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May 29, 2024

Ms. Pamela A. Smith
Chief of Police
Metropolitan Police Department
411 4th Street, NW, 7th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Chief Smith:

I write to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Committee on House Administration Subcommittee on Oversight ("Subcommittee"), which has jurisdiction over the safety and security of the United States Capitol.[1] As Chairman, my Subcommittee is the custodian of all records produced by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol ("Select Committee"). On December 29, 2022, Speaker Pelosi designated that all Select Committee records be transferred to the Subcommittee,[2] which was further solidified in H.Res 5 in the 118th Congress.[3]

Unfortunately, the Select Committee failed to properly archive their records, including as many as 900 interview summaries or transcripts, over one terabyte of digital data, and over 100 deleted or encrypted documents.[4] Therefore, the Subcommittee must now determine what documents were not properly archived, and assess what documents are necessary to accomplish a productive investigation. The Subcommittee has no choice but to repeat much of the work of the Select Committee to understand their investigative findings.

The Subcommittee recently discovered a letter to the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") from the Select Committee, dated July 8, 2022, requesting information cited in a tweet by Hunter Walker in April 2022 that stated that a law enforcement officer informed him that "they heard DC Metropolitan Police officers affiliated with the presidential motorcade share a story of Trump demanding to be drive[n] to the Capitol and getting into an altercation with Secret Service on January 6."[5]

Further, the Select Committee requested you to identify the MPD officers on duty on January 6, 2021, who assisted with or were positioned along the route for the former President and the ability to interview any such MPD officer who had visibility into the former President conduct getting into and traveling in the vehicle that transported him from the rally.[6]

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[1] Rule X, Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives for the 118th Congress; Paragraph (c)(2), Rule 17 Rules of the Committee on House Administration for the 118th Congress.
[2] Letter from Nancy Pelosi to Bennie Thompson (Dec. 29, 2022). (on file with the Subcommittee).
[3] H.R. Res. 5, 118th Cong. (2023).
[4] STAFF OF H. COMM. ON H. ADMINISTRATION, SUBCOMM. ON OVERSIGHT, 118TH CONG., INITIAL FINDINGS REPORT ON THE FAILURES AND POLITICIZATION OF THE JANUARY 6TH SELECT COMMITTEE AND THE ACTIVITIES ON AND LEADING UP TO JANUARY 6, 2021.
[5] Hunter Wilson (@hunterw) Twitter (July 1, 2022, 3:02 PM).
[6] Letter from Bennie Thompson to Robert Contee III (July 8, 2022). (on file with the Subcommittee).

The Subcommittee does not have a record of any response the Select Committee received from your office regarding this July 2022 request. As such, the Subcommittee requests that you respond to the following questions:

- Did MPD ever respond to this request from the Select Committee?
    - If so, please provide a copy of this response.
- Did MPD make any officers or civilians available for interviews with the Select Committee after this request?
    - If so, please provide to the Subcommittee the names of any officers or civilians interviewed, formally or informally.
    - If MPD possess copies of any such transcripts, please provide copies of them to the Subcommittee.

Please immediately provide all responsive materials no later than June 12, 2024. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Elliott Tomlinson, Subcommittee on Oversight Staff Director at Elliott.Tomlinson@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your cooperation in this important oversight matter to ensure the security of the U.S. Capitol Building, Members, staff, and visitors.

Sincerely,



Barry Loudermilk
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight
Committee on House Administration

Enclosures: July 8, 2022, letter from the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol to Chief Contee
July 1, 2022, tweet from Hunter Walker (@hunterw)