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

August 25, 2021

The Honorable Deb Haaland
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland:

The Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol is examining the facts, circumstances, and causes of the attack and relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations.

Pursuant to the purposes and functions set forth in House Resolution 503, the Select Committee requests that you produce the documents described in the attached schedule in your custody, control, or possession. Please produce this information to the Select Committee no later than September 9, 2021. Please also make staff available expeditiously to meet with Select Committee staff to discuss document production priorities. An attachment to this letter provides additional instructions for responding to the Select Committee's request.

If you have questions, please contact Select Committee investigative staff at 202-225-7800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennie G. Thompson".

Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

DOCUMENT SCHEDULE

Pending Requests

The Select Committee reiterates the requests made in the March 25, 2021,¹ correspondence from multiple committees of the House of Representatives, which the Select Committee subsequently joined, for documents and communications received, prepared, or sent between December 1, 2020, and January 20, 2021, relating to the counting of the electoral college vote on January 6, 2021, the potential for demonstration, violence, or attacks in the National Capital Region on or around January 6, 2021, and the events or aftermath of January 6, 2021.

Additional Requests

To the extent not included in the scope of the pending requests described above, the Select Committee further requests:

1. All documents and communications relating to National Park Service permits and permit applications for events in Washington, DC relating to the 2020 election, between November 3, 2020, and January 20, 2021.
2. All documents and communications between November 3, 2020, and January 20, 2021, relating to potential or actual changes in Department of the Interior (DOI) senior personnel that include Presidential appointees, temporary, and acting officials.
3. All documents and communications relating to instructions to stop or delay activities to prepare for the transition of administrations.
4. All documents and communications internally expressing concerns of the Government's ability to handle events that could or ultimately did transpire on January 6, 2021.
5. All documents and communications on January 6, 2021, relating to the deployment of law enforcement personnel or military assets to the U.S. Capitol.
6. All documents and communications of the Office of the Secretary, the Office of the Deputy Secretary, the National Park Service, and the United States Park Police, relating to the potential for violence or attacks on January 6, 2021.

¹ Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney, House Committee on Oversight and Reform, et al., to Deb Haaland, Secretary, Department of the Interior (March 25, 2021) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2021-03-25.House%20Committees%20to%20Agencies%20re%20Jan%206%20Attack.pdf>).

7. All documents and communications of the Office of the Secretary, the Office of the Deputy Secretary, the National Park Service, and the United States Park Police, relating to the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.
8. All documents and actual or attempted communications relating to conversations between any Department of the Interior official and President Trump and/or any White House official on January 5–6, 2021, relating to the January 5th rally, the January 6th rally, and/or the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol.
9. To the extent not included in the scope of items 1–8 above, all documents and communications referring or relating to events that could or ultimately did transpire on January 6, 2021.
10. Copies of all documents and communications already produced to other investigatory bodies, including, but not limited to, the Senate, House, Department of Justice, Government Accountability Office, and any offices of inspectors general, or to private entities or in response to FOIA requests, relating to events that could or ultimately did transpire on January 6, 2021.