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May 6, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Ms. Hannah Bergman Acting General Counsel National Archives and Records Administration

Mr. William C. Brown Acting Inspector General National Archives and Records Administration

Dear Ms. Bergman and Mr. Brown:

Recently, in the interest of transparency, I publicly released Biden administration emails regarding the investigation and later prosecution of Peter Navarro. These communications provided a behind-the-scenes snapshot of some of the actions taken by the FBI's Washington Field Office (WFO) to investigate Navarro for contempt of Congress and obstruction. The emails showed, for example, that Special Agent (SA) Walter Giardina, Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) Blaire Toleman, and Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Timothy Thibault, among others, played a role in the investigation and ultimate prosecution of Navarro.

The American people have a right to know as much as possible regarding the internal Biden Justice Department and FBI process that was used to determine where to allocate taxpayer resources to investigate and prosecute Trump officials. Moreover, the FBI officials involved in the Navarro case were also involved in the politically-infected cases against President Trump, to include Arctic Frost and Special Counsel Mueller's investigation. Accordingly, provide the following no later than May 20, 2022:²

¹ See Letter from Senator Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, U.S. Senate Comm. On the Judiciary to Attorney General Pamela Bondi and Kash Patel, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Apr. 29, 2025), https://www.grassley.senate.gov/download/grassley-to-doj-fbi -peter-navarro-contempt-of-congress.

² "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).

A. All Biden White House records referring or relating to Peter Navarro's contempt of Congress case. This request includes all communications between or among all DOJ, FBI, and White House personnel. I request the initial search of Biden White House records focus on searches of the custodians listed in "1" for emails that include any name in "2." After that initial search, I request the search be expanded to all White House personnel who communicated with any name in "2." I will update search terms as necessary.

1. Custodians:

- a. Ron Klain, Chief of Staff
- b. Jeff Zients, Chief of Staff
- c. Jennifer O'Malley Dillon, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations
- d. Anne Tomasini, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations
- e. Bruce Reed, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy
- f. Natalie Quillian, Deputy Chief of Staff for Implementation
- g. Dana Remus, White House Counsel
- h. Jonathan Su, Deputy White House Counsel
- i. Caroline McKay, Chief of Staff for White House Counsel and Deputy Associate Counsel
- j. Caroline Saba, Deputy Chief of Staff for the White House Counsel
- k. Louisa Terrell, Director, White House Legislative Affairs
- 1. Shuwanza Goff, Director, White House Legislative Affairs

2. Justice Department and FBI:

- a. Merrick Garland, Attorney General
- b. Matt Klapper, Chief of Staff and Senior Counselor to the Attorney General
- c. Lisa Monaco, Deputy Attorney General
- d. Andrew Joseph Bruck, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Attorney General and Associate Deputy Attorney General
- e. George Toscas, Deputy Assistant Attorney General
- f. Carlos Uriarte, Assistant Attorney General
- g. Sarah Zdeb, Deputy Assistant Attorney General
- h. Matthew Hanson, Deputy Assistant Attorney General
- i. Ted Schroeder, Deputy Assistant Attorney General
- j. Keighle Joyce, Senior Counsel
- k. Matthew M. Graves, U.S. Attorney DC
- 1. John D. Crabb, U.S. Attorney's Office DC
- m. Elizabeth Aloi, Assistant U.S. Attorney DC
- n. Christopher Wray, Director, FBI
- o. Paul Abbate, Deputy Director, FBI
- p. Steven D'Antuono, Assistant Director in Charge, FBI-WFO
- q. Jill Adams, Special Assistant to the ADIC, FBI-WFO

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³ Personnel titles listed reflect former titles or roles.

- r. Allison K. Lawter, Chief Division Counsel, FBI-WFO
- s. Wayne Jacobs, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI-WFO
- t. Timothy Thibault, ASAC, FBI-WFO
- u. Aaron G. Tapp, Assistant Section Chief, FBI-CID
- v. Ronald Farnsworth, Assistant Section Chief, FBI-CID
- w. Blaire Toleman, SSA, FBI-WFO
- x. Lira B. Gallagher, Supervisory Public Affairs Specialist, FBI-WFO
- y. Samantha Tucker Shero, Public Affairs Officer, FBI-WFO
- z. Sebastian Gardner, SA, FBI-WFO
- aa. Stephen R, Hart, SA, FBI-WFO
- bb. Matthew U. Lariccia, SA, FBI-WFO
- cc. Samuel Weinstein, SA, FBI-WFO
- dd. Thomas Coyle, SA, FBI-Criminal Investigative Division (CID)
- ee. Lindsay Capodilupo, SA, FBI-CID
- ff. Walter Giardina, SA, FBI-WFO
- gg. Frank G. D'Amico, SA, FBI-WFO
- hh. Katherine E. Pattillo, SA, FBI-WFO
- ii. Dennis W. Halliden, SA, FBI-WFO

In keeping with the requirements of Executive Order 13526, if any of the responsive documents do contain classified information, please segregate all unclassified material within the classified documents, provide all unclassified information directly to me, and provide a classified addendum to the Office of Senate Security. Although the Committee complies with all laws and regulations governing the handling of classified information, it is not bound, absent its prior agreement, by any handling restrictions.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact my Committee staff at 202-224-5225 should you have questions.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley

Chairman

Committee on the Judiciary