From:	David Ferriero <david.ferriero@nara.gov>
Sent time:	03/10/2022 02:22:29 PM
To:	Wall, Debra <debra.wall@nara.gov>
Subject:	YOU WERE COPIED ON THIS ONE
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From: **William Bosanko** <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Date: Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 9:53 AM
Subject: Subset of Inventory re Classified
To: Wall, Debra <debra.wall@nara.gov>, Ferriero, David <david.ferriero@nara.gov>

See attached, which we have provided to the FBI as well as the OIG for NARA and O/DNI.

Thanks,

Jay

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Table 1

Classification	Documents	Pages	Boxes
Confidential	40	156	1-3,5-10,12,13,15
Secret	32	349	1-3,6-10, 12
S/FRD	3	57	6
S/HCS	2	22	1-2
S/NATO	1	1	6
S/NF	2	10	3,7
S/SAR	1	1	2
S/SCI	2	31	8
Top Secret	11	54	3,6,7,9,10,15
TS/HCS	1	1	1
TS/HCS/SCI	2	8	12,15
TS/SAP	1	6	3
TS/SCI	8	71	1,2,7,9
Total	**106**	**767**	

Table 2

Box #	Documents	Pages
1	10	77
2	9	57
3	11	49
4	0	0
5	2	17
6	10	79
7	10	66
8	10	51
9	5	10
10	21	269
11	0	0
12	10	76
13	4	9
14	0	0
15	4	7
	106	**767**

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Table 3

Item No.	Doc. Description	Date	Pages	Classification
2	Briefing	7/7/2020	19	S/HCS
19	Memo	6/17/2020	1	TS/HCS
50	Briefing	7/22/2020	2	C
51	Briefing	7/22/2020	14	S
58	Briefing	1/8/2020	3	C
59	Briefing	1/8/2020	6	TS/SCI
109	Map	11/2020	1	TS/SCI
110	Map	11/2020	1	C
111	Photo	11/2020	1	S
116	Decision Memo	11/13/2020	29	TS/SCI
9	Briefing	7/8/19	3	S/HCS
19	Backgrounder	7/10/19	1	S
24	Backgrounder	7/19/19	18	S
36	Briefing	n.d.	3	C
55	Overview	10/25/19	1	S/SAR
93	Backgrounder	2/21/19	12	S
94	Readahead	2/21/19	17	TS/SCI
95	Graph	6/19/19	1	TS/SCI
104	Map	5/19/19	1	TS/SCI
32	Report	11/6/19	1	S/NF
36	Note	n.d.	1	C
69	Briefing	5/20/19	4	TS
72	Briefing	5/18/19	2	S
100	Memo	2019	6	TS/SAP
116	Briefing	6/18/19	4	TS
129	Chart	5/20/19	1	TS
157	Notes	n.d.	13	C
158	Briefing	6/10/19	13	S
161	Note	n.d.	2	C
163	Note	n.d.	2	C
22	Policy Paper	n.d.	16	C
112	Profile	n.d.	1	C
4	Briefing	n.d.	5	C
34	Briefing	n.d.	1	C
66	Graphs	5/14/19	3	TS

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Item No.	Doc. Description	Date	Pages	Classification
92	Briefing	n.d.	1	C
121	Slide	11/14/19	1	S/NATO
123	Agenda	11/13/19	5	S
139	Briefing	7/24/19	6	S
153	Briefing	11/12/19	5	S/FRD
154	Agenda	11/12/19	27	S/FRD
156	Agenda	11/12/19	25	S/FRD
22	Note	4/26/20	4	C
23	Briefing	4/24/19	3	TS
42	Note	n.d.	1	C
43	Agenda	4/29/20	9	S/NF
99	Briefing	4/28/20	2	TS
104	Note	n.d.	1	C
130	Agenda	4/24/20	12	S
131	Note	4/24/20	15	TS/SCI
132	Note	4/24/20	15	S
134	Note	n.d.	4	C
19	Map	2/19/19	1	S/SCI
20	Map	2/19/19	1	S
42	Readahead	9/4/20	30	S/SCI
43	Card	n.d.	2	C
46	Card	n.d.	2	C
50	Card	n.d.	2	S
51	Card	n.d.	2	C
54	Card	n.d.	3	C
60	NSC Note Card	n.d.	2	S
76	NSC Note Card	n.d.	6	C
24	Briefing	5/12/20	2	TS
31	Briefing	n.d.	1	C
48	Presentation	n.d.	3	S
67	Note	5/15/20	1	TS/SCI
155	Briefing	n.d.	3	C
24	NSC	n.d.	2	C
59	Briefing	6/30/20	1	TS
69	Briefing	7/16/20	7	S
71	Briefing	7/17/20	13	TS
72	Briefing	n.d.	2	S
107	Briefing	4/18/20	11	S
108	Briefing	4/17/20	13	C
117	Briefing	n.d.	16	S

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Item No.	Doc. Description	Date	Pages	Classification
120	Briefing	n.d.	4	C
122	Briefing	n.d.	20	TS
123	Briefing	n.d.	15	S
131	Briefing	n.d.	2	C
134	Briefing	5/22/20	37	S
136	Briefing	7/10/2020	17	S
138	Briefing	6/23/20	22	S
139	Briefing	3/5/20	16	S
140	Briefing	n.d.	5	S
147	Briefing	6/29/20	12	C
148	Briefing	6/23/20	27	S
150	Briefing	6/5/20	13	S
153	Briefing	6/2/20	14	S
3	Briefing	3/7/20	2	C
4	Schedule	3/6/20	15	S
14	Briefing	3/3/20	4	C
15	Agenda	3/2/20	16	C
16	Briefing	3/2/20	6	S
17	Agenda	3/2/20	6	TS/HCS/SCI
25	Briefing	3/3/20	4	C
26	Agenda	3/3/20	13	S
76	Briefing	3/3/20	4	C
77	Agenda	3/3/20	6	S
3	Briefing	n.d.	3	C
15	Briefing	n.d.	2	C
16	Briefing	n.d.	2	C
36	Briefing	n.d.	2	C
14	Briefing	3/26/2019	1	TS
41	Briefing	n.d.	2	C
43	Briefing	n.d.	2	C
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From: Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov>
Sent time: 03/10/2022 02:30:28 PM
To: William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>

Have you seen the whole inventory? I've only seen the classified subset.

From: Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov>
Sent time: 03/10/2022 02:30:00 PM
To: David Ferriero <david.ferriero@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: YOU WERE COPIED ON THIS ONE

That's just the classified - I meant the whole 16 boxes. Gary refers to that in his Maloney letter.

On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 2:22 PM David Ferriero <david.ferriero@nara.gov> wrote:

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> From: **William Bosanko** <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
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From: David Ferriero <david.ferriero@nara.gov>
Sent time: 03/10/2022 02:30:27 PM
To: Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: YOU WERE COPIED ON THIS ONE

HAVE NOT SEEN IT

On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 2:29 PM Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov> wrote:

> That's just the classified - I meant the whole 16 boxes. Gary refers to that in his Maloney letter.
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From: William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Sent time: 03/10/2022 02:55:06 PM
To: Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov>
Subject: Re:

Yes, I did. Stand by.

On Thu, Mar 10, 2022, 2:29 PM Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov> wrote:

> Have you seen the whole inventory? I've only seen the classified subset.

From:	William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Sent time:	03/10/2022 02:59:34 PM
To:	Wall, Debra <debra.wall@nara.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory
Attachments:	~WRD0000.jpg ~WRD0000.jpg

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From: **Bratt, Jay (NSD)** <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 10, 2022, 2:44 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory
To: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>

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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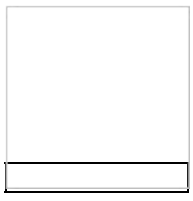

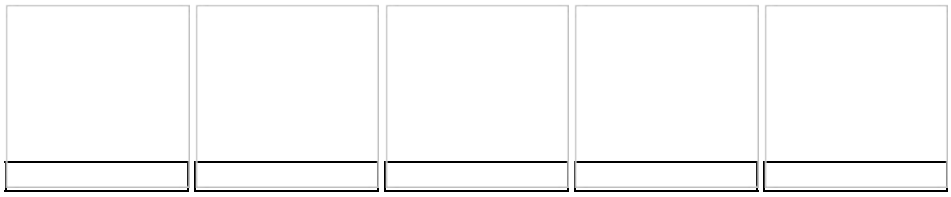

On Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 9:43 AM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> 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,
> >
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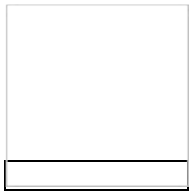

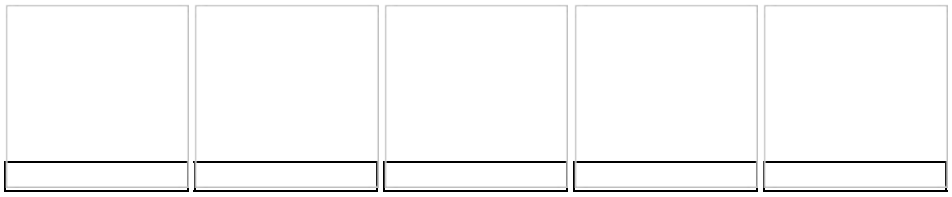

On Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 8:35 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> 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,
>
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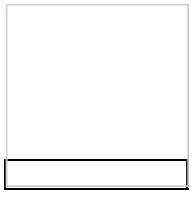
> 

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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> > Gary M. Stern
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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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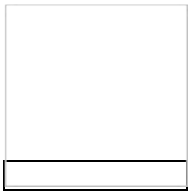

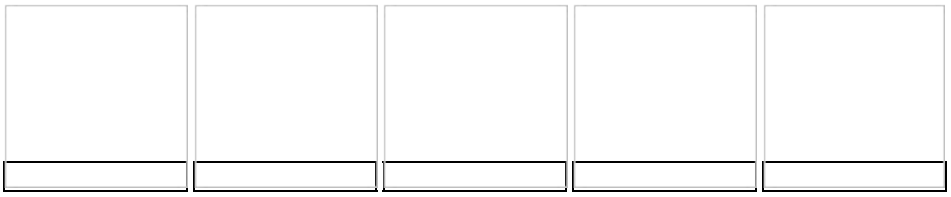

On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 7:37 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

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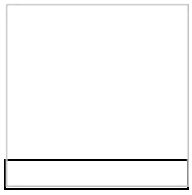

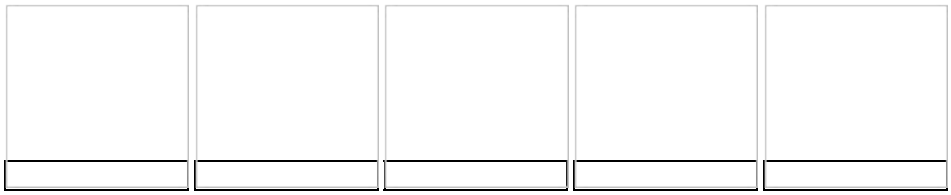

On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 5:36 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> 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
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> ---
>
> **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
>
> Gary M. Stern

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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>
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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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 he House Oversight Committee request that we received late yesterday. Let me know if you'd like to discuss further.
> >
> > Gary
> >
> > Gary M. Stern
> > General Counsel
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> > ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> > 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) (6), (b) (7)(C)@fbi.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@fbi.gov>, Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@fbi.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b)@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.

Thanks,

Jay

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 03/11/2022 06:17:15 PM
To: David Ferriero <david.ferriero@nara.gov>; Wall, Debra <debra.wall@nara.gov>; Hamilton, John <john.hamilton@nara.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

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fyi, here's the latest from DOJ re the Trump boxes.

Thanks,
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> We are discussing this option with the FBI. We haven't signed off yet.
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> > 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.
> >
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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.
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> Thanks,
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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
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> > 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,
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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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> Thanks,
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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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> 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
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> ---
>
> **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,
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> 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.
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> 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.
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> **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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> Thanks,
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On Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 8:10 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Thanks.
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> > On Feb 25, 2022, at 8:09 PM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
> >
> > Jay, here's he House Oversight Committee request that we received late yesterday. Let me know if you'd like to discuss further.
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> > Gary
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> > ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> > 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) (6), (b) (7)(C)@fbi.gov>, [redacted] <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@fbi.gov>, Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@fbi.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b)@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.

Thanks,

Jay

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

Sent time: 03/15/2022 05:34:42 PM

To: John Valceanu <john.valceanu@nara.gov>; Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>; Wall, Debra <debra.wall@nara.gov>; Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>

Subject: Watch for Press Calls on PRA request from Maloney

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To: William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>; Stanwich, Maria <maria.stanwich@nara.gov>
Cc: John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>; John Valceanu <john.valceanu@nara.gov>; Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>
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I still haven't heard back from doj about the supposed letter, and will email him again.

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

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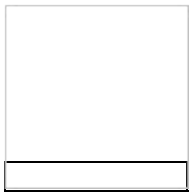

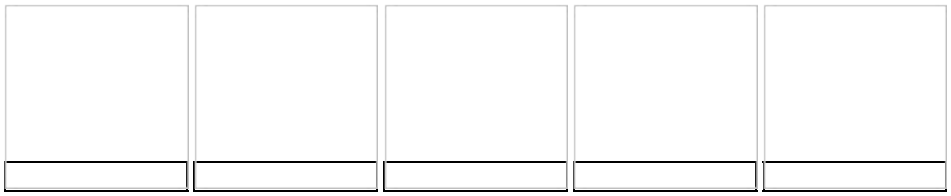

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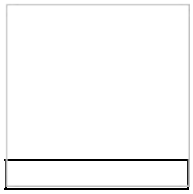

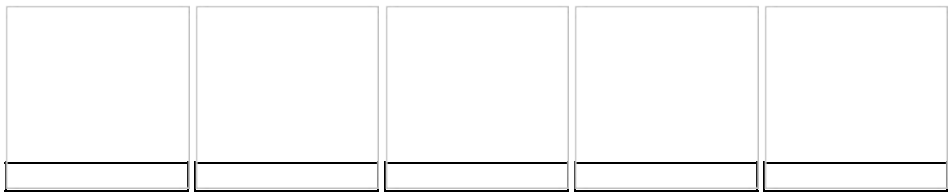

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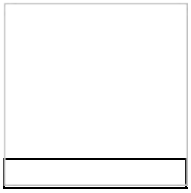

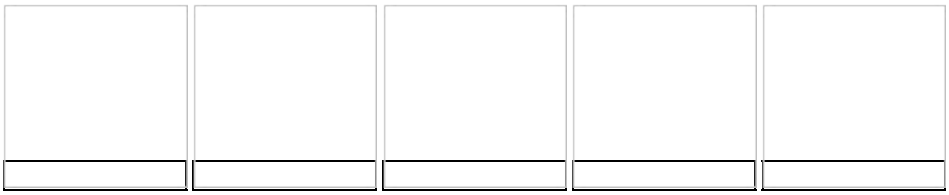

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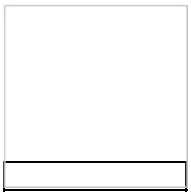

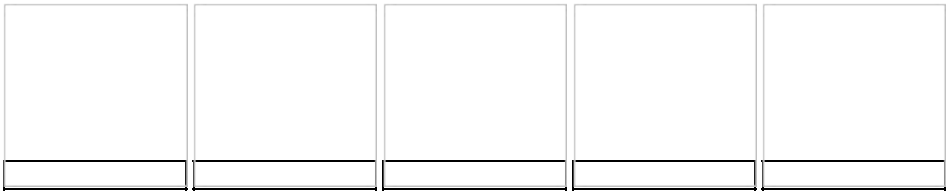

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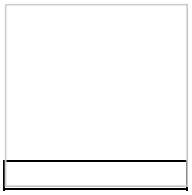

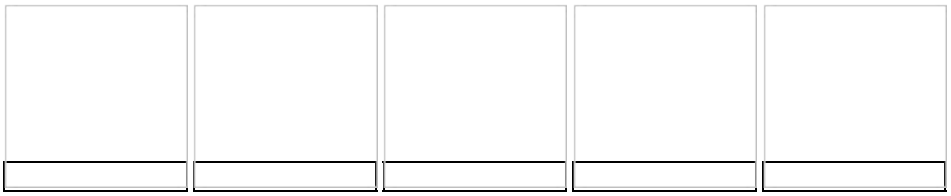

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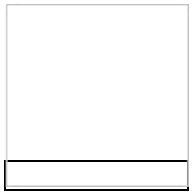

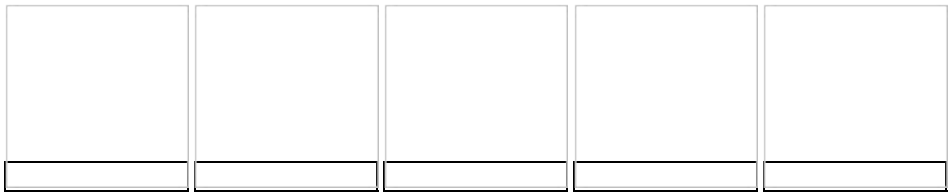

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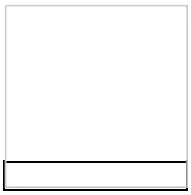

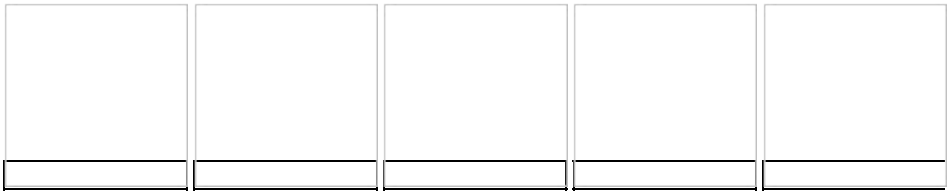

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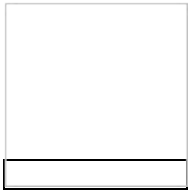

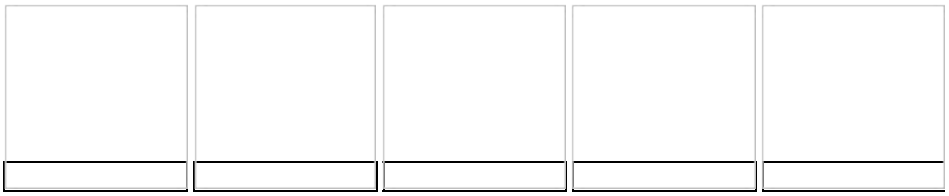

On Fri, Mar 4, 2022 at 7:37 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

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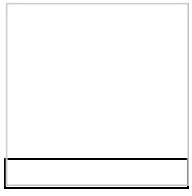
> 

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

> Gary:
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> 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
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> **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.
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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.
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> **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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> Jay, please give me a call to discuss our response to the Maloney request.
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From: **Bratt, Jay (NSD)** <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 17, 2022, 6:44 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory
To: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>

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?

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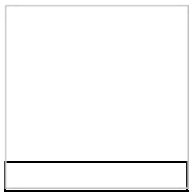

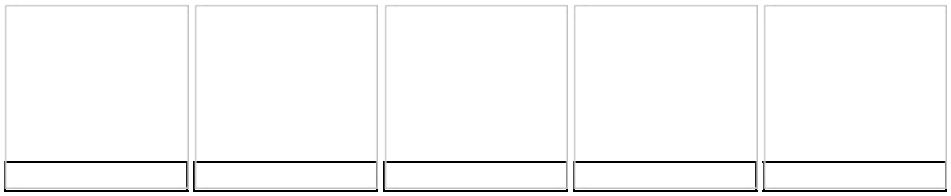

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>
> Jay

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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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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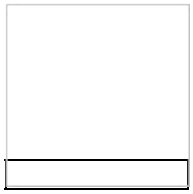

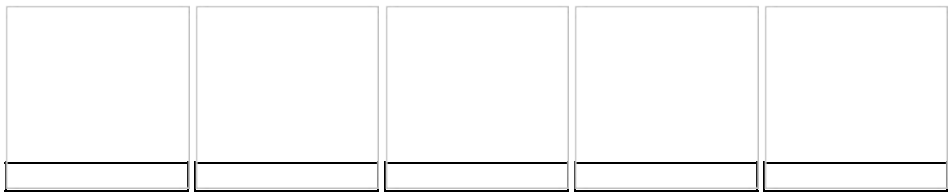

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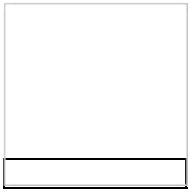

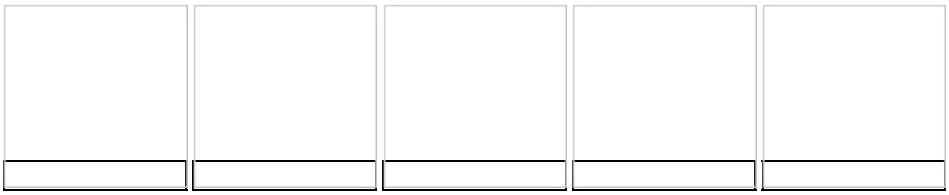

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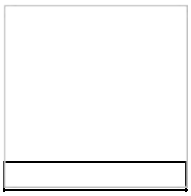

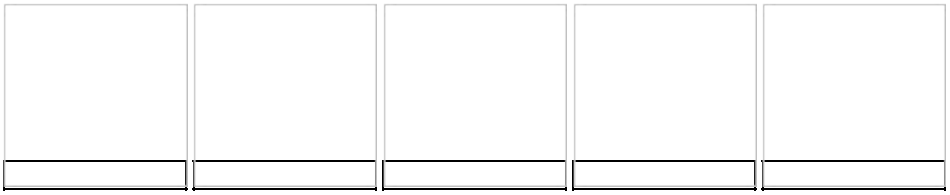

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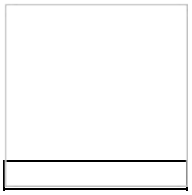

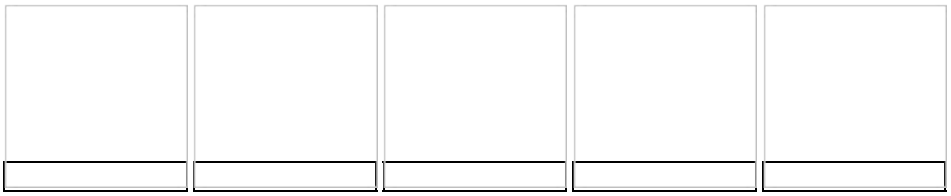

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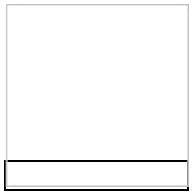

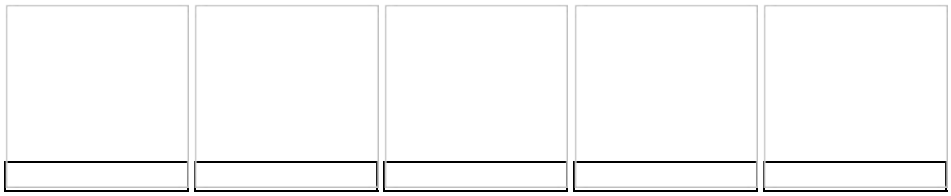

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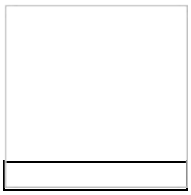

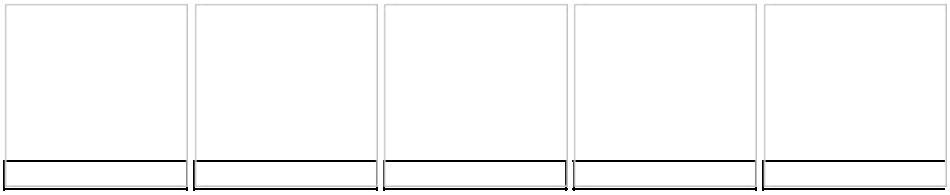

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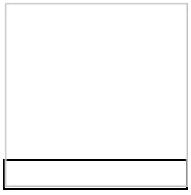

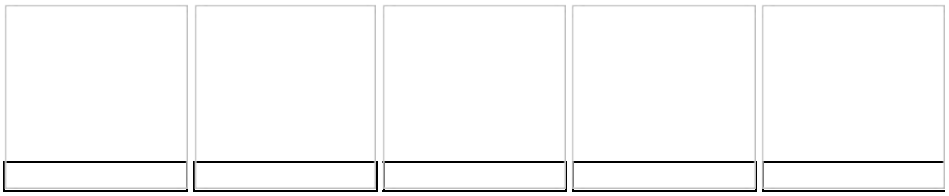

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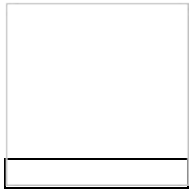
> 

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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.
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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
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> Jay, please give me a call to discuss our response to the Maloney request.
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Sent time: 03/17/2022 09:13:39 PM
To: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory

Thanks for doing that - good idea!

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

FYI, I called (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) this morning to complain how long this was taking.

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From: **Bratt, Jay (NSD)** <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 17, 2022, 6:44 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Subset of NARA Inventory
To: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Cc: Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>

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?
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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:
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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>
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,

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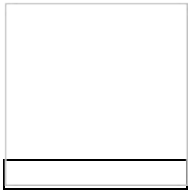

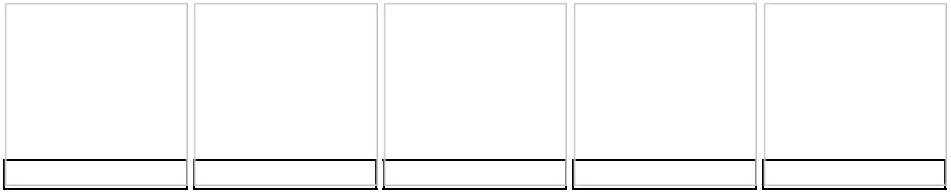

On Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 11:15 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> 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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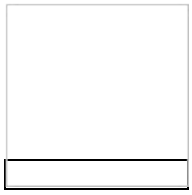

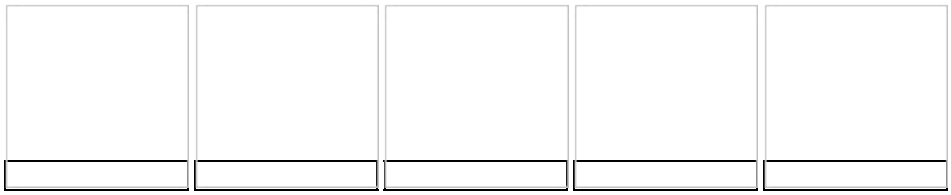

On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 3:56 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

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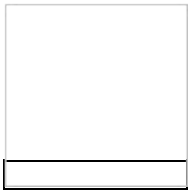

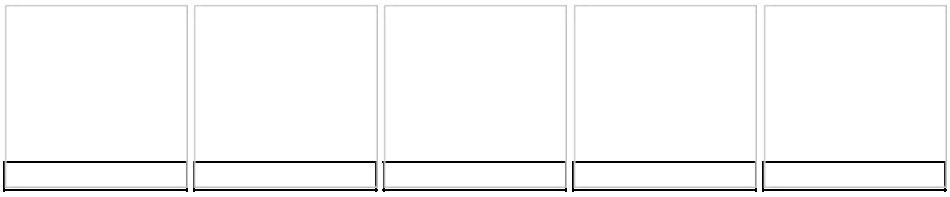

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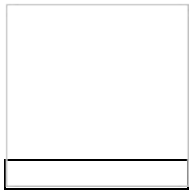

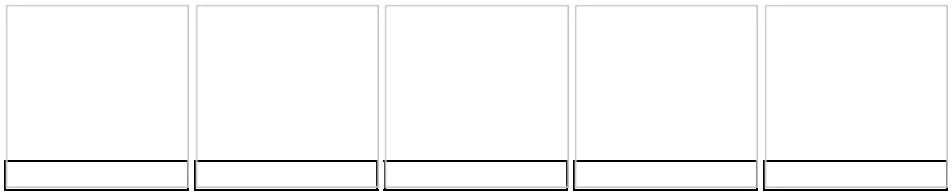

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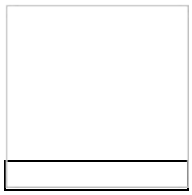

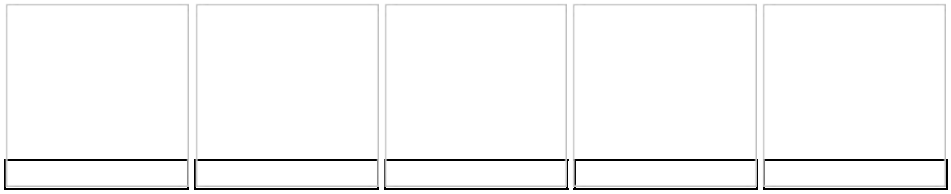

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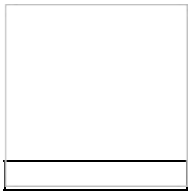

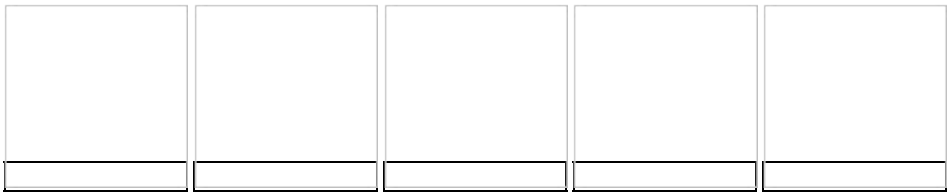

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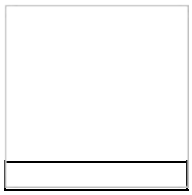

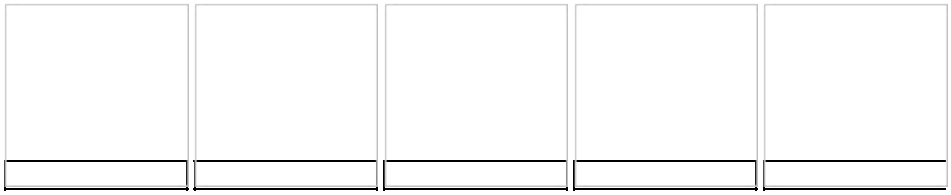

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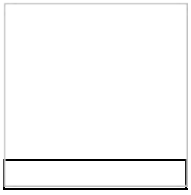

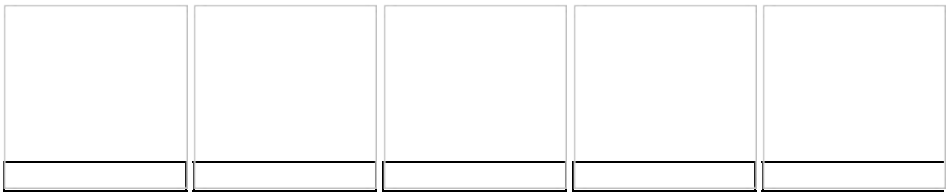

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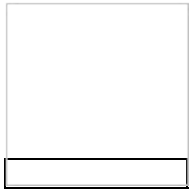
> 

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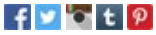

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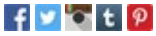
> > 
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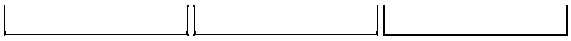



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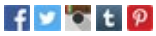
> 
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Sent time:	03/26/2022 02:44:51 PM
To:	David Ferriero <david.ferriero@nara.gov>; Wall, Debra <debra.wall@nara.gov>; Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>; Hamilton, John <john.hamilton@nara.gov>; Donius, Susan <susan.donius@nara.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: [EXTERNAL] 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 -- Initial Response.03.28.2022.draft.docx

After DOJ promised for two weeks, but still haven't delivered a letter concerning our ability to communicate with Maloney about the 15 Trump boxes (per long email chain below), yesterday I wrangled from them approval of a revised version of my initial response letter. Accordingly, I plan to send the attached letter to Maloney first thing Monday morning.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] NARA Response to Maloney Letter re 15 Trump Boxes -- Call with you and George Today
To: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>

If you're okay with the edit you'll see in track changes, you're good to go. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is in our Office of Legislative Affairs.

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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,

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

> Gary:
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> We're still working on a POC for you.
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> Jay
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> **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.

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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,

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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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> Thanks,
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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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> Thanks,
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> 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:
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> > Yes, that's fine. Can you set up a call-in number, or should I?
> >
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> Can we move this to 3? Thanks.
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> > 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:
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> > > 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,
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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
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> **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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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."
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> Please let us know the status of this issue as soon as you can.
>
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On Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 3:56 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

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

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> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 12:25 PM
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House Oversight and Reform Committee Request..docx

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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.

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Sincerely,

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

> Gary:
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> I'm traveling tomorrow. I will try you around noon if I can break free. However, I don't see our position changing.
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> Jay
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> > On Mar 7, 2022, at 9:23 PM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > 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.
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> > 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.

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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
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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

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

around 2.

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I can send the response letter (as a reply-all to the initial letter that you sent), since this should be one of many more to come.

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On Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 6:53 AM John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov> wrote:

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> On Sat, Mar 26, 2022, 2:41 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > After DOJ promised for two weeks, but still haven't delivered a letter concerning our ability to communicate with Maloney about the 15 Trump boxes (per long email chain below), yesterday I wrangled from them approval of a revised version of my initial response letter. Accordingly, I plan to send the attached letter to Maloney first thing Monday morning.
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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.
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> **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
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> Thanks Jay. Please keep us posted.
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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.
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> > On Mar 9, 2022, at 9:41 AM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > 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).
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> > Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with this approach.
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> > Thanks,
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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.
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On Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 10:59 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) <Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Gary:
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> I'm traveling tomorrow. I will try you around noon if I can break free. However, I don't see our position changing.
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> Jay
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> > On Mar 7, 2022, at 9:23 PM, Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > 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.
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> > 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.

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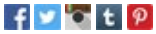

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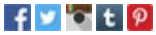

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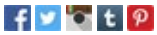

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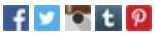

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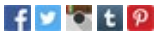

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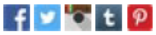

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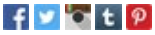

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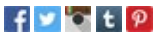

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Sent time: 07/30/2021 02:59:33 PM

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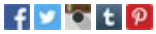

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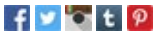

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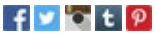

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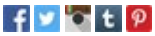

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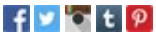

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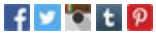

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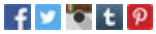

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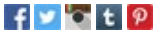

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Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 6, 2021, at 12:00 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

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Also, here's additional background on the social media issues we discussed. On page 2 of the Archivist's March 30, 2017, response to queries from Senators McCaskill and Carper, he stated that "NARA has advised the White House that it should capture and preserve all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, including those that are subsequently deleted, as Presidential records, and NARA has been informed by White House officials that they are, in fact, doing so." The letter was vetted and cleared by your predecessors in the Counsel's Office.

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Finally, on a separate but related note, we are arranging to pick up the PRA materials from Dr. Birx on Tuesday (tomorrow). As I

mentioned to you before, her attorney has asked for assurances that Dr. Birx will be allowed access to these documents at the Archives so she can be prepared in the future for questions she may be asked about the period when she was coordinating the Coronavirus task force. You had indicated that this should not be a problem. Please confirm that we can provide such access to Dr. Birx.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) we will treat this as a pre-clearance of the request, so will plan to provide the responsive records directly to the WH. Let me know if you want us to provide you a copy set as well?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Wed, Sep 15, 2021 at 2:44 PM Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who.eop.gov> wrote:

> Thanks very much.
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> **From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
> **Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 2:43 PM
> **To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
> **Cc:** Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who.eop.gov>; Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
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> I'm copying Gary Stern so he sees this directly.
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> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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> Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 14, 2021, at 3:07 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

I just tried you. I should be available until 4:15 if you get a chance to call back -- after that I"m tied up until around 7:30.

On Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 2:11 PM Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who.eop.gov> wrote:

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Could you give me a call at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) when you have a chance – no rush. Thanks.

Jonathan C. Su

Deputy Counsel to the President

The White House

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>
Sent time: 09/15/2021 04:47:08 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)nara.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Re: call

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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John

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent time: 09/15/2021 09:41:24 PM
To: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)nara.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: call

No, that's fine. Just to access any notes he has on this topic of the boxes.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who.eop.gov>
Sent time: 09/30/2021 01:23:01 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ((b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Subject: call

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Jonathan

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

Sent time: 09/30/2021 02:35:38 PM

To: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)who.eop.gov>

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

Subject: Re: call

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On Thu, Sep 30, 2021 at 1:23 PM Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)who.eop.gov> wrote:

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From: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who.eop.gov>
Sent time: 09/30/2021 02:50:31 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: call

Thanks

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who.eop.gov>
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From: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who.eop.gov>
Sent time: 10/05/2021 05:01:46 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: call

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Just circling back on the below – thanks.

Jonathan

From: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 2:51 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: call

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From: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)who.eop.gov>
Sent time: 10/13/2021 08:58:17 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) garym.stern@nara.gov
Subject: call re document boxes

Hi [redacted] and Gary: Would a call tomorrow work at one of the times below for you both and any others you'd like to invite? Thanks very much.

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11:30-12:30
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(b)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 10/13/2021 09:48:56 AM
To: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)who.eop.gov>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: call re document boxes

David Ferriero and I can do this call at 2:00 tomorrow.

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From: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)who.eop.gov>
Sent time: 10/13/2021 10:24:34 AM
To: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: call re document boxes

Thanks. Just spoke with (b) (6), (and sounds like we won't be able to get schedules lined up this week. Will come back with some times for next week.

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)who.eop.gov>
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From: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who.eop.gov>
Sent time: 10/13/2021 02:20:40 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) garym.stern@nara.gov
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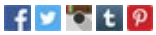

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Sent time: 10/13/2021 02:33:36 PM
To: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
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Cc: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)who.eop.gov>
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David and I can meet on Tuesday from 9:30-10 or 2-3. Thanks

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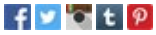

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From: Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who.eop.gov>
Sent time: 10/13/2021 02:40:52 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) garym.stern@nara.gov
Subject: Jonathan Su's Zoom Meeting

Hi there,

Jonathan Su is inviting you to a scheduled ZoomGov meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

One tap mobile: US: (b) (7)(E) or
(b) (7)(E)
Meeting URL: (b) (7)(E)
Meeting ID: (b) (7)(E)
Passcode: (b) (7)(E)

Join by Telephone

For higher quality, dial a number based on your current location.
Dial:
US (b) (7)(E)
Meeting ID: (b) (7)(E)
Passcode: (b) (7)(E)

International numbers

Join from an H.323/SIP room system

H.323: (b) (7)(E) (US West)
(b) (7)(E) (US East)
Meeting ID: (b) (7)(E)
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SIP: (b) (7)(E)
Passcode: (b) (7)(E)

From: garym.stern@nara.gov
Sent time: 10/13/2021 02:41:50 PM
To: david.ferriero@nara.gov; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Jonathan Su's Zoom Meeting
Attachments: invite.ics

You have been invited to the following event.

Jonathan Su's Zoom Meeting

When Tue Oct 19, 2021 2pm – 2:30pm Eastern Time - New York

Where (b) (7)(E) (map)

Who
- Su, Jonathan C. EOP/WHO - organizer
- garym.stern@nara.gov - creator
- david.ferriero@nara.gov
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(E)

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From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 10/21/2021 07:25:30 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), can you hold some time at the end of our meeting tomorrow for a quick follow up discussion to our meeting this past Tuesday with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 4:12 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> 10:30 would work better for us. I'm adding John and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to this email, who would also join the call.
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> Thanks,
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> > Could we talk at 10:00 am tomorrow?
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> > > Yes, I am happy to talk further with the both of you about this, and will probably have John and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) join us as well. Tomorrow doesn't work for me, but Thursday afternoon or just about anytime on Friday should work.
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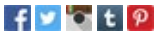

On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 12:50 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

I would like to discuss these matters further. As you know, all of this information about social media accounts is entirely new to me because I was not previously involved in any of these issues. I'd like to let (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (whom I've copied here) a chance to review your summary so that we can then have a telephone call. Would you be available for a call on Wednesday of this week?

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 10:48 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) following up on our call on Friday, here's a more up-to-date description of the issues that we have encountered with the social media records:

NARA did not receive, all of the Presidential records created by President Trump and White House staff that were posted on social media platforms, as summarized in more detail below:

- Early in the Trump Administration, questions were raised about President Trump's use of his personal Twitter account to conduct official government business and whether deleted tweets were being captured and preserved as Presidential records. In March 2017, NARA advised the Trump Administration that it should capture and preserve as Presidential records all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, whether on his personal @realDonaldTrump account or on the official @POTUS account, including those tweets that were subsequently deleted. As I reported in a March 30, 2017, letter to Senators Claire McCaskill and Tom Carper, NARA was "informed by White House officials that they [were], in fact, doing so."

  Since the end of the administration, we have learned that the White House initially used a manual process to capture tweets that were deleted from @realDonaldTrump and @POTUS by copying them from non-governmental organizations that were capturing them, such as Propublica and Factba.se. The White House did not begin using the vendor ArchiveSocial to automate the capture of tweets and other social media records in real-time until January 2018. Moreover, @realDonaldTrump was not enrolled until August 2018 and the tool stopped capturing @realDonaldTrump in April 2020. The official @POTUS was enrolled in February 2018 and remained connected throughout the rest of the administration.

  When properly implemented, ArchiveSocial captures all versions of content as it appears on the platforms, along with any changes, such as deleted or edited content, changes to an account profile, and direct or private messages. However, it cannot capture such changes retroactively. If a social media account is not enrolled or subsequesntly becomes disconnected from ArchiveSocial, any changes, including deleted or modified posts, cannot be captured.

The Twitter account @realDonaldTrump was disconnected from ArchiveSocial in April 2020. A key feature of ArchiveSocial is that it sends automated alerts to the account owners/system administrators every three to five days to remind them to reconnect any disconnected accounts. The tool also displays information about the account status in the dashboard. It appears that Trump Administration officials failed to respond to these frequent and repeated alerts and never re-enrolled that account.

When White House officials brought this problem to our attention near the end of the administration, Twitter had permanently suspended @realDonaldTrump. NARA contacted Twitter directly to ask if it retained the account data between April 20th and the account's suspension. Twitter provided us with a copy of the available account data. However, it did not include previously deleted tweets, which are not retained by the company. Accordingly, we were unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the Trump Administration or Twitter. While we do have access to copies of deleted tweets collected by other non-governmental sources, we do not consider them as official Presidential records and cannot ensure the completeness of their captured account data.

- The Trump White House did not take any steps to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media account other than @realDonaldTrump or @POTUS prior to enrolling them with ArchiveSocial. As with @realDonaldTrump, many other Trump Administration social media accounts were not enrolled until the summer or fall of 2018, even though these accounts were active for over a year prior to enrollment, during which time deleted or modified Presidential record content was not captured. Other accounts were not enrolled until just prior to the end of the administration.

- The ArchiveSocial tool included the ability to capture direct messages that may have been used on the platforms, but the Trump Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, and was unable to report whether direct messaging was actually used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we think contain presidential record information, but were not captured by the Trump Administration. These accounts belonged to Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. After the end of the administration, NARA obtained the publicly available tweets from these accounts in order to supplement its archival collection.

- 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.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration, (@realdonaldtrump and @whitehouse), which advised NARA that it was capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump Administration used the @whitehouse account approximately five times during four years. However, the administration regularly used the @realdonaldtrump account. News reports indicate that the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. We do not know whether direct messaging was enabled on the account. We are not able to determine to what extent @realdonaldtrump SnapChat contained unique Presidential records as compared to content duplicative from other platforms, or purely campaign related material which would not have been a Presidential record.

Please let me know when you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
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On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 6:47 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

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On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 8:49 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Gary,
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> I could talk later today. Would 1:00 pm work?
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> On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 5:18 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > (b) (6), (as I mentioned, I would like to have a follow up discussion with you about the transition related problems with certain social media records that are described below.
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> > Please let me know when you are free to talk, including either later today or tomorrow?
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On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 11:59 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) fyi, I spoke with Jonathan Su after we talked on Friday. I'm not sure if you've connected with him yet as well, but he suggested that the three of us talk first early this week, before we try to set up the meeting that you had in mind. I can follow up set up a call.

Also, here's additional background on the social media issues we discussed. On page 2 of the Archivist's March 30, 2017, response to queries from Senators McCaskill and Carper, he stated that "NARA has advised the White House that it should capture and preserve all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, including those that are subsequently deleted, as Presidential records, and NARA has been informed by White House officials that they are, in fact, doing so." The letter was vetted and cleared by your predecessors in the Counsel's Office.

- No steps were taken to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media records other than @realDonaldTrump until the Administration procured a third party social media archiving tool in February 2018. After that, use of the tool was widespread but not timely. For example, most accounts were eventually enrolled but may have been active for weeks, months, or years prior to enrollment, during which time deleted content was not captured.

- At the end of the administration, NARA learned that the White House stopped using the social media archiving tool to capture deleted Tweets in April 2020, and Twitter was unable to provide the deleted Tweets to us after the fact. Accordingly, NARA was unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the White House. NARA is considering utilizing what was collected by non-governmental sources as an adjunct to our archival collection.

- The third party tool used to capture social media content from Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook included the ability to capture direct messages on the platforms. The Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, but was unable to report whether direct messaging was used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we believe contain PRA records but were not captured by the Trump Administration. NARA obtained the publicly available tweets at the end of the administration through a third party to supplement its archival collection. These include accounts from Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro.

- In its last weeks, the Trump Administration advised NARA that two social media accounts it believed should be treated as containing PRA content were not enrolled in their third party archiving tool and could not be retroactively enrolled. These accounts were Donald J. Trump on Facebook and @realDonaldTrump on Instagram. NARA endeavored to work with Facebook to obtain access to the accounts but was never able to do so.

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Finally, on a separate but related note, we are arranging to pick up the PRA materials from Dr. Birx on Tuesday (tomorrow). As I mentioned to you before, her attorney has asked for assurances that Dr. Birx will be allowed access to these documents at the Archives so she can be prepared in the future for questions she may be asked about the period when she was coordinating the Coronavirus task force. You had indicated that this should not be a problem. Please confirm that we can provide such access to Dr. Birx.

Thanks,
Gary

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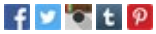

On Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 2:08 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary, could we talk this afternoon? I can do any time except 3.

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 5:40 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) please let me know when you will be able to talk about this?

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On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 1:05 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

I will want to discuss the situation with you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I will call you later this week.

Thanks.
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2021, at 2:41 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) as you know, since late July (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been communicating directly with David Ferriero about the status of the missing Presidential records, which to date have still not been located.

I wanted to give you a heads up that, earlier today, David informed (b) (6), (b) (7 that our ability to respond fully to all of the pending PRA special access requests (including the August 25, 2021, request from the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol) requires access to the 24 boxes (and other potentially missing records, e.g., any deleted Tweets from April 2020 through January 8, 2021). David explained that if any records have been destroyed or cannot be located, he is obligated to report it to DOJ, Congress, and the White House.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
Gary

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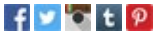

On Sat, Jul 3, 2021 at 12:17 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Gary,
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> As you know, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
> . (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) let John Laster know on May 18 that the original North Korea correspondence had been located and asked about how to get the documents to your office. There was no response with instructions on shipping until a month later on June 17. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
> . I also spoke to John Laster last Friday on a different matter and he raised no concerns about these issues.
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> In any event, as I said on our call, I would endeavor to get you an update as soon as possible. This interim update is based on the best information I've been able to gather over the last two days while traveling and in between meetings and it is possible that as I talk to other people I could learn different or newer information that is more accurate.

On the North Korean documents, I learned that they have not been sent yet because former President Trump's office had concerns with the security of sending the original documents by FedEx and that concern (and how to address it) was still bubbling back through the chain of communication. If you could please confirm by email that your instructions are to send the original documents by FedEx rather than having them carried by hand from Florida, I believe that they can be sent shortly. I spoke with the relevant staff person from President Trump's office. She is currently in New Jersey and won't be back in Florida until next Friday, July 9, but I believe the documents can be sent that day.

On the original letter from President Obama, the same relevant staff person believes that it will be about a week from next Friday that they will be in a position to send that, based on timing for staff to be back in Florida and to locate the letter within the body of materials where they believe it is located. Obviously, that time could be somewhat longer if their estimate is off.

On the possible boxes of documents you mentioned, I will have to give you an update tomorrow when we speak and also get some information from you to make sure that we do not have crossed wires here. I can tell you that I spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about this issue and he asked me to let you know (and for you to let the Archivist know) that he would get personally involved and that he understood the importance of every record.

I hope this is helpful.

I look forward to talking tomorrow.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 2, 2021, at 10:37 AM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> (b) (6), as we discussed on Wednesday, please give me an update today on the status of the records. I also need to talk to you about a related issue, please call me when you today or this weekend, at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
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> Thanks,
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> General Counsel
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> On Wed, Jun 30, 2021, 6:26 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):
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> We have not received any update on the other two categories of records in the three weeks since (b) (6), (b) (7) said he would get back to us soon, nor have we received the North Korean records that you located and agreed to ship to us (per John's June 17 shipping instructions to (b) (6), (b) (7)).
>
> The Archivist has now directed me to seek the assistance of the Department of Justice, which is the necessary recourse when we are unable to obtain the return of

improperly removed government records that belong in our custody.

Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss the status and return of all of these records.

Thanks,
Gary
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On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 7:42 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Gary, as we discussed yesterday, we will work with John on arrangements for the North Korea materials. We are continuing to look into the other two categories of documents and will get back to you with more information soon.
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> Thanks,
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> **From:** GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:59 PM
> **To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
> **Cc:** John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
> **Subject:** Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records
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> (b) (6), (b) (7), John will coordinate with you on arranging for transfer of the North Korea records.
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> Please let me know as soon as you can the status of the other records that we have raised. It is vitally important that we account for them, and any other Presidential records that may still be outside of our possession, as quickly as possible.
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> Thanks,
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On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 4:19 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Hi John. The correspondence is at the Florida office.

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From: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:11:00 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@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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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Do you have this correspondence at the office in Alexandria? If so, we can pick them up. If not, we'll need to discuss some other options.

John

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 3:46 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

We have the original North Korea correspondence available to send to you. Please let me know the best arrangements to get this to you.

I'm checking on the other items and will circle back with you on those.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:16 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>
Subject: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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

There are also now certain paper/textual records that we cannot account for. We therefore need your immediate assistance to ensure that NARA receives all

Presidential records as required by the Presidential Records Act.

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks,
Gary
[redacted] (cell)

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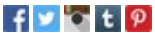
> 
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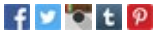
> > 

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Could we talk at 10:00 am tomorrow?

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Yes, I am happy to talk further with the both of you about this, and will probably have John and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) join us as well. Tomorrow doesn't work for me, but Thursday afternoon or just about anytime on Friday should work.

Thanks,
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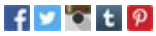

On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 12:50 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

I would like to discuss these matters further. As you know, all of this information about social media accounts is entirely new to me because I was not previously involved in any of these issues. I'd like to let (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (whom I've copied here) a chance to review your summary so that we can then have a telephone call. Would you be available for a call on Wednesday of this week?

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 10:48 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) following up on our call on Friday, here's a more up-to-date description of the issues that we have encountered with the social media records:

NARA did not receive, all of the Presidential records created by President Trump and White House staff that were posted on social media platforms, as summarized in more detail below:

- Early in the Trump Administration, questions were raised about President Trump's use of his personal Twitter account to conduct official government business and whether deleted tweets were being captured and preserved as Presidential records. In March 2017, NARA advised the Trump Administration that it should capture and preserve as Presidential records all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, whether on his personal @realDonaldTrump account or on the official @POTUS account, including those tweets that were subsequently deleted. As I reported in a March 30, 2017, letter to Senators Claire McCaskill and Tom Carper, NARA was "informed by White House officials that they [were], in fact, doing so."

  Since the end of the administration, we have learned that the White House initially used a manual process to capture tweets that were deleted from @realDonaldTrump and @POTUS by copying them from non-governmental organizations that were capturing them, such as Propublica and Factba.se. The White House did not begin using the vendor ArchiveSocial to automate the capture of tweets and other

social media records in real-time until January 2018. Moreover, @realDonaldTrump was not enrolled until August 2018 and the tool stopped capturing @realDonaldTrump in April 2020. The official @POTUS was enrolled in February 2018 and remained connected throughout the rest of the administration.

When properly implemented, ArchiveSocial captures all versions of content as it appears on the platforms, along with any changes, such as deleted or edited content, changes to an account profile, and direct or private messages. However, it cannot capture such changes retroactively. If a social media account is not enrolled or subsequesntly becomes disconnected from ArchiveSocial, any changes, including deleted or modified posts, cannot be captured.

The Twitter account @realDonaldTrump was disconnected from ArchiveSocial in April 2020. A key feature of ArchiveSocial is that it sends automated alerts to the account owners/system administrators every three to five days to remind them to reconnect any disconnected accounts. The tool also displays information about the account status in the dashboard. It appears that Trump Administration officials failed to respond to these frequent and repeated alerts and never re-enrolled that account.

When White House officials brought this problem to our attention near the end of the administration, Twitter had permanently suspended @realDonaldTrump. NARA contacted Twitter directly to ask if it retained the account data between April 20th and the account's suspension. Twitter provided us with a copy of the available account data. However, it did not include previously deleted tweets, which are not retained by the company. Accordingly, we were unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the Trump Administration or Twitter. While we do have access to copies of deleted tweets collected by other non-governmental sources, we do not consider them as official Presidential records and cannot ensure the completeness of their captured account data.

- The Trump White House did not take any steps to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media account other than @realDonaldTrump or @POTUS prior to enrolling them with ArchiveSocial. As with @realDonaldTrump, many other Trump Administration social media accounts were not enrolled until the summer or fall of 2018, even though these accounts were active for over a year prior to enrollment, during which time deleted or modified Presidential record content was not captured. Other accounts were not enrolled until just prior to the end of the administration.

- The ArchiveSocial tool included the ability to capture direct messages that may have been used on the platforms, but the Trump Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, and was unable to report whether direct messaging was actually used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we think contain presidential record information, but were not captured by the Trump Administration. These accounts belonged to Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. After the end of the administration, NARA obtained the publicly available tweets from these accounts in order to supplement its archival collection.

- 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.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration, (@realdonaldtrump and @whitehouse), which advised NARA that it was capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump Administration used the @whitehouse account approximately five times during four years. However, the administration regularly used the @realdonaldtrump account. News reports indicate that the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. We do not know whether direct

messaging was enabled on the account. We are not able to determine to what extent @realdonaldtrump SnapChat contained unique Presidential records as compared to content duplicative from other platforms, or purely campaign related material which would not have been a Presidential record.

Please let me know when you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
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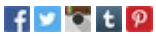

On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 6:47 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> Yes, 1:00 works for me (though I have to leave at 1:15, but that should be enough time).
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> > On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 5:18 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > > (b) (6), (as I mentioned, I would like to have a follow up discussion with you about the transition related problems with certain social media records that are described below.
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> > > Please let me know when you are free to talk, including either later today or tomorrow?

Thanks,
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On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 11:59 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), fyi, I spoke with Jonathan Su after we talked on Friday. I'm not sure if you've connected with him yet as well, but he suggested that the three of us talk first early this week, before we try to set up the meeting that you had in mind. I can follow up set up a call.

Also, here's additional background on the social media issues we discussed. On page 2 of the Archivist's March 30, 2017, response to queries from Senators McCaskill and Carper, he stated that "NARA has advised the White House that it should capture and preserve all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, including those that are subsequently deleted, as Presidential records, and NARA has been informed by White House officials that they are, in fact, doing so." The letter was vetted and cleared by your predecessors in the Counsel's Office.

- No steps were taken to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media records other than @realDonaldTrump until the Administration procured a third party social media archiving tool in February 2018. After that, use of the tool was widespread but not timely. For example, most accounts were eventually enrolled but may have been active for weeks, months, or years prior to enrollment, during which time deleted content was not captured.

- At the end of the administration, NARA learned that the White House stopped using the social media archiving tool to capture deleted Tweets in April 2020, and Twitter was unable to provide the deleted Tweets to us after the fact. Accordingly, NARA was unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the White House. NARA is considering utilizing what was collected by non-governmental sources as an adjunct to our archival collection.

- The third party tool used to capture social media content from Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook included the ability to capture direct messages on the platforms. The Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, but was unable to report whether direct messaging was used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we believe contain PRA records but were not captured by the Trump Administration. NARA obtained the publicly available tweets at the end of the administration through a third party to supplement its archival collection. These include accounts from Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro.

- In its last weeks, the Trump Administration advised NARA that two social media accounts it believed should be treated as containing PRA content were not enrolled in their third party

archiving tool and could not be retroactively enrolled. These accounts were Donald J. Trump on Facebook and @realDonaldTrump on Instagram. NARA endeavored to work with Facebook to obtain access to the accounts but was never able to do so.

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Finally, on a separate but related note, we are arranging to pick up the PRA materials from Dr. Birx on Tuesday (tomorrow). As I mentioned to you before, her attorney has asked for assurances that Dr. Birx will be allowed access to these documents at the Archives so she can be prepared in the future for questions she may be asked about the period when she was coordinating the Coronavirus task force. You had indicated that this should not be a problem. Please confirm that we can provide such access to Dr. Birx.

Thanks,
Gary

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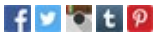

On Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 2:08 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Gary, could we talk this afternoon? I can do any time except 3.
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> On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 5:40 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) please let me know when you will be able to talk about this?
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On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 1:05 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

I will want to discuss the situation with you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I will call you later this week.

Thanks.
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2021, at 2:41 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) as you know, since late July (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been communicating directly with David Ferriero about the status of the missing Presidential records, which to date have still not been located.

I wanted to give you a heads up that, earlier today, David informed (b) (6), (b) (7)(that our ability to respond fully to all of the pending PRA special access requests (including the August 25, 2021, request from the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol) requires access to the 24 boxes (and other potentially missing records, e.g., any deleted Tweets from April 2020 through January 8, 2021). David explained that if any records have been destroyed or cannot be located, he is obligated to report it to DOJ, Congress, and the White House.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Sat, Jul 3, 2021 at 12:17 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

As you know, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) let John Laster know on May 18 that the original North Korea correspondence had been located and asked about how to get the documents to your office. There was no response with instructions on shipping until a month later on June 17. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I also spoke to John Laster last Friday on a different matter and he raised no concerns about these issues.

In any event, as I said on our call, I would endeavor to get you an update as soon as possible. This interim update is based on the best information I've been able to gather over the last two days while traveling and in between meetings and it is possible that as I talk to other people I could learn different or newer information that is more accurate.

On the North Korean documents, I learned that they have not been sent yet because former President Trump's office had concerns with the security of sending the original documents by FedEx and that concern (and how to address it) was still bubbling back through the chain of communication. If you could please confirm by email that your instructions are to send the original documents by FedEx rather than having them carried by hand from Florida, I believe that they can be sent shortly. I spoke with the relevant staff person from President Trump's office. She is currently in New Jersey and won't be back in Florida until next Friday, July 9, but I believe the documents can be sent that day.

On the original letter from President Obama, the same relevant staff person believes that it will be about a week from next Friday that they will be in a position to send that, based on timing for staff to be back in Florida and to locate the letter within the body of materials where they believe it is located. Obviously, that time could be somewhat longer if their estimate is off.

On the possible boxes of documents you mentioned, I will have to give you an update tomorrow when we speak and also get some information from you to make sure that we do not have crossed wires here. I can tell you that I spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about this issue and he asked me to let you know (and for you to let the Archivist know) that he would get personally involved and that he understood the importance of every record.

I hope this is helpful.

I look forward to talking tomorrow.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 2, 2021, at 10:37 AM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

[redacted] as we discussed on Wednesday, please give me an update today on the status of the records. I also need to talk to you about a related issue, please call me when you today or this weekend, at [redacted]

Thanks,
Gary

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General Counsel
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On Wed, Jun 30, 2021, 6:26 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
[redacted]:

We have not received any update on the other two categories of records in the three weeks since [redacted] said he would get back to us soon, nor have we received the North Korean records that you located and agreed to ship to us (per John's June 17 shipping instructions to [redacted]).

The Archivist has now directed me to seek the assistance of the Department of Justice, which is the necessary recourse when we are unable to obtain the return of improperly removed government records that belong in our custody.

Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss the status and return of all of these records.

Thanks,
Gary
[redacted] (cell)

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On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 7:42 PM [redacted] <[redacted] wrote:
Gary, as we discussed yesterday, we will work with John on arrangements for the North Korea materials. We are continuing to look into the other two categories of documents and will get back to you with more information soon.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:59 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (, John will coordinate with you on arranging for transfer of the North Korea records.

Please let me know as soon as you can the status of the other records that we have raised. It is vitally important that we account for them, and any other Presidential records that may still be outside of our possession, as quickly as possible.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 4:19 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
Hi John. The correspondence is at the Florida office.

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From: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:11:00 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@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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Do you have this correspondence at the office in Alexandria? If so, we can pick them up. If not, we'll need to discuss some other options.

John

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 3:46 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

We have the original North Korea correspondence available to send to you. Please let me know the best arrangements to get this to you.

I'm checking on the other items and will circle back with you on those.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:16 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>
Subject: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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

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

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

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

It is also our understanding that roughly two dozen boxes of original Presidential records were kept in the Residence of the White House over the course of President Trump's last year in

office and have not been transferred to NARA, despite a determination by Pat Cipollone in the final days of the Administration that they need to be. I had also raised this concern with [redacted] during the final weeks.

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

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

Thanks,
Gary
[redacted] (cell)

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From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 10/22/2021 03:54:31 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records
Attachments: Examples of Trump Presidential Records not Received by WHORM or NARA.docx

(b) (6), (b) following up on our discussion, here's a non-exhaustive list of a few examples of records that (b) (6), (b) was tracking and never received, based mostly on his notes from a 2019 meeting with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). David will also be sharing this directly with (b) (6), (b) (7)(

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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> > > On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 12:50 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > > > Gary,
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> > > > I would like to discuss these matters further. As you know, all of this information about social media accounts is entirely new to me because I was not previously involved in any of these issues. I'd like to let (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (whom I've copied here) a chance to review your summary so that we can then have a telephone call. Would you be available for a call on Wednesday of this week?

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 10:48 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
(b) (6), (b following up on our call on Friday, here's a more up-to-date description of the issues that we have encountered with the social media records:

NARA did not receive, all of the Presidential records created by President Trump and White House staff that were posted on social media platforms, as summarized in more detail below:

- Early in the Trump Administration, questions were raised about President Trump's use of his personal Twitter account to conduct official government business and whether deleted tweets were being captured and preserved as Presidential records. In March 2017, NARA advised the Trump Administration that it should capture and preserve as Presidential records all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, whether on his personal @realDonaldTrump account or on the official @POTUS account, including those tweets that were subsequently deleted. As I reported in a March 30, 2017, letter to Senators Claire McCaskill and Tom Carper, NARA was "informed by White House officials that they [were], in fact, doing so."

  Since the end of the administration, we have learned that the White House initially used a manual process to capture tweets that were deleted from @realDonaldTrump and @POTUS by copying them from non-governmental organizations that were capturing them, such as Propublica and Factba.se. The White House did not begin using the vendor ArchiveSocial to automate the capture of tweets and other social media records in real-time until January 2018. Moreover, @realDonaldTrump was not enrolled until August 2018 and the tool stopped capturing @realDonaldTrump in April 2020. The official @POTUS was enrolled in February 2018 and remained connected throughout the rest of the administration.

  When properly implemented, ArchiveSocial captures all versions of content as it appears on the platforms, along with any changes, such as deleted or edited content, changes to an account profile, and direct or private messages. However, it cannot capture such changes retroactively. If a social media account is not enrolled or subsequesntly becomes disconnected from ArchiveSocial, any changes, including deleted or modified posts, cannot be captured.

  The Twitter account @realDonaldTrump was disconnected from ArchiveSocial in April 2020. A key feature of ArchiveSocial is that it sends automated alerts to the account owners/system administrators every three to five days to remind them to reconnect any disconnected accounts. The tool also displays information about the account status in the dashboard. It appears that Trump Administration officials failed to respond to these frequent and repeated alerts and never re-enrolled that account.

  When White House officials brought this problem to our attention near the end of the administration, Twitter had permanently suspended @realDonaldTrump. NARA contacted Twitter directly to ask if it retained the account data between April 20th and the account's suspension. Twitter provided us with a copy of the available account data. However, it did not include previously deleted tweets, which are not retained by the company. Accordingly, we were unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the Trump Administration or Twitter. While we do have access to copies of deleted tweets collected by other non-governmental sources, we do not consider them as official Presidential records and cannot ensure the completeness of their captured account data.

- The Trump White House did not take any steps to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media account other than @realDonaldTrump or @POTUS prior to enrolling them with ArchiveSocial. As with @realDonaldTrump, many other Trump Administration social media accounts were not enrolled until the summer or fall of 2018, even though these accounts were active for over a year prior to enrollment, during which time deleted or modified Presidential record content was not captured. Other accounts were not enrolled until just prior to the end of the administration.

- The ArchiveSocial tool included the ability to capture direct messages that may have been used on the platforms, but the Trump Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, and was unable to report whether direct messaging was actually used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we think contain presidential record information, but were not captured by the Trump Administration. These accounts belonged to Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. After the end of the administration, NARA obtained the publicly available tweets from these accounts in order to supplement its archival collection.

- 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.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration, (@realdonaldtrump and @whitehouse), which advised NARA that it was capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump Administration used the @whitehouse account approximately five times during four years. However, the administration regularly used the @realdonaldtrump account. News reports indicate that the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. We do not know whether direct messaging was enabled on the account. We are not able to determine to what extent @realdonaldtrump SnapChat contained unique Presidential records as compared to content duplicative from other platforms, or purely campaign related material which would not have been a Presidential record.

Please let me know when you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
Gary

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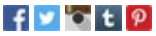

On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 6:47 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> Yes, 1:00 works for me (though I have to leave at 1:15, but that should be enough time).
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> Thanks
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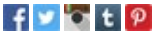

On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 8:49 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Gary,
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> I could talk later today. Would 1:00 pm work?
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> On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 5:18 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> (b) (6), as I mentioned, I would like to have a follow up discussion with you about the transition related problems with certain social media records that are described below.
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> Please let me know when you are free to talk, including either later today or tomorrow?
>
> Thanks,
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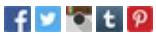
> 
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> On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 11:59 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> (b) (6), (fyi, I spoke with Jonathan Su after we talked on Friday. I'm not sure if you've connected with him yet as well, but he suggested that the three of us talk first early this week, before we try to set up the meeting that you had in mind. I can follow up set up a call.
>
> Also, here's additional background on the social media issues we discussed. On page 2 of the Archivist's March 30, 2017, response to queries from Senators McCaskill and Carper, he stated that "NARA has advised the White House that it should capture and preserve all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, including those that are subsequently deleted, as Presidential records, and NARA has been informed by White House officials that they are, in fact, doing so." The letter was vetted and cleared by your predecessors in the Counsel's Office.

- No steps were taken to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media records other than @realDonaldTrump until the Administration procured a third party social media archiving tool in February 2018. After that, use of the tool was widespread but not timely. For example, most accounts were eventually enrolled but may have been active for weeks, months, or years prior to enrollment, during which time deleted content was not captured.

- At the end of the administration, NARA learned that the White House stopped using the social media archiving tool to capture deleted Tweets in April 2020, and Twitter was unable to provide the deleted Tweets to us after the fact. Accordingly, NARA was unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the White House. NARA is considering utilizing what was collected by non-governmental sources as an adjunct to our archival collection.

- The third party tool used to capture social media content from Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook included the ability to capture direct messages on the platforms. The Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, but was unable to report whether direct messaging was used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we believe contain PRA records but were not captured by the Trump Administration. NARA obtained the publicly available tweets at the end of the administration through a third party to supplement its archival collection. These include accounts from Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro.

- In its last weeks, the Trump Administration advised NARA that two social media accounts it believed should be treated as containing PRA content were not enrolled in their third party archiving tool and could not be retroactively enrolled. These accounts were Donald J. Trump on Facebook and @realDonaldTrump on Instagram. NARA endeavored to work with Facebook to obtain access to the accounts but was never able to do so.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration (realdonaldtrump and whitehouse), and NARA was advised that they were capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump administration used the White House account approximately five times during four years. However, the realdonaldtrump account was used regularly. News reports indicate the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. It is not known whether direct messaging was enabled on the account.

Finally, on a separate but related note, we are arranging to pick up the PRA materials from Dr. Birx on Tuesday (tomorrow). As I mentioned to you before, her attorney has asked for assurances that Dr. Birx will be allowed access to these documents at the Archives so she can be prepared in the future for questions she may be asked about the period when she was coordinating the Coronavirus task force. You had indicated that this should not be a problem. Please confirm that we can provide such access to Dr. Birx.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 2:08 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary, could we talk this afternoon? I can do any time except 3.

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 5:40 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) please let me know when you will be able to talk about this?

Thanks,
Gary

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES

On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 1:05 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

I will want to discuss the situation with you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I will call you later this week.

Thanks.
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2021, at 2:41 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) as you know, since late July (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been communicating directly with David Ferriero about the status of the missing Presidential records, which to date have still not been located.

I wanted to give you a heads up that, earlier today, David informed (b) (6), (b) that our ability to respond fully to all of the pending PRA special access requests (including the August 25, 2021, request from the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol) requires access to the 24 boxes (and other potentially missing records, e.g., any deleted Tweets from April 2020 through January 8, 2021). David explained that if any records have been destroyed or cannot be located, he is obligated to report it to DOJ, Congress, and the White House.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
Gary

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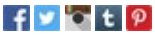

On Sat, Jul 3, 2021 at 12:17 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

As you know, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) let John Laster know on May 18 that the original North Korea correspondence had been located and asked about how to get the documents to your office. There was no response with instructions on shipping until a month later on June 17. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

. I also spoke to John Laster last Friday on a different matter and he raised no concerns about these issues.

In any event, as I said on our call, I would endeavor to get you an update as soon as possible. This interim update is based on the best information I've been able to gather over the last two days while traveling and in between meetings and it is possible that as I talk to other people I could learn different or newer information that is more accurate.

On the North Korean documents, I learned that they have not been sent yet because former President Trump's office had concerns with the security of sending the original documents by FedEx and that concern (and how to address it) was still bubbling back through the chain of communication. If you could please confirm by email that your instructions are to send the original documents by FedEx rather than having them carried by hand from Florida, I believe that they can be sent shortly. I spoke with the relevant staff person from President Trump's office. She is currently in New Jersey and won't be back in Florida until next Friday, July 9, but I believe the documents can be sent that day.

On the original letter from President Obama, the same relevant staff person believes that it will be about a week from next Friday that they will be in a position to send that, based on timing for staff to be back in Florida and to locate the letter within the body of materials where they believe it is located. Obviously, that time could be somewhat longer if their estimate is off.

On the possible boxes of documents you mentioned, I will have to give you an update tomorrow when we speak and also get some information from you to make sure that we do not have crossed wires here. I can tell you that I spoke with [redacted] about this issue and he asked me to let you know (and for you to let the Archivist know) that he would get personally involved and that he understood the importance of every record.

I hope this is helpful.

I look forward to talking tomorrow.

Thanks,
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 2, 2021, at 10:37 AM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> [redacted], as we discussed on Wednesday, please give me an update today on the status of the records. I also need to talk to you about a related issue, please call me when you today or this weekend, at [redacted]
>
> Thanks,
> Gary
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> Gary M. Stern
> General Counsel
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> On Wed, Jun 30, 2021, 6:26 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
>> [redacted]:
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>> We have not received any update on the other two categories of records in the three weeks since [redacted] said he would get back to us soon, nor have we received the North Korean records that you located and agreed to ship to us (per John's June 17 shipping instructions to [redacted]).
>>
>> The Archivist has now directed me to seek the assistance of the Department of Justice, which is the necessary recourse when we are unable to obtain the return of improperly removed government records that belong in our custody.
>>
>> Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss the status and return

of all of these records.

Thanks,
Gary
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (cell)

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On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 7:42 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary, as we discussed yesterday, we will work with John on arrangements for the North Korea materials. We are continuing to look into the other two categories of documents and will get back to you with more information soon.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:59 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), John will coordinate with you on arranging for transfer of the North Korea records.

Please let me know as soon as you can the status of the other records that we have raised. It is vitally important that we account for them, and any other Presidential records that may still be outside of our possession, as quickly as possible.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 4:19 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
Hi John. The correspondence is at the Florida office.

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From: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:11:00 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Do you have this correspondence at the office in Alexandria? If so, we can pick them up. If not, we'll need to discuss some other options.

John

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 3:46 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
Gary,

We have the original North Korea correspondence available to send to you. Please let me know the best arrangements to get this to you.

I'm checking on the other items and will circle back with you on those.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:16 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>
Subject: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

As the EOP continues to transfer the electronic Trump Presidential records into our custody, we have come upon several problems that we need your help in resolving. We have already been working with Scott to address various issues with respect to

capturing Presidential records on social media accounts; his assistance has been very helpful, although some problems remain that will likely require further follow up with you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks,
Gary
[redacted] (cell)

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Examples of Trump Presidential Records not Received by WHORM or NARA.docx

Some examples of Presidential records that White House Office of Records Management should have received during the Trump Administration, but did not receive, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , concerning a July 2019 meeting with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) . This is not a comprehensive or complete list, but just a few examples:

- Documents and charts at events that the President holds up:
  - Cabinet meetings, e.g., sayings by the "squad"
  - Mueller investigation poster, 5/22/2019
  - Trade letter with Mexico
  - Staff Secretary notes referring to documents such as incoming letters or news articles
- events topics of Presidential interest
  - Salute to America
  - Immigration
- Letter from President Obama on Inauguration Day
- Poster of Hurricane Andrew

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 10/29/2021 10:14:39 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), can you provide an update from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)' search in Florida?

Also please let me know if you have any additional information concerning the social media records.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 3:54 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (following up on our discussion, here's a non-exhaustive list of a few examples of records that (b) (6), (b) was tracking and never received, based mostly on his notes from a 2019 meeting with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). David will also be sharing this directly with (b) (6), (b) (7

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 8:54 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Ok

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 21, 2021, at 7:26 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

[redacted] can you hold some time at the end of our meeting tomorrow for a quick follow up discussion to our meeting this past Tuesday with [redacted] ?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 4:12 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> 10:30 would work better for us. I'm adding John and [redacted] to this email, who would also join the call.
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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> On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 3:34 PM [redacted] <[redacted] wrote:
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> > Could we talk at 10:00 am tomorrow?
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> > On Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 12:50 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > Yes, I am happy to talk further with the both of you about this, and will probably have John and [redacted] join us as well. Tomorrow doesn't work for me, but Thursday afternoon or just about anytime on Friday should work.
> > >
> > > Thanks,
> > > Gary

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On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 12:50 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

I would like to discuss these matters further. As you know, all of this information about social media accounts is entirely new to me because I was not previously involved in any of these issues. I'd like to let (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (whom I've copied here) a chance to review your summary so that we can then have a telephone call. Would you be available for a call on Wednesday of this week?

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 10:48 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) following up on our call on Friday, here's a more up-to-date description of the issues that we have encountered with the social media records:

NARA did not receive, all of the Presidential records created by President Trump and White House staff that were posted on social media platforms, as summarized in more detail below:

- Early in the Trump Administration, questions were raised about President Trump's use of his personal Twitter account to conduct official government business and whether deleted tweets were being captured and preserved as Presidential records. In March 2017, NARA advised the Trump Administration that it should capture and preserve as Presidential records all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, whether on his personal @realDonaldTrump account or on the official @POTUS account, including those tweets that were subsequently deleted. As I reported in a March 30, 2017, letter to Senators Claire McCaskill and Tom Carper, NARA was "informed by White House officials that they [were], in fact, doing so."

  Since the end of the administration, we have learned that the White House initially used a manual process to capture tweets that were deleted from @realDonaldTrump and @POTUS by copying them from non-governmental organizations that were capturing them, such as Propublica and Factba.se. The White House did not begin using the vendor ArchiveSocial to automate the capture of tweets and other social media records in real-time until January 2018. Moreover, @realDonaldTrump was not enrolled until August 2018 and the tool stopped capturing @realDonaldTrump in April 2020. The official @POTUS was enrolled in February 2018 and remained connected throughout the rest of the administration.

  When properly implemented, ArchiveSocial captures all versions of content as it appears on the platforms, along with any changes, such as deleted or edited content, changes to an account profile, and direct or private messages. However, it cannot capture such changes retroactively. If a social media account is not enrolled or subsequesntly becomes disconnected from ArchiveSocial, any changes, including deleted or modified posts, cannot be captured.

The Twitter account @realDonaldTrump was disconnected from ArchiveSocial in April 2020. A key feature of ArchiveSocial is that it sends automated alerts to the account owners/system administrators every three to five days to remind them to reconnect any disconnected accounts. The tool also displays information about the account status in the dashboard. It appears that Trump Administration officials failed to respond to these frequent and repeated alerts and never re-enrolled that account.

When White House officials brought this problem to our attention near the end of the administration, Twitter had permanently suspended @realDonaldTrump. NARA contacted Twitter directly to ask if it retained the account data between April 20th and the account's suspension. Twitter provided us with a copy of the available account data. However, it did not include previously deleted tweets, which are not retained by the company. Accordingly, we were unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the Trump Administration or Twitter. While we do have access to copies of deleted tweets collected by other non-governmental sources, we do not consider them as official Presidential records and cannot ensure the completeness of their captured account data.

- The Trump White House did not take any steps to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media account other than @realDonaldTrump or @POTUS prior to enrolling them with ArchiveSocial. As with @realDonaldTrump, many other Trump Administration social media accounts were not enrolled until the summer or fall of 2018, even though these accounts were active for over a year prior to enrollment, during which time deleted or modified Presidential record content was not captured. Other accounts were not enrolled until just prior to the end of the administration.

- The ArchiveSocial tool included the ability to capture direct messages that may have been used on the platforms, but the Trump Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, and was unable to report whether direct messaging was actually used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we think contain presidential record information, but were not captured by the Trump Administration. These accounts belonged to Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. After the end of the administration, NARA obtained the publicly available tweets from these accounts in order to supplement its archival collection.

- 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.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration, (@realdonaldtrump and @whitehouse), which advised NARA that it was capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump Administration used the @whitehouse account approximately five times during four years. However, the administration regularly used the @realdonaldtrump account. News reports indicate that the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. We do not know whether direct messaging was enabled on the account. We are not able to determine to what extent @realdonaldtrump SnapChat contained unique Presidential records as compared to content duplicative from other platforms, or purely campaign related material which would not have been a Presidential record.

Please let me know when you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,

Gary

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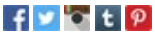

On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 6:47 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> Yes, 1:00 works for me (though I have to leave at 1:15, but that should be enough time).
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> Thanks
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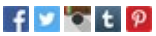
> 
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> On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 8:49 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > Gary,
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> > I could talk later today. Would 1:00 pm work?
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> > On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 5:18 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > > (b) (6), (as I mentioned, I would like to have a follow up discussion with you about the transition related problems with certain social media records that are described below.
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> > > Please let me know when you are free to talk, including either later today or tomorrow?
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> > > Thanks,
> > > Gary
> > > (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 11:59 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), fyi, I spoke with Jonathan Su after we talked on Friday. I'm not sure if you've connected with him yet as well, but he suggested that the three of us talk first early this week, before we try to set up the meeting that you had in mind. I can follow up set up a call.

Also, here's additional background on the social media issues we discussed. On page 2 of the Archivist's March 30, 2017, response to queries from Senators McCaskill and Carper, he stated that "NARA has advised the White House that it should capture and preserve all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, including those that are subsequently deleted, as Presidential records, and NARA has been informed by White House officials that they are, in fact, doing so." The letter was vetted and cleared by your predecessors in the Counsel's Office.

- No steps were taken to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media records other than @realDonaldTrump until the Administration procured a third party social media archiving tool in February 2018. After that, use of the tool was widespread but not timely. For example, most accounts were eventually enrolled but may have been active for weeks, months, or years prior to enrollment, during which time deleted content was not captured.

- At the end of the administration, NARA learned that the White House stopped using the social media archiving tool to capture deleted Tweets in April 2020, and Twitter was unable to provide the deleted Tweets to us after the fact. Accordingly, NARA was unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the White House. NARA is considering utilizing what was collected by non-governmental sources as an adjunct to our archival collection.

- The third party tool used to capture social media content from Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook included the ability to capture direct messages on the platforms. The Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, but was unable to report whether direct messaging was used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we believe contain PRA records but were not captured by the Trump Administration. NARA obtained the publicly available tweets at the end of the administration through a third party to supplement its archival collection. These include accounts from Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro.

- In its last weeks, the Trump Administration advised NARA that two social media accounts it believed should be treated as containing PRA content were not enrolled in their third party archiving tool and could not be retroactively enrolled. These accounts were Donald J. Trump on Facebook and @realDonaldTrump on Instagram. NARA endeavored to work with Facebook to obtain access to the accounts but was never able to do so.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration (realdonaldtrump and whitehouse), and NARA was advised that they were capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump

from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump administration used the White House account approximately five times during four years. However, the realdonaldtrump account was used regularly. News reports indicate the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. It is not known whether direct messaging was enabled on the account.

Finally, on a separate but related note, we are arranging to pick up the PRA materials from Dr. Birx on Tuesday (tomorrow). As I mentioned to you before, her attorney has asked for assurances that Dr. Birx will be allowed access to these documents at the Archives so she can be prepared in the future for questions she may be asked about the period when she was coordinating the Coronavirus task force. You had indicated that this should not be a problem. Please confirm that we can provide such access to Dr. Birx.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 2:08 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Gary, could we talk this afternoon? I can do any time except 3.
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> On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 5:40 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) please let me know when you will be able to talk about this?
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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> On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 1:05 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > Gary,
> >
> > I will want to discuss the situation with you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I

will call you later this week.

Thanks.
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 30, 2021, at 2:41 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> (b) (6), (b) as you know, since late July (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been communicating directly with David Ferriero about the status of the missing Presidential records, which to date have still not been located.
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> I wanted to give you a heads up that, earlier today, David informed (b) (6), (b) (7 that our ability to respond fully to all of the pending PRA special access requests (including the August 25, 2021, request from the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol) requires access to the 24 boxes (and other potentially missing records, e.g., any deleted Tweets from April 2020 through January 8, 2021). David explained that if any records have been destroyed or cannot be located, he is obligated to report it to DOJ, Congress, and the White House.
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> Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.
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> Thanks,
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> On Sat, Jul 3, 2021 at 12:17 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > Gary,
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> > As you know, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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> > (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) let John Laster know on May 18 that the original North Korea correspondence had been located and asked about how to get the documents to your office. There was no response with instructions on shipping until a month later on June 17. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]. I also spoke to John Laster last Friday on a different matter and he raised no concerns about these issues.

In any event, as I said on our call, I would endeavor to get you an update as soon as possible. This interim update is based on the best information I've been able to gather over the last two days while traveling and in between meetings and it is possible that as I talk to other people I could learn different or newer information that is more accurate.

On the North Korean documents, I learned that they have not been sent yet because former President Trump's office had concerns with the security of sending the original documents by FedEx and that concern (and how to address it) was still bubbling back through the chain of communication. If you could please confirm by email that your instructions are to send the original documents by FedEx rather than having them carried by hand from Florida, I believe that they can be sent shortly. I spoke with the relevant staff person from President Trump's office. She is currently in New Jersey and won't be back in Florida until next Friday, July 9, but I believe the documents can be sent that day.

On the original letter from President Obama, the same relevant staff person believes that it will be about a week from next Friday that they will be in a position to send that, based on timing for staff to be back in Florida and to locate the letter within the body of materials where they believe it is located. Obviously, that time could be somewhat longer if their estimate is off.

On the possible boxes of documents you mentioned, I will have to give you an update tomorrow when we speak and also get some information from you to make sure that we do not have crossed wires here. I can tell you that I spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7) [redacted] about this issue and he asked me to let you know (and for you to let the Archivist know) that he would get personally involved and that he understood the importance of every record.

I hope this is helpful.

I look forward to talking tomorrow.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 2, 2021, at 10:37 AM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

[redacted], as we discussed on Wednesday, please give me an update today on the status of the records. I also need to talk to you about a related issue, please call me when you today or this weekend, at [redacted]

Thanks,
Gary

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On Wed, Jun 30, 2021, 6:26 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
[redacted]:

We have not received any update on the other two categories of records in the three weeks since [redacted] said he would get back to us soon, nor have we received the North Korean records that you located and agreed to ship to us (per John's June 17 shipping instructions to [redacted]).

The Archivist has now directed me to seek the assistance of the Department of Justice, which is the necessary recourse when we are unable to obtain the return of improperly removed government records that belong in our custody.

Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss the status and return of all of these records.

Thanks,
Gary
[redacted] (cell)

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On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 7:42 PM [redacted] <[redacted] wrote:
Gary, as we discussed yesterday, we will work with John on arrangements for the North Korea materials. We are continuing to look into the other two categories of documents and will get back to you with more information soon.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:59 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (, John will coordinate with you on arranging for transfer of the North Korea records.

Please let me know as soon as you can the status of the other records that we have raised. It is vitally important that we account for them, and any other Presidential records that may still be outside of our possession, as quickly as possible.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 4:19 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
Hi John. The correspondence is at the Florida office.

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From: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:11:00 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Do you have this correspondence at the office in Alexandria? If so, we can pick them up. If not, we'll need to discuss some other options.

John

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 3:46 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

We have the original North Korea correspondence available to send to you. Please let me know the best arrangements to get this to you.

I'm checking on the other items and will circle back with you on those.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:16 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>
Subject: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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

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

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

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

It is also our understanding that roughly two dozen boxes of original Presidential records were kept in the Residence of the

White House over the course of President Trump's last year in office and have not been transferred to NARA, despite a determination by Pat Cipollone in the final days of the Administration that they need to be. I had also raised this concern with [redacted] during the final weeks.

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

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

Thanks,
Gary
[redacted] (cell)

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From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 11/10/2021 06:29:45 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) I'm checking back in on both issues, since I do not think that (b) (6), (b) (7) has reached out to David on the boxes.

In addition, we really need to bring to closure the social media issue, so that we can post the records that we do have, with an appropriate explanation of what we don't have.

Let me know as soon as you can if you have any more information or would like to discuss.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 10:14 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> (b) (6), (b) can you provide an update from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)' search in Florida?
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> Also please let me know if you have any additional information concerning the social media records.
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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> Gary M. Stern
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> On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 3:54 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > (b) (6), , following up on our discussion, here's a non-exhaustive list of a few examples of records that (b) (6), (b) was tracking and never

received, based mostly on his notes from a 2019 meeting with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) David will also be sharing this directly with (b) (6), (b) (7).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 8:54 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Ok

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> On Oct 21, 2021, at 7:26 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> (b) (6), can you hold some time at the end of our meeting tomorrow for a quick follow up discussion to our meeting this past Tuesday with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ?
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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> On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 4:12 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> 10:30 would work better for us. I'm adding John and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to this email, who would also join the call.
>
> Thanks,

Gary

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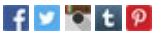

On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 3:34 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Could we talk at 10:00 am tomorrow?
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> On Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 12:50 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > Yes, I am happy to talk further with the both of you about this, and will probably have John and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) join us as well. Tomorrow doesn't work for me, but Thursday afternoon or just about anytime on Friday should work.
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> > Thanks,
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> > On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 12:50 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > > Gary,
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> > > I would like to discuss these matters further. As you know, all of this information about social media accounts is entirely new to me because I was not previously involved in any of these issues. I'd like to let (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (whom I've copied here) a chance to review your summary so that we can then have a telephone call. Would you be available for a call on Wednesday of this week?
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> > > Thanks,
> > > (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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> > > On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 10:48 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) following up on our call on Friday, here's a more up-to-date description of the issues that we have encountered with the social media records:

NARA did not receive, all of the Presidential records created by President Trump and White House staff that were posted on social media platforms, as summarized in more detail below:

- Early in the Trump Administration, questions were raised about President Trump's use of his personal Twitter account to conduct official government business and whether deleted tweets were being captured and preserved as Presidential records. In March 2017, NARA advised the Trump Administration that it should capture and preserve as Presidential records all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, whether on his personal @realDonaldTrump account or on the official @POTUS account, including those tweets that were subsequently deleted. As I reported in a March 30, 2017, letter to Senators Claire McCaskill and Tom Carper, NARA was "informed by White House officials that they [were], in fact, doing so."

  Since the end of the administration, we have learned that the White House initially used a manual process to capture tweets that were deleted from @realDonaldTrump and @POTUS by copying them from non-governmental organizations that were capturing them, such as Propublica and Factba.se. The White House did not begin using the vendor ArchiveSocial to automate the capture of tweets and other social media records in real-time until January 2018. Moreover, @realDonaldTrump was not enrolled until August 2018 and the tool stopped capturing @realDonaldTrump in April 2020. The official @POTUS was enrolled in February 2018 and remained connected throughout the rest of the administration.

  When properly implemented, ArchiveSocial captures all versions of content as it appears on the platforms, along with any changes, such as deleted or edited content, changes to an account profile, and direct or private messages. However, it cannot capture such changes retroactively. If a social media account is not enrolled or subsequesntly becomes disconnected from ArchiveSocial, any changes, including deleted or modified posts, cannot be captured.

  The Twitter account @realDonaldTrump was disconnected from ArchiveSocial in April 2020. A key feature of ArchiveSocial is that it sends automated alerts to the account owners/system administrators every three to five days to remind them to reconnect any disconnected accounts. The tool also displays information about the account status in the dashboard. It appears that Trump Administration officials failed to respond to these frequent and repeated alerts and never re-enrolled that account.

  When White House officials brought this problem to our attention near the end of the administration, Twitter had permanently suspended @realDonaldTrump. NARA contacted Twitter directly to ask if it retained the account data between April 20th and the account's suspension. Twitter provided us with a copy of the available account data. However, it did not include previously deleted tweets, which are not retained by the company. Accordingly, we were unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the Trump Administration or Twitter. While we do have access to copies of deleted tweets collected by other non-governmental sources, we do not consider them as official Presidential records and cannot ensure the completeness of their captured account data.

- The Trump White House did not take any steps to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media account other than @realDonaldTrump or @POTUS prior to enrolling them with ArchiveSocial. As with @realDonaldTrump, many other Trump Administration social media accounts were not enrolled until the summer or fall of 2018, even though these accounts were active for over a year prior to enrollment, during which time deleted or modified Presidential record content was not captured. Other accounts were not enrolled until just prior to the end of the administration.

- The ArchiveSocial tool included the ability to capture direct messages that may have been used on the platforms, but the Trump Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, and was unable to report whether direct messaging was actually used on any of the platforms by the

account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we think contain presidential record information, but were not captured by the Trump Administration. These accounts belonged to Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. After the end of the administration, NARA obtained the publicly available tweets from these accounts in order to supplement its archival collection.

- 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.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration, (@realdonaldtrump and @whitehouse), which advised NARA that it was capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump Administration used the @whitehouse account approximately five times during four years. However, the administration regularly used the @realdonaldtrump account. News reports indicate that the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. We do not know whether direct messaging was enabled on the account. We are not able to determine to what extent @realdonaldtrump SnapChat contained unique Presidential records as compared to content duplicative from other platforms, or purely campaign related material which would not have been a Presidential record.

Please let me know when you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 6:47 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> Yes, 1:00 works for me (though I have to leave at 1:15, but that should be enough time).
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> Thanks
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On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 8:49 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

I could talk later today. Would 1:00 pm work?

On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 5:18 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (as I mentioned, I would like to have a follow up discussion with you about the transition related problems with certain social media records that are described below.

Please let me know when you are free to talk, including either later today or tomorrow?

Thanks,
Gary
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 11:59 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), fyi, I spoke with Jonathan Su after we talked on Friday. I'm not sure if you've connected with him yet as well, but he suggested that the three of us talk first early this week, before we try to set up the meeting that you had in mind. I can follow up set up a call.

Also, here's additional background on the social media issues we discussed. On page 2 of the Archivist's March 30, 2017, response to queries from Senators McCaskill and Carper, he stated that "NARA has advised the White House that it should capture and preserve all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, including those that are subsequently deleted, as Presidential records, and NARA has been informed by White House officials that they are, in fact, doing so." The letter was vetted and cleared by your predecessors in the Counsel's Office.

- No steps were taken to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media records other than @realDonaldTrump until the Administration procured a third party social media archiving tool in February 2018. After that, use of the tool was widespread but not

timely. For example, most accounts were eventually enrolled but may have been active for weeks, months, or years prior to enrollment, during which time deleted content was not captured.

- At the end of the administration, NARA learned that the White House stopped using the social media archiving tool to capture deleted Tweets in April 2020, and Twitter was unable to provide the deleted Tweets to us after the fact. Accordingly, NARA was unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the White House. NARA is considering utilizing what was collected by non-governmental sources as an adjunct to our archival collection.

- The third party tool used to capture social media content from Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook included the ability to capture direct messages on the platforms. The Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, but was unable to report whether direct messaging was used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we believe contain PRA records but were not captured by the Trump Administration. NARA obtained the publicly available tweets at the end of the administration through a third party to supplement its archival collection. These include accounts from Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro.

- In its last weeks, the Trump Administration advised NARA that two social media accounts it believed should be treated as containing PRA content were not enrolled in their third party archiving tool and could not be retroactively enrolled. These accounts were Donald J. Trump on Facebook and @realDonaldTrump on Instagram. NARA endeavored to work with Facebook to obtain access to the accounts but was never able to do so.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration (realdonaldtrump and whitehouse), and NARA was advised that they were capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump administration used the White House account approximately five times during four years. However, the realdonaldtrump account was used regularly. News reports indicate the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. It is not known whether direct messaging was enabled on the account.

Finally, on a separate but related note, we are arranging to pick up the PRA materials from Dr. Birx on Tuesday (tomorrow). As I mentioned to you before, her attorney has asked for assurances that Dr. Birx will be allowed access to these documents at the Archives so she can be prepared in the future for questions she may be asked about the period when she was coordinating the Coronavirus task force. You had indicated that this should not be a problem. Please confirm that we can provide such access to Dr. Birx.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 2:08 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary, could we talk this afternoon? I can do any time except 3.

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 5:40 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) please let me know when you will be able to talk about this?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 1:05 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

I will want to discuss the situation with you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I will call you later this week.

Thanks.
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2021, at 2:41 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (as you know, since late July (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been communicating directly with David Ferriero about the status of the missing Presidential records, which to date have still not been located.

I wanted to give you a heads up that, earlier today, David informed (b) (6), (b) (7 that our ability to respond fully to all of the pending PRA special access requests (including the August 25, 2021, request from the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol) requires access to the 24 boxes (and other potentially missing records, e.g., any deleted Tweets from April 2020 through January 8, 2021). David explained that if any records have been destroyed or cannot be located, he is obligated to report it to DOJ, Congress, and the White House.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
Gary

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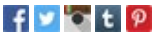

On Sat, Jul 3, 2021 at 12:17 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Gary,
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> As you know, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) . (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) let John Laster know on May 18 that the original North Korea correspondence had been located and asked about how to get the documents to your office. There was no response with instructions on shipping until a month later on June 17. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) . I also spoke to John Laster last Friday on a different matter and he raised no concerns about these issues.
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> In any event, as I said on our call, I would endeavor to get you an update as soon as possible. This interim update is based on the best information I've been able to gather over the last two days while traveling and in between meetings and it is possible that as I talk to other people I could learn different or newer information that is more accurate.
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> On the North Korean documents, I learned that they have not been sent yet because former President Trump's office had concerns with the security of sending the original documents by FedEx and that concern (and how to address it) was still bubbling back through the chain of communication. If you could please confirm by email that your instructions are to send the original documents by FedEx rather than having them carried by hand from Florida, I believe that they can be sent shortly. I spoke with the relevant staff person from President Trump's office. She is currently in New Jersey and won't be back in Florida until

next Friday, July 9, but I believe the documents can be sent that day.

On the original letter from President Obama, the same relevant staff person believes that it will be about a week from next Friday that they will be in a position to send that, based on timing for staff to be back in Florida and to locate the letter within the body of materials where they believe it is located. Obviously, that time could be somewhat longer if their estimate is off.

On the possible boxes of documents you mentioned, I will have to give you an update tomorrow when we speak and also get some information from you to make sure that we do not have crossed wires here. I can tell you that I spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about this issue and he asked me to let you know (and for you to let the Archivist know) that he would get personally involved and that he understood the importance of every record.

I hope this is helpful.

I look forward to talking tomorrow.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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> On Jul 2, 2021, at 10:37 AM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> (b) (6), (b) as we discussed on Wednesday, please give me an update today on the status of the records. I also need to talk to you about a related issue, please call me when you today or this weekend, at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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> Gary M. Stern
> General Counsel
> National Archives and Records Administration
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> On Wed, Jun 30, 2021, 6:26 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):
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> We have not received any update on the other two categories of records in the three weeks since (b) (6), (b) (said he would get back to us soon, nor have we received the North Korean records that you located and agreed to ship to us (per John's June 17 shipping instructions to (b) (6), (b) ( ).
>
> The Archivist has now directed me to seek the assistance of the Department of Justice, which is the necessary recourse when we are unable to obtain the return of improperly removed government records that belong in our custody.

Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss the status and return of all of these records.

Thanks,
Gary
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On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 7:42 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary, as we discussed yesterday, we will work with John on arrangements for the North Korea materials. We are continuing to look into the other two categories of documents and will get back to you with more information soon.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:59 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (, John will coordinate with you on arranging for transfer of the North Korea records.

Please let me know as soon as you can the status of the other records that we have raised. It is vitally important that we account for them, and any other Presidential records that may still be outside of our possession, as quickly as possible.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 4:19 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
Hi John. The correspondence is at the Florida office.

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From: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:11:00 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Do you have this correspondence at the office in Alexandria? If so, we can pick them up. If not, we'll need to discuss some other options.

John

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 3:46 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
Gary,

We have the original North Korea correspondence available to send to you. Please let me know the best arrangements to get this to you.

I'm checking on the other items and will circle back with you on those.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:16 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>
Subject: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

As the EOP continues to transfer the electronic Trump Presidential records into our custody, we have come upon several problems that we need your help in resolving. We have

already been working with Scott to address various issues with respect to capturing Presidential records on social media accounts; his assistance has been very helpful, although some problems remain that will likely require further follow up with you.

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

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

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

It is also our understanding that roughly two dozen boxes of original Presidential records were kept in the Residence of the White House over the course of President Trump's last year in office and have not been transferred to NARA, despite a determination by Pat Cipollone in the final days of the Administration that they need to be. I had also raised this concern with (b) (6), (b) (7) during the final weeks.

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

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

Thanks,
Gary
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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent time: 11/11/2021 12:17:02 PM
To: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

Gary,

I'm trying to nail down answers, but having some difficulty connecting with the right people. I'll try to update you later today.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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On Nov 10, 2021, at 6:30 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I'm checking back in on both issues, since I do not think that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has reached out to David on the boxes.

In addition, we really need to bring to closure the social media issue, so that we can post the records that we do have, with an appropriate explanation of what we don't have.

Let me know as soon as you can if you have any more information or would like to discuss.

Thanks,
Gary

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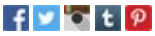

On Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 10:14 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) can you provide an update from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)' search in Florida?

Also please let me know if you have any additional information concerning the social media records.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 3:54 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) following up on our discussion, here's a non-exhaustive list of a few examples of records that (b) (6), (b) was tracking and never received, based mostly on his notes from a 2019 meeting with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). David will also be sharing this directly with (b) (6), (b) (7.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 8:54 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Ok

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> On Oct 21, 2021, at 7:26 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> (b) (6), can you hold some time at the end of our meeting tomorrow for a quick follow up discussion to our meeting this past Tuesday with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ?
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 4:12 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> 10:30 would work better for us. I'm adding John and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to this email, who would also join the call.
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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> On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 3:34 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > Could we talk at 10:00 am tomorrow?
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> > On Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 12:50 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > > Yes, I am happy to talk further with the both of you about this, and will probably have John and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) join us as well. Tomorrow doesn't work for me, but Thursday afternoon or just about anytime on Friday should work.
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> > > Thanks,
> > > Gary
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On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 12:50 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

I would like to discuss these matters further. As you know, all of this information about social media accounts is entirely new to me because I was not previously involved in any of these issues. I'd like to let (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (whom I've copied here) a chance to review your summary so that we can then have a telephone call. Would you be available for a call on Wednesday of this week?

Thanks,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 10:48 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) following up on our call on Friday, here's a more up-to-date description of the issues that we have encountered with the social media records:

NARA did not receive, all of the Presidential records created by President Trump and White House staff that were posted on social media platforms, as summarized in more detail below:

- Early in the Trump Administration, questions were raised about President Trump's use of his personal Twitter account to conduct official government business and whether deleted tweets were being captured and preserved as Presidential records. In March 2017, NARA advised the Trump Administration that it should capture and preserve as Presidential records all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, whether on his personal @realDonaldTrump account or on the official @POTUS account, including those tweets that were subsequently deleted. As I reported in a March 30, 2017, letter to Senators Claire McCaskill and Tom Carper, NARA was "informed by White House officials that they [were], in fact, doing so."

  Since the end of the administration, we have learned that the White House initially used a manual process to capture tweets that were deleted from @realDonaldTrump and @POTUS by copying them from non-governmental organizations that were capturing them, such as Propublica and Factba.se. The White House did not begin using the vendor ArchiveSocial to automate the capture of tweets and other social media records in real-time until January 2018. Moreover, @realDonaldTrump was not enrolled until August 2018 and the tool stopped capturing @realDonaldTrump in April 2020. The official @POTUS was enrolled in February 2018 and remained connected throughout the rest of the administration.

  When properly implemented, ArchiveSocial captures all versions of content as it appears on the platforms, along with any changes, such as deleted or edited content, changes to an account profile, and direct or private messages. However, it cannot capture such changes retroactively. If a social media account is not enrolled or subsequesntly becomes disconnected from ArchiveSocial, any changes, including deleted or modified posts, cannot be captured.

  The Twitter account @realDonaldTrump was disconnected from ArchiveSocial in April 2020. A key feature of ArchiveSocial is that it sends automated alerts to the account owners/system administrators every three to five days to remind them to reconnect any disconnected accounts. The tool also displays information about the account status in the dashboard. It appears that Trump Administration officials failed to respond to these frequent and repeated alerts and never re-enrolled that account.

When White House officials brought this problem to our attention near the end of the administration, Twitter had permanently suspended @realDonaldTrump. NARA contacted Twitter directly to ask if it retained the account data between April 20th and the account's suspension. Twitter provided us with a copy of the available account data. However, it did not include previously deleted tweets, which are not retained by the company. Accordingly, we were unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the Trump Administration or Twitter. While we do have access to copies of deleted tweets collected by other non-governmental sources, we do not consider them as official Presidential records and cannot ensure the completeness of their captured account data.

- The Trump White House did not take any steps to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media account other than @realDonaldTrump or @POTUS prior to enrolling them with ArchiveSocial. As with @realDonaldTrump, many other Trump Administration social media accounts were not enrolled until the summer or fall of 2018, even though these accounts were active for over a year prior to enrollment, during which time deleted or modified Presidential record content was not captured. Other accounts were not enrolled until just prior to the end of the administration.

- The ArchiveSocial tool included the ability to capture direct messages that may have been used on the platforms, but the Trump Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, and was unable to report whether direct messaging was actually used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we think contain presidential record information, but were not captured by the Trump Administration. These accounts belonged to Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. After the end of the administration, NARA obtained the publicly available tweets from these accounts in order to supplement its archival collection.

- 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.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration, (@realdonaldtrump and @whitehouse), which advised NARA that it was capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump Administration used the @whitehouse account approximately five times during four years. However, the administration regularly used the @realdonaldtrump account. News reports indicate that the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. We do not know whether direct messaging was enabled on the account. We are not able to determine to what extent @realdonaldtrump SnapChat contained unique Presidential records as compared to content duplicative from other platforms, or purely campaign related material which would not have been a Presidential record.

Please let me know when you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,

Gary

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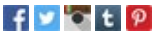

On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 6:47 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> Yes, 1:00 works for me (though I have to leave at 1:15, but that should be enough time).
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> Thanks
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> On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 8:49 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > Gary,
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> > I could talk later today. Would 1:00 pm work?
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> > On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 5:18 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > > (b) (6), (as I mentioned, I would like to have a follow up discussion with you about the transition related problems with certain social media records that are described below.
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> > > Please let me know when you are free to talk, including either later today or tomorrow?
> > >
> > > Thanks,
> > > Gary
> > > (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 11:59 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
(b) (6), (b fyi, I spoke with Jonathan Su after we talked on Friday. I'm not sure if you've connected with him yet as well, but he suggested that the three of us talk first early this week, before we try to set up the meeting that you had in mind. I can follow up set up a call.

Also, here's additional background on the social media issues we discussed. On page 2 of the Archivist's March 30, 2017, response to queries from Senators McCaskill and Carper, he stated that "NARA has advised the White House that it should capture and preserve all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, including those that are subsequently deleted, as Presidential records, and NARA has been informed by White House officials that they are, in fact, doing so." The letter was vetted and cleared by your predecessors in the Counsel's Office.

- No steps were taken to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media records other than @realDonaldTrump until the Administration procured a third party social media archiving tool in February 2018. After that, use of the tool was widespread but not timely. For example, most accounts were eventually enrolled but may have been active for weeks, months, or years prior to enrollment, during which time deleted content was not captured.

- At the end of the administration, NARA learned that the White House stopped using the social media archiving tool to capture deleted Tweets in April 2020, and Twitter was unable to provide the deleted Tweets to us after the fact. Accordingly, NARA was unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the White House. NARA is considering utilizing what was collected by non-governmental sources as an adjunct to our archival collection.

- The third party tool used to capture social media content from Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook included the ability to capture direct messages on the platforms. The Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, but was unable to report whether direct messaging was used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we believe contain PRA records but were not captured by the Trump Administration. NARA obtained the publicly available tweets at the end of the administration through a third party to supplement its archival collection. These include accounts from Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro.

- In its last weeks, the Trump Administration advised NARA that two social media accounts it believed should be treated as containing PRA content were not enrolled in their third party archiving tool and could not be retroactively enrolled.

These accounts were Donald J. Trump on Facebook and @realDonaldTrump on Instagram. NARA endeavored to work with Facebook to obtain access to the accounts but was never able to do so.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration (realdonaldtrump and whitehouse), and NARA was advised that they were capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump administration used the White House account approximately five times during four years. However, the realdonaldtrump account was used regularly. News reports indicate the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. It is not known whether direct messaging was enabled on the account.

Finally, on a separate but related note, we are arranging to pick up the PRA materials from Dr. Birx on Tuesday (tomorrow). As I mentioned to you before, her attorney has asked for assurances that Dr. Birx will be allowed access to these documents at the Archives so she can be prepared in the future for questions she may be asked about the period when she was coordinating the Coronavirus task force. You had indicated that this should not be a problem. Please confirm that we can provide such access to Dr. Birx.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 2:08 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary, could we talk this afternoon? I can do any time except 3.

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 5:40 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) please let me know when you will be able to talk about this?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 1:05 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

I will want to discuss the situation with you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I will call you later this week.

Thanks.
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 30, 2021, at 2:41 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
>
> (b) (6), (b) as you know, since late July (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been communicating directly with David Ferriero about the status of the missing Presidential records, which to date have still not been located.
>
> I wanted to give you a heads up that, earlier today, David informed (b) (6), (b) (that our ability to respond fully to all of the pending PRA special access requests (including the August 25, 2021, request from the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol) requires access to the 24 boxes (and other potentially missing records, e.g., any deleted Tweets from April 2020 through January 8, 2021). David explained that if any records have been destroyed or cannot be located, he is obligated to report it to DOJ, Congress, and the White House.
>
> Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.
>
> Thanks,
> Gary
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On Sat, Jul 3, 2021 at 12:17 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

As you know, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) let John Laster know on May 18 that the original North Korea correspondence had been located and asked about how to get the documents to your office. There was no response with instructions on shipping until a month later on June 17. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

. I also spoke to John Laster last Friday on a different matter and he raised no concerns about these issues.

In any event, as I said on our call, I would endeavor to get you an update as soon as possible. This interim update is based on the best information I've been able to gather over the last two days while traveling and in between meetings and it is possible that as I talk to other people I could learn different or newer information that is more accurate.

On the North Korean documents, I learned that they have not been sent yet because former President Trump's office had concerns with the security of sending the original documents by FedEx and that concern (and how to address it) was still bubbling back through the chain of communication. If you could please confirm by email that your instructions are to send the original documents by FedEx rather than having them carried by hand from Florida, I believe that they can be sent shortly. I spoke with the relevant staff person from President Trump's office. She is currently in New Jersey and won't be back in Florida until next Friday, July 9, but I believe the documents can be sent that day.

On the original letter from President Obama, the same relevant staff person believes that it will be about a week from next Friday that they will be in a position to send that, based on timing for staff to be back in Florida and to locate the letter within the body of materials where they believe it is located. Obviously, that time could be somewhat longer if their estimate is off.

On the possible boxes of documents you mentioned, I will have to give you an update tomorrow when we speak and also get some

information from you to make sure that we do not have crossed wires here. I can tell you that I spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about this issue and he asked me to let you know (and for you to let the Archivist know) that he would get personally involved and that he understood the importance of every record.

I hope this is helpful.

I look forward to talking tomorrow.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 2, 2021, at 10:37 AM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
>
> (b) (6), (b) as we discussed on Wednesday, please give me an update today on the status of the records. I also need to talk to you about a related issue, please call me when you today or this weekend, at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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> Gary M. Stern
> General Counsel
> National Archives and Records Administration
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> On Wed, Jun 30, 2021, 6:26 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):
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> We have not received any update on the other two categories of records in the three weeks since (b) (6), (b) said he would get back to us soon, nor have we received the North Korean records that you located and agreed to ship to us (per John's June 17 shipping instructions to (b) (6), (b)).
>
> The Archivist has now directed me to seek the assistance of the Department of Justice, which is the necessary recourse when we are unable to obtain the return of improperly removed government records that belong in our custody.
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> Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss the status and return of all of these records.
>
> Thanks,
> Gary
> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (cell)

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On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 7:42 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary, as we discussed yesterday, we will work with John on arrangements for the North Korea materials. We are continuing to look into the other two categories of documents and will get back to you with more information soon.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:59 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (, John will coordinate with you on arranging for transfer of the North Korea records.

Please let me know as soon as you can the status of the other records that we have raised. It is vitally important that we account for them, and any other Presidential records that may still be outside of our possession, as quickly as possible.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 4:19 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Hi John. The correspondence is at the Florida office.

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From: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:11:00 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

Do you have this correspondence at the office in Alexandria? If so, we can pick them up. If not, we'll need to discuss some other options.

John

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 3:46 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

We have the original North Korea correspondence available to send to you. Please let me know the best arrangements to get this to you.

I'm checking on the other items and will circle back with you on those.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:16 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>
Subject: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

As the EOP continues to transfer the electronic

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks,
Gary
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (cell)

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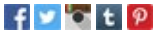

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From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 11/23/2021 02:28:11 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b I hope you're able to have a good Thanksgiving this week.

As you know, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been looking into the issue of the boxes, and seems to be making some progress on that issue.

Please let me know as soon as you can if you have any more thoughts or comments with respect to the social media records, so that we can proceed?

Thanks,
Gary

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On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 12:19 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> Thanks. Tomorrow is fine.
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> On Thu, Nov 11, 2021, 12:17 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > Gary,
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> > I'm trying to nail down answers, but having some difficulty connecting with the right people. I'll try to update you later today.
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> > Thanks,
> > (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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> > Sent from my iPhone
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> > > On Nov 10, 2021, at 6:30 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > > (b) (6), (b I'm checking back in on both issues, since I do not think that (b) (6), (b) (7 has reached out to David on the boxes.

In addition, we really need to bring to closure the social media issue, so that we can post the records that we do have, with an appropriate explanation of what we don't have.

Let me know as soon as you can if you have any more information or would like to discuss.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 10:14 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) can you provide an update from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)' search in Florida?

Also please let me know if you have any additional information concerning the social media records.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 3:54 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), following up on our discussion, here's a non-exhaustive list of a few examples of records that (b) (6), (b) was tracking and never received, based mostly on his notes from a 2019 meeting with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). David will also be sharing this directly with (b) (6), (b) (7)(

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 8:54 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

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> On Oct 21, 2021, at 7:26 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> (b) (6), can you hold some time at the end of our meeting tomorrow for a quick follow up discussion to our meeting this past Tuesday with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ?
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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> On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 4:12 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> 10:30 would work better for us. I'm adding John and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to this email, who would also join the call.
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 3:34 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Could we talk at 10:00 am tomorrow?
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> On Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 12:50 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > Yes, I am happy to talk further with the both of you about this, and will probably have John and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) join us as well. Tomorrow doesn't work for me, but Thursday afternoon or just about anytime on Friday should work.
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> > On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 12:50 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > > Gary,
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> > > I would like to discuss these matters further. As you know, all of this information about social media accounts is entirely new to me because I was not previously involved in any of these issues. I'd like to let (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (whom I've copied here) a chance to review your summary so that we can then have a telephone call. Would you be available for a call on Wednesday of this week?
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> > > Thanks,
> > > (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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> > > On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 10:48 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > > > (b) (6), (b) following up on our call on Friday, here's a more up-to-date description of the issues that we have encountered with the social media records:
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> > > > NARA did not receive, all of the Presidential records created by President Trump and White House staff that were posted on social media platforms, as summarized

in more detail below:

- Early in the Trump Administration, questions were raised about President Trump's use of his personal Twitter account to conduct official government business and whether deleted tweets were being captured and preserved as Presidential records. In March 2017, NARA advised the Trump Administration that it should capture and preserve as Presidential records all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, whether on his personal @realDonaldTrump account or on the official @POTUS account, including those tweets that were subsequently deleted. As I reported in a March 30, 2017, letter to Senators Claire McCaskill and Tom Carper, NARA was "informed by White House officials that they [were], in fact, doing so."

  Since the end of the administration, we have learned that the White House initially used a manual process to capture tweets that were deleted from @realDonaldTrump and @POTUS by copying them from non-governmental organizations that were capturing them, such as Propublica and Factba.se. The White House did not begin using the vendor ArchiveSocial to automate the capture of tweets and other social media records in real-time until January 2018. Moreover, @realDonaldTrump was not enrolled until August 2018 and the tool stopped capturing @realDonaldTrump in April 2020. The official @POTUS was enrolled in February 2018 and remained connected throughout the rest of the administration.

  When properly implemented, ArchiveSocial captures all versions of content as it appears on the platforms, along with any changes, such as deleted or edited content, changes to an account profile, and direct or private messages. However, it cannot capture such changes retroactively. If a social media account is not enrolled or subsequesntly becomes disconnected from ArchiveSocial, any changes, including deleted or modified posts, cannot be captured.

  The Twitter account @realDonaldTrump was disconnected from ArchiveSocial in April 2020. A key feature of ArchiveSocial is that it sends automated alerts to the account owners/system administrators every three to five days to remind them to reconnect any disconnected accounts. The tool also displays information about the account status in the dashboard. It appears that Trump Administration officials failed to respond to these frequent and repeated alerts and never re-enrolled that account.

  When White House officials brought this problem to our attention near the end of the administration, Twitter had permanently suspended @realDonaldTrump. NARA contacted Twitter directly to ask if it retained the account data between April 20th and the account's suspension. Twitter provided us with a copy of the available account data. However, it did not include previously deleted tweets, which are not retained by the company. Accordingly, we were unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the Trump Administration or Twitter. While we do have access to copies of deleted tweets collected by other non-governmental sources, we do not consider them as official Presidential records and cannot ensure the completeness of their captured account data.

- The Trump White House did not take any steps to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media account other than @realDonaldTrump or @POTUS prior to enrolling them with ArchiveSocial. As with @realDonaldTrump, many other Trump Administration social media accounts were not enrolled until the summer or fall of 2018, even though these accounts were active for over a year prior to enrollment, during which time deleted or modified Presidential record content was not captured. Other accounts were not enrolled until just prior to the

end of the administration.

- The ArchiveSocial tool included the ability to capture direct messages that may have been used on the platforms, but the Trump Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, and was unable to report whether direct messaging was actually used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we think contain presidential record information, but were not captured by the Trump Administration. These accounts belonged to Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. After the end of the administration, NARA obtained the publicly available tweets from these accounts in order to supplement its archival collection.

- 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.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration, (@realdonaldtrump and @whitehouse), which advised NARA that it was capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump Administration used the @whitehouse account approximately five times during four years. However, the administration regularly used the @realdonaldtrump account. News reports indicate that the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. We do not know whether direct messaging was enabled on the account. We are not able to determine to what extent @realdonaldtrump SnapChat contained unique Presidential records as compared to content duplicative from other platforms, or purely campaign related material which would not have been a Presidential record.

Please let me know when you would like to discuss further.

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On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 6:47 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

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> > I could talk later today. Would 1:00 pm work?
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> > On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 5:18 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > > (b) (6), as I mentioned, I would like to have a follow up discussion with you about the transition related problems with certain social media records that are described below.
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> > > Please let me know when you are free to talk, including either later today or tomorrow?
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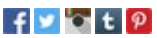
> > > 
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> > > On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 11:59 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> > > > (b) (6), fyi, I spoke with Jonathan Su after we talked on Friday. I'm not sure if you've

connected with him yet as well, but he suggested that the three of us talk first early this week, before we try to set up the meeting that you had in mind. I can follow up set up a call.

Also, here's additional background on the social media issues we discussed. On page 2 of the Archivist's March 30, 2017, response to queries from Senators McCaskill and Carper, he stated that "NARA has advised the White House that it should capture and preserve all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, including those that are subsequently deleted, as Presidential records, and NARA has been informed by White House officials that they are, in fact, doing so." The letter was vetted and cleared by your predecessors in the Counsel's Office.

- No steps were taken to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media records other than @realDonaldTrump until the Administration procured a third party social media archiving tool in February 2018. After that, use of the tool was widespread but not timely. For example, most accounts were eventually enrolled but may have been active for weeks, months, or years prior to enrollment, during which time deleted content was not captured.

- At the end of the administration, NARA learned that the White House stopped using the social media archiving tool to capture deleted Tweets in April 2020, and Twitter was unable to provide the deleted Tweets to us after the fact. Accordingly, NARA was unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the White House. NARA is considering utilizing what was collected by non-governmental sources as an adjunct to our archival collection.

- The third party tool used to capture social media content from Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook included the ability to capture direct messages on the platforms. The Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, but was unable to report whether direct messaging was used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we believe contain PRA records but were not captured by the Trump Administration. NARA obtained the publicly available tweets at the end of the administration through a third party to supplement its archival collection. These include accounts from Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro.

- In its last weeks, the Trump Administration advised NARA that two social media accounts it believed should be treated as containing PRA content were not enrolled in their third party archiving tool and could not be retroactively enrolled. These accounts were Donald J. Trump on Facebook and @realDonaldTrump on Instagram. NARA endeavored to work with Facebook to obtain access to the accounts but was never able to do so.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration (realdonaldtrump and whitehouse), and NARA was advised that they were capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump administration used the White House account approximately five times during four years. However, the realdonaldtrump account was used regularly. News reports indicate the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. It is not known whether direct messaging was enabled on the account.

Finally, on a separate but related note, we are arranging to pick up the PRA materials from Dr.

Birx on Tuesday (tomorrow). As I mentioned to you before, her attorney has asked for assurances that Dr. Birx will be allowed access to these documents at the Archives so she can be prepared in the future for questions she may be asked about the period when she was coordinating the Coronavirus task force. You had indicated that this should not be a problem. Please confirm that we can provide such access to Dr. Birx.

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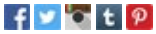

On Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 2:08 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Gary, could we talk this afternoon? I can do any time except 3.
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> On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 5:40 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) please let me know when you will be able to talk about this?
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> On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 1:05 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > Gary,
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> > I will want to discuss the situation with you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I will call you later this week.

Thanks.
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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On Aug 30, 2021, at 2:41 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b as you know, since late July (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been communicating directly with David Ferriero about the status of the missing Presidential records, which to date have still not been located.

I wanted to give you a heads up that, earlier today, David informed (b) (6), (b) (that our ability to respond fully to all of the pending PRA special access requests (including the August 25, 2021, request from the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol) requires access to the 24 boxes (and other potentially missing records, e.g., any deleted Tweets from April 2020 through January 8, 2021). David explained that if any records have been destroyed or cannot be located, he is obligated to report it to DOJ, Congress, and the White House.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
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On Sat, Jul 3, 2021 at 12:17 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Gary,
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> As you know, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] . (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) let John Laster know on May 18 that the original North Korea correspondence had been located and asked about how to get the documents to your office. There was no response with instructions on shipping until a month later on June 17. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] I also spoke to John Laster last Friday on a different matter and he raised no concerns about these issues.

In any event, as I said on our call, I would endeavor to get you an update as soon as possible. This interim update is based on the best information I've been able to gather over the last two days while traveling and in between meetings and it is possible that as I talk to other people I could learn different or newer information that is more accurate.

On the North Korean documents, I learned that they have not been sent yet because former President Trump's office had concerns with the security of sending the original documents by FedEx and that concern (and how to address it) was still bubbling back through the chain of communication. If you could please confirm by email that your instructions are to send the original documents by FedEx rather than having them carried by hand from Florida, I believe that they can be sent shortly. I spoke with the relevant staff person from President Trump's office. She is currently in New Jersey and won't be back in Florida until next Friday, July 9, but I believe the documents can be sent that day.

On the original letter from President Obama, the same relevant staff person believes that it will be about a week from next Friday that they will be in a position to send that, based on timing for staff to be back in Florida and to locate the letter within the body of materials where they believe it is located. Obviously, that time could be somewhat longer if their estimate is off.

On the possible boxes of documents you mentioned, I will have to give you an update tomorrow when we speak and also get some information from you to make sure that we do not have crossed wires here. I can tell you that I spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about this issue and he asked me to let you know (and for you to let the Archivist know) that he would get personally involved and that he understood the importance of every record.

I hope this is helpful.

I look forward to talking tomorrow.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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> On Jul 2, 2021, at 10:37 AM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
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> (b) (6), (b) as we discussed on Wednesday, please give me an update today on the status of the records. I also need to talk to you about a related issue, please call me when you today or this weekend, at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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> Gary M. Stern
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> On Wed, Jun 30, 2021, 6:26 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):
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> We have not received any update on the other two categories of records in the three weeks since (b) (6), (b) said he would get back to us soon, nor have we received the North Korean records that you located and agreed to ship to us (per John's June 17 shipping instructions to (b) (6), (b)).
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> The Archivist has now directed me to seek the assistance of the Department of Justice, which is the necessary recourse when we are unable to obtain the return of improperly removed government records that belong in our custody.
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> Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss the status and return of all of these records.
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> Thanks,
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On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 7:42 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary, as we discussed yesterday, we will work with John on arrangements for the North Korea materials. We are continuing to look into the other two categories of documents and will get back to you with more information soon.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:59 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), John will coordinate with you on arranging for transfer of the North Korea records.

Please let me know as soon as you can the status of the other records that we have raised. It is vitally important that we account for them, and any other Presidential records that may still be outside of our possession, as quickly as possible.

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On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 4:19 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

<(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
Hi John. The correspondence is at the Florida office.

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From: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:11:00 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Do you have this correspondence at the office in Alexandria? If so, we can pick them up. If not, we'll need to discuss some other options.

John

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 3:46 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
Gary,

We have the original North Korea correspondence available to send to you. Please let me know the best arrangements to get this to you.

I'm checking on the other items and will circle back with you on those.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:16 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>
Subject: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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

some problems remain that will likely require further follow up with you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks,
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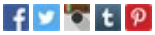

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent time: 11/29/2021 05:23:44 PM
To: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

Gary,

Thanks, I hope you had a good Thanksgiving, too. I am trying to close the loop on a couple things on the social media and will get back to you in the next couple days.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 23, 2021, at 2:28 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I hope you're able to have a good Thanksgiving this week.

As you know, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been looking into the issue of the boxes, and seems to be making some progress on that issue.

Please let me know as soon as you can if you have any more thoughts or comments with respect to the social media records, so that we can proceed?

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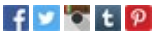

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 12:19 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> Thanks. Tomorrow is fine.
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> On Thu, Nov 11, 2021, 12:17 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > Gary,

I'm trying to nail down answers, but having some difficulty connecting with the right people. I'll try to update you later today.

Thanks,
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Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 10, 2021, at 6:30 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), I'm checking back in on both issues, since I do not think that (b) (6), (b) (7 has reached out to David on the boxes.

In addition, we really need to bring to closure the social media issue, so that we can post the records that we do have, with an appropriate explanation of what we don't have.

Let me know as soon as you can if you have any more information or would like to discuss.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 10:14 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), can you provide an update from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)' search in Florida?

Also please let me know if you have any additional information concerning the social media records.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 3:54 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

[redacted] following up on our discussion, here's a non-exhaustive list of a few examples of records that [redacted] was tracking and never received, based mostly on his notes from a 2019 meeting with [redacted] David will also be sharing this directly with [redacted]

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 8:54 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Ok

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 21, 2021, at 7:26 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
>
> [redacted], can you hold some time at the end of our meeting tomorrow for a quick follow up discussion to our meeting this past Tuesday with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ?
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 4:12 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> 10:30 would work better for us. I'm adding John and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to this email, who would also join the call.
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> Thanks,
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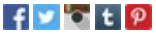

On Thu, Oct 21, 2021 at 3:34 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Could we talk at 10:00 am tomorrow?
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> On Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 12:50 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
>
> > Yes, I am happy to talk further with the both of you about this, and will probably have John and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) join us as well. Tomorrow doesn't work for me, but Thursday afternoon or just about anytime on Friday should work.
> >
> > Thanks,
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On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 12:50 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
<(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
Gary,

I would like to discuss these matters further. As you know, all of this information about social media accounts is entirely new to me because I was not previously involved in any of these issues. I'd like to let (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (whom I've copied here) a chance to review your summary so that we can then have a telephone call. Would you be available for a call on Wednesday of this week?

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On Mon, Oct 18, 2021 at 10:48 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
(b) (6), (b) following up on our call on Friday, here's a more up-to-date description of the issues that we have encountered with the social media records:

NARA did not receive, all of the Presidential records created by President Trump and White House staff that were posted on social media platforms, as summarized in more detail below:

- Early in the Trump Administration, questions were raised about President Trump's use of his personal Twitter account to conduct official government business and whether deleted tweets were being captured and preserved as Presidential records. In March 2017, NARA advised the Trump Administration that it should capture and preserve as Presidential records all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, whether on his personal @realDonaldTrump account or on the official @POTUS account, including those tweets that were subsequently deleted. As I reported in a March 30, 2017, letter to Senators Claire McCaskill and Tom Carper, NARA was "informed by White House officials that they [were], in fact, doing so."

  Since the end of the administration, we have learned that the White House initially used a manual process to capture tweets that were deleted from @realDonaldTrump and @POTUS by copying them from non-governmental organizations that were capturing them, such as Propublica and Factba.se. The White House did not begin using the vendor ArchiveSocial to automate the capture of tweets and other social media records in real-time until January 2018. Moreover, @realDonaldTrump was not enrolled until August 2018 and the tool stopped capturing @realDonaldTrump in April 2020. The official @POTUS was enrolled in February 2018 and remained connected throughout the rest of the administration.

  When properly implemented, ArchiveSocial captures all versions of content as it appears on the platforms, along with any changes, such as deleted or edited content, changes to an account profile, and direct or private messages. However, it cannot capture such changes retroactively. If a social media account is not enrolled or

subsequesntly becomes disconnected from ArchiveSocial, any changes, including deleted or modified posts, cannot be captured.

The Twitter account @realDonaldTrump was disconnected from ArchiveSocial in April 2020. A key feature of ArchiveSocial is that it sends automated alerts to the account owners/system administrators every three to five days to remind them to reconnect any disconnected accounts. The tool also displays information about the account status in the dashboard. It appears that Trump Administration officials failed to respond to these frequent and repeated alerts and never re-enrolled that account.

When White House officials brought this problem to our attention near the end of the administration, Twitter had permanently suspended @realDonaldTrump. NARA contacted Twitter directly to ask if it retained the account data between April 20th and the account's suspension. Twitter provided us with a copy of the available account data. However, it did not include previously deleted tweets, which are not retained by the company. Accordingly, we were unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the Trump Administration or Twitter. While we do have access to copies of deleted tweets collected by other non-governmental sources, we do not consider them as official Presidential records and cannot ensure the completeness of their captured account data.

- The Trump White House did not take any steps to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media account other than @realDonaldTrump or @POTUS prior to enrolling them with ArchiveSocial. As with @realDonaldTrump, many other Trump Administration social media accounts were not enrolled until the summer or fall of 2018, even though these accounts were active for over a year prior to enrollment, during which time deleted or modified Presidential record content was not captured. Other accounts were not enrolled until just prior to the end of the administration.

- The ArchiveSocial tool included the ability to capture direct messages that may have been used on the platforms, but the Trump Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, and was unable to report whether direct messaging was actually used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we think contain presidential record information, but were not captured by the Trump Administration. These accounts belonged to Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro. After the end of the administration, NARA obtained the publicly available tweets from these accounts in order to supplement its archival collection.

- 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.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration, (@realdonaldtrump and @whitehouse), which advised NARA that it was capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump Administration used the @whitehouse account approximately five times during four years. However, the administration regularly used the @realdonaldtrump account. News reports indicate that the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. We do not know whether direct messaging was enabled on the account. We are not able to determine to what extent @realdonaldtrump SnapChat contained unique Presidential records as compared to content duplicative from other platforms, or purely campaign related material which would not have been a Presidential record.

Please let me know when you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 6:47 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

> Yes, 1:00 works for me (though I have to leave at 1:15, but that should be enough time).
>
> Thanks
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On Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 8:49 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

Gary,

I could talk later today. Would 1:00 pm work?

On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 5:18 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), as I mentioned, I would like to have a follow up discussion with you about the transition related problems with certain social media records that are described below.

Please let me know when you are free to talk, including either later today or tomorrow?

Thanks,
Gary
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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On Mon, Sep 6, 2021 at 11:59 AM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), (b) fyi, I spoke with Jonathan Su after we talked on Friday. I'm not sure if you've connected with him yet as well, but he suggested that the three of us talk first early this week, before we try to set up the meeting that you had in mind. I can follow up set up a call.

Also, here's additional background on the social media issues we discussed. On page 2 of the Archivist's March 30, 2017, response to queries from Senators McCaskill and Carper, he stated that "NARA has advised the White House that it should capture and preserve all tweets that the President posts in the course of his official duties, including those that are subsequently deleted, as Presidential records, and NARA has been informed by White House officials that they are,

in fact, doing so." The letter was vetted and cleared by your predecessors in the Counsel's Office.

- No steps were taken to capture deleted content from any Trump Administration social media records other than @realDonaldTrump until the Administration procured a third party social media archiving tool in February 2018. After that, use of the tool was widespread but not timely. For example, most accounts were eventually enrolled but may have been active for weeks, months, or years prior to enrollment, during which time deleted content was not captured.

- At the end of the administration, NARA learned that the White House stopped using the social media archiving tool to capture deleted Tweets in April 2020, and Twitter was unable to provide the deleted Tweets to us after the fact. Accordingly, NARA was unable to obtain a complete set of these Presidential records from the White House. NARA is considering utilizing what was collected by non-governmental sources as an adjunct to our archival collection.

- The third party tool used to capture social media content from Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook included the ability to capture direct messages on the platforms. The Administration opted not to enable capture of direct messages, but was unable to report whether direct messaging was used on any of the platforms by the account holders.

- NARA identified seven Twitter accounts that we believe contain PRA records but were not captured by the Trump Administration. NARA obtained the publicly available tweets at the end of the administration through a third party to supplement its archival collection. These include accounts from Andrew Giuliani, Chad Gilmartin, Ivanka Trump, Kayleigh McEnany, Kellyanne Conway, Mark Meadows, and Peter Navarro.

- In its last weeks, the Trump Administration advised NARA that two social media accounts it believed should be treated as containing PRA content were not enrolled in their third party archiving tool and could not be retroactively enrolled. These accounts were Donald J. Trump on Facebook and @realDonaldTrump on Instagram. NARA endeavored to work with Facebook to obtain access to the accounts but was never able to do so.

- SnapChat was used by the Trump Administration (realdonaldtrump and whitehouse), and NARA was advised that they were capturing content posted to the platform. NARA reviewed the transferred social media records and has not located any SnapChat content. SnapChat ultimately banned President Trump from the platform and it is not possible to see any previous content. SnapChat advised NARA that the Trump administration used the White House account approximately five times during four years. However, the realdonaldtrump account was used regularly. News reports indicate the account had 1.5 million followers on the platform. It is not known whether direct messaging was enabled on the account.

Finally, on a separate but related note, we are arranging to pick up the PRA materials from Dr. Birx on Tuesday (tomorrow). As I mentioned to you before, her attorney has asked for assurances that Dr. Birx will be allowed access to these documents at the Archives so she can be prepared in the future for

questions she may be asked about the period when she was coordinating the Coronavirus task force. You had indicated that this should not be a problem. Please confirm that we can provide such access to Dr. Birx.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 2:08 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Gary, could we talk this afternoon? I can do any time except 3.
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> On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 5:40 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) please let me know when you will be able to talk about this?
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> Thanks,
> Gary
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> On Tue, Aug 31, 2021 at 1:05 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> > Gary,
> >
> > I will want to discuss the situation with you. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] I will call you later this week.

Thanks.
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 30, 2021, at 2:41 PM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
>
> (b) (6), (b) as you know, since late July (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been communicating directly with David Ferriero about the status of the missing Presidential records, which to date have still not been located.
>
> I wanted to give you a heads up that, earlier today, David informed (b) (6), (b) (7 that our ability to respond fully to all of the pending PRA special access requests (including the August 25, 2021, request from the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol) requires access to the 24 boxes (and other potentially missing records, e.g., any deleted Tweets from April 2020 through January 8, 2021). David explained that if any records have been destroyed or cannot be located, he is obligated to report it to DOJ, Congress, and the White House.
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> Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.
>
> Thanks,
> Gary
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> On Sat, Jul 3, 2021 at 12:17 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
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> Gary,
>
> As you know, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) let John Laster know on May 18 that the original North Korea correspondence had been located and asked about how to get the documents to your office. There was no response with instructions on shipping until a month later on June 17. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). I also spoke to John Laster last Friday on a different matter and he raised no concerns about these issues.

In any event, as I said on our call, I would endeavor to get you an update as soon as possible. This interim update is based on the best information I've been able to gather over the last two days while traveling and in between meetings and it is possible that as I talk to other people I could learn different or newer information that is more accurate.

On the North Korean documents, I learned that they have not been sent yet because former President Trump's office had concerns with the security of sending the original documents by FedEx and that concern (and how to address it) was still bubbling back through the chain of communication. If you could please confirm by email that your instructions are to send the original documents by FedEx rather than having them carried by hand from Florida, I believe that they can be sent shortly. I spoke with the relevant staff person from President Trump's office. She is currently in New Jersey and won't be back in Florida until next Friday, July 9, but I believe the documents can be sent that day.

On the original letter from President Obama, the same relevant staff person believes that it will be about a week from next Friday that they will be in a position to send that, based on timing for staff to be back in Florida and to locate the letter within the

body of materials where they believe it is located. Obviously, that time could be somewhat longer if their estimate is off.

On the possible boxes of documents you mentioned, I will have to give you an update tomorrow when we speak and also get some information from you to make sure that we do not have crossed wires here. I can tell you that I spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about this issue and he asked me to let you know (and for you to let the Archivist know) that he would get personally involved and that he understood the importance of every record.

I hope this is helpful.

I look forward to talking tomorrow.

Thanks,
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 2, 2021, at 10:37 AM, GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
>
> (b) (6), as we discussed on Wednesday, please give me an update today on the status of the records. I also need to talk to you about a related issue, please call me when you today or this weekend, at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
>
> Thanks,
> Gary
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> Gary M. Stern
> General Counsel
> National Archives and Records Administration
>
> On Wed, Jun 30, 2021, 6:26 PM GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:
>> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):
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>> We have not received any update on the other two categories of records in the three weeks since (b) (6), (b) (7) said he would get back to us soon, nor have we received the North Korean records that you located and agreed to ship to us (per John's June 17

shipping instructions to [redacted]).

The Archivist has now directed me to seek the assistance of the Department of Justice, which is the necessary recourse when we are unable to obtain the return of improperly removed government records that belong in our custody.

Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss the status and return of all of these records.

Thanks,
Gary
[redacted] (cell)

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On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 7:42 PM [redacted] <[redacted] wrote:

Gary, as we discussed yesterday, we will work with John on arrangements for the North Korea materials. We are continuing to look into the other two categories of documents and will get back to you with more information soon.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 3:59 PM
To: [redacted] <[redacted]
Cc: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>; [redacted] <[redacted]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
<(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), John will coordinate with you on arranging for transfer of the North Korea records.

Please let me know as soon as you can the status of the other records that we have raised. It is vitally important that we account for them, and any other Presidential records that may still be outside of our possession, as quickly as possible.

Thanks,
Gary

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On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 4:19 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:
Hi John. The correspondence is at the Florida office.

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From: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:11:00 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Do you have this correspondence at the office in Alexandria? If so, we can pick them up. If not, we'll need to discuss some other options.

John

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 3:46 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote:

> Gary,
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> We have the original North Korea correspondence available to send to you. Please let me know the best arrangements to get this to you.
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> I'm checking on the other items and will circle back with you on those.
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> Thanks,
> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:16 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>
Subject: Need for Assistance re Presidential Records

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

As the EOP continues to transfer the electronic Trump Presidential records into our custody, we have come upon several problems that we need your help in resolving. We have already been working with Scott to address various issues with respect to capturing Presidential records on social media

accounts; his assistance has been very helpful, although some problems remain that will likely require further follow up with you.

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

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

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

It is also our understanding that roughly two dozen boxes of original Presidential records were kept in the Residence of the White House over the course of President Trump's last year in office and have not been transferred to NARA, despite a determination by Pat Cipollone in the final days of the Administration that they need to be. I had also raised this concern with (b) (6), (b) (during the final weeks.

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

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

Thanks,
Gary
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (cell)

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From:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Sent time:	12/30/2021 03:17:09 PM
To:	GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Cc:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Subject:	BOXES

Gary – Further to our conversation, we have located 12 boxes that are 25" x 12.5" x 10.5". In addition, we have the Obama letter, the Kim Jong-un correspondence, and the NOAA poster. Pick up will be at Mar-a-Lago.

I have cc'd (b) (6), (b) (7) who can assist with logistics.

Regards,
(b) (6), (b)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Sent time: 12/30/2021 04:47:15 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >; GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: BOXES

Thanks (b) (6), (b) . Gary - standing by to discuss the pickup logistics at your convenience.

Thanks, and Happy New Year!

(b) (6), (b) (7)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 3:17 PM
To: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
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From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 12/30/2021 07:49:57 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
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> **Sent:** Thursday, December 30, 2021 3:17 PM
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From: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 01/04/2022 05:53:32 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) @nara.gov>
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Sent time: 01/05/2022 01:58:05 PM
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Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 5:53 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
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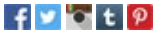

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Sent time: 01/05/2022 04:03:16 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @nara.gov>
Subject: Re: BOXES

Good afternoon (b) (6), (b) (7) Happy New Year, trust all is well in south Florida and you are not dealing with mountains of snow and closures that we're encountering up here in the DMV.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who is our (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will reach out to you at some point soon to get the background information necessary to make arrangements with DoD to pick up this shipment.

Thanks in advance and look forward to working with you.

Regards,

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@nara.gov>
Sent time: 01/06/2022 11:28:57 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: BOXES

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Sent time: 01/06/2022 03:14:07 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @nara.gov>
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Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 11:28 AM
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Sent time: 01/10/2022 01:05:05 PM
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Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 12:29 PM
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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Sent time: 01/13/2022 08:15:25 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @nara.gov>
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Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 1:05 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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Sent time: 01/13/2022 09:00:17 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@nara.gov
Subject: Re: BOXES

Good morning (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

Monday is confirmed, pickup is scheduled for 2pm. I should have the vehicle and driver's information by late morning or this afternoon.

Regards,

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Subject: Re: BOXES

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7),

Here is the driver and vehicle information. Also you mentioned that you would provide the exact location on the property where the truck should park for loading along with any other special instructions.

Driver full name: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

DOB: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Truck Tag Info: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Truck Markings: White Kenworth pulling United Van Lines trailer

On Thu, Jan 13, 2022 at 9:00 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@nara.gov> wrote:

> Good morning (b) (6), (b) (7),
>
> Monday is confirmed, pickup is scheduled for 2pm. I should have the vehicle and driver's information by late morning or this afternoon.
>
> Regards,
>
> On Thu, Jan 13, 2022 at 8:15 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) > wrote:
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> > Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),
> >
> > Just wanted to follow up with you since I hadn't heard back. Were you able to confirm Monday afternoon pickup and the vehicle details?
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> > (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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> > Get Outlook for iOS
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> > **From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
> > **Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 1:05 PM
> > **To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
> > **Subject:** Re: BOXES
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> > Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),
> >
> > Thanks for your follow-up. We would like to schedule the pick up on Monday, January 17th in the afternoon. Would that work?
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> > The additional poster is roughly sized 30 inches by 24 inches.
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> > Please let me know the vehicle information and all names of the individuals coming in the truck. I will advise on the best gate for pick-up shortly.
> >
> > Thank you!
> >
> > (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@nara.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 12:29 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
Subject: Re: BOXES

Good afternoon (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

Following up to if you have decided on a pickup date for the boxes. I believe you were leaning towards this Friday Jan 14th. Please advise...

Regards,

On Thu, Jan 6, 2022 at 3:14 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> wrote:

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

I am available for the next hour, if that works for you? The best number is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

Looking forward to speaking with you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@nara.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 11:28 AM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>
Subject: BOXES

Good morning (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Happy New Year,

I will be working with you to coordinate transportation for the boxes. I have a few questions, are you available for a short call this afternoon or tomorrow?

Regards,

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