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

January 10, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Arthur Schwartz



Dear Mr. Schwartz:

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 the documents set forth in the accompanying schedule by January 24, 2022, and to appear for a deposition on January 31, 2022.

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 inquiry includes examination of how various individuals and entities coordinated their activities leading up to the events of January 6, 2021.

Based on documents produced to the Select Committee, we have reason to believe that you communicated with both organizers of and speakers at the rally held on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021. President Trump spoke at the rally shortly before the attack on the Capitol, falsely asserting that he had won the 2020 Presidential election, and urging the crowd to “fight much harder” and “stop the steal.” President Trump also encouraged attendees to march to the Capitol, telling them “I’ll be there with you.” The communications of interest relate to, among other issues, plans for the rally, including concerns around proposed speakers like Ali Alexander (also known as Ali Akbar) and Alex Jones; appearance fees for certain people who did speak at the rally; and media coverage after January 6th about the rally. The people we have reason to believe you communicated with or about regarding the rally, both prior to and on January 6th, include, but are not limited to, Taylor Budowich, Julie Fancelli, Kimberly Guilfoyle, Katrina Pierson, Andy Surabian, Donald Trump, Jr., and Caroline Wren.

Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks documents and a deposition 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 to arrange for the

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production of documents and to discuss the location of the deposition. As indicated on the subpoena, the deposition will be held in person on the U.S. Capitol grounds or via videoconference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennie G. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman