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

January 18, 2022

Jenna Ellis



Dear Ms. Ellis:

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 February 1, 2022, and to appear for a deposition on February 8, 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 Select Committee’s investigation has revealed credible evidence that you publicly promoted claims that the 2020 election was stolen and participated in attempts to disrupt or delay the certification of the election results based on your allegations. Between mid-November 2020 and January 6, 2021 (and thereafter), you actively promoted claims of election fraud on behalf of former President Trump and sought to convince state legislators to take steps to overturn the election results.¹ According to public reporting, you prepared and circulated two memos purporting to analyze the constitutional authority for the Vice President to reject or delay counting electoral votes from states that had submitted alternate slates of electors.²

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.

¹ See, e.g., <https://www.c-span.org/video/?478246-1/trump-campaign-alleges-voter-fraud-states-plans-lawsuits>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohe2dQbNJwM>; Craig Mauger, “Giuliani pushes Michigan lawmakers to intervene in election,” THE DETROIT NEWS (December 2, 2020); Evie Fordham, “Arizona legislature closes as Trump lawyers push for special session to pick electors.” FOX NEWS (December 7, 2020), published at <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-arizona-legislature-electors-rudy-giuliani-coronavirus>.

² Betsy Woodruff Swan and Kyle Cheney, “Trump campaign lawyer authored 2 memos claiming Pence could halt Biden’s victory,” POLITICO (December 10, 2021).

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Please contact staff for the Select Committee at 202-225-7800 to arrange for the production of documents.

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