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## One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

## Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capital

October 13, 2021

## VIA US and ELECTRONIC MAIL



Dear Mr. Clark:

Pursuant to the authorities set forth in House Resolution 503 and the rules of the House of Representatives, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol ("Select Committee") hereby transmits a subpoena that compels you to produce documents by October 29 and appear for a deposition on October 29.

The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures rules, or regulations.

The Select Committee's investigation has revealed credible evidence that you attempted to involve the Department of Justice in efforts to interrupt the peaceful transfer of power. As detailed in a report issued by the Senate Judiciary Committee, you proposed that the Department send a letter to state legislators in Georgia and other states suggesting that they delay certification of their election results and hold a press conference announcing that the Department was investigating allegations of voter fraud. These proposals were rejected by Department leadership as both lacking a factual basis and inconsistent with the Department's institutional role. The report further indicates that you engaged in unauthorized investigation of allegations of voter fraud and failed to abide by the Department's policy on contacts with the White House. As a result of your efforts to prompt this Departmental action, the President considered installing you as Acting Attorney General. While he did not ultimately make that personnel change, your

<sup>&</sup>quot;Subverting Justice: How the Former President and his Allies Pressured DOJ to Overturn the 2020 Election," Majority Staff Report of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Issued October 7, 2021 at p. 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id. at 22-23.

<sup>3</sup> Id.

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efforts risked involving the Department of Justice in actions that lacked evidentiary foundation and threatened to subvert the rule of law. Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks both documents and your deposition testimony regarding these and other matters that are within the scope of the Select Committee's inquiry.

A copy of the rules governing Select Committee depositions, and document production definitions and instructions are attached. Please contact staff for the Select Committee at 202-225-7800 if you have questions or wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Bennie G. Thompson

Chairman