is the final signed letter, please let me know if you need anything else.

On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 6:17 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Here is a proposed response letter from David to Maloney acknowledging receipt of her 2/24 request and noting that our respective staff have already been conferring. Feel free to edit and comment as you think appropriate.

[W Ferriero Response to Maloney 02.24.2022 Letter....](#)

Thanks,  
Gary

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On Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 8:16 PM Gary Stern <[garym.stern@nara.gov](mailto:garym.stern@nara.gov)> wrote:

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This request will require substantial search efforts on Trump PRA records from all four years (b) (5)

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Archivist of the  
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March 2, 2022

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney Chairwoman  
Committee on Oversight and Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20514

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 24, 2022, "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."

On February 28, 2022, my staff met with your staff to discuss your request for both operational and Presidential records from the National Archives and Records Administration. My staff explained how the process works for obtaining access to records under section 2205(2)(C) of the Presidential Records Act, which includes NARA's ability to search for responsive records over the four years of the Trump Administration and the requirement under our regulations (36 C.F.R. 1270.44) and Executive Order 13499 to provide notification to the representatives of the incumbent and former Presidents.

My staff will continue to keep your staff apprised of our progress in responding to your request.

Sincerely,

DAVID S. FERRIERO  
Archivist of the United States

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member

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**Sent time:** 03/03/2022 10:06:57 AM  
**To:** William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>  
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Gary:

See attached.

John

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Hi -

(b) (5) - see attached suggestions.

Meg

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**Sent time:** 03/03/2022 02:35:51 PM  
**To:** Donius, Susan <susan.donius@nara.gov>; Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>; Oriabure, Stephanie <stephannie.oriabure@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration  
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**To:** Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** COR

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Gary - Just got off the phone with (b) (6), who called to be filled in on the NPRC show we put on yesterday, but she also was wondering if we will be responding this week or next with any of the docs requested in the PRA letter?

John

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**Sent time:** 03/10/2022 09:08:43 AM  
**To:** Public Affairs <public.affairs@nara.gov>  
**BCc:** laura.diachenko@nara.gov  
**Subject:** Politico's Oversight Committee request - Miriam will handle (forward, log, etc.)

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Date: Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 8:54 AM  
Subject: Oversight Committee request  
To: [public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov) <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Hi there -- Wondering if NARA has complied, or is preparing to, with the Oversight Committee request (with a March 10 deadline) to provide an itemized list of material recovered from Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in January. Is this a request NARA is able to fulfill, and has that deadline remained in place? Or is it being discussed in any accommodation process?

Thanks,

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**Sent time:** 03/14/2022 01:20:48 PM  
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[REDACTED] Watched some of the HSGAC hearings this morning. Thought Jason did a nice job.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:43 PM

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**From:** Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 03/15/2022 12:51:26 PM  
**To:** John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

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Gary M. Stern  
General Counsel  
National Archives and Records Administration

On Tue, Mar 15, 2022, 12:23 PM John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)> wrote:

Gary - I am downtown, but heading to Metro soon to resume the day at home. (b) (5)  
Watched some of the HSGAC hearings this morning. Thought Jason did a nice job.

----- Forwarded message -----

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**Date:** Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 10:47 AM  
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John

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On Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 11:46 AM (b) (6) <(b) (6)> wrote:

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