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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Pete Hegseth
 Secretary
 Department of Defense

Dear Secretary Hegseth:

Congress enacted the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act of 1998 (NWCDA) in an effort to ensure the fullest possible public disclosure of records relating to Nazi war crimes, Nazi perpetrators, and the actions of the federal government as it relates to such individuals and organizations.¹ The NWCDA reflected Congress's resolve that transparency, accountability, and historical truth are essential to preserving public confidence in government and ensuring that future generations understand the atrocities committed during World War II and the Holocaust.²

Since April 2023, with a similar purpose to the NWCDA, I have led a bipartisan investigation into the unresolved issue of Swiss banks, specifically Credit Suisse, which has since been purchased by UBS, and undisclosed Nazi-linked accounts.³ As a result of my oversight, tens of thousands of documents have been uncovered related to Credit Suisse's World War II-era accounts and previously unknown or only partially known Nazi-linked account holders have been identified.⁴

Although substantial progress in records identification and transparency has been made since the NWCDA's enactment, Congress must ensure that all federal agencies continue to comply with the law. The passage of time, advances in technology, evolving declassifications, and the discovery of previously overlooked records require periodic oversight. The American people deserve confidence that federal agencies are faithfully executing federal laws and regulations. Accordingly, so that Congress can better understand the Department of Defense's plans for ensuring continued compliance with the NWCDA, please answer the following questions no later than August 5, 2026:

¹ Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, S. 1379, 105th Congress (1998); Michael Dobbs, *Allies Knew of Plan for Italy's Jews*, WASHINGTON POST (Jun. 26, 2000), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/2000/06/27/allies-knew-of-plan-for-italys-jews/94bf1e8f-23f8-4da2-bd00-460668d3b82f/>.

² *Id.*

³ Press Release, Senator Charles E. Grassley, *Credit Suisse Failed to Fully Investigate Nazi-Linked Accounts, Full Report Confirms* (Aug. 17, 2023), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/credit-suisse-failed-to-fully-investigate-nazi-linked-accounts-full-report-confirms>; Letter from Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, to Rabbi Yehuda Kaploun, Ambassador, Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism (May 19, 2026), https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley_to_ambassador_rabbi_yehuda_kaploun_-_credit_suisse_investigation.pdf; Press Release, Senator Charles E. Grassley, *Senate Budget Committee Investigation into Nazi-Linked Credit Suisse Accounts Yields Extensive New Findings, Reveals Bank's Historic Pattern of Obstruction* (Jan. 4, 2025), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/senate-budget-committee-investigation-into-nazi-linked-credit-suisse-accounts-yields-extensive-new-findings-reveals-banks-historic-pattern-of-obstruction>; Press Release, Chairman Charles E. Grassley, Senate Judiciary Committee, *Grassley Lauded for "Leadership and Commitment" to Credit Suisse Investigation* (Mar. 5, 2025), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-lauded-for-leadership-and-commitment-to-credit-suisse-investigation>; Press Release, Chairman Charles E. Grassley, Senate Judiciary Committee, *Senate Judiciary Committee Investigation of Credit Suisse Reveals Hidden Truths and Garners Global Attention* (Feb. 3, 2026), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/senate-judiciary-committee-investigation-of-credit-suisse-reveals-hidden-truths-and-garners-global-attention>.

⁴ Press Release, Senator Charles E. Grassley, *Senate Budget Committee Investigation into Nazi-Linked Credit Suisse Accounts Yields Extensive New Findings, Reveals Bank's Historic Pattern of Obstruction* (Jan. 4, 2025), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/senate-budget-committee-investigation-into-nazi-linked-credit-suisse-accounts-yields-extensive-new-findings-reveals-banks-historic-pattern-of-obstruction>.

1. Describe your agency's current policies and procedures for implementing the NWCDA. How many staff are working to do so? Provide all records.⁵
2. Has your agency conducted any review within the last five years to identify records that may be responsive to the NWCDA but were not previously disclosed? If yes, please describe the review and its results. If not, why not?
3. Does your agency maintain any records that are classified, redacted, or were otherwise previously withheld that fall within the scope of the NWCDA? If yes, please provide the number of records and the legal basis for continued withholding. If no, please explain how you arrived at this conclusion.
4. Has your agency established periodic re-reviews of previously withheld records to determine whether additional information may now be released?
5. Provide all records of any audits, assessments, compliance reviews, inspector general reports, or internal evaluations related to implementation of the NWCDA since June 1, 2016.
6. Identify any challenges, constraints, legal issues, or technological hurdles that may hinder full compliance with the NWCDA and explain any steps being taken to address those challenges.

Thank you for your prompt review and response. If you have any questions, please contact my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

⁵ Records" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, 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 they resulted in final documents).