

# United States Senate

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## VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security

Mr. Ronald Rowe  
Acting Director  
United States Secret Service

Dear Secretary Mayorkas and Acting Director Rowe:

I write to you to again request the Secret Service operational security plan, and related records, for the July 13, 2024, campaign event held by former President Trump in Butler, Pennsylvania. My office has received records related to the apparent location of some law enforcement posts during the July 13, 2024, event to include Butler County and Beaver County Emergency Services Units (ESU) with assignment at the AGR building. My office has also obtained the below color-coded document indicating what appears to be some state law enforcement sectors for the Trump rally and the document notes each sector is highlighted by "order of importance." Is this document accurate? Did local law enforcement have the shared responsibility with Secret Service to cover the AGR building? To better understand the full security posture of the event, the Secret Service must provide equivalent records.





On July 16, 2024, I wrote to DHS and the Secret Service requesting information and records about the catastrophic security failures that resulted in the July 13, 2024 assassination attempt on former President Trump, which resulted in one person being killed and two others being seriously wounded.<sup>3</sup> On July 20, 2024, I provided DHS and the Secret Service portions of emails relating to “post standers” and requested to know the total number of post standers at the Jill Biden and Trump events on July 13, 2024, as well as the total number of federal personnel present at the Trump rally. Recently, I have also obtained video footage of the aftermath of the shooting, in which local law enforcement can be heard discussing drone availability to clear the water tower.<sup>4</sup>

The Secret Service must provide its operational security plan showing the locations and roles of all federal personnel assigned to secure the July 13, 2024 event. Please provide answers to the following no later than July 30, 2024.

1. Did USSS, local, or state law enforcement deploy UASs or counter UASs for the July 13, 2024 rally? If not, why not? If yes, provide a detailed description of their use.
2. Did the USSS receive requests from local or state law enforcement agencies to operate UASs and/or counter UASs before or during the July 13, 2024, event? If yes, did the USSS approve these requests? If not, why not?
3. Was there an unauthorized UAS intrusion within the restricted airspace of the event? If so, when? Please provide all records.<sup>5</sup>
4. Was the Counter UAS operator aware of the intrusion and when? Did the Counter UAS operator deploy countermeasures in response to the unauthorized intrusion? If not, why not? If yes, provide records of the countermeasures deployed.
5. Who at USSS was responsible for making the final decision to deploy UAS or counter UAS for the July 13, 2024, event?
6. Provide all records between and among USSS, local law enforcement, state law enforcement, sheriffs, and federal law enforcement related to the use of UAS and counter UAS for the July 13, 2024 event with former President Trump.
7. Since January 2021, has the USSS deployed UASs or counter UASs during campaign events and rallies? If yes, provide a detailed description of their use, including but not limited to the date, location, event, protectee, and number of UASs or counter UASs deployed.
8. Provide all DHS and USSS guidance, policies, and similar documents concerning training requirements for UAS and counter UAS and a detailed description of the training.
9. Was the water tower cleared in advance of the rally? If not, why not?
10. Did the water tower have any role in the events at the Trump rally? Please describe.

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<sup>3</sup> Press Release, *Grassley Launches Secret Service Investigation Following Assassination Attempt against Former President Trump*, (Jul. 17, 2024) <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-launches-secret-service-investigation-following-assassination-attempt-against-former-president-trump>.

<sup>4</sup> The video was obtained from the Beaver County Emergency Services Unit in compliance with congressional requests.

<sup>5</sup> “Records” include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (e-mails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether or not they resulted in final documents).

Thank you for your prompt review and response. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Randolph and Silvia Symer on my Committee staff at (202) 224-0642.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Budget