

P. 53 @nara.gov>

E: [EXTERNAL] FYI re NARA & "Trump Boxes"

1 message

Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 3:05 PM Bratt, Jay (NSD) Per. 53 @nara.gov>, "Amundson, Corey (CRM)" @usdoj.gov> @nara.gov> Cc: "Stern, GaryM'

Thank you. We're meeting with the FBI shortly to discuss how they want to approach getting access to the records. I should have an update later.

Jay

Per. 53 @nara.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 9. 2022 3:02 PM

@usdoj.gov>; Bratt, Jay (NSD) To: Amundson, Corey (CRM)

@nara.gov> Cc: Stern, GaryM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] FYI re NARA & "Trump Boxes"

Good afternoon. Gary and I wanted to be certain you were aware of the attached, which we just received.

Thanks,

Attachments: Wall Response to 10.14.2022 Comer, Jordan Letter.docx (1).pdf

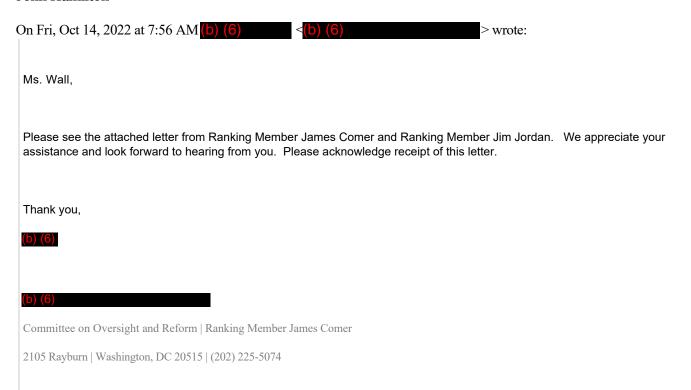
Re: Letter from Ranking Member Comer and Ranking Member Jordan

Dear (b) (6)

Subject:

Please find attached a response from Acting Archivist of the US Debra Steidel Wall to the letter she received on 10-14-22 from Ranking Members Comer and Jordan.

Thank you, John Hamilton



--

John O. Hamilton Director of Congressional Affairs National Archives and Records Administration 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20408-0001

PH: 202-357-6832 Cell: (b) (6) Fax: 202-3575959



October 25, 2022

The Honorable James Comer Ranking Member Committee on Oversight and Reform

The Honorable Jim Jordan Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

By Email

Dear Ranking Members Comer and Jordan:

I write in response to your letter of October 14, 2022, in which you stated:

The fact that NARA transmitted to DOJ a referral that launched a criminal investigation of the former president the same day the Democrat Chairwoman of the Committee inquired whether the agency had been in contact with DOJ raises serious concerns about whether NARA made the referral after pressure from Committee Democrats.

There was, in fact, no connection between these two actions. NARA received the 15 boxes from President Trump on January 18, 2022, and then discovered that they contained classified national security information. Shortly after the discovery, NARA consulted with its Office of Inspector General (OIG), which operates independently of NARA. As DOJ has disclosed publicly in court filings, NARA's OIG subsequently referred the matter to DOJ on February 9, 2022.

Wholly separate and distinct from the above described activities, on February 7, 2022, the *Washington Post* published an article entitled <u>National Archives had to retrieve Trump White House records from Mar-a-Lago</u>. NARA immediately began to receive numerous queries about this article, including from the staff of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, who informed our staff that Chairwoman Maloney would be sending a letter. Subsequently, on February 9, 2022, the Chairwoman sent the letter to Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero that is referenced in your letter. The letter did not copy the NARA OIG.

The fact that NARA's OIG sent its referral to DOJ on the same day that Chairwoman Maloney sent her letter to the Archivist is entirely coincidental. At no time and under no circumstances were NARA officials pressured or influenced by Committee Democrats or anyone else. As I emphasized in my October 7, 2022, letter to Ranking Member Comer, NARA has at all times acted professionally and without regard to any political or partisan influence with respect to this matter. Our actions were for the simple purpose of carrying out our core mission of ensuring that NARA has all Presidential records of former Presidents in our custody and control, as required by the Presidential Records Act, and our responsibilities regarding classified national security information.

You have also expressed your concern "about NARA's continued refusal to provide information about its role in the raid on the former president's home." Both I and NARA's Inspector General have already informed Ranking Member Comer that NARA played absolutely no role in, and had no prior knowledge of, the search of President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence.

We have also explained that DOJ has requested that NARA not share or otherwise disclose to others information related to NARA's recovery of the 15 boxes at this time in order to protect the integrity of DOJ's ongoing work. I have given this same message to Chairwoman Maloney. For this reason, we continue to recommend that you consult directly with DOJ about this issue.

Sincerely,

Debra Steidel Wall

Acting Archivist of the United States

Debra Studil Wall

cc: The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney,

Chairwoman, Committee on Oversight & Reform

The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary



February 18, 2022

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney Chairwoman Committee on Oversight and Reform U.S. House of Representatives 2157 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20514

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

I write in response to your letter of February 9, 2022, in which you asked a number of questions relating to "the 15 boxes of presidential records that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) recently recovered from former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence." Please see our responses to each of your questions:

1. Did NARA ask the representatives of former President Trump about missing records prior to the 15 boxes being identified? If so, what information was provided in response?

Answer: NARA had ongoing communications with the representatives of former President Trump throughout 2021, which resulted in the transfer of 15 boxes to NARA in January 2022.

2. Has NARA conducted an inventory of the contents of the boxes recovered from Mar-a-Lago?

Answer: NARA is in the process of inventorying the contents of the boxes.

3. Please provide a detailed description of the contents of the recovered boxes, including any inventory prepared by NARA of the contents of the boxes. If an inventory has not yet been completed, please provide an estimate of when such an inventory will be completed.

Answer: NARA staff are in the process of inventorying the contents of the boxes, which we expect to complete by February 25. Because the records in the boxes are subject to the Presidential Records Act (PRA), any request for information regarding the content of the records will need to be made in accordance with section 2205(2)(C) of the PRA.

4. Are the contents of the boxes of records recovered by NARA undergoing a review to determine if they contain classified information? If so, who is conducting that review and has any classified information been found?

Answer: NARA has identified items marked as classified national security information within the boxes.

5. Is NARA aware of any additional presidential records from the Trump Administration that may be missing or not yet in NARA's possession?

Answer: NARA has identified certain social media records that were not captured and preserved by the Trump Administration. NARA has also learned that some White House staff conducted official business using non-official electronic messaging accounts that were not copied or forwarded into their official electronic messaging accounts, as required by section 2209 of the PRA. NARA has already obtained or is in the process of obtaining some of those records.

6. What efforts has NARA taken, and is NARA taking, to ensure that any additional records that have not been turned over to NARA are not lost or destroyed?

Answer: NARA has asked the representatives of former President Trump to continue to search for any additional Presidential records that have not been transferred to NARA, as required by the Presidential Records Act.

7. Has the Archivist notified the Attorney General that former President Trump removed presidential records from the White House? If not, why not?

Answer: Because NARA identified classified information in the boxes, NARA staff has been in communication with the Department of Justice.

8. Is NARA aware of presidential records that President Trump destroyed or attempted to destroy without the approval of NARA? If so, please provide a detailed description of such records, the actions taken by President Trump to destroy or attempt to destroy them, and any actions NARA has taken to recover or preserve these documents.

Answer: In June 2018, NARA learned from a press report in Politico that textual Presidential records were being torn up by former President Trump and that White House staff were attempting to tape them back together. NARA sent a letter to the Deputy Counsel to the President asking for information about the extent of the problem and how it is being addressed. The White House Counsel's Office indicated that they would address the matter. After the end of the Trump Administration, NARA learned that additional paper records that had been torn up by former President Trump were included in the records transferred to us. Although White House staff during the Trump Administration recovered and

taped together some of the torn-up records, a number of other torn-up records that were transferred had not been reconstructed by the White House.

Sincerely,

DAVID S. FERRIERO Archivist of the United States

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member

Case 9:23-cr-80101-AMC Document 561-3 Entered on FLSD Docket 05/21/2024 Page 12 of 29

Sent time: 12/05/2022 08:32:10 AM

To: Timothy Parlatore, Esq. @parlatorelawgroup.com>

Subject: Text re Inventory

Tim, I got your text on Saturday, and I apologize for the delay in responding, but I needed to consult with DOJ. The Special Counsel has advised us not to make the inventory available to you at this time, in order to avoid any potential interference with their ongoing criminal investigation and the recent transition of the investigation to the Special Counsel's Office.

Thanks, Gary

Gary M. Stern General Counsel National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740







UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Columbia

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY

To: Custodian of Records
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in this United States district court at the time, date, and place shown below to testify before the court's grand jury. When you arrive, you must remain at the court until the judge or a court officer allows you to leave.

Place: U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

U.S. Courthouse, 3rd Floor

Grand Jury # 21-09

333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20001

Date and Time:

Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM

You must also bring with you the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects:

The fifteen (15) boxes, including their contents, that representatives of former President Trump caused to be delivered to the National Archives and Records Administration in January 2022.

Date: May 10, 2022

CLERK OF COURT

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

The name, address, telephone number and email of the prosecutor who requests this subpoena are:

Jay I. Bratt, Chief
Counterintelligence and Export Control Section

National Security Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20530

@usdoj.gov

Subpoena #GJ2022050490332 USAO #2022R00751

Preparer: BRICKERS

Case 9:23-cr-80101-AMC	Document 561-3	Entered on FLSD	Docket 05/21/2024	Page 15 of
CO 293 (Rev. 8/91) Subpoena to Testi	fy Before Grand Jury	29		· ·

RETURN OF SERVICE(1)						
RECEIVED BY SERVER	DATE		PLACE			
SERVED	DATE		PLACE			
SERVED ON (PRINT NAM	ΛĒ)				• "	
SERVED BY (PRINT NAM	IE)			TITLE		
		STATEMENT	OF SERVICE F	EES		
TRAVEL		SERVICES			TOTAL	
	• ''	DECLARAT	ION OF SERVE	₹ (2)		
I declare unde contained in the Return Executed on Signature of Server Address of Server	of Service and S	ry under the laws statement of Serv	of the United States	s of America th	at the foregoing information	

(i) As to who may serve a subpoena and the manner of its service see Rule 17(d), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, or Rule 45(c), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

(ii) Tees and mileage need not be tendered to the witness upon service of a subpoena issued on behalf of the United States or an officer or agency thereof (Rule 45(c), Federal rules of Civil Procedure; Rule 17(d), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure) or on behalf of certain indigent parties and criminal defendants who are unable to pay such costs (28 USC 1825, Rule 17(b) Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)".

Subpoena #GJ2022050490332

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Columbia

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY

To: Custodian of Records
The Office of Donald J. Trump
1100 South Ocean Blvd.
Palm Beach, FL 33480

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in this United States district court at the time, date, and place shown below to testify before the court's grand jury. When you arrive, you must remain at the court until the judge or a court officer allows you to leave.

Place: U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

U.S. Courthouse, 3rd Floor

Grand Jury #21-09

333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20001

Date and Time:

May 24, 2022 9:00 a.m.

You must also bring with you the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects:

Any and all documents or writings in the custody or control of Donald J. Trump and/or the Office of Donald J. Trump bearing classification markings, including but not limited to the following: Top Secret, Secret, Confidential, Top Secret/SI-G/NOFORN/ORCON, Top Secret/SI-G/NOFORN, Top Secret/HCS-O/NOFORN, Top Secret/HCS-P/NOFORN/ORCON, Top Secret/HCS-P/NOFORN, Top Secret/TK/NOFORN, Top Secret/TK/NOFORN, Secret/NOFORN, Confidential/NOFORN, TS, TS/SAP, TS/SI-G/NF/OC, TS/SI-G/NF, TS/HCS-O/NF/OC, TS/HCS-P/NF/OC, TS/HCS-P/NF/OC, TS/HCS-P/SI-G, TS/HCS-P/SI/TK, TS/TK/NF/OC, TS/TK/NF, S/NF, S/FRD, S/NATO, S/SI, C, and C/NF.

Date: May 11, 2022

The name, address, telephone number and email of the prosecutor who requests this subpoena are:

Jay I. Bratt

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington D.S. 20530

@usdoj.gov

Subpoena #GJ2022042790054

Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e) Materials Confidential Treatment Requested -GJ-000055

CO 293 (Rev. 8/91) Subpoena to Testify Before Grand Jury

RETURN OF SERVICE (1)						
RECEIVED BY SERVER	DATE		PLACE			
SERVED	DATE		PLACE			
SERVED ON (PRINT NAM	ME)					
SERVED BY (PRINT NAM	<u></u>			TITLE		
SERVED BT (PRINT NAIV	····			WILE .		
	ST	ATEMENT	OF SERVICE	FEES		
TRAVEL	SE	ERVICES			TOTAL	
	D	ECLARAT	ION OF SERV	'ER (2)		
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information contained in the Return of Service and Statement of Service Fees is true and correct. Executed on Date Signature of Server						
Address of Server						
ADDITIONAL INFORMATI	ON					

(9) As to who may serve a subpoena and the manner of its service see Rule 17(d), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, or Rule 45(c), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Subpoena #GJ2022042790054

-GJ-000056

ത"Fees and mileage need not be tendered to the witness upon service of a subpoena issued on behalf of the United States or an officer or agency thereof (Rule 45(c), Federal rules of Civil Procedure; Rule 17(d), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure) or on behalf of

certain indigent parties and criminal defendants who are unable to pay such costs (28 USC 1825, Rule 17(b) Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)".

Case 9:23-cr-80101-AMC Document 561-3 Entered on FLSD Docket 05/21/2024 Page 19 of

U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Counterintelligence and Export Control Section

Washington, D.C. 20530

May 11, 2022

Per. 18

Re:

Grand Jury Subpoena

Dear Per. 18:

Thank you for agreeing to accept service of the grand jury subpoena on behalf of the custodian of records for the Office of Donald J. Trump.

As we discussed, in lieu of personally appearing on May 24, the custodian may comply with the subpoena by providing any responsive documents to the FBI at the place of their location. The FBI will ensure that the agents retrieving the documents have the proper clearances and will handle the materials in the appropriate manner. The custodian would also provide a sworn certification that the documents represent all responsive records. If there are no responsive documents, the custodian would provide a sworn certification to that effect.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Chief

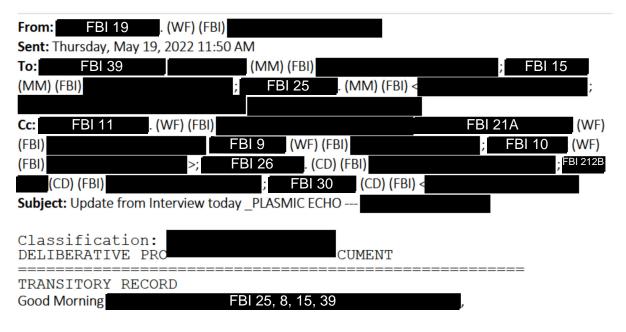
Counterintelligence and Export Control Section

@usdoj.gov

Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e) Materials Confidential Treatment Requested -GJ-000057

FBI 19 From: (WF) (FBI) To: Subject: FW: Update from Interview today _PLASMIC ECHO --Thursday, May 19, 2022 12:55:07 PM Date: Classification: DELIBERATIVE PRO CUMENT

For the Sub-Coord



Thank you so much for your hospitality and assistance to date on captioned matter. This is a beautiful place.

You have been added the main case and 302 sub-files:

Please see the highlights below from our interview yesterday and current updates. Additionally, allow me to e-introduce the WFO Team so you know who is who moving forward.



Yellow highlights denote updates after 5pm, yesterday:

From the interview of Per. 34 , the FBI and DOJ learned the following: 302 is in work.

- The interview took place at an office space
- The interview started at/around 9:55am and ended at/around 12:55pm
- Mr. Bratt, SAs FBI 21A, 11 then returned to the West Palm Beach RA and briefed

- FBI 19 Also present telephonically for this briefing were FBI 10 and DAG George Toscas;
- Witness appeared nervous, but was cooperative and forthcoming. was able to provide some timelines and dates, but unable to provide specific dates for some questions.

General Takeaways

- Witness conveyed FPOTUS wanted everything in hard copy, he frequently took documents and newspapers to his residence suite both in the White House and MAL;
- There were many boxes in the WH Residence referred to by the witness as "his boxes" and these were moved around when FPOTUS traveled; witness described these as white banker boxes with blue stripes and some cardboard printer/paper boxes;
- Prior to the last day in office, the move out/pack out was chaotic; there were no master lists
 or inventories;
- Witness never saw contents inside of the 15 boxes;
- There are an additional 70-80 boxes of documents that remain at Mar-A-Lago (MAL); these were described as similar to the 15 boxes already returned to NARA
- In approximately May 2021, FPOTUS asked Per. 19 to find storage space [at MAL, where Per. 19 is employed];
- Between January 21, 2021 August 2021, the boxes were stored in at least two different rooms within in MAL. One of these rooms was the former SCIF was located within MAL.
- By August/September 2021, the 70-80 boxes were moved to a ground floor storage area in an unlocked storage space;
- There was a key lock installed on this room eventually; drama ensued between 45 Office staff and MAL staff members regarding who had keys;
- Per. 34 chose the 15 boxes sent to NARA as they were the most convenient for access physically; these came from the ground level storage facility where all remaining boxes are currently located;

•	Per. 34	as those
	designated to be sent back to NARA;	
•		
	;	
•	At this time, witness gave storage facility to FPOTUS as completed;	role was

- Post Jan 2021, witness has seen documents bearing classification markings (NFI) on FPOTUS' desk in MAL when
- Witness described seeing newer and older boxes in FPOTUS' bedroom here at MAL (post-administration);
- Witness described hearing from about a trip via airplane with FPOTUS over the summer of 2021, departing from Bedminster, NJ, where FPOTUS allegedly held a classified map and describe its contents to the passengers onboard (NARA review team has seen a similar document matching description);
- Witness stated there is an additional storage facility in this AOR, but witness conveyed

Witness provided leads for interviews of Per. 19, Per. 4 (GJS in hand)

Next Steps and Updates in the Past 24 Hours:

- We have contacted Walt Nauta for an interview. After initially agreeing to speak to us this evening at the WPBRA; he has retained an attorney and this interview will be postponed;
- Search Warrant PC is being collated by Case Agents, should it become necessary
- Service of GJS for MAL employee/witness Per. 4 served at 5:47pm on 5/18
- Service of GJS for MAL employee/witness Per. 19 not yet served after several attempts to contact her via phone and at her residence
 - This GJS is being forwarded to US Secret Service office. He has graciously offered to try to serve the GJS to early at MAL;
- An Interview of Per. 22 will be conducted 5/26/2022;
- Interview of Per. 3 (scheduled to be interviewed in WFO AOR in two weeks)
- An EC requesting declassification of the existence of this case is in work presently, should we need it (pending SW)

To Determine:

- If Venue will be established
- FBI Logistics of box collection whether SW or GJS answer via P. 18 (FPOTUS reps; coord with USSS, etc.

Thank you,

٦.	19		

classification:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Columbia

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY

To: Custodian of Records
The Trump Organization
725 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10022

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in this United States district court at the time, date, and place shown below to testify before the court's grand jury. When you arrive, you must remain at the court until the judge or a court officer allows you to leave.

Place: U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

U.S. Courthouse, 2nd Floor

Grand Jury # 22-03

333 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

V

Date and Time: Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 9:00 AM

You must also bring with you the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects:

Any and all surveillance records, videos, images, photographs and/or CCTV from internal cameras located on ground floor (basement) and outside the room known as "Pine Hall" on the Mar-a-Lago property located at 1100 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach, FL 33480 from the time period of January 10, 2022 to present.

Date: June 24, 2022

CLERK OF-COURT

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Subpoena

The name, address, telephone number and email of the prosecutor who requests this subpoena are:

Jay I. Bratt, Chief

Counterintelligence and Export Control Section

National Security Division

U.S. Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20530

@usdoj.gov

				7		
		RETURN	OF SERVICE)		
RECEIVED BY SERVER	DATE		PLACE			
SERVED	DATE			PLACE		
SERVED ON (PRINT NAM	ME)	·				
SERVED BY (PRINT NAM	IE)		TITLE			
		STATEMENT	OF SERVICE F	EES		
TRAVEL		SERVICES			TOTAL	
		DECLARAT	ION OF SERVE	R (2)		
I declare unde contained in the Return	r penalty of perjur of Service and St	y under the laws atement of Serv	s of the United State rice Fees is true and	s of America the correct.	nat the foregoing information	
Executed on	Date		<u></u>			
Signature of Server						
Address of Server						
ADDITIONAL INFORMATI	ON					

mAs to who may serve a subpoena and the manner of its service see Rule 17(d), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, or Rule 45(c), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

recerai Rules of Civil Procedure.

⁽²⁾ "Fees and mileage need not be tendered to the witness upon service of a subpoena issued on behalf of the United States or an officer or agency thereof (Rule 45(c), Federal rules of Civil Procedure; Rule 17(d), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure) or on behalf of certain indigent parties and criminal defendants who are unable to pay such costs (28 USC 1825, Rule 17(b) Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)".

Balt. & Annap. 410-974-0947