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

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Dear Mr. Fuentes:

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 2, 2022 and appear for a deposition on February 9, 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, politics, 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, as well as the influencing factors that fomented such an attack on American representative democracy while engaged in a constitutional process.

The investigation and public reports have revealed credible evidence of your involvement, and the involvement of individuals affiliated with the "America First" or "Groyper" movement, which you lead, in events within the scope of the Select Committee's investigation.

Prior to January 6th, you repeatedly advanced efforts to challenge the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election. For example, on November 11, 2020, you organized a "Stop the Steal" rally at the Michigan State Capitol. You told the crowd they should rally at state capitols every day, and said conservatives should be "more feral" in their tactics to overturn the election.² According to a post you published on Telegram on November 9, 2020, you also spoke at another

¹ Nicholas J. Fuentes: Five Things to Know, ADL, July 8, 2021, https://www.adl.org/blog/nicholas-j-fuentes-five-things-to-know.

² Far-right activist who encouraged U.S. Capitol occupation also organized 'stop the steal' rally in Michigan, MLIVE, Jan. 7, 2021, https://www.mlive.com/politics/2021/01/far-right-activist-who-encouraged-us-capitol-occupation-also-organized-stop-the-steal-rally-in-michigan html.

rally at the Wisconsin State Capitol on November 10, 2020.³ In the same post, you promised, "GROYPERS ARE GOING TO STOP THIS COUP!"⁴

On November 14, 2020, you rallied with America First/Groyper followers at the Million MAGA March in Washington, D.C., urging your followers to "storm every state capitol until January 20, 2021, until President Trump is inaugurated for four more years." You were also a prominent figure at "Stop the Steal" rallies in Atlanta, Georgia, on and around November 19, 2020, alongside featured speakers such as Alex Jones and Ali Alexander inside and outside the State Capitol, where you discussed potential actions including showing up outside the homes of politicians. On December 12, 2020, you spoke to a crowd of supporters at the "Stop the Steal" events in Washington, D.C., calling for the destruction of the Republican Party for failing to overturn the election.

On January 6, 2021, you rallied with your followers outside the Capitol. You called on your followers to continue occupying the Capitol until the election results were overturned, ¹⁰ and proclaimed a "Glorious day" on your Twitter. ¹¹ Photos and videos taken on January 6th appear to

³ Telegram: @nickjfuentes, https://t me/s/nickjfuentes. Screenshots on file with the Select Committee.

⁴ Id

⁵ DECIPHERING NICK FUENTES' "STOP THE STEAL" SPEECHES, INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, Nov. 24, 2020, https://www.irehr.org/2020/11/24/deciphering-nick-fuentes-stop-the-steal-speeches/.

⁶ #StopTheSteal: Timeline of Social Media and Extremist Activities Leading to 1/6 Insurrection, JUSTSECURITY, Feb. 10, 2021, https://www.justsecurity.org/74622/stopthesteal-timeline-of-social-media-and-extremist-activities-leading-to-1-6-insurrection/.

⁷ WHITE NATIONALISTS PROMINENT AT "STOP THE STEAL" MOBILIZATION IN GEORGIA, INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, Nov. 24, 2020, https://www.irehr.org/2020/11/24/white-nationalists-prominent-at-stop-the-steal-mobilization-in-georgia/. Nick Fuentes Georgia State Capitol 11/20/2020, YOUTUBE, Nov. 20, 2020, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OS1f--Tkn1M. MAGA Protesters Chant 'Destroy the GOP' at Pro-Trump Rally, ROLLING STONE, Dec. 12, 2020, https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/protesters-chant-destroy-the-gop-at-pro-trump-rally-1102967/. ¹⁰ Far-right activist who encouraged U.S. Capitol occupation also organized 'stop the steal' rally in Michigan, MLIVE, Jan. 7, 2021, https://www.mlive.com/politics/2021/01/far-right-activist-who-encouraged-us-capitol-occupation-also-organized-stop-the-steal-rally-in-michigan.html.

⁸ Nick Fuentes Georgia State Capitol 11/20/2020, YOUTUBE, Nov. 20, 2020, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OS1f--Tkn1M. MAGA Protesters Chant 'Destroy the GOP' at Pro-Trump Rally, ROLLING STONE, Dec. 12, 2020, https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/protesters-chant-destroy-the-gop-at-pro-trump-rally-in-michigan, MLIVE, Jan. 7, 2021, https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/protesters-chant-destroy-the-gop-at-pro-trump-rally-1102967/. https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/protesters-chant-destroy-the-gop-at-pro-trump-rally-1102967/. https://www.mlive.com/politics/2021/01/far-right-activist-who-encouraged-us-capitol-occupation-also-organized-stop-the-steal-rally-in-michigan html.

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¹¹ Tweet from @NickJFuentes (Archived), Jan. 6, 2021, 2:51 P.M., https://web.archive.org/web/20210331114412/https://twitter.com/nickjfuentes/status/1346952441561047040.

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show America First followers in the Capitol. ¹² The next day, you wrote on Twitter, "The Capitol Siege was f***ing awesome and I'm not going to pretend it wasn't."¹³

Less than a month before the Capitol attack, you reportedly received a large donation of Bitcoin, worth more than \$250,000, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is reportedly scrutinizing to assess whether the money was linked to the Capitol attack or otherwise used to fund illegal acts. 14

The Select Committee seeks documents regarding these and other matters that are within the scope of the Select Committee's inquiry. On November 17, 2021, your attorneys informed Select Committee staff that you declined the Select Committee's request to testify and submit documents voluntarily. 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 production of documents.

Sincerely,

Bennie G. Thompson

Chairman

 $^{^{12} \}textit{See, e.g.}, \ Tweet \ from \ @BGOnTheScene, Jan. \ 6, 2021, 4:35 \ P.M., \\ \underline{\text{https://twitter.com/BGOnTheScene/status/1346933424070811648;}} \ Tweet \ from \ @BenLorber8, Jan. \ 7, 2021, 10:10 \ A.M., \\ \underline{\text{https://twitter.com/BenLorber8/status/1347198880585306114}}.$

¹³ Tweet from @NickJFuentes (Archived), Twitter, Jan. 7, 2021, https://web.archive.org/web/20210107185745/https://twitter.com/NickJFuentes/status/1347255833516765185.

¹⁴ Alt-Right Groups and Personalities Involved In the January 2021 Capitol Riot Received Over \$500K In Bitcoin From French Donor One Month Prior, CHAINALYSIS, Jan. 14, 2021, https://blog.chainalysis.com/reports/capitol-riot-bitcoin-donation-alt-right-domestic-extremism; FBI probing if foreign governments, groups funded extremists who helped execute Capitol attack, NBC NEWS, Jan. 16, 2021, https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/national-security/fbi-probing-if-foreign-governments-groups-funded-extremists-who-helped-n1254525.

¹⁵ Email from Counsel for Nicholas J. Fuentes to Select Committee Staff, Nov. 17, 2021, on file with the Select Committee.