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Ms. Kimberly Cheatle
Director
United States Secret Service
950 H St. NW
Washington, DC 20223

Dear Director Cheatle:

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is investigating President Biden’s mishandling of sensitive, highly classified documents. Recent reporting indicates the President’s aides discovered classified documents at his Wilmington, Delaware home.¹ The FBI found additional documents after its own 13-hour search of the premises last week.² The U.S. Secret Service (Secret Service) protected President Biden during the time he stored these classified materials at his Wilmington residence. Given the White House’s lack of transparency regarding President Biden’s residential visitor logs, the Committee seeks information from the Secret Service regarding who had access to his home since serving as Vice President.

The classified documents retrieved by President Biden’s aides included documents designated as “sensitive compartmented information . . . which is used for highly sensitive information obtained from intelligence sources.”³ President Biden’s aides found at least six classified documents in multiple rooms in the Wilmington home—including additional documents in his garage.⁴ On Friday, January 20, the FBI conducted a search of the Wilmington residence—after “[r]epresentatives for Mr. Biden signed a form outlining the parameters of the search”—and took possession of more documents.⁵ President Biden has made approximately 52 trips to his Wilmington, Delaware home—totaling 164 days—since taking office.⁶

¹ Glenn Thrush, *Discovery of More Classified Records Raises Questions Over Biden’s Handling of Documents*, N.Y. TIMES (Jan. 11, 2023).

² *Justice Department investigators find 6 more items marked classified in search of Biden’s Delaware home, attorney says*, CBS (Jan. 22, 2023).

³ Jamie Gengel, Marshall Cohen, Evan Perez & Phil Mattingly, *Classified documents from Biden’s time as VP discovered in private office*, CNN.COM (Jan. 9, 2023).

⁴ Zachary Cohen, Arlette Saenz, Phil Mattingly, Kevin Liptak, Paula Reid & Evan Perez, *5 additional pages of classified material found at Biden’s Wilmington residence*, CNN.COM (Jan. 14, 2023).

⁵ *Supra*, n. 2.

⁶ *See how many days Joe Biden spent at his Delaware residence since he took office*, N.Y. POST (Jan. 18, 2023).

On January 15, the Committee wrote White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain and requested a visitor log of President Biden’s Wilmington home during his presidency.⁷ In response, the White House claimed that they do not maintain such visitor logs.⁸ According to Secret Service personnel, the Secret Service “does generate law enforcement and criminal justice information records for various individuals who may come into contact with Secret Service protected sites.”⁹

To assist Committee Republicans in investigating President Biden’s mishandling of classified information, please provide the following documents and information no later than February 6, 2023:

- All documents and communications related to visitor information at President Biden’s Wilmington, Delaware home from January 20, 2017, to present.

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X.

If you have any questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Accountability staff at (202) 225-5074.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important investigation.

Sincerely,



James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

cc: The Honorable Jamie B. Raskin, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

⁷ See, Letter from Hon. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, to Ron Klain, White House Chief of Staff, White House, (Jan. 15, 2023).

⁸ Allan Smith & Monica Alba, *White House says there are no visitors logs for Biden’s Delaware home*, NBC NEWS (Jan. 16, 2023).

⁹ David Spunt, *Biden classified document investigation: Secret Service ready to provide Delaware visitors*, source says, FOX NEWS (Jan. 19, 2023).