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December 16, 2025

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley:

This letter provides a response to the Committee on the Judiciary's letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) dated November 21, 2025, regarding the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago on August 8, 2023. Director Patel is leading the FBI towards increased transparency with Congress in order to restore trust, and we hope this production assists in that regard.

Today's production relates to our investigation into the alleged mishandling of classified information by then-former President Trump, Bates stamped FBI-SJC119-MAL-000001 through 000026. Today's production contains minimal redactions to protect certain personally identifiable information and law enforcement sensitive information. The FBI is available to engage with the Committee to address any questions regarding these limited redactions. Please note that this production may contain law enforcement sensitive material, including personally identifiable information, as well as other sensitive information. As such, although we welcome providing this material, the Department of Justice and the FBI do not waive any applicable privilege that might otherwise apply to these documents, especially with respect to any third parties.

We hope this continued production is helpful and advances progress towards transparency on this issue. Thank you for supporting the FBI, our mission, and our people.

Sincerely,

Marshall Yates  
Assistant Director

cc: The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary

(CD) (FBI)

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Update: We learned from Jay Bratt that he did not intend to "negotiate" with Corcoran, or have any further discussions with him. Rather, he was going to send a letter providing the morning of 6/6 as the compliance date of the [REDACTED] WFO has not seen this letter, and we were informed as of an hour ago, it had not been sent to Corcoran.

Today [REDACTED] is scheduled to go before the [REDACTED] There are more appearances planned for next week as well. WFO looks at these appearances as a means to build the mishandling case, and perhaps add some more recent details to where materials may currently be located.

As we understand DOJ's position (via Jay Bratt), they would like the FBI to have the SW in hand on 6/6, and when, assuming non-compliance with the [REDACTED] the FBI would immediately serve the SW. WFO has some concerns with how realistic that is, considering DOJ's timeline and our need to place resources where they need to be in order to accomplish such a search. Since the letter has not even been sent, Corcoran hasn't been notified of this timeline, and the deadline is quickly approaching. In order to assist with the management of expectations, at WFO, we have been working with Miami Division to formulate an operational plan that's safe, thorough, and conducts a search with a minimal footprint. Ideally, if we are to serve the warrant (that, I remind everyone, remains in draft stage), we would seek to conduct a search, seize the described boxes and materials, and get them out of the premises, onto a plane and up to WFO as expediently and as quickly as possible. In coordination with Miami, we are working up the plan, including the timing and logistics necessary to implement it now. We will circulate that to you at HQ so that you can help our seniors with their decision making and expectations for timing. Since SAC Riedlinger has agreed that we will not sign the warrant until it is reviewed by FBI GC, we at the FBI have some control over the timing, with the understanding that, if we collectively decide the search warrant route is warranted, we can use that time to implement the logistics necessary.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2022 1:36 PM  
To: Gentilcore, Lisa R. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED] />; Sinton, Robert Stuart (OGC) (FBI)  
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Just FYSA on where we are from WFO's perspective.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2022 9:28 AM  
To: Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]>  
Cc: [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]>  
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WFO is conducting a Mishandling of Classified or NDI Information investigation. WFO's investigative goals are to gather information and determine the circumstances surrounding classified documents returned to NARA from Mar a Lago, FL.

WFO has copied all the documents contained in the boxes returned to NARA, and as has been detailed in the file, a mix of newspapers, periodicals, personal papers, and classified information were found.

WFO has conducted approximately [REDACTED] interviews related to this matter. Very little has been developed related to who might be culpable for mishandling the documents. From the interviews, WFO has gathered information suggesting that there may be additional boxes (presumably of the same type as were sent back to NARA in January) at Mar a Lago. WFO has been drafting a Search Warrant affidavit related to these potential boxes, but has some concerns that the information is single source, has not been corroborated, and may be dated. DOJ CES opines, however, that the SWs meet the probable cause standard.

One complicating factor is that DOJ issued [REDACTED] to the attorney representing the former President on 5/11/2022, requesting the return of any classified documents in their possession. The return date of the [REDACTED] was 5/24/2022. On 5/25/2022, the attorney wrote back to DOJ, claiming that DOJ had told him the return date was flexible, but that on 5/24/2022 DOJ had notified him that the return date was not going to be extended. The attorney then said



that DOJ could either move to compel compliance, or "try to reach an accommodation." In light of this, WFO asked DOJ whether contacting the attorney, in the wake of this letter, and trying to negotiate the return of any classified documents would be reasonable, given that the attorney seemed open to trying to reach an accommodation. DOJ has been adamant that no accommodation would be given and that they would not reach out to the attorney.

Of interest, in the responses to DOJ, the attorney outlined what is likely a defense strategy to a potential mishandling charge. Namely, that a President has absolute authority to declassify documents, and that Presidential action involving classified documents are not subject to criminal sanction. Another attorney has stated in the press that the former President declassified all these records. WFO anticipated this response and has repeatedly asked DOJ to reach out to White House Counsel for an opinion on this, but to date, and to WFO's knowledge, this discussion has not happened. Whether the attorney's interpretation of the President's authority is correct or not needs to be addressed, but no matter what, it bears on the former President's intent, as well as anyone operating under his direction, which is an element of any criminal charge currently being contemplated. DOJ has also been queried whether any charges are being contemplated, and who the subject(s) might be. WFO has not gotten that answer as of yet.

Per FBIHQ, any search warrants would be served after the former President departs Mar a Lago. That date is currently believed to be 6/3/2022. In the meantime, WFO has continued to conduct interviews in an effort to gain more information related to the goals of the case, as well as to provide additional information for a search warrant.

Even as we continue down the path towards a search warrant, WFO believes that a reasonable conversation with the former President's attorney, (stating that the FBI and DOJ are readying a search warrant, and have developed information that there are more documents at Mar a Lago), ought not to be discounted. At a minimum, even if the former President's attorney is correct and that the documents were all declassified (or believed to be declassified), it can be reasonably argued that the documents remain sensitive and should be properly secured until the matter of classification is sorted out. This conversation could easily be accomplished at the same time that WFO presses forward with the investigation and continues building out the search warrant.

[REDACTED]  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

Counterintelligence | Branch II/Global

FBI Washington Field Office

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**TRANSITORY RECORD**

ASAC [REDACTED]

This is a current status of where we are and what we see as logical leads yet to be accomplished:

Interviews

Chief of Staff Mark Meadows (DOJ is working on this per Julie E. today)

[REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (DOJ will issue a [REDACTED] per Julie E. today)

Body Man Nick Luna, (FBI awaiting Mr. Luna's attorney)

\*Do we bring Nauta back into [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] cannot answer recency?

#### Analysis

Review of CCTV footage

Analysis of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (inventory and photos)

#### Other Options for Resolution

- Ask to speak to FPTOUS/Counsel
- Request DOJ to contact Corcoran/Bobb regarding new material witness information
- New NARA Referral for all PRA vs. classified

#### Other

\*DOJ has inquired as to an Ops Plan for a SW of MAL. I let them know we are not in agreement for PC on the SW and that we already had an Ops Plan in place that will can be quickly updated between FBI/MM and FBI/WF. However, WF/[REDACTED] does not believe we have PC for the 45 Office or the bedroom due to recency and issues of boxes versus classified information. Therefore, as we are in disagreement on the SW and its scope, we are not yet finalizing a SW as we are missing relevant logistics and details.

Thank you,

[REDACTED] and Team

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:59 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Updated SW

Thanks. I had this exact conversation with Bob at our 9 o'clock this morning. He seemed surprised that I would ask; he relayed that conversations had been occurring suggesting that "we were making progress" with the SW. (NFI...)

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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
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Looping you in.....

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**To:** Sinton, Robert Stuart (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]; Gentilcore, Lisa R. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED];  
Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Updated SW

[REDACTED] asks a fair question. We haven't generated any new facts, but keep being given draft after draft after draft. Absent a witness coming forward with recent information about classified on site, at what point is it fair to table this? It is time consuming for the team, and not productive if there are no new facts supporting PC?

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[REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** FW: Updated SW

[REDACTED],

This is the latest version. WF [REDACTED], DOJ/CES, and SDFL continue to pass versions back and forth after our pause and concern about PC for any of the locations outlined in para 67. What is the guidance for continuing to work on this document without any new information?

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Thakur, Michael (USAFLS) <[Michael.Thakur@usdoj.gov](mailto:Michael.Thakur@usdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 11:08 AM  
**To:** Reynolds, Brett (NSD) (JMD) <[Brett.Reynolds@usdoj.gov](mailto:Brett.Reynolds@usdoj.gov)>; Edelstein, Julie (NSD) (JMD) <[Julie.Edelstein@usdoj.gov](mailto:Julie.Edelstein@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >; Bratt, Jay (NSD) (JMD) <[Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov](mailto:Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov)>; Gilbert, Karen (USAFLS) <[Karen.Gilbert@usdoj.gov](mailto:Karen.Gilbert@usdoj.gov)>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Updated SW

Good morning,

Attached are my comments and suggested edits with track changes, adding on to the previous version sent.

Michael Thakur  
Assistant United States Attorney  
U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida  
[REDACTED]  
[Michael.Thakur@usdoj.gov](mailto:Michael.Thakur@usdoj.gov)

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**Subject:** RE: Updated SW

All,

Attached is a track changes version with some comments and edits by me.

Brett

Brett C. Reynolds  
Trial Attorney  
Counterintelligence and Export Control Section  
National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530



[REDACTED] (office) / [REDACTED] (cell)

**From:** Thakur, Michael (USAFLS) <[MThakur@usa.doi.gov](mailto:MThakur@usa.doi.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, July 8, 2022 9:28 AM

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**Subject:** Re: Updated SW

I agree we should not limit the search to specific rooms, other than specifying the search would not include guest rooms.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 8, 2022, at 8:54 AM, Edelstein, Julie (NSD) <[Julie.Edelstein@usdoj.gov](mailto:Julie.Edelstein@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, [REDACTED] I've gone through it, deleted the comments that were resolved, and tracked further changes. I think this is now ready for Brett, Jay, and SDFL to review. Adding Karen and Mike to this chain.

With respect to the locations at the premises to be searched, I think we should hop on a call. Limiting the SW to specific areas gives me some pause, as we're not exactly sure where the boxes were moved within the premises after they left the storage room. We of course don't want to be searching guest premises, etc., but I'm not sure how to limit this within the text of the warrant.

**From:** [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Friday, July 8, 2022 8:29 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; Edelstein, Julie (NSD) <[Julie.Edelstein@usdoj.gov](mailto:Julie.Edelstein@usdoj.gov)>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; Bratt, Jay (NSD) <[Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov](mailto:Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov)>; Reynolds, Brett (NSD) <[Brett.Reynolds@usdoj.gov](mailto:Brett.Reynolds@usdoj.gov)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >

**Subject:** RE: Updated SW

Team,

Attached please find the latest draft of the SW. Changes are tracked and/or have comments, but notable changes/questions to address include:

- Removal of specific caveats not already explained in the beginning of the warrant
- Question on revision of Attachment A to further define the premises as specific locations to be searched within the larger property (storage room, residential suite).

Thank you!

- [REDACTED]

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Special Agent [REDACTED]

FBI - Washington Field Office  
Desk [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Re: Updated SW

Likely sometime tomorrow morning. Thank you!

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**From:** Edelstein, Julie (NSD) <[Julie.Edelstein@usdoj.gov](mailto:Julie.Edelstein@usdoj.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 7, 2022 2:40:00 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; Bratt, Jay (NSD) (JMD) <[Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov](mailto:Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov)>; Reynolds, Brett (NSD) (JMD) <[Brett.Reynolds@usdoj.gov](mailto:Brett.Reynolds@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Updated SW

Hi, checking in – when should I expect to have this back? I'd like to get be able to get this to Jay and George today. Thanks.

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**From:** Edelstein, Julie (NSD)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 6, 2022 9:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]; Bratt, Jay (NSD) <[Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov](mailto:Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov)>; Reynolds, Brett (NSD) <[Brett.Reynolds@usdoj.gov](mailto:Brett.Reynolds@usdoj.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** RE: Updated SW

Thanks again for your work on this, Jeremy. I think this is in good shape. I cleaned it up a bit and have flagged in the comments areas that need your review/input.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Updated SW

All,

Thanks for the patience while I worked on this. Attached is the most updated. Standing by for any feedback.

V/r,

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent - FBI  
Washington Field Office

[REDACTED] (cell)  
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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 7:50 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2022 9:07 PM  
**To:** Brooker, Bradley A. (OGC) (DET) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** Sinton, Robert Stuart (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] />; [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Re: SW

Thank you Brad. We are going to take a fine tooth comb to this draft first thing Monday for the facts as they are presented here, and we most definitely noticed they widened the scope of the search. We are also going to have some internal discussions at WFO at the executive level. I've passed the draft along to the SAC and ADIC to loop them in.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Brooker, Bradley A. (OGC) (DET) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2022 9:02:55 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Sinton, Robert Stuart (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] />; [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] >; [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: SW

Good evening. It is my understanding that the AAG/NSD reached out to the Deputy this evening to discuss the SW. It appears there is still an outstanding question as to the scope of the area to be searched. Bob is taking a well earned vacation so I just wanted to reach out to let you know I am available anytime to discuss.

Thanks, Brad

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**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2022, 7:24 PM  
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Forwarding so you have it. I'd imagine this will be a hot topic on Monday.

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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Bratt, Jay (NSD) (JMD) <[Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov](mailto:Jay.Bratt2@usdoj.gov)>; Gellie, Jennifer (NSD) (JMD) <[Jennifer.Gellie@usdoj.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Gellie@usdoj.gov)>; Reynolds, Brett (NSD) (JMD) <[Brett.Reynolds@usdoj.gov](mailto:Brett.Reynolds@usdoj.gov)>; Thakur, Michael (USAFLS) <[Michael.Thakur@usdoj.gov](mailto:Michael.Thakur@usdoj.gov)>; Gilbert, Karen (USAFLS) <[Karen.Gilbert@usdoj.gov](mailto:Karen.Gilbert@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - SW

[REDACTED] and team,

As just discussed with [REDACTED], here is the SW draft with revisions, including to seek authorization to search the entire premises. You'll of course want to review its entirety, but please in particular address the margin comments requiring input from FBI as soon as you can.

Many thanks,  
Julie

Julie A. Edelstein  
Deputy Chief for Counterintelligence  
Counterintelligence and Export Control Section  
National Security Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
[REDACTED] (mobile)  
[REDACTED] (office)



**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 1:53 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Items for Mr. Corcoran --- [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2022 1:19 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Items for Mr. Corcoran --- [REDACTED]

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DOJ/FBI would respectfully request Former President Trump's cooperation via Mr. Evan Corcoran in providing the opportunity to thoroughly search for any documents pursuant to captioned investigation.

If enabled to effect a Consensual Search with the parties below, it would provide a level of comfort that the FBI has retrieved all appropriate documents relevant to the National Defense and Presidential Records Act (PRA).

FBI WFO Team

Mr. Corcoran



USSS Security POC (anticipated as Mar-A-Lago [MAL] remains a presidential residence)

NARA OGC/Designated Rep

We would ask to search the following MAL locations in order of priority:

- All boxes/containers present in the storage room (located in the ground level of MAL and designated by a gold door)
- The 45th Office at MAL
- MAL Owner's Quarters
- All other spaces currently used to store USG documents from January 2021 to present (including spaces temporarily or otherwise designated as/converted to be used as storage during the off-season)
- Any relevant local off-site storage facilities, including [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] 6

FBI/DOJ will convey the nature of items to be seized:

- All classified documents or those that appear to be NDI/classified in nature; and/or
- Documents that fall within the purview of the Presidential Records Act

Pursuant to witness testimony detailing Former President Trump's predilection to travel with his papers, this team would also like to request Mr. Corcoran speak with his client about the presence of classified and/or PRA in any other locations, to include Bedminster, NJ and New York.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (CD) (FBI)

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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 10:18 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 6:09 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: SW

Thank you, copy all

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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 6:08:25 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Fwd: SW

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**From:** Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 6:00:23 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: SW

Tony Riedlinger  
Special Agent in Charge  
WFO - Counterintelligence

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**From:** Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] />  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 5:44:48 PM  
**To:** Toscas, George (NSD) (JMD) <[George.Toscas2@usdoj.gov](mailto:George.Toscas2@usdoj.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: SW

Hello George,

I believe you are on travel. My apologies for interrupting. [REDACTED] was advised of the below by Julie.

Just to recap from earlier WFO ADIC has advised we will not do the SW unless direction is received by DD.

WFO would like to propose a second path. Which I would be more than happy to discuss.

My cell is [REDACTED]

Tony Riedlinger  
Special Agent in Charge  
WFO - Counterintelligence

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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022, 5:26 PM  
**To:** Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** SW

Per Julie Edelstein, she just told [REDACTED] that the SW execution is Thursday.

(CD) (FBI)

**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 9:10 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Plasmic Echo Search Warrant --- UNCLASSIFIED

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2022 9:03 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Plasmic Echo Search Warrant --- UNCLASSIFIED

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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2022 8:53 AM  
**To:** Riedlinger, Anthony T. (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Plasmic Echo Search Warrant --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Good morning, I have a request ahead of the warrant operation planned for Monday.

Because the search warrant operational plan has contact with FPOTUS's attorney as the first step, I'd respectfully request that the contact be handled by FBI, not by DOJ. As the ASAC who will be responsible for the execution of the warrant,

this first contact will set the tone for the day. The FBI intends for the execution of the warrant to be handled in a professional, low key manner, and to be mindful of the optics of the search. Safety of the search team is always of a concern during any such operation. Since we heard Mr. Toscas say yesterday in the call that "he frankly doesn't give a damn about the optics" and Mr. Bratt already has built an antagonistic relationship with FPOTUS's attorney over the service of the [REDACTED] I think it is more than fair to say that the DOJ contact with Mr. Corcoran just prior to the execution of the warrant will not go well. DOJ said as much yesterday. I also think that it is fair to say that if FBI calls, having in mind officer safety, to optics of the search, and the desire to conduct this search in a professional and low key manner, there is a far better chance that the execution will go more smoothly and we may actually gain some measure of cooperation, which could go some way to resolving the mishandling of classified records investigation that is being conducted. I understand that this request may not go well at DOJ, however, it is FBI serving and executing the search and it will be our personnel who will have to deal with the reaction to that first contact.

Please let me know what you think.

[REDACTED]  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

Counterintelligence | Branch II/Global

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[REDACTED] (CD) (FBI)

**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2022 11:22 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Plasmic Echo Investigation --- [REDACTED]

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Thank you

**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022 9:49 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (CD) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Sinton, Robert Stuart (OGC) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; Riedlinger, Anthony T. <[REDACTED]>  
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**Cc:** Sinton, Robert Stuart (OGC) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) <[REDACTED]>; Riedlinger, Anthony T. <[REDACTED]>  
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As everyone is tracking, WFO does not believe (and has articulated to DOJ CES), that we have established probable cause for the search warrant for classified records at Mar a Lago. DOJ has opined that they do have probable cause, requesting a wide scope including residence, office, storage space.

In WFO's opinion, if a primary goal of this investigation is to identify and recover classified records quickly, so as to protect the information, the 6 weeks spent fixated on probable cause for a search warrant have been counterproductive. Continued investigation and additional interviews have not found any witness who has reported seeing classified records at Mar a Lago since the return of records via [REDACTED] compliance on June 3, 2022.

WFO suggests alternative, less intrusive and likelier quicker, options for resolution.

- **Request DOJ to contact FPOTUS's attorney Corcoran regarding new material witness information** WFO has developed no information from a witness who has observed classified information at Mar a Lago since the return of the classified records in June. A reasonable step would be to recontact the attorney and inquire about any further documents. WFO has made numerous suggestions to DOJ over the course of this investigation that the most expedient way to ensure recovery of all classified documents would be to go through Mr. Corcoran. DOJ has persistently disagreed. Furthermore, in the letter from DOJ requesting any remaining documents be secured, WFO has information that Corcoran took steps to comply by padlocking the door, and is likely awaiting further instruction from DOJ, since those instructions were also in the letter. "Further instructions" is a logical and most expedient opportunity to follow up upon and request either a consent search to ensure no further classified exists or develop further information based on the response. In WFO's opinion, moving from letter to search warrant after six weeks leaves far less intrusive options off the table.
- **Ask to speak to FPOTUS/Counsel** FPOTUS stated at the time WFO retrieved the classified records in June that he would be willing to assist and cooperate. Logically, if we have additional questions about the location of classified documents, he would be a witness to interview. This could also be posed to Corcoran when contacted as per above.
- **New NARA Referral for all PRA vs. classified** If NARA pursued "presidential records" which are likely to still be located at Mar a Lago, they could recover any additional records which may, upon review, identify additional classified material. WFO has been rebuffed in this request by DOJ. Based on the latest version of the draft search warrant, DOJ is now including "classified records OR Presidential Records" located at Mar a Lago. Having developed no information about classified, this change would have FBI executing a SW for Presidential Records, which is in NARA's purview.

Additional logical investigative interviews and steps that have been sought:

- Chief of Staff Mark Meadows (FBI has had Meadows on the interview list since the inception of the case. Meadows is the most likely person to have in depth knowledge about classified records, how and where they were stored, handled.
- [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. Identified as a person who may have knowledge of additional records at Mar a Lago. WFO continues to work on scheduling this with her attorney and DOJ, however proffer from attorney indicated [REDACTED] has not seen any records or boxes.
- Body Man Nick Luna, Identified as a person who may have knowledge of additional records at Mar a Lago. (FBI awaiting Mr. Luna's attorney)
- WFO has repeatedly asked DOJ to facilitate read ins with WH GC on compartmented documents recovered via NARA. That request remains outstanding and is a logical investigative step needed to ensure that the documents remain properly classified via OCA review.

- WFO has requested to return the classified presidential records recovered via [REDACTED] in June to NARA (where they properly belong) and has been told to stand down on that request by DOJ CES. The explanation given was "due to the potential for leaks."

**Additional records requested/analysis**

Review of CCTV footage: *Working with DOJ to refine the request so that FBI is able to review the footage.*

[REDACTED]  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
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[REDACTED] (CD) (FBI)

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**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 7:50 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Check-in with DOJ

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**Subject:** Re: Check-in with DOJ

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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2022 4:44:51 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Check-in with DOJ

Team, please read. No forwards and no conversation where those w/o NTK are present.

This is a tentative WARNO, that [REDACTED] may be traveling to FL at the end of next week.

Monday, we will need to focus on the [REDACTED] 302/SW updates.

Let's meet Monday morning after/with caffeine in my office.

Have a good weekend, here if you need me and will pass along other items relevant/necessary.

Thank you,



[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022, 4:33 PM

To: [REDACTED] (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>; [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]@fbi.gov>

Subject: Check-in with DOJ

After speaking with [REDACTED] I did not plan to bring up the FBI's desire to call E. Corcoran prior to the execution of the SW. SAC Reidlinger and the ADIC will be calling DOJ on Monday to do this.

Jay relayed Matt Olsen has been instructed to move the SW forward. In DD's call with AAG Olsen this am, Jay was aware the DD asked about wanting to reinterview Nauta. To facilitate an interview, Jay called Nauta's attorney. Nauta is not available this weekend and the attorney further asked if Walt's status had changed. Jay advised in the broadest sense of DOJ's definition, Nauta was now in the subject vs witness arena, to which the attorney was not comfortable representing Walt and would need to bring in another/criminal attorney. Bottom line, there will be no interview of Nauta in the near future.

Jay advised DOJ will be looking for clearance to move forward on the SW on Monday if all additions have been made (or shortly thereafter) with execution to follow towards the end of the week or as soon as possible. As I said above I did not mention the ask re: calling Corcoran because I think it is best to make the ask straight away otherwise this will go up the chain immediately.

I tried to bring up the future mishandling case, but was shut down - everyone should be focused on the SW and not anything else. I explained I wanted the team to be moving the case forward so that after the search warrant we aren't asked why other steps haven't been taken yet. I think it is time to have someone in OGC make a call to [REDACTED] re: the read-ins.

We are awaiting a final version of the SW with the CCTV footage review included.

I will try to answer any questions but that is most everything I know.

[REDACTED]