

On Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 8:10 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: **William Bosanko** <william.bosanko@nara.gov>

Date: Thu, Feb 24, 2022, 9:45 PM

Subject: Re: Subset of NARA Inventory

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>, Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>
Cc: Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>

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Best,

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From: Amundson, Corey (CRM) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) usdoj.gov>
Sent time: 03/08/2022 11:48:14 AM
To: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Gary,

Thanks for the call this morning. As mentioned, I echo Jay Bratt's input on behalf of DOJ and recommend consulting NARA-OIG given their equities, particularly with regard to the torn records issue.

Best, Corey

Corey R. Amundson

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From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 8:38 PM
To: Amundson, Corey (CRM) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

I will call you then. Should I use your office or cell phone?

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On Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 5:17 PM Amundson, Corey (CRM) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) usdoj.gov> wrote:

10:30 works. Thanks

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 4:38 PM
To: Amundson, Corey (CRM) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Would you be available tomorrow morning, at say 8:30, 9, or 10:30?

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On Mon, Mar 7, 2022, 3:21 PM Amundson, Corey (CRM) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Gary. I should be open around 4:30 if that works for you.

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Corey, I'm forwarding to you the request we received from the House Oversight Committee on February 24, in case you hadn't seen it, which I would like to discuss with you. Please give me a call at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or let me know the best number to call you.

Thanks,
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Attachments: Trump Boxes Inventory - Unclassified Distribution Copy for DOJ.03.09.2022.pdf

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 10:42 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Also, I have a separate but related question, and just tried calling you. Please give me a call back when you can.

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 7:37 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
Thanks Jay. Let us know about the inventory today, if you can.

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 5:36 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

I received your voicemail. People here are still looking at the inventory. I will let you know about it as soon as I can. With respect to the tables, we do not want that going to the committee.

Thanks.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 9:51 AM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Jay Bratt (not to be confused with Jay Bosanko, cc'd here), attached is the inventory of the 15 Trump boxes, in its current form. Also attached is a set of tables broadly describing the classified documents within the

boxes. (And sorry for the small print of some of the pages.)

We would very much like to be able to share the inventory with the House Oversight Committee by tomorrow (Friday) -- when we spoke to Committee staff on Monday, we told them we thought we could get them the inventory this week. Let us know if you have any concerns with us doing so, or if we should modify the list in any way, e.g., by removing the subject description (or any other descriptive information) for the classified documents (noting that in some instances, the description is already withheld as classified).

Please let us know as soon as you can whether and how we can proceed.

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 4:49 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

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to the Committee (and the Trump reps) by Friday. To the extent that you have concerns about describing the contents of particular documents, we could always redact out the subject line.

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 12:57 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'm about to get on another call. I'll be free around 2.

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:54 PM

To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

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We are discussing this option with the FBI. We haven't signed off yet.

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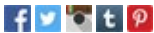


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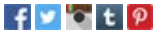
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

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Thanks,
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On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 5:57 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

We are working on a letter to NARA that will state the Department's position, which you can convey to the Committee. Unfortunately, it will not be ready to send this evening. We appreciate your patience and your willingness to delay responding to the Committee.

Jay

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Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
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Here's a draft letter with two options for how to address the inventory and questions about the classified records. Please let us know how we should proceed, or if you have an alternative approach?

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 11:15 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, if we are unable to provide the Committee the unclassified inventory today, then we need to be able to explain to them why (as part of a letter responding to other questions that they posed to us. Presumably, we would say: "Based on guidance from the Department of Justice, we are unable to provide the inventory or any comment concerning the content of the boxes."

Please let us know the status of this issue as soon as you can.

Thanks,

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On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 3:56 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, would it make sense to include me in any of these discussions?

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On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 2:44 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We are still discussing this. Please continue to hold. Thank you.

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Thanks Jay. Please keep us posted.

Gary

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On Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 9:43 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We are discussing this option with the FBI. We haven't signed off yet.

On Mar 9, 2022, at 9:41 AM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, as we discussed on the phone, NARA intends to provide to the House Oversight Committee the attached inventory that excludes all references to any classified document. Since Maloney's 2.24.22 request allows for "if necessary, a classified index," we will inform the Committee that this inventory is only of the unclassified records, and that we are unable to provide any information concerning classified documents. We plan to make this production tomorrow (Thursday).

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with this approach.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 8:35 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Yes, let's talk at noon; my cell is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) There is also the option of providing *in camera*, read-only access.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:59 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

I'm traveling tomorrow. I will try you around noon if I can break free. However, I don't see our position changing.

Jay

On Mar 7, 2022, at 9:23 PM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, please let me know when you have time to discuss this issue further, following our conversation on Friday. I am free at 9, 10, or noon.

As you know, Chairwoman Maloney has asked us to produce the inventory by this Thursday, March 10. NARA believes we should be able to provide the Committee the inventory, and could require that the Committee treat it as confidential per its "committee confidential" restriction. Moreover, to the extent you have concerns about describing the classified documents, we could redact out those entries (even, if you think it is absolutely necessary, the classification level, which we would prefer to leave in). However, we do not understand how simply informing the Committee of the total number of classified documents that are in the boxes should be a concern.

I look forward to discussing with you in more detail tomorrow.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 10:42 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Also, I have a separate but related question, and just tried calling you. Please give me a call back when you can.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 7:37 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 5:36 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

I received your voicemail. People here are still looking at the inventory. I will let you know about it as soon as I can. With respect to the tables, we do not want that going to the committee.

Thanks.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
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To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
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Jay Bratt (not to be confused with Jay Bosanko, cc'd here), attached is the inventory of the 15 Trump boxes, in its current form. Also attached is a set of tables broadly describing the classified documents within the boxes. (And sorry for the small print of some of the pages.)

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 4:49 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
wrote:

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On Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 8:10 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD)
<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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On Feb 25, 2022, at 8:09 PM, Gary Stern
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To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
Subject: Re: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

Hello - I have been trying all day to connect with Gary to see if he knows what is going on. I am happy to talk, but I don't know much at the moment about why we are unable to send the letter. Call me if you want at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). I have a meeting at 3:15 and another at 4. Hopefully Gary will update me soon.

John

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Sent time: 03/15/2022 06:40:51 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Jay, please let us know the status of the letter?

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On Mon, Mar 14, 2022, 3:25 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Do you think we'll get the letter today? The Oversight Committee keeps asking when we will get them a response?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 5:57 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

We are working on a letter to NARA that will state the Department's position, which you can convey to the Committee. Unfortunately, it will not be ready to send this evening. We appreciate your patience and your willingness to delay responding to the Committee.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 1:27 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>

Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Here's a draft letter with two options for how to address the inventory and questions about the classified records. Please let us know how we should proceed, or if you have an alternative approach?

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 11:15 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, if we are unable to provide the Committee the unclassified inventory today, then we need to be able to explain to them why (as part of a letter responding to other questions that they posed to us. Presumably, we would say: "Based on guidance from the Department of Justice, we are unable to provide the inventory or any comment concerning the content of the boxes."

Please let us know the status of this issue as soon as you can.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 3:56 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, would it make sense to include me in any of these discussions?

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On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 2:44 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We are still discussing this. Please continue to hold. Thank you.

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Thanks Jay. Please keep us posted.

Gary

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On Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 9:43 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We are discussing this option with the FBI. We haven't signed off yet.

On Mar 9, 2022, at 9:41 AM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, as we discussed on the phone, NARA intends to provide to the House Oversight Committee the attached inventory that excludes all references to any classified document. Since Maloney's 2.24.22 request allows for "if necessary, a classified index," we will inform the Committee that this inventory is only of the unclassified records, and that we are unable to provide any information concerning classified documents. We plan to make this production tomorrow (Thursday).

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with this approach.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 8:35 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Yes, let's talk at noon; my cell is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) There is also the option of providing *in camera*, read-only access.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:59 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

I'm traveling tomorrow. I will try you around noon if I can break free. However, I don't see our position changing.

Jay

On Mar 7, 2022, at 9:23 PM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, please let me know when you have time to discuss this issue further, following our conversation on Friday. I am free at 9, 10, or noon.

As you know, Chairwoman Maloney has asked us to produce the inventory by this Thursday, March 10. NARA believes we should be able to provide the Committee the inventory, and could require that the Committee treat it as confidential per its "committee confidential" restriction. Moreover, to the extent you have concerns about describing the classified documents, we could redact out those entries (even, if you think it is absolutely necessary, the classification level, which we would prefer to leave in). However, we do not understand how simply informing the Committee of the total number of classified documents that are in the boxes should be a concern.

I look forward to discussing with you in more detail tomorrow.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 10:42 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Also, I have a separate but related question, and just tried calling you. Please give me a call back when you can.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 7:37 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Thanks Jay. Let us know about the inventory today, if you can.

Gary

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 5:36 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

I received your voicemail. People here are still looking at the inventory. I will let you know about it as soon as I can. With respect to the tables, we do not want that going to the committee.

Thanks.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 9:51 AM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Jay Bratt (not to be confused with Jay Bosanko, cc'd here), attached is the inventory of the 15 Trump boxes, in its current form. Also attached is a set of tables broadly describing the classified documents within the boxes. (And sorry for the small print of some of the pages.)

We would very much like to be able to share the inventory with the House Oversight Committee by tomorrow (Friday) -- when we spoke to Committee staff on Monday, we told them we thought we could get them the inventory this week. Let us know if you have any concerns with us doing so, or if we should modify the list in any way, e.g., by removing the subject description (or any other descriptive information) for the classified documents (noting that in some instances, the description is already withheld as classified).

Please let us know as soon as you can whether and how we can proceed.

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 4:49 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, I will get you the inventory tomorrow morning. We would like to be able to produce some version of it to the Committee (and the Trump reps) by Friday. To the extent that you have concerns about describing the contents of particular documents, we could always redact out the subject line.

Thanks,

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 12:57 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'm about to get on another call. I'll be free around 2.

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
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On Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 8:10 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD)
<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Thanks.

On Feb 25, 2022, at 8:09 PM, Gary Stern
<garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, here's the House Oversight Committee request that we received late yesterday. Let me know if you'd like to discuss further.

Gary

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From: **William Bosanko** <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Date: Thu, Feb 24, 2022, 9:45 PM
Subject: Re: Subset of NARA Inventory
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>, Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>
Cc: Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>

Good evening. Please see the attached request to NARA for additional information from the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Best,

Jay

On Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 9:41 AM William Bosanko
<william.bosanko@nara.gov> wrote:

Good-morning. Please see the attached (1 file) for

three tables summarizing the marked, classified national security information found during our inventory. In short, we identified 106 documents that total 767 pages.

I will note that in addition to the collateral classified and the SAP and SCI, we identified FRD which implicates the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, and NATO, which implicates treaty obligations.

Please let us know of any questions.

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Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 03/16/2022 02:56:58 PM
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Jay and Tony, can you please let us know the status of the letter that is supposed to be coming to NARA, or where the issue of the inventory stands, asap?

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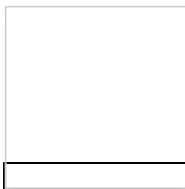
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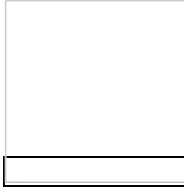
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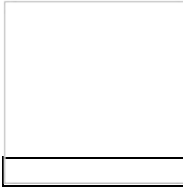
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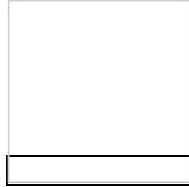
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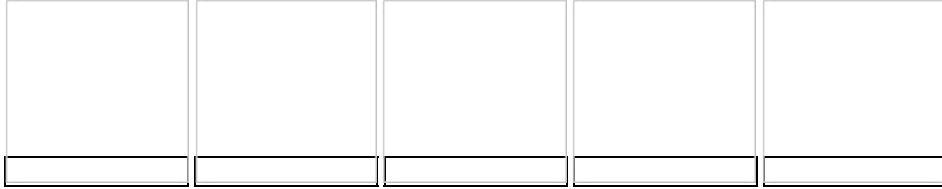
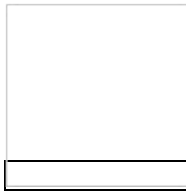
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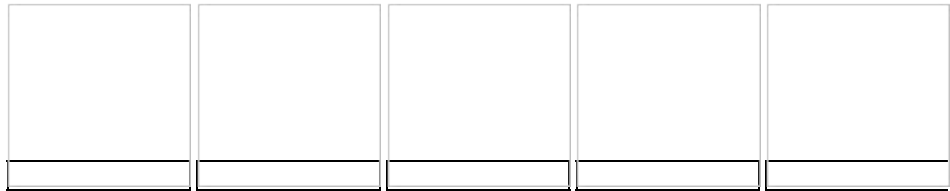
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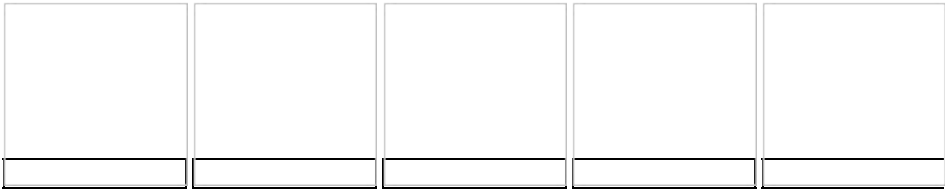
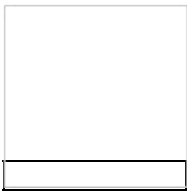
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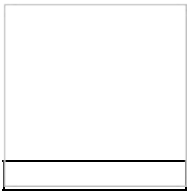


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Thanks.

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<william.bosanko@nara.gov>

Date: Thu, Feb 24, 2022, 9:45 PM

Subject: Re: Subset of NARA Inventory

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>, Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) fbi.gov>

Cc: Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>

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<william.bosanko@nara.gov> wrote:

Good-morning. Please see the attached (1 file) for three tables summarizing the marked, classified national security information found during our inventory. In short, we identified 106 documents that total 767 pages.

I will note that in addition to the collateral classified and the SAP and SCI, we identified FRD which implicates the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, and NATO, which implicates treaty obligations.

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Sent time: 03/16/2022 03:28:15 PM
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I cc'ed Jay. I'm out of the office and have also cc'ed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E) .

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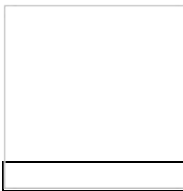
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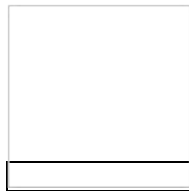
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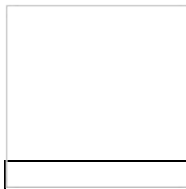
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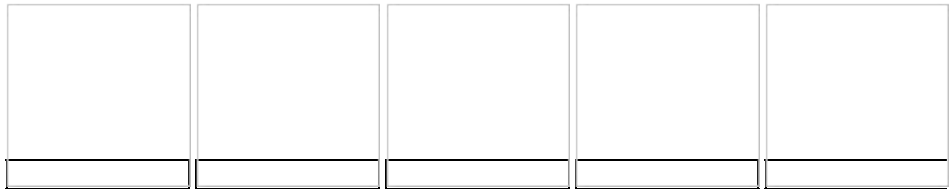
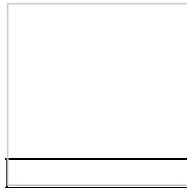
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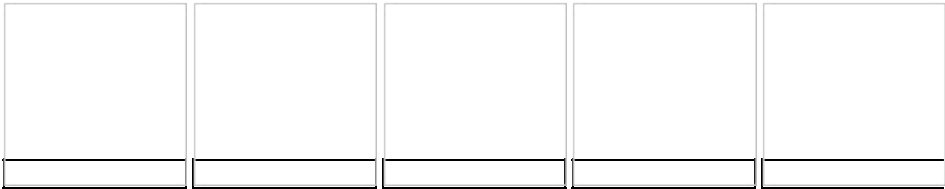
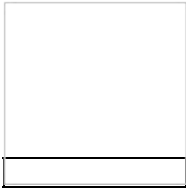
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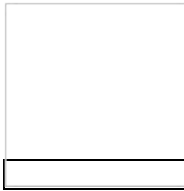
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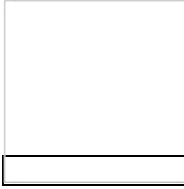
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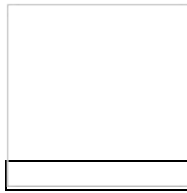
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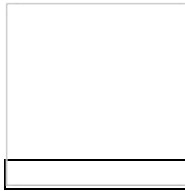
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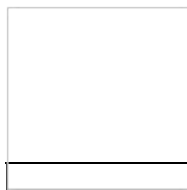
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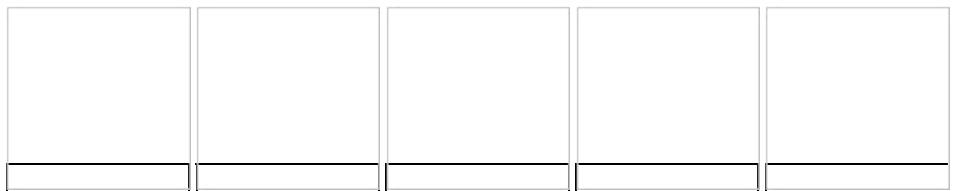
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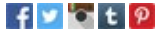
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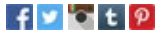
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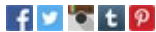
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J.Bratt, our Oversight Committee staff has asked again about the status of this matter. Please let us know when we can expect the letter from DOJ?

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On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 8:45 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, I have a few additional thoughts for you and George about how best to make a request for access to the records in the boxes. I don't have George's email, so let me know when you are free to discuss.

Also please let me know when you can get us the letter regarding the status of the investigation (if possible before 1:00 today)?

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 4:34 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, thanks for setting up the call, and we hope it was helpful. If there's any way you could get us the letter by 1:00 on Monday, that would be awesome, because the Oversight Committee staff has asked for a meeting with our Congressional Affairs Director and me for that time.

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 9:53 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:
I will. I'm out of the office for a bit but will send an invite when I'm back. Thanks.

On Mar 18, 2022, at 9:51 AM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Yes, that's fine. Can you set up a call-in number, or should I?

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 9:46 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:
Can we move this to 3? Thanks.

On Mar 17, 2022, at 8:43 PM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

1:00 should work for me. Thanks

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On Thu, Mar 17, 2022, 6:44 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

My apologies for how long this is taking. Would have time tomorrow afternoon, either between 1 and 2 or after 3, to speak with me and Deputy Assistant Attorney General George Toscas about the parameters of NARA disclosures of the materials and some other questions we have? Thanks.

Jay

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Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6:41 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
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FYI, the Oversight Committee is pressing us every day, and just let us know that they received a press call reporting that NARA is unable to respond to Chair Maloney's PRA request letter because of an "FBI investigation". Our congressional affairs director asked if COR was the source for this since nobody here is talking to the press, and they said "no".

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On Mon, Mar 14, 2022, 3:25 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Do you think we'll get the letter today? The Oversight Committee keeps asking when we will get them a response?

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Gary:

We are working on a letter to NARA that will state the Department's position, which you can convey to the Committee. Unfortunately, it will not be ready to send this evening. We appreciate your patience and your willingness to delay responding to the Committee.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 1:27 PM

To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>

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Sent time: 03/24/2022 04:55:01 PM
To: John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
Subject: RE: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

Hi John,

Hope your day is going well. Just checking in again to see if there's any update about the response to the Chairwoman's letter.

Best,

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From: John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 4:38 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
Subject: Re: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

Sorry, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I was waiting until the end of the day in the hope that I would be sending you something. Unfortunately, it will not happen today as coordination outside of NARA is still ongoing.

Have a good weekend,
John

On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 3:05 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> wrote:

Hi John,

Thanks for the update. Can we expect the response today? I know we're eager to take a look at the findings.

Best,

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From: John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 5:06 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
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Subject: Re: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

Sorry. We are unable to get you the letter today. Hopefully tomorrow.

John

On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 3:20 PM John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov> wrote:

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Still aiming for a response today, but it may be tomorrow if we can't get another agency to sign off today.

John

On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 3:16 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> wrote:

Hi John,

Hope you're doing well. I wanted to check in to confirm whether NARA will be providing a response to the first five requests in the February 24th Letter by today's deadline.

Thanks,

From: John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>

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

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) < (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Sincerely,
John Hamilton

On Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 6:10 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> wrote:

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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From: John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>
Sent time: 03/24/2022 05:05:52 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
Subject: Re: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Sorry, no. I will let you know the minute I know something new.

Appreciate your patience,
John

On Thu, Mar 24, 2022 at 4:55 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> wrote:

Hi John,

Hope your day is going well. Just checking in again to see if there's any update about the response to the Chairwoman's letter.

Best,

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From: John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 4:38 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
Subject: Re: Letter for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration

Sorry, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I was waiting until the end of the day in the hope that I would be sending you something. Unfortunately, it will not happen today as coordination outside of NARA is still ongoing.

Have a good weekend,

John

On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 3:05 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> wrote:

Hi John,

Thanks for the update. Can we expect the response today? I know we're eager to take a look at the findings.

Best,

From: John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 5:06 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> <[y](#)>

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

Sorry. We are unable to get you the letter today. Hopefully tomorrow.

John

On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 3:20 PM John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov> wrote:

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Still aiming for a response today, but it may be tomorrow if we can't get another agency to sign off today.

John

On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 3:16 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> wrote:

Hi John,

Hope you're doing well. I wanted to check in to confirm whether NARA will be providing a response to the first five requests in the February 24th Letter by today's deadline.

Thanks,

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From: John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>

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

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>

Cc: garym.stem@nara.gov; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>

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

Hello - Please find attached the initial response to Chairwoman Maloney's letter of February 24, 2022.

Sincerely,

John Hamilton

On Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 6:10 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> wrote:

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From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 03/25/2022 12:09:24 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: NARA Response to Maloney Letter re 15 Trump Boxes -- Call with you and George Today
Attachments: House Oversight and Reform Committee Request.02.24.2022 -- 1st Interim Response.03.25.2022.draft.docx

Jay, since we still haven't received the promised letter from DOJ, I intend to send the attached letter to the House Oversight Committee by COB today, which conveys to them what you and George said to us when we spoke on Monday. However, I would like to provide them with a specific POC at DOJ, since the Committee's POC keeps telling Committee staff that they (DOJ) are not aware of any such letter or guidance.

Could you please set up a call with you and George for anytime today (except 1-2). It's urgent that we be able to respond to the Committee in some form today.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Wed, Mar 23, 2022 at 1:22 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, our Oversight Committee staff has asked again about the status of this matter. Please let us know when we can expect the letter from DOJ?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 8:45 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, I have a few additional thoughts for you and George about how best to make a request for access to the records in the boxes. I don't have George's email, so let me know when you are free to discuss.

Also please let me know when you can get us the letter regarding the status of the investigation (if possible before 1:00 today)?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 4:34 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, thanks for setting up the call, and we hope it was helpful. If there's any way you could get us the letter by 1:00 on Monday, that would be awesome, because the Oversight Committee staff has asked for a meeting with our Congressional Affairs Director and me for that time.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 9:53 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I will. I'm out of the office for a bit but will send an invite when I'm back. Thanks.

On Mar 18, 2022, at 9:51 AM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Yes, that's fine. Can you set up a call-in number, or should I?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 9:46 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:
Can we move this to 3? Thanks.

On Mar 17, 2022, at 8:43 PM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

1:00 should work for me. Thanks

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General Counsel
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On Thu, Mar 17, 2022, 6:44 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

My apologies for how long this is taking. Would have time tomorrow afternoon, either between 1 and 2 or after 3, to speak with me and Deputy Assistant Attorney General George Toscas about the parameters of NARA disclosures of the materials and some other questions we have? Thanks.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6:41 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Jay, please let us know the status of the letter?

FYI, the Oversight Committee is pressing us every day, and just let us know that they received a press call reporting that NARA is unable to respond to Chair Maloney's PRA request letter because of an "FBI investigation". Our congressional affairs director asked if COR was the source for this since nobody here is talking to the press, and they said "no".

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On Mon, Mar 14, 2022, 3:25 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Do you think we'll get the letter today? The Oversight Committee keeps asking when we will get them a response?

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 5:57 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

We are working on a letter to NARA that will state the Department's position, which you can convey to the Committee. Unfortunately, it will not be ready to send this evening. We appreciate your patience and your willingness to delay responding to the Committee.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 1:27 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Here's a draft letter with two options for how to address the inventory and questions about the classified records. Please let us know how we should proceed, or if you have an alternative approach?

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 11:15 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, if we are unable to provide the Committee the unclassified inventory today, then we need to be able to explain to them why (as part of a letter responding to other questions that they posed to us. Presumably, we would say: "Based on guidance from the Department of Justice, we are unable to provide the inventory or any comment concerning the content of the boxes."

Please let us know the status of this issue as soon as you can.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 3:56 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, would it make sense to include me in any of these discussions?

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On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 2:44 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We are still discussing this. Please continue to hold. Thank you.

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Thanks Jay. Please keep us posted.

Gary

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On Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 9:43 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We are discussing this option with the FBI. We haven't signed off yet.

On Mar 9, 2022, at 9:41 AM, Gary Stern
<garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, as we discussed on the phone, NARA intends to provide to the House Oversight Committee the attached inventory that excludes all references to any classified document. Since Maloney's 2.24.22 request allows for "if necessary, a classified index," we will inform the Committee that this inventory is only of the unclassified records, and that we are unable to provide any information concerning classified documents. We plan to make this production tomorrow (Thursday).

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with this approach.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 8:35 AM Gary Stern

<garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Yes, let's talk at noon; my cell is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) There is also the option of providing *in camera*, read-only access.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:59 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD)

<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

I'm traveling tomorrow. I will try you around noon if I can break free. However, I don't see our position changing.

Jay

On Mar 7, 2022, at 9:23 PM, Gary Stern
<garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, please let me know when you have time to discuss this issue further, following our conversation on Friday. I am free at 9, 10, or noon.

As you know, Chairwoman Maloney has asked us to produce the inventory by this Thursday, March 10. NARA believes we should be able to provide the Committee the inventory, and could require that the Committee treat it as confidential per its "committee confidential" restriction. Moreover, to the extent you have concerns about describing the classified documents, we could redact out those entries (even, if you think it is absolutely necessary, the classification level, which we would prefer to leave in). However, we do not understand how simply informing the Committee of the total number of classified documents that are in the boxes should be a concern.

I look forward to discussing with you in more detail tomorrow.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 10:42 AM Gary Stern
<garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Also, I have a separate but related question,
and just tried calling you. Please give me a
call back when you can.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 7:37 AM Gary Stern
<garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Thanks Jay. Let us know about the
inventory today, if you can.

Gary

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 5:36 PM Bratt,
Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
wrote:

Gary:

I received your voicemail. People here
are still looking at the inventory. I will let
you know about it as soon as I can.
With respect to the tables, we do not
want that going to the committee.

Thanks.

Jay

From: Gary Stern
<garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 9:51
AM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD)
<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William
<william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd:
Subset of NARA Inventory

Jay Bratt (not to be confused with Jay Bosanko, cc'd here), attached is the inventory of the 15 Trump boxes, in its current form. Also attached is a set of tables broadly describing the classified documents within the boxes. (And sorry for the small print of some of the pages.)

We would very much like to be able to share the inventory with the House Oversight Committee by tomorrow (Friday) -- when we spoke to Committee staff on Monday, we told them we thought we could get them the inventory this week. Let us know if you have any concerns with us doing so, or if we should modify the list in any way, e.g., by removing the subject description (or any other descriptive information) for the classified documents (noting that in some instances, the description is already withheld as classified).

Please let us know as soon as you can whether and how we can proceed.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 4:49 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, I will get you the inventory tomorrow morning. We would like to be able to produce some version of it to the Committee (and the Trump reps) by Friday. To the extent that you have concerns about describing the contents of particular documents, we could always redact out the subject line.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 12:57 PM
Bratt, Jay (NSD)
<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I'm about to get on another call.
I'll be free around 2.

From: Gary Stern
<garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022
12:54 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD)
<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd:
Subset of NARA Inventory

Jay, please give me a call to discuss
our response to the Maloney
request.

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March 11, 2022

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

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

I write in response to 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.”

With respect to your request for information about the contents of the 15 boxes that NARA received from President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago residence or about any reviews conducted by other federal agencies, based on guidance from the Department of Justice, we are unable to provide any comment. Please contact [person/office] at DOJ if you have any questions on this issue.

NARA did not receive any written responses from Stefan Passantino or other White House officials to our June 14, 2018, letter to the Trump Administration or our follow-up queries.

NARA did not send any other letters to the Trump Administration related to the Presidential Records Act that we have not already provided to the Committee. In addition to the June 14, 2018, letter that we provided to you on February 18, 2022, we provided you with five letters to the Trump Administration regarding the disposal of Presidential records on January 5, 2021.

We will continue to keep your staff apprised of our progress in responding to other parts of your request.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Stern
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member

From: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Sent time: 03/25/2022 04:39:27 PM
To: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] NARA Response to Maloney Letter re 15 Trump Boxes -- Call with you and George Today

Gary:

We're still working on a POC for you.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 12:09 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NARA Response to Maloney Letter re 15 Trump Boxes -- Call with you and George Today

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On Wed, Mar 23, 2022 at 1:22 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

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<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

I received your voicemail.
People here are still looking at
the inventory. I will let you
know about it as soon as I can.
With respect to the tables, we
do not want that going to the
committee.

Thanks.

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Jay Bratt (not to be confused
with Jay Bosanko, cc'd here),
attached is the inventory of the
15 Trump boxes, in its current
form. Also attached is a set of
tables broadly describing the
classified documents within the
boxes. (And sorry for the small
print of some of the pages.)

We would very much like to be

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Gary:

We're still working on a POC for you.

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Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 12:09 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NARA Response to Maloney Letter re 15 Trump Boxes -- Call with you and George Today

Jay, since we still haven't received the promised letter from DOJ, I intend to send the attached letter to the House Oversight Committee by COB today, which conveys to them what you and George said to us when we spoke on Monday. However, I would like to provide them with a specific POC at DOJ, since the Committee's POC keeps telling Committee staff that they (DOJ) are not aware of any such letter or guidance.

Could you please set up a call with you and George for anytime today (except 1-2). It's urgent that we be able to respond to

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On Wed, Mar 23, 2022 at 1:22 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

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On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 8:45 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, I have a few additional thoughts for you and George about how best to make a request for access to the records in the boxes. I don't have George's email, so let me know when you are free to discuss.

Also please let me know when you can get us the letter regarding the status of the investigation (if possible before 1:00 today)?

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 4:34 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, thanks for setting up the call, and we hope it was helpful. If there's any way you could get us the letter by 1:00 on Monday, that would be awesome, because the Oversight Committee staff has asked for a meeting with our Congressional Affairs Director and me for that time.

Thanks,
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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 9:53 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I will. I'm out of the office for a bit but will send an invite when I'm back. Thanks.

On Mar 18, 2022, at 9:51 AM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Yes, that's fine. Can you set up a call-in number, or should I?

Thanks,
Gary

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Can we move this to 3? Thanks.

On Mar 17, 2022, at 8:43 PM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

1:00 should work for me. Thanks

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On Thu, Mar 17, 2022, 6:44 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

My apologies for how long this is taking. Would have time tomorrow afternoon, either between 1 and 2 or after 3, to speak with me and Deputy Assistant Attorney General George Toscas about the parameters of NARA disclosures of the materials and some other questions we have? Thanks.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6:41 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Jay, please let us know the status of the letter?
FYI, the Oversight Committee is pressing us every day, and just let us know that they

received a press call reporting that NARA is unable to respond to Chair Maloney's PRA request letter because of an "FBI investigation". Our congressional affairs director asked if COR was the source for this since nobody here is talking to the press, and they said "no".

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On Mon, Mar 14, 2022, 3:25 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Do you think we'll get the letter today? The Oversight Committee keeps asking when we will get them a response?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 5:57 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

We are working on a letter to NARA that will state the Department's position, which you can convey to the Committee. Unfortunately, it will not be ready to send this evening. We appreciate your patience and your willingness to delay responding to the Committee.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 1:27 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Here's a draft letter with two options for how to address the inventory and questions about the classified records. Please let us know how we should proceed, or if you have an alternative approach?

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Gary

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Jay, if we are unable to provide the Committee the unclassified inventory today, then we need to be able to explain to them why (as part of a letter responding to other questions that they posed to us. Presumably, we would say: "Based on guidance from the Department of Justice, we are unable to provide the inventory or any comment concerning the content of the boxes."

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March 11, 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 in response to 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.”

With respect to your request for information about the contents of the 15 boxes that NARA received from President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago residence or about any reviews conducted by other federal agencies, based on our consultation with the Department of Justice, we are unable to provide any comment. Please contact Christina Calce at DOJ if you have any questions on this issue.

NARA did not receive any written responses from Stefan Passantino or other White House officials to our June 14, 2018, letter to the Trump Administration or our follow-up queries.

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We will continue to keep your staff apprised of our progress in responding to other parts of your request.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Stern
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member

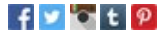
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Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 4:46 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] NARA Response to Maloney Letter re 15 Trump Boxes -- Call with you and George Today

Great. How soon can you get that to me, since I still want to send this letter today, if at all possible? And any sense when the formal letter will be coming?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Mar 25, 2022 at 4:39 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

We're still working on a POC for you.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 12:09 PM

To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>

Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] NARA Response to Maloney Letter re 15 Trump Boxes -- Call with you and George Today

Jay, since we still haven't received the promised letter from DOJ, I intend to send the attached letter to the House Oversight Committee by COB today, which conveys to them what you and George said to us when we spoke on Monday. However, I would like to provide them with a specific POC at DOJ, since the Committee's POC keeps telling Committee staff that they (DOJ) are not aware of any such letter or guidance.

Could you please set up a call with you and George for anytime today (except 1-2). It's urgent that we be able to respond to the Committee in some form today.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Wed, Mar 23, 2022 at 1:22 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, our Oversight Committee staff has asked again about the status of this matter. Please let us know when we can expect the letter from DOJ?

Thanks,

Gary

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On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 8:45 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, I have a few additional thoughts for you and George about how best to make a request for access to the records in the boxes. I don't have George's email, so let me know when you are free to discuss.

Also please let me know when you can get us the letter regarding the status of the investigation (if possible before 1:00 today)?

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 4:34 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, thanks for setting up the call, and we hope it was helpful. If there's any way you could get us the letter by 1:00 on Monday, that would be awesome, because the Oversight Committee staff has asked for a meeting with our Congressional Affairs Director and me for that time.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 9:53 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

I will. I'm out of the office for a bit but will send an invite when I'm back. Thanks.

On Mar 18, 2022, at 9:51 AM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Yes, that's fine. Can you set up a call-in number, or should I?

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 18, 2022 at 9:46 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Can we move this to 3? Thanks.

On Mar 17, 2022, at 8:43 PM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

1:00 should work for me. Thanks

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On Thu, Mar 17, 2022, 6:44 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

My apologies for how long this is taking. Would have time tomorrow afternoon, either between 1 and 2 or after 3, to speak with me and Deputy Assistant Attorney General George Toscas about the parameters of NARA disclosures of the materials and some other questions we have? Thanks.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6:41 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Jay, please let us know the status of the letter?

FYI, the Oversight Committee is pressing us every day, and just let us know that they received a press call reporting that NARA is unable to respond to Chair Maloney's PRA request letter because of an "FBI investigation". Our congressional affairs director asked if COR was the source for this since nobody here is talking to the press, and they said "no".

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On Mon, Mar 14, 2022, 3:25 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Do you think we'll get the letter today? The Oversight Committee keeps asking when we will get them a response?

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 5:57 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

We are working on a letter to NARA that will state the Department's position, which you can convey to the Committee. Unfortunately, it will not be ready to send this evening. We appreciate your patience and your willingness to delay responding to the Committee.

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 1:27 PM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Here's a draft letter with two options for how to address the inventory and questions about the classified records. Please let us know how we should proceed, or if you have an alternative approach?

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 11:15 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
wrote:

Jay, if we are unable to provide the Committee the unclassified inventory today, then we need to be able to explain to them why (as part of a letter responding to other questions that they posed to us. Presumably, we would say: "Based on guidance from the Department of Justice, we are unable to provide the inventory or any comment concerning the content of the boxes."

Please let us know the status of this issue as soon as you can.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 3:56 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
wrote:

J.Bratt, would it make sense to include me in any of these discussions?

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On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 2:44 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD)

<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We are still discussing this. Please continue to hold. Thank you.

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 12:25 PM

To: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>

Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Thanks Jay. Please keep us posted.

Gary

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On Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 9:43 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD)

<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

We are discussing this option with the FBI. We haven't signed off yet.

On Mar 9, 2022, at 9:41 AM, Gary Stern

<garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Jay, as we discussed on the phone, NARA intends to provide to the House Oversight Committee the attached inventory that excludes all references to any classified document. Since Maloney's 2.24.22 request allows for "if necessary, a classified index," we will inform the Committee that this inventory is only of the unclassified records, and that we are unable to provide any information concerning classified documents. We plan to make this production tomorrow (Thursday).

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with this approach.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 8:35 AM Gary Stern
<garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Yes, let's talk at noon; my cell is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
There is also the option of providing *in camera*,
read-only access.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:59 PM Bratt, Jay
(NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

I'm traveling tomorrow. I will try you around noon
if I can break free. However, I don't see our
position changing.

Jay

On Mar 7, 2022, at 9:23 PM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

J.Bratt, please let me know when you have time to discuss this issue further, following our conversation on Friday. I am free at 9, 10, or noon.

As you know, Chairwoman Maloney has asked us to produce the inventory by this Thursday, March 10. NARA believes we should be able to provide the Committee the inventory, and could require that the Committee treat it as confidential per its "committee confidential" restriction. Moreover, to the extent you have concerns about describing the classified documents, we could redact out those entries (even, if you think it is absolutely necessary, the classification level, which we would prefer to leave in). However, we do not understand how simply informing the Committee of the total number of classified documents that are in the boxes should be a concern.

I look forward to discussing with you in more detail tomorrow.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 10:42 AM
Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
wrote:

Also, I have a separate but related
question, and just tried calling you.
Please give me a call back when
you can.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 7:37 AM

Gary Stern

<garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Thanks Jay. Let us know about the inventory today, if you can.

Gary

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 5:36
PM Bratt, Jay (NSD)
<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Gary:

I received your voicemail.
People here are still looking
at the inventory. I will let you
know about it as soon as I
can. With respect to the
tables, we do not want that
going to the committee.

Thanks.

Jay

From: Gary Stern
<garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 3,
2022 9:51 AM
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD)
<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William
<william.bosanko@nara.gov>
>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]
Fwd: Subset of NARA
Inventory

Jay Bratt (not to be confused with Jay Bosanko, cc'd here), attached is the inventory of the 15 Trump boxes, in its current form. Also attached is a set of tables broadly describing the classified documents within the boxes. (And sorry for the small print of some of the pages.)

We would very much like to be able to share the inventory with the House Oversight Committee by tomorrow (Friday) -- when we spoke to Committee staff on Monday, we told them we thought we could get them the inventory this week. Let us know if you have any concerns with us doing so, or if we should modify the list in any way, e.g., by removing the subject description (or any other descriptive information) for the classified documents (noting that in some instances, the description is already withheld as classified).

Please let us know as soon as you can whether and how we can proceed.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at
4:49 PM Gary Stern
<garym.stern@nara.gov>
wrote:

Jay, I will get you the
inventory tomorrow
morning. We would like to
be able to produce some
version of it to the
Committee (and the Trump
reps) by Friday. To the
extent that you have
concerns about describing
the contents of particular
documents, we could
always redact out the
subject line.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at
12:57 PM Bratt, Jay
(NSD)

<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>

wrote:

I'm about to get on
another call. I'll be free
around 2.

From: Gary Stern

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Sent: Wednesday,
March 2, 2022 12:54
PM

To: Bratt, Jay (NSD)

<Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>

>

Subject: Re:

[EXTERNAL] Fwd:
Subset of NARA
Inventory

Jay, please give me a call
to discuss our response
to the Maloney request.

Thanks,

Gary

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March 28, 2022

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

I write in response to your letter of February 24, 2022, to Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero, “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.”

With respect to your request for information about the contents of the 15 boxes that NARA received from President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago residence or about any reviews conducted by other federal agencies, based on our consultation with the Department of Justice, we are unable to provide any comment. Please contact Christina Calce at DOJ’s Office of Legislative Affairs if you have any questions on this issue.

NARA did not receive any written responses from Stefan Passantino or other White House officials to our June 14, 2018, letter to the Trump Administration or our follow-up queries.

NARA did not send any other letters to the Trump Administration related to the Presidential Records Act that we have not already provided to the Committee. In addition to the June 14, 2018, letter that we provided to you on February 18, 2022, we provided you with five letters to the Trump Administration regarding the disposal of Presidential records on January 5, 2021.

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We will continue to keep your staff apprised of our progress in responding to other parts of your request.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member
The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 03/28/2022 09:07:46 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
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Subject: Re: Letter of 02.24.2022 for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, NARA from Chair Maloney -- 1st Interim Response.03.28.2022

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) when we spoke last week, I mentioned that NARA was expecting to receive a letter from DOJ on this issue. Instead, at least for now, we have been cleared to send you this letter, and we refer you to DOJ for all further queries concerning the 15 boxes.

I do not believe we were intending to post this letter, but let us know if you do so.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 8:52 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> wrote:

Also, are you all planning to post this letter publicly?

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:51 AM
To: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>; John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>
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Thank you, Gary. Is this the letter that was waiting for clearance? Just want to be sure we understand the state of play.

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:38 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
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Subject: Re: Letter of 02.24.2022 for The Honorable David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, NARA from Chair Maloney -- 1st Interim Response.03.28.2022

Please see attached letter, further responding to Chairwoman Maloney's letter of February 24, 2022.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 12:43 PM John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov> wrote:

Hello - Please find attached the initial response to Chairwoman Maloney's letter of February 24, 2022.

Sincerely,

John Hamilton

On Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 6:10 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> wrote:

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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