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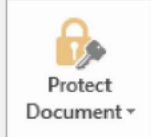
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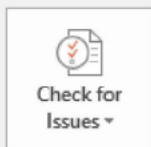
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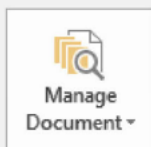
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Relevant Background:

Former President Donald J. Trump conspired with others, named and unnamed to provide knowing false statements and certificates to the United States Government for the purposes of corrupting the 2020 US Presidential election – specifically the of electors' votes. The actions by the President Trump, Trump Campaign representatives, and others was part of a campaign to coerce Vice President Michael Pence into helping Trump retain the presidency.

U.S. Government Representatives Advise President Trump Allegations of Election Fraud are Unfounded

On November 7, 2020, media outlets declared candidate Joseph Biden the winner of the 2020 U.S. presidential election. Prior to the election, during the election process, and continuing to the present, Trump maintained voter fraud cost him the election. On November 12, 2020, Christopher Krebs, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency refuted Trump's claim stating, "The November 3rd election was the most secure in American history" and "There is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes, or was in any way compromised." On December 1, 2020, Attorney General William Barr publicly announced the DOJ had found no voting fraud "on a scale that could have effected a different outcome in the election." According to Carol Leoning et. al. in their book, I Alone Can Fix It: Donald J. Trump's Catastrophic Final Year, later of December 1, 2022, Attorney General Barr told President Trump and Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, "We've looked into these things [election fraud allegation] and they're nonsense." Barr reportedly defended his assertion to President Trump and Meadows for each of the states Trump had concerns about. Leoning et. al. also reported Attorney General Barr told Trump that the allegations of ballot stuffing at the Fulton County, GA State Farm Arena polling site were false, base on an FBI investigation. According to Senate Judiciary Committee Report, "Subverting Justice, How the Former President and His Allies Pressured DOJ to Overturn the 2020 Election," between mid-December and late December, President Trump was advised by acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen and acting Deputy General Richard Donoghue the DOJ had no evidence voter fraud compromised the election. According to Donoghue's notes, when Attorney General Rosen told President Trump DOJ could not "just flip the switch and change the election," President Trump responded, "just say the elections was corrupt and leave the rest to me and the Republican Congressman."

President Trump Solicits Department of Justice Assistance to Support Elector Scheme

According to Rosen's testimony, Assistant Attorney General Jeffrey Clark presented a plan to Rosen and Donoghue that DOJ would inform the legislature of Georgia and five of other states that (1) DOJ was investigating election irregularities and (2) DOJ was advising state legislatures to convene to consider appointing an alternate set of electors. Clark purportedly drafted a letter for Georgia as a "proof of concept" that could be used for each of the states. The letter noted the Vice President would have the power to decide whether to count the alternate set of electors at a joint session of Congress on January 6th. Attorney General Rosen and Donoghue rejected the proposal as being unsupported and "utterly without precedent." Rosen later learned, Clark had met with President Trump in the Oval Office on or about December 24, 2021.

Trump,

According to an October 23, 2021 article in the *Washington Post* entitled, "Ahead of Jan. 6, Willard Hotel in Downtown DC was a Trump Team 'Command Center' for Effort to Deny Trump the Presidency," On January 2, 2021, President Trump, Rudy Giuliani, and John Eastman led a conference call with approximately 300 swing state legislators. According to Michigan State Senator Edward McBroom, who participated in the call, Trump and his team urged the legislators to overturn the choice of voters in their states but provided no evidence of voter fraud.

The "Electoral College" refers.....