

# **EXHIBIT B**

May 14, 2018

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**Re: Expedited Freedom of Information Act Request**

To whom it may concern:

My name is Richard Behar, and I am an award-winning<sup>1</sup> investigative journalist, and the Contributing Editor of Investigations at *Forbes* magazine.<sup>2</sup> In the past year, I have reported extensively on President Donald Trump.<sup>3</sup> This letter is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

**Background**

I am the plaintiff in the FOIA lawsuit captioned *Behar v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security*, No. 17-cv-8153 (S.D.N.Y.). That lawsuit concerns a FOIA request I submitted on September 22, 2017, tracking number 2018-HQFO-00026. That earlier request sought “[r]ecords identifying every individual who was screened and/or noted by the Secret Service because they (a) sought to visit [Donald Trump and/or members of his family and campaign], and/or (b) sought access to any secured area where any of [those individuals] were present.” See Compl. Ex. A, *Behar v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security*, No. 17-cv-8153 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 23, 2017), ECF No. 1-1.

On February 21, 2018, the Court entered an order detailing the search to be conducted by the Secret Service for responsive records. Joint Stipulation and Order, *Behar v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security*, No. 17-cv-8153 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 21, 2018), ECF No. 23. Paragraph 1 of the order requires the Secret Service to search a set of emails (including attachments) of the

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<sup>1</sup> *Bio*, Richard Behar, <http://www.richardbehar.com/richard-behar-biography.html> (last visited Sept. 20, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> *Contributor: Richard Behar*, Forbes, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/richardbehar/#3aec44817705> (last visited Sept. 20, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See Richard Behar, *Donald Trump and the Felon: Inside His Business Dealings with a Mob-Connected Hustler*, Forbes (Oct. 3, 2016), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/richardbehar/2016/10/03/donald-trump-and-the-felon-inside-his-business-dealings-with-a-mob-connected-hustler/#572299e72282>; Richard Behar, *The Kazakhstan Connection: Trump, Bayrock and Plenty of Questions*, DCReport (Sept. 12, 2017), <https://www.dcreport.org/2017/05/12/the-kazakhstan-connection-trump-bayrock-and-plenty-of-questions/>; Richard Behar, *How Felix Sater — Former Mob-linked Hustler And Ex-Trump Adviser — Sought To ‘Protect’ Ukraine’s Nuclear Plants*, Nat’l Memo (May 25, 2017), <http://www.nationalmemo.com/felix-sater-ex-trump-adviser-ukraines-nuclear-plants/>.

USSS Detail Leaders, Assistant Detail Leaders, and Operations Supervisors for protectee Donald Trump (to the extent those officials could be determined from USSS work schedules) dated November 1, 2015, to January 21, 2017, that contain the name or code name of USSS protectees Donald Trump, Eric Trump, Donald Trump, Jr., or Ivanka Trump (the “Email Set”) for a list of terms or names, including the following:

**Terms:**

- Mayflower
- Wikileaks
- NRA
- Russia

**Names:**

- Alexander Machkevich
- Alexander Mirtchev
- Alexander Torshin
- Andrii Artemenko
- Aras Agalorv
- Betsy DeVos
- Boris Epshteyn
- Dana Rohrabacher
- Devin Nunes
- Dmitry Rybolovlev
- Ed Rogers
- Elliot Broidy
- Erik Prince
- Felix Sater
- George G. Lombardi
- George Papadopoulos
- Giorgi Rtskhiladze
- Irakly Kaveladze
- JD Gordon
- Kairat Kelimbetov
- Len Blavatnik
- Maria Butina
- Mikhail Prokhorov
- Natalia Veselnitskaya
- Nigel Farage
- Rick Dearborn
- Rick Gates
- Robert Armao
- Roger Stone
- Sergey Kislyak
- Tefvik Arif

- Tom Barrack
- Vladimir Putin
- Yuri Vanetik

*Id.*

On May 2, 2018, counsel for the Secret Service sent my counsel in the case an email containing the following paragraph:

[I]n the course of its review of the Paragraph 1 emails, the USSS identified some schedules that included references to future meetings with Mr. Trump. However, none of those schedules reflected any screening or notation of individuals by the USSS, and thus they were not identified as responsive to plaintiff's FOIA request.

A true and correct copy of that email is attached as Exhibit A.

### **Requested Records**

Without waiving my contention that references to individuals at future meetings are within the scope of my original request, I hereby specifically request the following records:

- All schedules identified by the USSS that are referenced in the May 2, 2018, email (attached as Exhibit A), including all references to future meetings with Mr. Trump.
- Any additional documents the USSS locates in conducting the searches described in the Joint Stipulation and Order, *Behar v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security*, No. 17-cv-8153 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 21, 2018), ECF No. 23, that reference any individuals attending or expected to attend meetings with Mr. Trump and/or the Trump family members and/or campaign officials described in my September 22, 2017 FOIA request (attached as Exhibit B).

### **Form**

With respect to the form of production for both requests, *see* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(B), the I request that responsive electronic records be provided electronically in their native file format, if possible. Alternatively, the I request that the records be provided electronically in a text searchable, static image format (PDF), in the best image quality in the agency's possession, and that the records be provided in separate, Bates stamped files.

### **Application for Expedited Processing**

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E) and 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(1)(ii), I request expedited processing for this request because it involves an urgency to inform the public about actual federal government activity and I am making it as a reporter primarily engaged in disseminating

information.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, I am making this request so as to disseminate this information to the public, in light of the broad public interest in who the prospective president (and his colleagues) were meeting with prior to his inauguration. Furthermore, the subject of this request concerns a matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence. 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(1)(iv).

The subject of this request is a matter of widespread and exceptional media interest. Since the Obama Administration, White House visitor logs have been available to the public, and have proven to be an invaluable resource in determining the outside influences on the President. The Trump Administration, however, has refused to release those records.<sup>5</sup> This issue is the subject of headline-making litigation and has been covered by media publications including *CNN*,<sup>6</sup> *The Washington Post*,<sup>7</sup> *Time*,<sup>8</sup> *Politico*,<sup>9</sup> and *The New York Times*.<sup>10</sup> Furthermore, on March 6, 2017, eight Senators sent letters to the President and the Secret Service urging the public release of the WAVES data.<sup>11</sup> On July 14, 2017, in response to a suit filed by several government watchdog groups, a federal judge ruled that the Secret Service had to release certain Mar-a-Lago visitor logs.<sup>12</sup> Despite this, the Secret Service has withheld almost all Mar-a-Lago visitor logs, releasing only 22 names of foreign dignitaries and staffers related to Japanese Prime

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<sup>4</sup> In the past year, I have reported extensively on President Donald Trump. *See supra* note 3.

<sup>5</sup> *See* Dave Boyer, *Trump Won't Release White House Visitor Logs, Reverses Obama Policy*, Wash. Post (April 14, 2017), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/trump-white-house-withholding-the-limited-visitor-logs-it-vowed-to-release-watchdog-group-says/2017/08/17/64ccf94e-82c0-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/trump-white-house-withholding-the-limited-visitor-logs-it-vowed-to-release-watchdog-group-says/2017/08/17/64ccf94e-82c0-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496_story.html); Spencer S. Hsu, *Trump White House is Still Holding Back Visitor Information, Watchdog Group Says*, Wash. Post (Aug. 17, 2017), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/trump-white-house-withholding-the-limited-visitor-logs-it-vowed-to-release-watchdog-group-says/2017/08/17/64ccf94e-82c0-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/trump-white-house-withholding-the-limited-visitor-logs-it-vowed-to-release-watchdog-group-says/2017/08/17/64ccf94e-82c0-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496_story.html).

<sup>6</sup> *See, e.g.*, Laura Jarrett and Cristina Alesci, *Trump Administration Withholds Almost All Mar-a-Lago Visitor Logs*, CNN (Sept. 15, 2017), <http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/15/politics/secret-service-maralago-logs/index.html>.

<sup>7</sup> *See, e.g.*, *The White House's Secretiveness Is Getting So Bad, It's Probably Illegal*, Wash. Post (Aug. 20, 2017), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-white-houses-secretiveness-is-getting-so-bad-its-probably-illegal/2017/08/20/18c92786-8453-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-white-houses-secretiveness-is-getting-so-bad-its-probably-illegal/2017/08/20/18c92786-8453-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496_story.html).

<sup>8</sup> *See, e.g.*, Zeke J. Miller, *The White House Will Keep Its Visitor Logs Secret*, Time (Apr. 14, 2017), <http://time.com/4740499/white-house-visitor-logs-public-record-trump/>.

<sup>9</sup> *See, e.g.*, Josh Dawsey and Nolan D. McCaskill, *White House Says it Won't Make Visitor Logs Public*, Politico (April 14, 2017), <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/04/white-house-says-it-wont-make-visitor-logs-public-237235>.

<sup>10</sup> *See, e.g.*, Eric Lipton, *Trump Declines to Release List of His Mar-a-Lago Visitors*, N.Y. Times (Sept. 15, 2017), <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/15/us/politics/trump-declines-to-release-list-of-his-visitors-at-mar-a-lago.html>.

<sup>11</sup> *See, e.g.*, *Wyden Calls on Trump to Release White House Visitor Logs*, News Channel 21 (Mar. 7, 2017), <http://www.ktvz.com/news/wyden-calls-on-trump-to-release-white-house-visitor-logs/381476106>.

<sup>12</sup> Adam Edelman, *Trump Must Release Mar-a-Lago Visitor Logs, Judge Rules*, NBC News (July 17, 2017), <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/trump-must-release-mar-lago-visitor-logs-judge-rules-n783686>.

Minister Shinzo Abe's February trip.<sup>13</sup> On August 17, 2017, the public interest group Public Citizen filed a lawsuit against the Secret Service demanding public access to visitor logs for several agencies located in the White House.<sup>14</sup>

The need for information extends to logs taken before the President's inauguration as significant media attention has been focused on the propriety of the Trump campaign's actions on behalf of the President's friends and supporters.<sup>15</sup> Furthermore, the need for information extends to visitor logs pertaining to not only the President, but members of the President's campaign, who are likely to further influence the President. This need is exemplified by numerous publications reporting on Robert Mueller's investigation of the Trump campaign's ties to Russia,<sup>16</sup> meetings between members of the President's family and a Russian lawyer shortly after the president's Republican nomination,<sup>17</sup> and allegations of corruption extending before the President's inauguration.<sup>18</sup>

Moreover, the need for this information is underlined by recent concerns raised about the President's use of his properties, such as Trump National Golf Club and Mar-a-Lago,<sup>19</sup> as well as significant financial stakes in "more than 500 businesses."<sup>20</sup>

I certify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, pursuant to 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(3).

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<sup>13</sup> Laura Jarrett and Christina Alecci, *Trump Administration Withholds Almost All Mar-a-Lago Visitor Logs*, CNN Politics (Sept. 15, 2017), <http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/15/politics/secret-service-maralago-logs/index.html>.

<sup>14</sup> Josh Gerstein, *Suit Demands Visitor Logs for Parts of White House*, Politico (Aug. 17, 2017), <http://www.politico.com/blogs/under-the-radar/2017/08/17/lawsuit-trump-white-house-visitor-logs-241744>.

<sup>15</sup> Amanda Terkel, *Hillary Clinton Won't Rule Out Questioning the Legitimacy of Donald Trump's Election*, HuffPost (Sept. 18, 2017), [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/hillary-clinton-trump-legitimacy\\_us\\_59c01f2de4b0f22c4a8bcb71](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/hillary-clinton-trump-legitimacy_us_59c01f2de4b0f22c4a8bcb71); Matt Ferner, *Rep. John Lewis: Trump Is Not A 'Legitimate President'*, HuffPost (Jan. 13, 2017), [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/john-lewis-trump-not-legitimate\\_us\\_58792bfee4b0b3c7a7b1303a](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/john-lewis-trump-not-legitimate_us_58792bfee4b0b3c7a7b1303a).

<sup>16</sup> *With Russia Investigation, Plenty to See Here*, USA Today (Sept. 18, 2017), <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2017/09/18/russia-investigation-plenty-see-here-editorials-debates/674777001/>.

<sup>17</sup> *See, e.g.*, Mark Lander and Maggie Haberman, *With Glare on Trump Children, Political Gets Personal for President*, N.Y. Times (July 12, 2017), <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/12/us/politics/trump-says-son-is-innocent-amid-reports-of-russia-meeting.html?mcubz=0>; Darren Samuelsohn, *Russia Probes Pose Loyalty Test for Team Trump*, Politico (Sept. 9, 2017), <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/09/12/trump-russia-investigation-loyalty-242570>.

<sup>18</sup> Adam Davidson, *Trump's Business of Corruption*, New Yorker (Aug. 21, 2017), <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/08/21/trumps-business-of-corruption>.

<sup>19</sup> *See, e.g.*, Brad Heath et. al., *Trump Gets Millions from Golf Members. CEOs and Lobbyists Get Access to President*, USA Today (Sept. 6, 2017), <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2017/09/06/trump-gets-millions-golf-members-ceos-and-lobbyists-get-access-president/632505001/>.

<sup>20</sup> *See, e.g.*, Sarah Posner, *What If Our System Can't Handle Trump's Out-of-control Self-dealing?*, Wash. Post (Sept. 6, 2017), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/plum-line/wp/2017/09/06/what-if-our-system-cant-handle-trumps-out-of-control-self-dealing/>.

### **Application for Fee Waiver**

I request that the Secret Service waive the search, review, and duplication fees associated with this request. The requested records are not sought for commercial use. I am a journalist, and seek these records for use in my reporting. I am therefore entitled to a waiver of search fees and review fees, and a waiver or reduction of duplication fees, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii) and 6 C.F.R. § 5.11(6).

I certify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

### **Conclusion**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please direct communications and furnish the applicable records to:

#### **Richard Behar**

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New York, NY 10021  
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Rbehar@forbes.com

If the request is denied in whole or part, please justify all withholdings and redactions by reference to specific FOIA exemptions. Please release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

Given the time sensitivity of this request, I ask that you communicate any questions you may have by phone or email, rather than regular mail. Also, if the requested records cannot be provided by email, please notify me as soon as they are available, and I will arrange to collect them by courier to avoid additional delay.

Your prompt attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

/S/ Richard Behar  
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# **EXHIBIT A**

**Subject:** RE: Behar v. USDHS, 17 Civ. 8153 (LAK)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 10:51:23 AM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Normand, Sarah (USANYS)  
**To:** Ned Levin  
**CC:** Alexandra Dudding, Langford, John

Dear Counsel:

This will confirm that the US Secret Service has completed review of over 1000 emails for the month of April 2018, pursuant to the Joint Stipulation and Order entered by the Court in this case. The USSS identified one potentially responsive record (or group of records), which will be reviewed to determine whether it is an agency record(s) and, if so, whether any exemptions apply.

The emails reviewed in April, as well as those reviewed in late February and March, were captured by the search conducted pursuant to Paragraph 1 of the Joint Stipulation. USSS has now completed its review of the Paragraph 1 emails.

We also note that in the course of its review of the Paragraph 1 emails, the USSS identified some schedules that included references to future meetings with Mr. Trump. However, none of those schedules reflected any screening or notation of individuals by the USSS, and thus they were not identified as responsive to plaintiff's FOIA request.

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**From:** Ned Levin <ned.levin@YLSClinics.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 5:46 PM  
**To:** Normand, Sarah (USANYS) <SNormand@usa.doj.gov>  
**Cc:** Alexandra Dudding <sasha.dudding@ylsclinics.org>; Langford, John <john.langford@yale.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: Behar v. USDHS, 17 Civ. 8153 (LAK)

Hi Sarah,

Thanks for your confirmation earlier this week. Would you mind asking the agency if they could let us know what date range or date ranges these first 1000 emails fall into?

Thanks,  
Ned

**From:** "Normand, Sarah (USANYS)" <[Sarah.Normand@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.Normand@usdoj.gov)>  
**Date:** Monday, April 2, 2018 at 2:30 PM  
**To:** "Langford, John" <[john.langford@yale.edu](mailto:john.langford@yale.edu)>  
**Subject:** Behar v. USDHS, 17 Civ. 8153 (LAK)

Hi John:

This will confirm that the USSS completed its review of the first 1000 emails pursuant to the Stipulation and Order, and identified no records identifying individuals who were screened or noted by the USSS because they either sought to visit Donald Trump or other listed individuals or sought access to a secured area in which those individuals were present.

Regards,  
Sarah

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**Background**

Then-candidate Donald Trump received Secret Service protection in November 2015.<sup>4</sup> At various points over the next several years, additional members of the Trump family and affiliates with the Trump Campaign and Trump Organization received Secret Service protection as well.<sup>5</sup> This request seeks records of great and urgent public interest<sup>6</sup>—Secret Service records related to

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<sup>4</sup> Jim Acosta & Jeremy Diamond, *Donald Trump, Ben Carson Getting Secret Service Protection*, *CNN* (Nov. 5, 2015), <http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/05/politics/donald-trump-ben-carson-secret-service/index.html>.

<sup>5</sup> See, e.g., Tom Llamas et al., *Ivanka Trump Receiving Her Own Secret Service Protection*, *ABC News* (Sept. 19, 2016), <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/ivanka-trump-secret-service-protection/story?id=42196407>; Anna Wener et al., *The Cost to Taxpayers of Protecting Trump’s Kids on Overseas Business Trips*, *CBS News* (Feb. 27, 2017), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/how-much-does-protecting-trumps-children-on-overseas-business-trips-cost-taxpayers>.

<sup>6</sup> See *infra* Application for Expedited Processing.

visitors to Donald Trump and his affiliates during the time when they were under Secret Service Protection prior to President Trump's inauguration.

### Requested Records

I request the following records:

- (1) Records identifying every individual who was screened and/or noted by the Secret Service because they (a) sought to visit any of the following individuals, and/or (b) sought access to any secured area where any of the following were present:
  - a. Donald Trump;
  - b. Eric Trump;
  - c. Donald Trump, Jr.;
  - d. Ivanka Trump;
  - e. Jared Kushner;
  - f. Paul Manafort;
  - g. Michael Flynn;
  - h. Corey Lewandowski;
  - i. Michael Cohen;
  - j. Stephen Bannon; and/or
  - k. Kellyanne Conway.

The information sought by this request includes, but is not limited to, any Worker and Visitor Entrance System (WAVES) records and Access Control Records (ACR). The request includes, but is not limited to, visitors to Trump Tower, Mar-a-Lago, Bedminster Golf Club, and, to the extent available, the twenty-eight fields of data that were previously released under the Obama Administration for White House visitors.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> See *White House Visitor Records*, The White House, <http://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/goodgovernment/tools/visitor-records> [<http://perma.cc/EL2T-5XC4>] (last visited Sept. 20, 2017). The twenty-eight fields consist of the following:

- NAMELAST
- NAMEFIRST
- NAMEMID
- UIN
- BDGNBR
- ACCESS\_TYPE
- TOA
- POA
- TOD
- POD
- APPT\_MADE\_DATE
- APPT\_START\_DATE
- APPT\_END\_DATE
- APPT\_CANCEL\_DATE
- Total\_People
- LAST\_UPDATEDBY

- (2) All records concerning any communication between the Secret Service and any individual employed by and/or affiliated with either the Trump Campaign and/or the Trump Organization regarding any individual screened and/or noted by the Secret Service identified in the records produced in response to request one.

#### Time Period

Both requests are limited to records of individuals screened or noted by the Secret Service between November 1, 2015, and January 21, 2017. Both include, but are not limited to, records related to visitors to Mar-a-Lago and Trump Tower

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  - CALLER\_NAME\_LAST
  - CALLER\_NAME\_FIRST
  - CALLER\_ROOM
  - DESCRIPTION
  - Release\_Date

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have proven to be an invaluable resource in determining the outside influences on the President. The Trump Administration, however, has refused to release those records.<sup>9</sup> This issue is the subject of headline-making litigation and has been covered by media publications including *CNN*,<sup>10</sup> *The Washington Post*,<sup>11</sup> *Time*,<sup>12</sup> *Politico*,<sup>13</sup> and *The New York Times*.<sup>14</sup> Furthermore, on March 6, 2017, eight Senators sent letters to the President and the Secret Service urging the public release of the WAVES data.<sup>15</sup> On July 14, 2017, in response to a suit filed by several government watchdog groups, a federal judge ruled that the Secret Service had to release certain Mar-a-Lago visitor logs.<sup>16</sup> Despite this, the Secret Service has withheld almost all Mar-a-Lago visitor logs, releasing only 22 names of foreign dignitaries and staffers related to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's February trip.<sup>17</sup> On August 17, 2017, the public interest group Public Citizen filed a lawsuit against the Secret Service demanding public access to visitor logs for several agencies located in the White House.<sup>18</sup>

The need for information extends to logs taken before the President's inauguration as significant media attention has been focused on the propriety of the Trump campaign's actions

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<sup>9</sup> See Dave Boyer, *Trump Won't Release White House Visitor Logs, Reverses Obama Policy*, Wash. Post (April 14, 2017), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/trump-white-house-withholding-the-limited-visitor-logs-it-vowed-to-release-watchdog-group-says/2017/08/17/64ccf94e-82c0-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/trump-white-house-withholding-the-limited-visitor-logs-it-vowed-to-release-watchdog-group-says/2017/08/17/64ccf94e-82c0-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496_story.html); Spencer S. Hsu, *Trump White House is Still Holding Back Visitor Information, Watchdog Group Says*, Wash. Post (Aug. 17, 2017), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/trump-white-house-withholding-the-limited-visitor-logs-it-vowed-to-release-watchdog-group-says/2017/08/17/64ccf94e-82c0-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/trump-white-house-withholding-the-limited-visitor-logs-it-vowed-to-release-watchdog-group-says/2017/08/17/64ccf94e-82c0-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496_story.html).

<sup>10</sup> See, e.g., Laura Jarrett and Cristina Alesci, *Trump Administration Withholds Almost All Mar-a-Lago Visitor Logs*, CNN (Sept. 15, 2017), <http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/15/politics/secret-service-maralago-logs/index.html>.

<sup>11</sup> See, e.g., *The White House's Secretiveness Is Getting So Bad, It's Probably Illegal*, Wash. Post (Aug. 20, 2017), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-white-houses-secretiveness-is-getting-so-bad-its-probably-illegal/2017/08/20/18c92786-8453-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-white-houses-secretiveness-is-getting-so-bad-its-probably-illegal/2017/08/20/18c92786-8453-11e7-902a-2a9f2d808496_story.html).

<sup>12</sup> See, e.g., Zeke J. Miller, *The White House Will Keep Its Visitor Logs Secret*, Time (Apr. 14, 2017), <http://time.com/4740499/white-house-visitor-logs-public-record-trump/>.

<sup>13</sup> See, e.g., Josh Dawsey and Nolan D. McCaskill, *White House Says it Won't Make Visitor Logs Public*, Politico (April 14, 2017), <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/04/white-house-says-it-wont-make-visitor-logs-public-237235>.

<sup>14</sup> See, e.g., Eric Lipton, *Trump Declines to Release List of His Mar-a-Lago Visitors*, N.Y. Times (Sept. 15, 2017), <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/15/us/politics/trump-declines-to-release-list-of-his-visitors-at-mar-a-lago.html>.

<sup>15</sup> See, e.g., *Wyden Calls on Trump to Release White House Visitor Logs*, News Channel 21 (Mar. 7, 2017), <http://www.ktvz.com/news/wyden-calls-on-trump-to-release-white-house-visitor-logs/381476106>.

<sup>16</sup> Adam Edelman, *Trump Must Release Mar-a-Lago Visitor Logs, Judge Rules*, NBC News (July 17, 2017), <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/trump-must-release-mar-lago-visitor-logs-judge-rules-n783686>.

<sup>17</sup> Laura Jarrett and Christina Alesci, *Trump Administration Withholds Almost All Mar-a-Lago Visitor Logs*, CNN Politics (Sept. 15, 2017), <http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/15/politics/secret-service-maralago-logs/index.html>.

<sup>18</sup> Josh Gerstein, *Suit Demands Visitor Logs for Parts of White House*, Politico (Aug. 17, 2017), <http://www.politico.com/blogs/under-the-radar/2017/08/17/lawsuit-trump-white-house-visitor-logs-241744>.



on behalf of the President's friends and supporters.<sup>19</sup> Furthermore, the need for information extends to visitor logs pertaining to not only the President, but members of the President's campaign, who are likely to further influence the President. This need is exemplified by numerous publications reporting on Robert Mueller's investigation of the Trump campaign's ties to Russia,<sup>20</sup> meetings between members of the President's family and a Russian lawyer shortly after the president's Republican nomination,<sup>21</sup> and allegations of corruption extending before the President's inauguration.<sup>22</sup>

Moreover, the need for this information is underlined by recent concerns raised about the President's use of his properties, such as Trump National Golf Club and Mar-a-Lago,<sup>23</sup> as well as significant financial stakes in "more than 500 businesses."<sup>24</sup>

I certify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, pursuant to 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(3).

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<sup>19</sup> Amanda Terkel, *Hillary Clinton Won't Rule Out Questioning the Legitimacy of Donald Trump's Election*, HuffPost (Sept. 18, 2017), [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/hillary-clinton-trump-legitimacy\\_us\\_59c01f2de4b0f22c4a8bcb71](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/hillary-clinton-trump-legitimacy_us_59c01f2de4b0f22c4a8bcb71); Matt Ferner, *Rep. John Lewis: Trump Is Not A 'Legitimate President'*, HuffPost (Jan. 13, 2017), [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/john-lewis-trump-not-legitimate\\_us\\_58792bfee4b0b3c7a7b1303a](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/john-lewis-trump-not-legitimate_us_58792bfee4b0b3c7a7b1303a).

<sup>20</sup> *With Russia Investigation, Plenty to See Here*, USA Today (Sept. 18, 2017), <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2017/09/18/russia-investigation-plenty-see-here-editorials-debates/674777001/>.

<sup>21</sup> *See, e.g.*, Mark Lander and Maggie Haberman, *With Glare on Trump Children, Political Gets Personal for President*, N.Y. Times (July 12, 2017), <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/12/us/politics/trump-says-son-is-innocent-amid-reports-of-russia-meeting.html?mcubz=0>; Darren Samuelsohn, *Russia Probes Pose Loyalty Test for Team Trump*, Politico (Sept. 9, 2017), <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/09/12/trump-russia-investigation-loyalty-242570>.

<sup>22</sup> Adam Davidson, *Trump's Business of Corruption*, New Yorker (Aug. 21, 2017), <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/08/21/trumps-business-of-corruption>.

<sup>23</sup> *See, e.g.*, Brad Heath et. al., *Trump Gets Millions from Golf Members. CEOs and Lobbyists Get Access to President*, USA Today (Sept. 6, 2017), <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2017/09/06/trump-gets-millions-golf-members-ceos-and-lobbyists-get-access-president/632505001/>.

<sup>24</sup> *See, e.g.*, Sarah Posner, *What If Our System Can't Handle Trump's Out-of-control Self-dealing?*, Wash. Post (Sept. 6, 2017), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/plum-line/wp/2017/09/06/what-if-our-system-cant-handle-trumps-out-of-control-self-dealing/>.

## Conclusion

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