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The Honorable James Comer
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6143
By Email

Dear Ranking Member Comer:

I write in response to the letter of August 30, 2022, from you and your colleagues responding to my letter of August 16, 2022.

I apologize if my response may not have been clear and thus caused confusion. My letter was not intended to “deny the existence of such responsive documents or communications to Congress.” Rather, its intent instead was to convey to you that, as a general matter, the Department of Justice has requested that NARA not share or otherwise disclose to others information related to this matter at this time in order to protect the integrity of DOJ’s ongoing work. I also let you know that “NARA is preserving all records related to this matter.”

We did, of course, release my May 10, 2022, letter to Evan Corcoran, an attorney for former President Trump, addressing the special access request under the Presidential Records Act (PRA) from the incumbent President on behalf of the Department of Justice, after the letter had been released by a PRA representative of Trump.

To the extent that we are able to release any additional records responsive to your request in the future, we will make them available to you.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform

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