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

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James M. Murray
Director
United States Secret Service
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Washington, DC 20223

Dear Director Murray:

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 the United States Secret Service (“USSS”) at the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) to produce the documents set forth in the accompanying schedule by July 19, 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.

On January 16, 2021, multiple committees of the House of Representatives directed relevant DHS components to produce “all documents or materials that refer or relate to events that could or ultimately did transpire on January 6.”¹ A March 25, 2021 letter from multiple House committees to DHS requested documents including communications “received, prepared, or sent between January 5, 2021, and January 7, 2021, by employees or officials of the Department or any of its components, offices, or directorates, relating to ... the events of January 6, 2021.”² The Select Committee joined both of those requests on August 11, 2021.³ Finally, on August 25, 2021, the Select Committee issued a document request that included a request for “all documents and communications relating to actual or attempted conversations between any DHS official and

¹ Letter from Chairs Adam Schiff, Bennie G. Thompson, Carolyn Maloney, and Jerrold Nadler to FBI Director Chris Wray, NCTC Acting Director Steve Vanech, DHS Senior Official Joe Maher, and ODNI Director John Ratcliffe (January 16, 2021), available at https://intelligence.house.gov/uploadedfiles/20210116_hpsci_chs_hjc_cor_letter_to_fbi_dhs_nctc_odni_on_capitol_insurrection.pdf.

² Letter from Chairs Carolyn Maloney, Adam Schiff, Bennie G. Thompson, Jerrold Nadler, Zoe Lofgren, and Adam Smith to Secretary Mayorkas (March 25, 2021), available at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2021-03-25.House%20Committees%20to%20Agencies%20re%20Jan%206%20Attack.pdf>.

³ Letter from Chairman Bennie G. Thompson to Secretary Mayorkas (August 11, 2021).

President Trump and/or any other White House official on January 5-6, 2021, relating to the January 5 rally, and/or the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.”⁴ “[A]ny DHS official” includes but is not limited to all USSS members and staff.

The Select Committee has been informed that the USSS erased text messages from January 5 and 6, 2021 as part of a “device-replacement program.” In a statement issued July 14, 2022, the USSS stated that it “began to reset its mobile phones to factory settings as part of a pre-planned, three-month system migration. In that process, data resident on some phones was lost.” However, according to that USSS statement, “none of the texts it [DHS Office of Inspector General] was seeking had been lost in the migration.”

Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks the relevant text messages, as well as any after action reports that have been issued in any and all divisions of the USSS pertaining or relating in any way to the events of January 6, 2021. A copy of document production definitions and instructions is attached. Please contact staff for the Select Committee at 202-225-7800 to arrange for the production of documents.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

⁴ Letter from Chairman Bennie G. Thompson to Secretary Mayorkas (August 25, 2021), available at <https://january6th.house.gov/sites/democrats.january6th.house.gov/files/DHS.8.25.pdf>.