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Ms. Kimberly A. Cheatle
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United States Secret Service
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Washington, D.C. 20223

Dear Ms. Cheatle:

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is investigating former President Donald Trump's and former Vice President Mike Pence's mishandling of sensitive, highly classified documents.¹ Last August, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) retrieved thousands of government documents from former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club, including hundreds of documents with classified markings, after he rejected multiple requests to voluntarily turn the records over to the federal government. Just last week, news reports revealed that attorneys for former Vice President Pence discovered approximately a dozen documents with classified markings at his home in Carmel, Indiana. Given that the U.S. Secret Service provided protection for Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence during the time they stored classified materials at their respective residences, the Committee is seeking information from your agency regarding who had access to former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club and former Vice President Pence's personal residence since leaving office.²

Since January 2022, more than 300 classified documents—including Special Access Program materials that are among the most sensitive and highly protected information in the federal government—have been recovered from President Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club.³ More than 11,000 government records were recovered as part of a court-approved search in August 2022. Among those recovered were more than 100 documents bearing classified markings, including documents with the government's highest classification markings related to human

¹ This letter follows Chairman Comer's January 23, 2023, letter requesting similar information related to classified documents that were discovered at President Biden's Wilmington, Delaware home.

² The Mar-a-Lago Club serves as former President Trump's personal residence, but also operates as a club for five hundred members and "a venue for parties and fund-raisers that are frequently attended by hundreds of people." *Inside Mar-a-Lago, Where Thousands Partied Near Secret Files*, New York Times (Dec. 15, 2022) (online at www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/12/15/us/mar-a-lago-trump-documents.html).

³ *Trump Had More Than 300 Classified Documents at Mar-a-Lago*, New York Times (Aug. 22, 2022) (online at www.nytimes.com/2022/08/22/us/politics/trump-mar-a-lago-documents.html); *Documents Recovered at Mar-A-Lago Were Among Government's Most Classified, Letter Shows*, Politico (Aug. 23, 2022) (online at www.politico.com/news/2022/08/23/national-archives-letter-trump-security-00053250).

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source intelligence. The search occurred after former President Trump's attorneys had certified that all classified documents had already been turned over.⁴


Recent news reports revealed that lawyers for former Vice President Pence recovered four boxes of government records, which included "about a dozen documents marked as classified" from his home in Indiana.⁵ Mr. Pence's attorneys have represented that the classified records were in the Vice President's home until they were recovered by the FBI, and that former Vice President Pence's attorneys drove four boxes of government records to Washington, D.C. and handed them over to the National Archives and Records Administration.⁶

To assist the Committee in investigating the mishandling of classified information, please provide the following documents and information no later than February 14, 2023:

1. All documents and communications related to visitor information at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club from January 21, 2021, to present; and
2. All documents and communication related to visitor information at former Vice President Pence's Carmel, Indiana home from January 21, 2021, to present.

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jamie B. Raskin
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

⁴ Detailed Property Inventory Pursuant to Court's Preliminary Order (Aug. 30, 2022), *Donald J. Trump v. United States*, S.D.FLA (No. 22-cv-81294); *F.B.I. Found 48 Empty Folders that Had Contained Classified Documents at Trump's Home*, New York Times (Sept. 2, 2022) (online at www.nytimes.com/2022/09/02/us/politics/trump-fbi-folders-classified.html).

⁵ *First on CNN: Classified Documents Found at Pence's Indiana Home*, CNN (Jan. 23, 2023) (online at www.cnn.com/2023/01/24/politics/pence-classified-documents-fbi/index.html).

⁶ Letter from Gregory F. Jacob, Designated Representative Pence Vice Presidential Records, to Kate Dillon McClure, Acting Director, White House Liaison Division, National Archives and Records Administration (Jan. 18, 2023) (online at www.archives.gov/files/foia/greg-jacob.01-18-2023-ltr-to-archives.re-pence-pra-records.pdf); Letter from Gregory F. Jacob, Designated Representative Pence Vice Presidential Records, to William "Jay" Bosanko, Chief Operating Officer, National Archives and Records Administration (Jan. 22, 2023) (online at www.archives.gov/foia/records-related-to-pence-vice-presidential-records-covered-by-the-presidential-records-act-pra).