Select Committee’s Records Demands to the Executive Branch

The Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol is seeking records from the Executive Branch dealing with a range of matters relevant to the January 6th attack and the runup to that day’s violence, including communications within and among the White House and Executive Branch agencies during the leadup to January 6th and on that day; attempts to place politically loyal personnel in senior positions across government after the election; the planning, organization, funding, and response to events in Washington, DC on January 5th and 6th and earlier; and attempts to subvert the rule of law, overturn the results of the November 3rd, 2020 election, or impede the peaceful transfer of power.

These requests press agencies to complete unfulfilled requests from January and March of this year originally sent by other House committees probing the January 6th attack. The letters also request additional new information from the various agencies. The requests include but are not limited to:

National Archives and Records Administration: Executive Branch records pertaining to strategies and plans to derail the Electoral College vote count; planning for and coordination of the rallies leading up to January 6th; the former President’s knowledge of the election results and what he communicated to the American people about the election; potential plans to disrupt the peaceful transfer of power and challenge the validity of the 2020 election.

Department of Defense: Records pertaining to potential invocation of the Insurrection Act, martial law, or the 25th Amendment; potential use of the military to impede or ensure the peaceful transfer of power; deployment of law enforcement or military assets to the Capitol on January 6th; and communications with other government entities during the attack on the Capitol.

Department of Homeland Security: Records pertaining to intelligence gathered prior to January 6th on events that might occur on that day; the monitoring of social media platforms and communication with social media companies regarding dissemination of misinformation or indications of threats of violence in the months prior to January 6th; the Secret Service protection of former Vice President Mike Pence and his family on January 6th.

Department of the Interior: Records pertaining to permits for events in Washington, DC related to the 2020 election; communications among senior agency leadership and United States Park Service Police and with other government entities regarding and during the January 6th attack.

Department of Justice: Records pertaining to potential invocation of the Insurrection Act, martial law, or the 25th Amendment; communications between the Department and the former President’s campaign legal team and others dealing with the validity of the 2020 election or challenges to the election’s outcome; the Vice President’s role as presiding officer in the certification of the votes of the Electoral College; coordination and communications with other government entities during the January 6th attack.

Federal Bureau of Investigation: Records pertaining to intelligence gathered prior to January 6th on events that might occur on that day; concerns about the government’s ability to handle events that might occur on January 6th; Bureau policies regarding monitoring or reporting on social media communications, and on First Amendment activities; communications between the Bureau and other government entities regarding threats of and preparedness for violence on January 6th.

National Counterterrorism Center & Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Records pertaining to briefing materials for senior officials prior to January 6th on events that might occur that day; policies on monitoring and reporting on communications on social media platforms; communications with other government entities relating to the January 6th attack and the rallies leading up to it.

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