

and 50 million barrels of oil back in November which did nothing to prevent a spike in energy prices.

Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS and Congressman WESTERMAN have introduced the American Energy Independence Act to reverse President Biden's disastrous anti-American energy policies. This bill is a real solution, and it needs to be heard. We need to talk about this to the American people.

This bill, H.R. 3807, that we have before us is not going to help restaurants and small businesses. But, of course, that is not the Democrats' intention anyway. If it were, they would have brought this bill through committee and worked with Republicans to build an effective piece of legislation.

Instead, their intention is to push this legislation through that sounds good so that they can use it as a talking point to distract from their failed policies. This bill is just another example of the Democrats' reckless spending habits. Their solution to the effects of inflation is to throw even more money at it.

When will my colleagues learn that spending is what causes the inflation?

It is time for more pro-growth policies, not government handouts.

Mr. Speaker, I oppose the rule and the underlying bill, I ask Members to do the same, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, first let me thank my colleague and friend, Mrs. FISCHBACH. We spend a lot of time together in the Rules Committee, and I always appreciate our conversations. While we may not agree on issues from time to time, I always appreciate her earnestness, and I appreciate her good work.

I want to thank all of my colleagues for their words in support of the rule before us today.

As I mentioned earlier, Congress acted last year to provide much-needed relief for restaurants and other small businesses, but we must do much more. Our economy simply cannot survive without small businesses, and it is paramount that we redouble our commitment to ensuring their continued success.

I pledge to always be an ally in that fight, and I know my colleagues join me in that. I look forward to voting in favor of this effort to bring much-needed relief to local restaurants and the small business community.

The material previously referred to by Mrs. FISCHBACH is as follows:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 1033

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 2. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 6858) to strengthen United States energy security, encourage domestic production of crude oil, petroleum products, and natural gas, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read.

All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 6858.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on the rule and the previous question, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

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RECOMMENDING THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIND PETER K. NAVARRO AND DANIEL SCAVINO, JR., IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, I call up the report (H. Rept. 117-284) and accompanying resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find Peter K. Navarro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the report.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1023, the report is considered read.

The text of the report is as follows:

The Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, having considered this Report, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the Report be approved.

The form of the Resolution that the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol would recommend to the House of Representatives for citing Peter K. Navarro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., for contempt of Congress pursuant to this Report is as follows:

Resolved, That Peter K. Navarro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., shall be found to be in contempt of Congress for failure to comply with congressional subpoenas.

Resolved, That pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §§ 192 and 194, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify the report of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, detailing the refusal of Peter K. Navarro to produce documents or appear for a deposition before the Select Committee to Inves-

tigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol as directed by subpoena, to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, to the end that Mr. Navarro be proceeded against in the manner and form provided by law.

Resolved, That pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §§ 192 and 194, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify the report of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, detailing the refusal of Daniel Scavino, Jr., to produce documents or appear for a deposition before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol as directed by subpoena, to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, to the end that Mr. Scavino be proceeded against in the manner and form provided by law.

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House shall otherwise take all appropriate action to enforce the subpoenas.

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

On January 6, 2021, a violent mob attempted to impede Congress's constitutional and statutory mandate to count the electoral votes in the 2020 Presidential election and launched an assault on the United States Capitol Complex that resulted in multiple deaths, physical harm to more than 140 members of law enforcement, and terror and trauma among staff, institutional employees, and press. In response, the House adopted House Resolution 503 on June 30, 2021, establishing the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (hereinafter referred to as the "Select Committee").

The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate problems and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations. This inquiry includes examination of the factors that influenced, instigated, or contributed to the attack and how various individuals and entities coordinated their activities leading up to the attack.

PETER K. NAVARRO

According to published reports, Peter K. Navarro, a White House trade advisor, worked with Stephen K. Bannon and others to develop and implement a plan to delay Congress's certification, and ultimately change the outcome, of the November 2020 Presidential election. In November 2021, Mr. Navarro published *In Trump Time*, a book in which he described this plan as the "Green Bay Sweep" and stated that it was designed as the "last, best chance to snatch a stolen election from the Democrats' jaws of deceit."¹ In a later interview about his book, Mr. Navarro added that former-President Trump was "on board with the strategy," as were more than 100 Members of Congress.² Previously, Mr. Navarro had publicly released on his website a three-part report, dubbed "The Navarro Report," repeating many claims of purported fraud in the election that have been discredited in public reporting, by State officials, and by courts.³

On February 9, 2022, Chairman BENNIE G. THOMPSON signed a subpoena for documents and testimony and transmitted it along with a cover letter and schedule to Mr. Navarro.⁴ The subpoena required that Mr. Navarro produce responsive documents not later than February 23, 2022, and that Mr. Navarro appear for a deposition on March 2, 2022.

When Select Committee staff emailed Mr. Navarro on February 9, 2022, asking whether he would accept service and had an attorney, Mr. Navarro replied only: "yes. no counsel.

Executive privilege[.]”⁵ Select Committee staff then emailed the subpoena to Mr. Navarro. Within hours of receiving the subpoena, Mr. Navarro released a public statement that clearly indicated he had no intention of complying with the Select Committee’s subpoena while also acknowledging that he had already publicly released information that is relevant to the Select Committee’s investigation in his book:

President Trump has invoked Executive Privilege; and it is not my privilege to waive. [The Select Committee] should negotiate any waiver of the privilege with the president and his attorneys directly, not through me. I refer this tribunal to Chapter 21 of *In Trump Time* for what is in the public record about the Green Bay Sweep plan to insure [sic] election integrity[.]⁶

Mr. Navarro also appeared on national television on February 10, 2022, discussing subjects that were the focus of the Select Committee’s subpoena to him.⁷

On February 24, 2022, Select Committee staff contacted Mr. Navarro via email about his failure to produce documents by the February 23rd deadline in the subpoena. In the same email, staff reminded Mr. Navarro about the date for his deposition and notified him of its location within the U.S. Capitol campus. Staff also requested that Mr. Navarro contact the Select Committee for further details about the deposition or, alternatively, to notify the Select Committee if he did not plan to appear for deposition testimony.⁸

On February 27, 2022, Mr. Navarro contacted Select Committee staff and said that “President Trump has invoked [e]xecutive [p]rivilege in this matter; and it is neither my privilege to waive or Joseph Biden’s privilege to waive.”⁹ Mr. Navarro did not provide any evidence that former-President Trump had ever invoked executive privilege with respect to any documents in Mr. Navarro’s personal possession or any testimony that Mr. Navarro could provide. Select Committee staff responded the same day and explained that there are areas of inquiry that do not implicate “any executive privilege concerns at all.”¹⁰ Select Committee staff further informed Mr. Navarro that he could make executive privilege objections during his deposition and that he must do so on a “question-by-question basis” to “enable the Select Committee to better understand [his] objections and, if necessary, take any additional steps to address them.”¹¹ Select Committee staff then asked Mr. Navarro again whether he intended to appear for his deposition on March 2, 2022, as required by the subpoena.

Later the same day, Mr. Navarro responded to the Select Committee’s email correspondence. Instead of saying whether he intended to appear for his deposition, Mr. Navarro asked: “Will this event be open to the public and press?”¹² Select Committee staff responded that it would not be open to the press, that it would be a “staff-led deposition, which members of the Select Committee may also join and in which they may participate.”¹³ Select Committee staff asked about Mr. Navarro’s document production and offered to find a new date for the deposition “within a reasonable time” if Mr. Navarro had a scheduling conflict on March 2d.¹⁴ Mr. Navarro did not respond to that offer but, the next day, sent the Select Committee an email saying that he had “been clear in my communications on this matter” and that “it is incumbent on the Committee to directly negotiate with President Trump and his attorneys regarding any and all things related to this matter.”¹⁵

On February 28, 2022, the White House Counsel’s Office issued a letter to Mr. Navarro regarding the Select Committee’s

subpoena. That letter stated: “[I]n light of the unique and extraordinary nature of the matters under investigation, President Biden has determined that an assertion of executive privilege is not in the national interest, and therefore is not justified, with respect to particular subjects within the purview of the Select Committee.”¹⁶ The letter further noted that “President Biden accordingly has decided not to assert executive privilege” with respect to the testimony of Mr. Navarro “regarding those subjects,” or with respect to “any documents [he] may possess that bear on them.” Further, the letter stated: “For the same reasons underlying his decision on executive privilege, President Biden has determined that he will not assert immunity to preclude [Mr. Navarro] from testifying before the Select Committee.”¹⁷

On March 1, 2022, Select Committee staff sent another email to Mr. Navarro about his appearance for testimony as required by the subpoena. Once again, Select Committee staff reminded Mr. Navarro that “there are topics that the Select Committee believes it can discuss with [him] without raising any executive privilege concerns at all, including, but not limited to, questions related to [his] public three-part report about purported fraud in the November 2020 election and the plan [he] described in [his] book called the ‘Green Bay Sweep.’”¹⁸ Select Committee staff told Mr. Navarro, again, that if there were any “specific questions that raise[d] executive privilege concerns, [he could] assert [his] objections on the record and on a question-by-question basis.”¹⁹ Select Committee staff also provided Mr. Navarro with information regarding the time and location of his deposition.

Mr. Navarro did not respond to the March 1st email from Select Committee staff. He has failed to produce documents or appear for his scheduled deposition by the deadlines in the February 9, 2022, subpoena.²⁰

Rather than appear for his deposition or respond directly to the Select Committee, Mr. Navarro issued a public statement regarding his deposition.²¹ Mr. Navarro predicted that his interactions with the Select Committee would be judged by the “Supreme Court, where this case is headed[.]”²² Mr. Navarro, however, never filed any case seeking relief from his responsibilities to comply with the Select Committee’s subpoena.

In *United States v. Bryan* (1950), the Supreme Court emphasized that the subpoena power is a “public duty, which every person within the jurisdiction of the Government is bound to perform when properly summoned.”²³ The Court recently reinforced this clear obligation by stating that “[w]hen Congress seeks information needed for intelligent legislative action, it unquestionably remains the duty of *all* citizens to cooperate.”²⁴

The contempt of Congress statute, 2 U.S.C. § 192, makes clear that a witness summoned before Congress must appear or be “deemed guilty of a misdemeanor” punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 and imprisonment for up to 1 year.²⁵ Mr. Navarro’s refusal to comply with the Select Committee’s subpoena in any way represents willful default under the law and warrants referral to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for prosecution for contempt of Congress as prescribed by law.

DANIEL SCAVINO, JR.

According to many published reports, Daniel Scavino, Jr., a long-time employee of former-President Trump, was responsible for social media and communications strategy for the former President, including with respect to the Trump Campaign’s post-election efforts to challenge the 2020 election results. Mr. Scavino worked with Mr. Trump as part

of the then-President’s campaign to reverse the election results. This campaign included, among other things, spreading false information via social media regarding alleged election fraud and recruiting a crowd to Washington for the events of January 6th. Mr. Scavino reportedly attended several meetings with then-President Trump in which challenges to the election were discussed. Mr. Scavino also tracked social media on behalf of former-President Trump, and he did so at a time when sites reportedly frequented by Mr. Scavino suggested the possibility of violence on January 6th. The Select Committee therefore has reason to believe that Mr. Scavino may have had advance warning about the potential for violence on January 6th.

Mr. Scavino did not only work as a White House official. He separately promoted activities designed to advance Mr. Trump’s success as a Presidential candidate. He continued to do so after the 2020 election, promoting activities designed to reverse the outcome of a lost election.

Mr. Scavino’s public statements and reported conduct make clear the relevance of his testimony and documents for the Select Committee’s investigation.

On October 6, 2021,²⁶ Chairman THOMPSON signed a subpoena for documents and testimony and transmitted it along with a cover letter and schedule to Mr. Scavino.²⁷ On October 8, 2021, U.S. Marshals served this subpoena at Mar-a-Lago, Mr. Scavino’s reported place of employment, to Ms. Susan Wiles, who represented herself as chief of staff to former-President Trump and as authorized to accept service on Mr. Scavino’s behalf.²⁸ The subpoena required that Mr. Scavino produce responsive documents not later than October 21, 2021, and that Mr. Scavino appear for a deposition on October 28, 2021. Subsequent communications between counsel for Mr. Scavino and Chairman THOMPSON, however, did not result in Mr. Scavino’s agreement to appear for testimony or produce documents.

Attempting to reach an accommodation with Mr. Scavino, Chairman THOMPSON granted multiple extensions for the deposition and production of documents:

- Per Mr. Scavino’s request for an extension, the Chairman deferred the document production deadline to October 28, 2021, and the deposition to November 4, 2021.²⁹
- Per Mr. Scavino’s request for an extension, the Chairman again deferred the document production deadline to November 4, 2021, and the deposition to November 12, 2021.³⁰
- Per Mr. Scavino’s request for an extension, the Chairman deferred the document production deadline to November 5, 2021.³¹
- Per Mr. Scavino’s request for an extension, the Chairman deferred the document production deadline to November 15, 2021, and the deposition to November 19, 2021.³²
- The Chairman extended the document production deadline to November 29, 2021, and the deposition to December 1, 2021.³³
- Following the U.S. Supreme Court’s denial of a stay in *Trump v. Thompson*, the Chairman offered Mr. Scavino an additional opportunity to indicate his intent to cooperate with the investigation and comply with the subpoena by February 8, 2022.³⁴

Despite all these extensions, to date, Mr. Scavino has not produced a single document, nor has he appeared for testimony.

On March 15, 2022, the White House Counsel’s Office issued a letter to Mr. Scavino’s attorney regarding the Select Committee’s subpoena. That letter stated, “President Biden has determined that an assertion of

executive privilege is not in the national interest, and therefore is not justified, with respect to particular subjects within the purview of the Select Committee.³⁵ Further, “President Biden accordingly has decided not to assert executive privilege as to Mr. Scavino’s testimony regarding those subjects, or any documents he may possess that bear on them. For the same reasons underlying his decision on executive privilege, President Biden has determined that he will not assert immunity to preclude [Mr. Scavino] from testifying before the Select Committee.”³⁶

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BACKGROUND ON THE SELECT COMMITTEE’S INVESTIGATION

House Resolution 503 provides that the enumerated purposes of the Select Committee include investigating and reporting upon the “facts, circumstances, and causes relating to the January 6, 2021, domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex . . . and relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power.”⁴⁰ As part of this charge, the Select Committee is examining the “influencing factors that fomented such an attack on American representative democracy.”⁴¹

The Supreme Court has long held that Congress has a constitutional duty to conduct oversight. “The power of the Congress to conduct investigations is inherent in the legislative process,”⁴² and the capacity to enforce said investigatory power “is an essential and appropriate auxiliary to the legislative function.”⁴³ “Absent such a power, a legislative body could not ‘wisely or effectively’ evaluate those conditions ‘which the legislation is intended to affect or change.’”⁴⁴

The oversight powers of House and Senate committees are also codified in legislation. For example, the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 directed committees to “exercise continuous watchfulness” over the executive branch’s implementation of programs within its jurisdictions,⁴⁵ and the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 authorized committees to “review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, and execution” of laws.⁴⁶

The Select Committee was properly constituted under section 2(a) of House Resolution 503, 117th Congress. As required by that resolution, Members of the Select Committee were selected by the Speaker, after “consultation with the minority leader.”⁴⁷ A bipartisan selection of Members was appointed pursuant to House Resolution 503 on July 1, 2021, and July 26, 2021.⁴⁸

Pursuant to House rule XI and House Resolution 503, the Select Committee is authorized “to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such wit-

nesses and the production of books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, and documents as it considers necessary.”⁴⁹ Further, section 5(c)(4) of House Resolution 503 provides that the Chairman of the Select Committee may “authorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to clause 2(m) of rule XI in the investigation and study” conducted pursuant to the enumerated purposes and functions of the Select Committee. The Select Committee’s authorizing resolution further states that the Chairman “may order the taking of depositions, including pursuant to subpoena, by a Member or counsel of the Select Committee, in the same manner as a standing committee pursuant to section 3(b)(1) of House Resolution 8, One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.”⁵⁰

PETER K. NAVARRO

A. *The Select Committee seeks information from Mr. Navarro central to its investigative purposes.*

The Select Committee seeks information from Mr. Navarro central to its investigative responsibilities delegated to it by the House of Representatives. This includes the obligation to investigate and report on the facts, circumstances, and causes of the attack on January 6, 2021, and on the facts, circumstances, and causes “relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power.”⁵¹

The events of January 6, 2021, involved both a physical assault on the Capitol building and law enforcement personnel protecting it and an attack on the constitutional process central to the peaceful transfer of power following a Presidential election. The counting of electoral college votes by Congress is a component of that transfer of power that occurs every January 6th following a Presidential election. This event is part of a complex process, mediated through the free and fair elections held in jurisdictions throughout the country, and through the statutory and constitutional processes set up to confirm and validate the results. In the case of the 2020 Presidential election, the January 6th electoral college vote count occurred following a series of efforts in the preceding weeks by Mr. Trump and his supporters to challenge the legitimacy of, disrupt, delay, and overturn the election results.

According to eyewitness accounts as well as the statements of participants in the attack on January 6, 2021, a purpose of the assault was to stop the process of validating what then-President Trump, his supporters, and his allies had falsely characterized as a “stolen” or “fraudulent” election. The claims regarding the 2020 election results were advanced and amplified in the weeks leading up to the January 6th assault, even after courts across the country had resoundingly rejected lawsuits claiming election fraud and misconduct, and after all States had certified the election results. As part of this effort, Mr. Trump and his associates spread false information about, and cast doubts on, the elections in Arizona, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Georgia, among other States, and pressed Federal, State, and local officials to use their authorities to challenge the election results.

To fulfill its investigative responsibilities, the Select Committee needs to understand the events and communications in which Mr. Navarro reportedly participated or that he observed. He has publicly acknowledged playing a role in devising a post-election strategy to change the outcome of the election and promoting claims of election fraud intended to further that strategy. These actions were outside his official governmental duties at the time.

As Assistant to the President and Director of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, Mr.

Navarro’s role in government was to assist the President in formulating and implementing trade policy. Former-President Trump created Mr. Navarro’s position by Presidential Executive Order No. 13797 in 2017.⁵² The mission of the office that Mr. Navarro led was to “defend and serve American workers and domestic manufacturers while advising the President on policies to increase economic growth, decrease the trade deficit, and strengthen the United States manufacturing and defense industrial bases.”⁵³ Additionally, the office’s responsibilities included: “(a) advis[ing] the President on innovative strategies and promot[ing] trade policies consistent with the President’s stated goals; (b) serv[ing] as a liaison between the White House and the Department of Commerce and undertak[ing] trade-related special projects as requested by the President; and (c) help[ing] to improve the performance of the executive branch’s domestic procurement and hiring policies, including through the implementation of the policies described in Executive Order 13788 of April 18, 2017 (Buy American and Hire American).”⁵⁴ In March 2020, President Trump also signed Executive Order No. 13911, which named Mr. Navarro as the National Defense Production Act Policy Coordinator, which gave the Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy authority to address potential shortfalls in pandemic-related resources such as ventilators and personal protective equipment.⁵⁵

The Select Committee does not seek documents or testimony from Mr. Navarro related to his official duties as a Federal official. None of the official responsibilities of Mr. Navarro’s positions included advising President Trump about the 2020 Presidential election or the roles and responsibilities of Congress and the Vice President during the January 6, 2021, joint session of Congress. Nor did those official duties involve researching or promoting claims of election fraud. Nevertheless, after the 2020 Presidential election, Mr. Navarro became involved in efforts to convince the public that widespread fraud had affected the election. Federal law did not allow Mr. Navarro to use his official office to attempt to affect the outcome of an election.⁵⁶ When Mr. Navarro engaged in these activities, and other activities described below, he was acting outside the scope of his official duties.

In December 2020, Mr. Navarro released a three-part report on purported fraud in the election on his personal website. The chapters of the report, titled “Volume One: The Immaculate Deception,” “Volume Two: The Art of the Steal,” and “Volume Three: Yes, President Trump Won” (collectively, “The Navarro Report”), discuss, among other things, disproven claims of alleged voter fraud and cite to sources such as Stephen Bannon’s “War Room: Pandemic” podcasts and unsupported allegations from cases around the country that courts dismissed.⁵⁷ In a press call on December 17, 2020, to announce his report, Mr. Navarro acknowledged that he wrote the report “as a private citizen” and, in doing so, wanted to address what he called “outright fraud” in the 2020 Presidential election.⁵⁸

The Select Committee’s investigation has revealed that “The Navarro Report” was shared, in whole or in part, by individuals who made public claims about purported fraud in the election, including Professor John Eastman and then-White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows.⁵⁹ Notably, then-President Trump included a link to volume one of “The Navarro Report” in the same tweet in which he first announced that he would speak at a rally in Washington on January 6, 2021.⁶⁰ Mr. Navarro has claimed that Mr. Trump “himself had distributed

Volume One of the report to every member of the House and Senate” before January 6, 2021.⁶¹ Specific allegations contained in “The Navarro Report” were also used as justification in attempts to convince State legislators to de-certify their State’s popular vote and appoint Trump-Pence electoral college electors.⁶² And, the report was cited in litigation that, if successful, would have resulted in a declaration that the Vice President alone could decide which electoral college votes to count during the January 6, 2021, joint session of Congress.⁶³

Mr. Navarro also reportedly worked with members of the Trump Campaign’s legal team to directly encourage State legislators to overturn the results of the 2020 election. On January 2, 2021, Mr. Navarro joined a call with Phill Kline, Rudy Giuliani, Professor John Eastman, John Lott, Jr., then-President Trump, and hundreds of State legislators. During the call, Mr. Navarro discussed his report on voter fraud and told the State legislators: “Your job, I believe, is to take action, action, action . . . The situation is dire.”⁶⁴ In that same call, Mr. Trump told the State legislators that they were the best chance to change the certified results of the Presidential election in certain States because “[y]ou are the real power . . . [y]ou’re more important than the courts. You’re more important than anything because the courts keep referring to you, and you’re the ones that are going to make the decision.”⁶⁵

In the days leading up to January 6, 2021, according to evidence obtained by the Select Committee, Mr. Navarro also encouraged Mark Meadows (and possibly others) to call Roger Stone to discuss January 6th.⁶⁶ When Roger Stone appeared to testify before the Select Committee and was asked questions about the events of January 6th, he repeatedly invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Mr. Navarro wrote about “The Navarro Report” and his efforts to change the outcome of the 2020 election in his recently published book, *In Trump Time*.⁶⁷ In his book, Mr. Navarro described actions he took to affect the outcome of the election, including encouraging President Trump in early-November 2020 not to announce that he would seek election in 2024 because doing so would acknowledge that he had actually lost the 2020 Presidential election.⁶⁸ Mr. Navarro also wrote that he called Attorney General William P. Barr to ask that the Department of Justice intervene and support President Trump’s legal efforts to challenge the results of the 2020 election, which Attorney General Barr refused to do.⁶⁹ Mr. Navarro also wrote in his book that he kept a journal of post-election activities like those described above.⁷⁰

Mr. Navarro also claimed credit for concocting a plan with Stephen Bannon to overturn the election results in various States dubbed the “Green Bay Sweep.”⁷¹ In his book, Mr. Navarro described the “Green Bay Sweep” as “our last, best chance to snatch a stolen election,” and “keep President Trump in the White House for a second term.”⁷² The plan was to encourage Vice President Michael R. Pence, as President of the Senate, to delay certification of the electoral college votes during the January 6th joint session of Congress and send the election back to the State legislatures.⁷³ Mr. Navarro’s theory is similar to the theory that Professor John Eastman advocated before January 6th, and that President Trump explicitly encouraged during his speech on the Ellipse on January 6th.⁷⁴ On January 6th, the day to implement the “Green Bay Sweep,” Mr. Navarro had multiple calls with Mr. Bannon, including during and after the attack on the U.S. Capitol.⁷⁵ Mr. Navarro has stated that he believed his strategy “started flawlessly” but

was thwarted when “two things went awry: [Vice President] Pence’s betrayal, and, of course, the violence that erupted on Capitol Hill, which provided [Vice President] Pence, [and Congressional leaders] an excuse to abort the Green Bay sweep.”⁷⁶

This information demonstrates Mr. Navarro’s clear relevance to the Select Committee’s investigation and provides the foundation for its subpoena for Mr. Navarro’s testimony and document production. Congress, through the Select Committee, is entitled to discover facts concerning what led to the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, as well as White House officials’ actions and communications during and after the attack.

B. Mr. Navarro has refused to comply with the Select Committee’s subpoena for testimony and documents.

On February 9, 2022, Chairman THOMPSON signed and issued a subpoena, cover letter, and schedule to Mr. Navarro ordering the production of both documents and testimony relevant to the Select Committee’s investigation into “important activities that led to and informed the events at the Capitol on January 6, 2021.”⁷⁷ Chairman THOMPSON’s letter identified public reports describing Mr. Navarro’s activities and past statements, documenting some of the public information that gave the Select Committee reason to believe Mr. Navarro possesses information about matters within the scope of the Select Committee’s inquiry.

The accompanying letter set forth a schedule specifying categories of related documents sought by the Select Committee on topics including, but not limited to:

- communications, documents, and information that are evidence of the claims of purported fraud in the three-volume “Navarro Report”;
- documents and communications related to plans, efforts, or discussions regarding challenging, decertifying, delaying the certification of, overturning, or contesting the results of the 2020 election; and
- communications with Stephen Bannon, Members of Congress, State and local officials, other White House employees, or representatives of the Trump reelection campaign about election fraud and delaying or preventing the certification of 2020 Presidential election.

The subpoena required Mr. Navarro to produce the requested documents to the Select Committee on February 23, 2022, at 10 a.m. and required Mr. Navarro’s presence for the taking of testimony on March 2, 2022, at 10 a.m.⁷⁸

As described above, Mr. Navarro had a brief exchange with Select Committee staff after accepting service of the subpoena and also made public comments indicating that he would not appear or provide documents as required by the subpoena. Indeed, Mr. Navarro failed to produce any documents by the February 23, 2022, deadline, and did not appear for his deposition on March 2, 2022.⁷⁹ In his public and non-public communications with the Select Committee, Mr. Navarro vaguely referred to “[e]xecutive [p]rivilege,” with no further explanation, as his only reason for failing to comply with the Select Committee’s subpoena.

C. Mr. Navarro’s purported basis for non-compliance is wholly without merit.

Congress has the power to compel witnesses to testify and produce documents.⁸⁰ An individual—whether a member of the public or an executive branch official—has a legal (and patriotic) obligation to comply with a duly issued and valid congressional subpoena, unless a valid and overriding privilege or other legal justification permits non-compliance.⁸¹ In *United States v. Bryan*, the Supreme Court stated:

A subpoena has never been treated as an invitation to a game of hare and hounds, in which the witness must testify only if cornered at the end of the chase. If that were the case, then, indeed, the great power of testimonial compulsion, so necessary to the effective functioning of courts and legislatures, would be a nullity. We have often iterated the importance of this public duty, which every person within the jurisdiction of the Government is bound to perform when properly summoned.⁸²

As more fully described below, the Select Committee sought testimony from Mr. Navarro on topics and interactions as to which there can be no conceivable privilege claim. Mr. Navarro has refused to testify in response to the subpoena ostensibly based on a blanket assertion of executive privilege purportedly asserted by former-President Trump. The Supreme Court has recognized an implied constitutional privilege protecting Presidential communications.⁸³ Under certain circumstances, executive privilege may be invoked to bar congressional inquiry into communications covered by the privilege. However, the Court has held that the privilege is qualified, not absolute, and that it is limited to communications made “in performance of [a President’s] responsibilities of his office and made in the process of shaping policies and making decisions.”⁸⁴ The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit has already assessed generalized privilege assertions by Mr. Trump in relation to information sought by the Select Committee and purportedly protected by executive privilege. That court concluded that “the profound interests in disclosure advanced by President Biden and the January 6th Committee far exceed [Donald Trump’s] generalized concerns for Executive Branch confidentiality.”⁸⁵ Executive privilege has not been properly invoked with respect to Mr. Navarro, is not applicable to the testimony and documents sought by the Select Committee, and does not justify Mr. Navarro’s refusal to appear in any event.

1. *President Biden decided not to invoke executive privilege to prevent testimony by Mr. Navarro, and Mr. Trump has not invoked executive privilege with respect to Mr. Navarro.*

In his February 9, 2022, email to the Select Committee before receiving the subpoena and reviewing the documents sought by the Select Committee, Mr. Navarro cryptically claimed, “[e]xecutive [p]rivilege,” but offered no reason why executive privilege would shield from disclosure to the Select Committee all of Mr. Navarro’s testimony or the documents in Mr. Navarro’s personal custody and control.⁸⁶ Moreover, Mr. Navarro has put forward no evidence to support a valid assertion of executive privilege.

President Biden provided his considered determination that invoking executive privilege, and asserting immunity, to prevent Mr. Navarro’s testimony and document production would not be “in the national interest, and therefore is not justified, with respect to particular subjects within the purview of the Select Committee.”⁸⁷ Mr. Navarro has also offered no evidence that former-President Trump has asserted executive privilege, and the Select Committee has had no communications with the former President regarding Mr. Navarro. Without an assertion of executive privilege by Mr. Trump to the Select Committee, and with the considered determination of the current President not to assert any immunity or executive privilege, Mr. Navarro cannot establish the foundational element of a claim of executive privilege: an invocation of the privilege by the executive.

In *United States v. Reynolds*, 345 U.S. 1, 7-8 (1953), the Supreme Court held that executive privilege:

[B]elongs to the Government and must be asserted by it; it can neither be claimed nor waived by a private party. It is not to be lightly invoked. There must a formal claim of privilege, lodged by the head of the department which has control over the matter, after actual personal consideration by that officer.⁸⁸

Here, President Biden has decided not to assert executive privilege. But even if this formal determination by the President as the head of the executive branch was not enough to stop the valid assertion of executive privilege (and it was with respect to Mr. Navarro), Mr. Navarro's assertion cannot be valid because the Select Committee has not been provided with any invocation of executive privilege—whether formal or informal—by the former President.⁸⁹ In any event, Mr. Navarro's second-hand, categorical assertion of privilege, without any description of the specific documents or specific testimony over which privilege is claimed, is insufficient to activate a claim of executive privilege.

2. *Even if Mr. Trump had actually invoked executive privilege, the privilege would not bar the Select Committee from lawfully obtaining the documents and testimony it seeks from Mr. Navarro.*

The law is clear that executive privilege does not extend to discussions relating to non-governmental business or among private citizens.⁹⁰ In *In re Sealed Case (Espy)*, 121 F.3d 729, 752 (D.C. Cir. 1997), the court explained that the Presidential communications privilege covers “communications authored or solicited and received by those members of an immediate White House adviser’s staff who have broad and significant responsibility for investigating and formulating the advice to be given the President on the particular matter to which the communications relate.” The court stressed that the privilege only applies to communications intended to advise the President “on official government matters.”⁹¹

The Select Committee does not seek information from Mr. Navarro on trade policy or other official decision-making within his sphere of official responsibility. Rather, as noted above, the Select Committee seeks information from Mr. Navarro on a range of subjects unrelated to his or the President’s official duties or related to his communications with people outside government about matters outside the scope of Mr. Navarro’s official duties. These include the following topics:

- Mr. Navarro’s interactions with private citizens, Members of Congress, or others outside the White House related to the 2020 election or efforts to overturn its results, including matters related to the “Green Bay Sweep” strategy for changing the election results that Mr. Navarro developed with Stephen Bannon, who was not a White House employee during the relevant period;
- the reports, and purported factual support for the reports, that Mr. Navarro himself acknowledged he prepared in his capacity “as a private citizen”;
- the connections, involvement, and planning for January 6th events by Mr. Navarro, Roger Stone, and other individuals who have refused to provide testimony to the Select Committee; and
- subjects covered by the book that he wrote and publicly released, such as private calls he made to Attorney General Barr to “plead [the] case” for the Department of Justice to take action related to purported election fraud,⁹² his calls and meetings with Rudy Giuliani and others associated with the Trump reelection campaign,⁹³ and his experience in Washington, DC, and around The National Mall on January 6, 2021.⁹⁴

There is no conceivable claim of executive privilege over documents and testimony related to those topics.

Moreover, any claim of executive privilege and the need to maintain confidentiality is severely undermined, if not entirely vitiated, by Mr. Navarro’s extensive public disclosure of his communications with the former President, including on issues directly implicated by the Select Committee’s subpoena. Mr. Navarro’s recently published book described his efforts to overturn the 2020 election and several meetings with then-President Trump about those efforts. The day after he was served with the Select Committee subpoena, Mr. Navarro appeared on national television to discuss the subpoena and his efforts to overturn the 2020 election. Mr. Navarro’s public disclosures relating to the very subjects of interest to the Select Committee foreclose a claim of executive privilege with respect to those disclosures.⁹⁵

Even with respect to Select Committee inquiries that involve Mr. Navarro’s direct communications with Mr. Trump, executive privilege does not bar Select Committee access to that information. Only communications that relate to official Government business can be covered by the Presidential communications privilege.⁹⁶ Based on his role as Director of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, Mr. Navarro may have had “broad and significant responsibility for investigating and formulating . . . advice to be given the President” on manufacturing or trade matters, in which case communications with the President related to those “particular matters” might be within executive privilege.⁹⁷ However, communications on matters unrelated to official Government business—and outside the scope of Mr. Navarro’s official duties—would not be privileged.⁹⁸ Indeed, the Select Committee did not intend to seek any information related to Mr. Navarro’s role as Director of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, and instead was concerned exclusively with obtaining information about events in which Mr. Navarro participated or witnessed in his private, unofficial capacity.

Moreover, even with respect to any subjects of concern that arguably involve official Presidential communications about official Government business, the Select Committee’s need for this information to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the January 6th assault on the U.S. Capitol and the Nation’s democratic institutions far outweighs any generalized executive branch interest in maintaining confidentiality at this point. The U.S. Court of Appeals has recognized this in circumstances when Mr. Trump has formally asserted executive privilege (unlike with Mr. Navarro),⁹⁹ and the incumbent President has concluded that “an assertion of executive privilege is not in the national interest, and therefore is not justified, with respect to particular subjects within the purview of the Select Committee . . . [including] efforts to alter election results or obstruct the transfer of power.”¹⁰⁰

3. *Mr. Navarro is not immune from testifying or producing documents in response to the subpoena.*

Finally, even if executive privilege may apply to some aspect of Mr. Navarro’s testimony, he, like other witnesses, was required to produce a privilege log with respect to any withheld documents noting any applicable privileges with specificity, and to appear before the Select Committee for his deposition to answer any questions concerning non-privileged information and assert any applicable privileges on a question-by-question basis. He did none of those things. Although he has not actually claimed that he

is immune from testifying or producing documents to Congress, such a claim would not prevent Mr. Navarro’s cooperation with the Select Committee on the subjects described in this Report.

As explained, President Biden has determined that it is not in the national interest to assert immunity that Mr. Navarro could claim would prevent testimony before the Select Committee. And neither former-President Trump nor Mr. Navarro have asserted any claim of testimonial immunity to prevent Mr. Navarro from testifying in a deposition with the Select Committee. President Biden, on the other hand, affirmatively decided *not* to assert such immunity. In any event, all courts that have reviewed purported immunity have been clear: even senior White House aides who advise the President on official Government business are not immune from compelled congressional process.¹⁰¹

The general theory that a current or former White House senior advisor may be immune from testifying before Congress is based entirely on internal memoranda from the Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Counsel (“OLC”) that courts, in relevant parts, have uniformly rejected.¹⁰² But even those internal memoranda do not claim such immunity from testimony for circumstances like those now facing Mr. Navarro. Those internal memoranda do not address a situation in which the incumbent President has decided to not assert immunity. And by their own terms, the OLC opinions apply only to testimony “about [a senior official’s] official duties,” not testimony about unofficial actions or private conduct.¹⁰³ Indeed, in OLC opinions dating back to, at least, the 1970s, OLC has qualified its own position by advocating for the testimonial immunity of certain White House advisors before Congress “*unless [Congress’s] inquiry is related to their private conduct.*”¹⁰⁴ As described in this Report, the Select Committee seeks testimony from Mr. Navarro about, among other things, the “Green Bay Sweep” plan he developed to overturn the election and his creation and publication of “The Navarro Report,” conduct that was not part of his official duties and that he admittedly engaged in “as a private citizen.” Mr. Navarro is not immune from testifying before the Select Committee.

Moreover, there is not, nor has there ever been, any purported immunity for senior White House advisors from producing non-privileged documents to Congress when required by subpoena to do so. Mr. Navarro did not produce any documents, and there is no theory of immunity that justifies his wholesale non-compliance with the Select Committee’s demand.

For the reasons stated above, Mr. Navarro’s own conduct and the determination by the current executive would override any claim of privilege or immunity (even assuming Mr. Trump had invoked executive privilege with respect to Mr. Navarro). Furthermore, Mr. Navarro has refused to appear and assert executive privilege on a question-by-question basis, making it impossible for the Select Committee to consider any good-faith executive privilege assertions. And, as discussed above, claims of testimonial immunity and executive privilege are wholly inapplicable to the range of subjects about which the Select Committee seeks Mr. Navarro’s testimony and that Mr. Navarro has seemingly acknowledged involve non-privileged matters.

D. *Mr. Navarro’s failure to appear or produce documents in response to the subpoena warrants holding Mr. Navarro in contempt.*

An individual who fails or refuses to comply with a House subpoena may be cited for

contempt of Congress.¹⁰⁵ Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 192, the willful refusal to comply with a congressional subpoena is punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 and imprisonment for up to 1 year. A committee may vote to seek a contempt citation against a recalcitrant witness. This action is then reported to the House. If a contempt resolution is adopted by the House, the matter is referred to a U.S. Attorney, who has a duty to refer the matter to a grand jury for an indictment.¹⁰⁶

In a series of email correspondence, Select Committee staff advised Mr. Navarro that his blanket and general claim of “[e]xecutive [p]rivilege” did not absolve him of his obligation to produce documents and testify in a deposition. Select Committee staff made clear that it wished to obtain information from Mr. Navarro about topics that would not raise “any executive privilege concerns at all” and that Mr. Navarro could assert any “objections on the record and on a question-by-question basis.”¹⁰⁷ Mr. Navarro’s failure to appear for deposition or produce responsive documents constitutes a willful failure to comply with the subpoena.

DANIEL SCAVINO, JR.

A. The Select Committee seeks information from Mr. Scavino central to its investigative purposes.

Mr. Scavino’s testimony and document production are critical to the Select Committee’s investigation. Mr. Scavino is uniquely positioned to illuminate the extent of knowledge and involvement of the former President, Members of Congress, and other individuals and organizations in the planning and instigation of the attack on the Capitol on January 6th, including whether and how these various parties were collaborating. Information in Mr. Scavino’s possession is essential to putting other witnesses’ testimony and productions into appropriate context and to ensuring the Select Committee can fully and expeditiously complete its work.

Mr. Scavino served the former President in various roles related to social media accounts and strategy, from the 2016 Presidential campaign through his service across the tenure of the Trump administration, including as Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications during the time most critical to the Select Committee’s investigation. Mr. Scavino’s activities on Mr. Trump’s behalf went beyond the official duties of a member of the White House staff. Mr. Scavino actively promoted Mr. Trump’s political campaign through social media. Scavino was also reportedly present for meetings in November 2020 where then-President Trump consulted with outside advisors about ways to challenge the results of the 2020 election.¹⁰⁸

Further, the Select Committee has reason to believe that Mr. Scavino was with then-President Trump on January 5th and January 6th and was party to conversations regarding plans to challenge, disrupt, or impede the official congressional proceedings.¹⁰⁹ Mr. Scavino spoke with Mr. Trump multiple times by phone on January 6th,¹¹⁰ and was present with Mr. Trump during the period when Americans inside the Capitol building and across the country were urgently calling on Mr. Trump for help to halt the violence at the Capitol, but Mr. Trump failed to immediately take actions to stop it.¹¹¹

The Select Committee also has reason to believe that Mr. Scavino may have had advance warning of the possibility of violence on January 6th. Public reporting notes that Mr. Scavino had a history of monitoring websites where, in the weeks leading up to January 6th, users discussed potential acts of violence.¹¹² Whether and when the President and other senior officials knew of im-

pending violence is highly relevant to the Select Committee’s investigation and consideration of legislative recommendations.

And again, aside from official duties—in which close aides to the President should assist him in fulfilling his oath—Mr. Scavino also engaged in activities promoting the Trump Campaign.¹¹³ Evidence acquired by the Select Committee confirms the widely known fact that Mr. Scavino worked closely with former-President Trump on his social media messaging and likely had access to the credentials necessary to post on the President’s accounts.¹¹⁴ Indeed, Mr. Scavino frequently composed specific social media posts and discussed specific language with the former President.¹¹⁵ During the time leading up to the January 6th attack, public messages issued from President Trump’s social media account that the Select Committee believes had the effect of providing false information and enflaming passions about a core tenet of our constitutional democracy. Specifically:

• On December 19, 2020, 1:42 a.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

Peter Navarro releases 36-page report alleging election fraud ‘more than sufficient’ to swing victory to Trump <https://washex.am/3nwaBCE>. A great report by Peter. Statistically impossible to have lost the 2020 Election. Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!¹¹⁶

• On December 19, 2020, 9:41 a.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

[Joe Biden] didn’t win the Election. He lost all 6 Swing States, by a lot. They then dumped hundreds of thousands of votes in each one, and got caught. Now Republican politicians have to fight so that their great victory is not stolen. Don’t be weak fools! <https://t.co/d9Bgu8XPIj>¹¹⁷

• On December 19, 2020, 2:59 p.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

The lie of the year is that Joe Biden won! Christina Bobb @OANN.¹¹⁸

• On December 20, 2020, 12:26 a.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

GREATEST ELECTION FRAUD IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY!!!¹¹⁹

• On December 22, 2020, 10:29 a.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

THE DEMOCRATS DUMPED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF BALLOTS IN THE SWING STATES LATE IN THE EVENING. IT WAS A RIGGED ELECTION!!!¹²⁰

• On December 26, 2020, 9:00 a.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

A young military man working in Afghanistan told me that elections in Afghanistan are far more secure and much better run than the USA’s 2020 Election. Ours, with its millions and millions of corrupt Mail-In Ballots, was the election of a third world country. Fake President!¹²¹

• On December 26, 2020, 8:14 a.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

The “Justice” Department and the FBI have done nothing about the 2020 Presidential Election Voter Fraud, the biggest SCAM in our nation’s history, despite overwhelming evidence. They should be ashamed. History will remember. Never give up. See everyone in D.C. on January 6th.¹²²

• On December 28, 2020, 4:00 p.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

“Breaking News: In Pennsylvania there were 205,000 more votes than there were voters. This alone flips the state to President Trump.”¹²³

• On December 30, 2020, 2:38 p.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

The United States had more votes than it had people voting, by a lot. This travesty cannot be allowed to stand. It was a Rigged Election, one not even fit for third world countries!¹²⁴

• On January 4, 2021, 10:07 a.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

How can you certify an election when the numbers being certified are verifiably WRONG. You will see the real numbers tonight during my speech, but especially on JANUARY 6th. @SenTomCotton Republicans have pluses & minuses, but one thing is sure, THEY NEVER FORGET!¹²⁵

• On January 6, 2021, 1:00 a.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

If Vice President @Mike_Pence comes through for us, we will win the Presidency. Many States want to decertify the mistake they made in certifying incorrect & even fraudulent numbers in a process NOT approved by their State Legislatures (which it must be). Mike can send it back!¹²⁶

• On January 6, 2021, 8:17 a.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

States want to correct their votes, which they now know were based on irregularities and fraud, plus corrupt process never received legislative approval. All Mike Pence has to do is send them back to the States, AND WE WIN. Do it Mike, this is a time for extreme courage!¹²⁷

• On January 6, 2021, 2:24 p.m. ET, from Donald J. Trump:

Mike Pence didn’t have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution, giving States a chance to certify a corrected set of facts, not the fraudulent or inaccurate ones which they were asked to previously certify. USA demands the truth!¹²⁸

The Select Committee seeks to question Mr. Scavino, in his capacity as social media manager, about these and other similar communications.

Public reporting also notes that Mr. Scavino and his social media team had a history of monitoring websites including “TheDonald.win,” an online forum frequented by individuals who openly advocated and planned violence in the weeks leading up to January 6th.¹²⁹ In the summer of 2016, former-President Trump himself engaged in a written question-and-answer session on a precursor to TheDonald.win called “/r/The_Donald,” which was a subreddit (a forum on the website Reddit.com) at the time.¹³⁰ The online Reddit community, which had upward of 790,000 users, was banned by Reddit in mid-2020,¹³¹ after which it migrated to another online forum located at TheDonald.win.¹³²

Mr. Scavino reportedly amplified content from this community, while his social media team also interacted with the site’s users. During the 2016 Presidential campaign, “a team in the war room at Trump Tower was monitoring social media trends, including [r/The_Donald] subreddit . . . and privately communicating with the most active users to seed new trends.”¹³³ Trump “campaign staffers monitored Twitter and [r/The_Donald] subreddit, and pushed any promising trends up to social media director Dan Scavino, who might give them a boost with a tweet.”¹³⁴ In 2017, former-President Trump tweeted a video of himself attacking CNN.¹³⁵ The video had appeared on /r/The_Donald 4 days earlier.¹³⁶ In 2019, *Politico* reported that Mr. Scavino “regularly monitors Reddit, with a particular focus on the pro-Trump /r/The_Donald channel.”¹³⁷

On December 19, 2020, the same day Mr. Trump tweeted “Big protest in D.C. on January 6th . . . Be there, will be wild!,” users on posts on TheDonald.win, began sharing “specific techniques, tactics, and procedures for the assault on the Capitol.”¹³⁸ The “ensuing weeks of communications on the site included information on how to use a flagpole as a weapon, how to smuggle firearms into DC, measurements for a guillotine, and maps of the tunnel systems under the Capitol building.”¹³⁹ On January 5, 2021, a user on TheDonald.win encouraged Mr. Trump’s supporters to “be prepared to secure the capitol building,” claiming that “there will be plenty of ex military to guide you.”¹⁴⁰

Multiple other posts on TheDonald.win made it clear that the U.S. Capitol was a target, with one poster writing that people should bring “handcuffs and zip ties to DC” so they could enact “citizen’s arrests” of those officials who certified the election’s results.¹⁴¹ Another post on TheDonald.win was headlined “most important map for January 6th. Form a TRUE LINE around the Capitol and the tunnels.”¹⁴² That “post included a detailed schematic of Capitol Hill with the tunnels surrounding the complex highlighted.”¹⁴³ One thread posted on TheDonald.win, and pertaining to Mr. Trump’s December 19, 2020, tweet, reportedly received more than “5,900 replies and over 24,000 upvotes.”¹⁴⁴ The “general consensus among the users” on these threads “was that Trump had essentially tweeted permission to disregard the law in support of him.”¹⁴⁵ For example, one user wrote, “[Trump] can’t exactly openly tell you to revolt. This is the closest he’ll ever get.”¹⁴⁶

Just weeks before the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, former-President Trump shared content on Twitter that apparently originated on TheDonald.win. On December 19, 2020, former-President Trump tweeted a video titled, “FIGHT FOR TRUMP!- SAVE AMERICA- SAVE THE WORLD.”¹⁴⁷ The video had reportedly appeared on TheDonald.win 2 days earlier.¹⁴⁸

Mr. Scavino also promoted the candidacy of Donald Trump and other political candidates on his own social media account. For example, he produced these public messages on Twitter:

- On October 16, 2020, 8:26 p.m. ET, from Dan Scavino Jr.[American flag][Eagle]:

[Alert]HAPPENING NOW!! 10/16/20-Macon, GA! MAGA[American flag][Eagle] [Globe with meridians]Vote.DonaldJTrump.com” [Four pictures of a presidential campaign rally]¹⁴⁹

- On November 6, 2020, 12:04 a.m. ET, from Dan Scavino Jr.[American flag][Eagle]:

[Tweeting a Fox News segment, “Charges of Mail-In Ballot Fraud are Rampant”]¹⁵⁰

- On December 6, 2020, 12:34 a.m. ET, from Dan Scavino Jr.[American flag][Eagle]:

“I am thrilled to be back in Georgia, w/ 1,000’s of proud, hardworking American Patriots! We are gathered together to ensure that @sendavidperdue & @KLoeffler WIN the most important Congressional runoff in American History. At stake in this election is control of the Senate!” -DJT [Video; <https://twitter.com/i/status/1335457640072310784>]¹⁵¹

- On January 2, 2021, 9:04 p.m. ET, from Dan Scavino Jr.[American flag][Eagle]:

[Tweeting out a video encouraging people to “Be a Part of History” and “Join the March” on January 6th.]¹⁵²

The Select Committee has a legitimate interest in seeking information from Mr. Scavino about his activities that were outside the scope of his responsibilities as a

Federal Government official. It is beyond reasonable dispute that the “stolen election” narrative played a major role in motivating the violent attack on the Capitol. Violent rioters’ social media posts, contemporaneous statements on video, and filings in Federal court provide overwhelming evidence of this. To take just a few examples—though there are many others—statements from individuals charged with crimes associated with the January 6th attack include:

- “I’m going to be there to show support for our president and to do my part to stop the steal and stand behind Trump when he decides to cross the rubicon.”¹⁵³

- “Trump is literally calling people to DC in a show of force. Militias will be there and if there’s enough people they may fucking storm the buildings and take out the trash right there.”¹⁵⁴

- “Trump said It’s gonna be wild!!!!!! It’s gonna be wild!!!!!! He wants us to make it WILD that’s what he’s saying. He called us all to the Capitol and wants us to make it wild!!! Sir Yes Sir!!! Gentlemen we are heading to DC pack your shit!!!”¹⁵⁵

Mr. Scavino’s promotion of the January 6th events, his reported participation in multiple conversations about challenging the election, and his reported presence with then-President Trump as the attack unfolded and in its aftermath make his testimony essential to fully understanding the events of January 6th, including Presidential activities and responses that day. His two distinct roles—as White House official in the days leading up to and during the attack, and as a campaign social media promoter of the Trump “stolen election” narrative—provide independent reasons to seek his testimony and documents.

B. Mr. Scavino has refused to comply with the Select Committee’s subpoena for testimony and documents.

On September 23, 2021, Chairman THOMPSON signed and issued a subpoena, cover letter, and schedule to Mr. Scavino ordering the production of both documents and testimony relevant to the Select Committee’s investigation into “important activities that led to and informed the events at the Capitol on January 6, 2021.”¹⁵⁶ Chairman THOMPSON’s letter identified public reports describing Mr. Scavino’s activities and past statements, and documented some of the public information that gave the Select Committee reason to believe Mr. Scavino possesses information about matters within the scope of the Select Committee’s inquiry.

The specific documents the Chairman ordered produced are found in the schedule in Appendix II, Ex. 6. The schedule identified documents including but not limited to those reflecting Mr. Scavino’s role in planning and promoting the January 6, 2021, rally and march in support of Mr. Trump; Mr. Trump’s participation in the rally and march; Mr. Scavino’s communications with Members of Congress or their staff about plans for January 6th; and communications with others known to be involved with the former President’s 2020 election campaign and subsequent efforts to undermine or cast doubt on the results of that election.

The subpoena required Mr. Scavino to produce the requested documents to the Select Committee on October 7, 2021, at 10 a.m. ET and required Mr. Scavino’s presence for the taking of testimony on October 15, 2021, at 10 a.m.¹⁵⁷

The Select Committee was unable to locate Mr. Scavino for service and therefore issued a new subpoena on October 6, 2021.¹⁵⁸ On October 8, 2021, U.S. Marshals served this new subpoena at Mar-a-Lago, Mr. Scavino’s reported place of employment, to Ms. Susan

Wiles, who represented herself as chief of staff to former-President Trump and as authorized to accept service on Mr. Scavino’s behalf.¹⁵⁹ The subpoena required that Mr. Scavino produce responsive documents not later than October 21, 2021, and that Mr. Scavino appear for a deposition on October 28, 2021.¹⁶⁰

On October 20, 2021, Stanley E. Woodward, Jr., of Brand Woodward Law notified the Select Committee that his firm had been retained to represent Mr. Scavino.¹⁶¹ Per a telephone conversation later that day, Mr. Woodward notified the Select Committee that he was still in the process of ascertaining whether Mr. Scavino had responsive documents and requested an extension of the deadlines in the October 6, 2021, subpoena. The Select Committee granted an extension of 1 week, delaying the production deadline to October 28th and the deposition to November 4th.¹⁶²

On October 27, 2021, Mr. Woodward emailed to request an additional extension, and the Select Committee granted that request, postponing the production deadline to November 4th and the deposition to November 12th.¹⁶³

On November 2, 2021, Mr. Woodward emailed to express difficulty in meeting the document production deadline. The following day, the Select Committee agreed to an additional production postponement to November 5th.¹⁶⁴

On November 5, 2021, rather than produce any responsive documents in his client’s possession, Mr. Woodward communicated by letter that his client would not be producing any documents. Instead, he asserted vague claims of executive privilege that were purportedly relayed by the former President, but which have never been presented by the former President to the Select Committee.¹⁶⁵ Mr. Woodward’s letter cited an attached October 6, 2021, letter from former-President Trump’s counsel Justin Clark to Mr. Scavino that instructed him to “invoke any immunities and privileges you may have from compelled testimony,” “not produce any documents concerning your official duties,” and “not provide any testimony concerning your official duties.”¹⁶⁶

On November 9, 2021, the Select Committee Chairman responded to Mr. Woodward requesting that Mr. Scavino provide a “privilege log that specifically identifies each document and each privilege that he believes applies,” and explained to Mr. Scavino that “categorical claims of executive privilege are improper, and any claim of executive privilege must be asserted narrowly and specifically.” The Chairman also reminded Mr. Woodward that the subpoena demanded “all communications including those conducted on Mr. Scavino’s personal social media or other accounts and with outside parties whose inclusion in a communication with Mr. Scavino would mean that no executive privilege claim can be applicable.”¹⁶⁷

The November 9th letter also detailed, at Mr. Woodward’s request, the various specific topics the Select Committee wished to discuss with Mr. Scavino at his deposition scheduled for November 12, 2021, and requested that Mr. Woodward identify topics that he agreed did not implicate any privileges and identify with specificity any privileges that did apply to each specific topic.

On November 10, 2021, following correspondence with Mr. Woodward, the Select Committee agreed to an additional extension to November 15, 2021, for document production and November 19, 2021, for the deposition, to allow Mr. Woodward additional time to discuss the November 9th letter with his client.¹⁶⁸

On November 15th, Mr. Woodward sent a letter refusing to provide the requested

privilege log and asserted that a such log would undermine the former President's assertions of privilege. Instead, Mr. Woodward identified categories of documents he believed to be privileged, including communications between Mr. Scavino and Members of Congress, and between Mr. Scavino and "non-Government third-parties."¹⁶⁹

On November 18, 2021, Mr. Woodward sent another letter wherein he, for the first time, and following weeks of discussions about the items listed in the October 6th subpoena, challenged the service of that subpoena as deficient. He also challenged the Select Committee's legislative purpose and demanded that the Select Committee provide a detailed explanation of the pertinence of every line of inquiry it intended to pursue at the scheduled deposition.¹⁷⁰

On November 23, 2021, the Select Committee issued yet another subpoena to Mr. Scavino, whose counsel agreed to accept service.¹⁷¹ The November 23rd subpoena granted a final extension of the document production deadline to November 29, 2021, and the deposition to December 1, 2021. The same day, the Select Committee transmitted a letter explaining the relevance of Mr. Scavino's testimony to the Select Committee's authorizing resolution and responding to the numerous specious objections in the November 18th letter.¹⁷²

On November 26, 2021, Mr. Woodward again wrote to the Select Committee and declined to comply with the subpoena for documents and testimony unless the Select Committee provided a detailed explanation of the pertinence of each of its expected questions and lines of inquiry for Mr. Scavino.¹⁷³ He also reasserted Mr. Scavino's refusal to testify in light of *Trump v. Thompson*,¹⁷⁴ the since-resolved litigation regarding Mr. Trump's ability to assert executive privilege over documents the incumbent President has already approved for release.

Mr. Scavino failed to produce any documents by the November 29, 2021, deadline, and did not appear for his deposition on December 1, 2021.¹⁷⁵

On December 9, 2021, the Select Committee sent a letter to Mr. Woodward documenting Mr. Scavino's failure to comply with the subpoena and informing him that the Select Committee would proceed to enforcement.¹⁷⁶

On December 13, 2021, Mr. Woodward responded in a letter disputing that Mr. Scavino had failed to cooperate with the investigation and reiterating many of his previous objections.¹⁷⁷

On February 4, 2022, in light of the Supreme Court's denial of a stay and injunction sought by former-President Trump in *Trump v. Thompson*¹⁷⁸ to prevent the National Archives from providing documents to the Select Committee on the basis of executive privilege, the Select Committee again contacted Mr. Scavino and gave him an additional opportunity to comply.¹⁷⁹

On February 8, 2022, Mr. Woodward responded, asserting that Mr. Scavino still intended to withhold information at Mr. Trump's direction until the ultimate resolution of Mr. Trump's claims.¹⁸⁰

C. Mr. Scavino's purported basis for non-compliance is wholly without merit.

Congress has the power to compel witnesses to testify and produce documents.¹⁸¹ An individual—whether a member of the public or an executive branch official—has a legal (and patriotic) obligation to comply with a duly issued and valid congressional subpoena, unless a valid and overriding privilege or other legal justification permits non-compliance.¹⁸² In *United States v. Bryan*, the Supreme Court stated:

A subpoena has never been treated as an invitation to a game of hare and hounds, in

which the witness must testify only if cornered at the end of the chase. If that were the case, then, indeed, the great power of testimonial compulsion, so necessary to the effective functioning of courts and legislatures, would be a nullity. We have often iterated the importance of this public duty, which every person within the jurisdiction of the Government is bound to perform when properly summoned.¹⁸³

It is important to note that the Select Committee sought testimony from Mr. Scavino on topics and interactions as to which there can be no conceivable privilege claim. Examples of those are provided below. The Select Committee is entitled to Mr. Scavino's testimony on each of them, regardless of his claims of privilege over other categories of information and communications. In *United States v. Nixon*, 418 U.S. 683, 703-16 (1974), the Supreme Court recognized an implied constitutional privilege protecting Presidential communications. The Court held though that the privilege is qualified, not absolute, and that it is limited to communications made "in performance of [a President's] responsibilities of his office and made in the process of shaping policies and making decisions."¹⁸⁴

Executive privilege is a recognized privilege that, under certain circumstances, may be invoked to bar congressional inquiry into communications covered by the privilege. Mr. Scavino has refused to testify in response to the subpoena ostensibly based on broad assertions of executive privilege purportedly asserted by former-President Trump. Even if any such privilege may have been applicable to some aspect of Mr. Scavino's testimony, he was required to produce a privilege log noting any applicable privileges with specificity and to appear before the Select Committee for his deposition, answer any questions concerning non-privileged information, and assert any such privilege on a question-by-question basis.

1. President Biden decided not to invoke executive privilege to prevent testimony by Mr. Scavino, and Mr. Trump has not invoked executive privilege with respect to Mr. Scavino.

As described above, President Biden considered whether to invoke executive privilege and whether to assert immunity with regard to the subpoena for Mr. Scavino.¹⁸⁵ He declined to do so with respect to particular subjects within the purview of the Select Committee, and the White House informed Mr. Scavino's counsel of that decision in a letter on March 15, 2022.¹⁸⁶ President Biden made this determination based on his assessment of the "unique and extraordinary nature of the matters under investigation."¹⁸⁷

Former-President Trump has had no communication with the Select Committee. In a November 5th letter to the Select Committee, Mr. Scavino's attorney referred to correspondence from former-President Trump's attorney, Justin Clark, in which Mr. Clark asserted that the Select Committee subpoena seeks information that is "protected from disclosure by the executive and other privileges, including among others the presidential communications, deliberative process, and attorney-client privileges."¹⁸⁸ The Committee has received no such correspondence from or on behalf of former-President Trump. Without a formal assertion of executive privilege by Mr. Trump to the Select Committee, Mr. Scavino cannot establish the foundational element of a claim of executive privilege: an invocation of the privilege by the executive.

In *United States v. Reynolds*, 345 U.S. 1, 7-8 (1953), the Supreme Court held that executive privilege:

[B]elongs to the Government and must be asserted by it; it can neither be claimed nor

waived by a private party. It is not to be lightly invoked. There must be a formal claim of privilege, lodged by the head of the department which has control over the matter, after actual personal consideration by that officer.¹⁸⁹

Here, the Select Committee has not been provided with any formal invocation of executive privilege by the President or the former President or any other employee of the executive branch. Mr. Scavino's third-hand, categorical assertion of privilege, without any description of the specific documents or specific testimony over which privilege is claimed, is insufficient to activate a claim of executive privilege.

2. Even if Mr. Trump had actually invoked executive privilege, the privilege would not bar the Select Committee from lawfully obtaining the documents and testimony it seeks from Mr. Scavino.

Executive privilege does not extend to discussions relating to non-governmental business or among private citizens.¹⁹⁰ In *In re Sealed Case (Espy)*, the D.C. Circuit explained that the Presidential communications privilege "only applies to communications [with close Presidential advisers] in the course of performing their function of advising the President on official government matters."¹⁹¹ The court stressed: "The Presidential communications privilege should never serve as a means of shielding information regarding governmental operations that do not call ultimately for direct decision-making by the President."¹⁹² As noted by the Supreme Court, the privilege is "limited to communications 'in performance of [a President's] responsibilities,' 'of his office,' and made 'in the process of shaping policies and making decisions.'"¹⁹³ And the D.C. Circuit recently considered and rejected former-President Trump's executive privilege assertions over information sought by the Select Committee. That court concluded that "the profound interests in disclosure advanced by President Biden and the January 6th Committee far exceed his generalized concerns for Executive Branch confidentiality."¹⁹⁴

The Select Committee seeks information from Mr. Scavino on a wide range of subjects that it is inconceivable executive privilege would reach. For example, the Select Committee seeks information from Mr. Scavino about his interactions with private citizens, Members of Congress, or others outside the White House related to the 2020 election or efforts to overturn its results. And, among other things, the Select Committee also seeks information from Mr. Scavino about his use of personal communications accounts and devices.

Even with respect to Select Committee inquiries that involve Mr. Scavino's direct communications with Mr. Trump, it is well-established that executive privilege does not bar Select Committee access to that information. Only communications that relate to official Government business and Presidential decision-making on those official matters can be covered by the Presidential communications privilege.¹⁹⁵ Here, Mr. Scavino's conduct regarding several subjects of concern to the Select Committee is not related to official Government business. These include Mr. Scavino's participation in calls and meetings that clearly concerned Mr. Trump's campaign rather than his official Government business; participation in meetings with Mr. Trump and others about a strategy for reversing the outcome of the 2020 election; or efforts to promote the January 6th rally on the Ellipse.

Moreover, even with respect to any subjects of concern that arguably involve official Government business, executive privilege is a qualified privilege and the Select

Committee’s need for this information to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the January 6th assault on the U.S. Capitol and the Nation’s democratic institutions far outweighs any executive branch interest in maintaining confidentiality.¹⁹⁶ As noted by the White House, “an assertion of executive privilege is not in the national interest, and therefore is not justified, with respect to particular subjects within the purview of the Select Committee.”¹⁹⁷

3. *Mr. Scavino is not immune from testifying or producing documents in response to the subpoena.*

Even if some aspect of Mr. Scavino’s testimony was shielded by executive privilege, he was required to appear for his deposition and assert executive privilege on a question-by-question basis.¹⁹⁸ Mr. Scavino’s refusal to do so made it impossible for the Select Committee to consider any good-faith executive privilege assertions.

Mr. Scavino has refused to appear for a deposition based on his purported reliance on alleged “absolute testimonial immunity.” No court has recognized any such immunity, and Mr. Scavino has not provided any rationale for applying any form of immunity to his unofficial actions assisting Mr. Trump’s campaign to overturn the election. President Biden—who now serves as the President—has declined to assert immunity in response to the subpoena to Mr. Scavino.

As noted above,¹⁹⁹ the general theory that a current or former White House senior advisor may be immune from testifying before Congress is based entirely on internal memoranda from OLC, and courts have uniformly rejected this theory.²⁰⁰ But, as was also noted above,²⁰¹ those internal OLC memoranda do not address a situation in which the incumbent President has decided to not assert privilege, and by their own terms they apply only to testimony “about [a senior official’s] official duties,” not testimony about unofficial actions or private conduct.²⁰²

Many of the topics Chairman THOMPSON identified in his correspondence with Mr. Scavino’s counsel are unrelated to Mr. Scavino’s official duties and would neither fall under the reach of any “absolute immunity” theory nor any privilege whatsoever. For instance:

- Mr. Scavino was not conducting official and privileged business to the extent he attended discussions regarding efforts to urge State legislators to overturn the results of the November 2020 election and guarantee a second term for Mr. Trump.

- Mr. Scavino was not conducting official and privileged business to the extent he assisted Mr. Trump with campaign-related social media communications, including communications recruiting a violent crowd to Washington, spreading false information regarding the 2020 election, and any other communications provoking violence on January 6th.

- Mr. Scavino was not conducting official and privileged business to the extent he communicated with organizers of the January 6, 2021, rally, including Kylie Kremer and Katrina Pierson, regarding messaging, speakers, and even his own appearance and scheduled remarks at the event, which was not an official White House event but rather a campaign appearance.²⁰³

- Mr. Scavino was not engaged in official and privileged business to the extent he used his personal social media accounts and devices to coordinate with Trump campaign officials, including Jason Miller, throughout the fall and winter of 2020 regarding messaging, campaign events, purported election fraud, and attempts to overturn the 2020 election results.²⁰⁴

- Mr. Scavino was not engaged in official and privileged business to the extent he

counseled Mr. Trump regarding whether, how, and when to challenge or concede the 2020 election.

The Select Committee specifically identified to Mr. Scavino these and other topics as subjects for his deposition testimony, and he had the legal obligation to appear before the Select Committee and address them on the record.

D. *Mr. Scavino’s failure to appear or produce documents in response to the subpoena warrants holding Mr. Scavino in contempt.*

An individual who fails or refuses to comply with a House subpoena may be cited for contempt of Congress.²⁰⁵ Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 192, the willful refusal to comply with a congressional subpoena is punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 and imprisonment for up to 1 year. A committee may vote to seek a contempt citation against a recalcitrant witness. This action is then reported to the House. If a contempt resolution is adopted by the House, the matter is referred to a U.S. Attorney, who has a duty to refer the matter to a grand jury for an indictment.²⁰⁶

In his November 9th and November 23rd letters to Mr. Scavino’s counsel, the Chairman of the Select Committee advised Mr. Scavino that his claims of executive privilege were not well-founded and did not absolve him of his obligation to produce documents and testify in deposition.²⁰⁷ The Chairman made clear that the Select Committee expected Mr. Scavino to produce documents and to appear for his deposition, which was ultimately scheduled for December 1st. And on February 4, 2022, the Chairman again invited Mr. Scavino to appear before the Select Committee in light of the resolution of *Trump v. Thompson*. The Chairman again warned Mr. Scavino that his continued non-compliance would put him in jeopardy of a vote to refer him to the House to consider a criminal contempt referral. Mr. Scavino’s failure to appear for deposition or produce responsive documents in the face of this clear advisement and warning by the Chairman constitutes a willful failure to comply with the subpoena.

SELECT COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

The Select Committee met on Monday, March 28, 2022, with a quorum being present, to consider this Report and ordered it and the Resolution contained herein to be favorably reported to the House, without amendment, by a recorded vote of 9 ayes to 0 noes.

SELECT COMMITTEE VOTE

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives requires the Select Committee to list the recorded votes during consideration of this Report:

1. A motion by Ms. CHENEY to report the Select Committee Report on a Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives find Peter K. Navarro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with Subpoenas Duly Issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol favorably to the House was agreed to by a recorded vote of 9 ayes to 0 noes (Rollcall No. 4).

Select Committee Rollcall No. 4

Motion by Ms. Cheney to Favorably Report
Agreed to: 9 ayes to 0 noes

Members	Vote
Ms. Cheney, Vice Chair	Aye
Ms. Lofgren	Aye
Mr. Schiff	Aye
Mr. Aguilár	Aye
Mrs. Murphy (FL)	Aye
Mr. Raskin	Aye

Select Committee Rollcall No. 4—Continued

Motion by Ms. Cheney to Favorably Report
Agreed to: 9 ayes to 0 noes

Members	Vote
Mrs. Luria	Aye
Mr. Kinzinger	Aye
Mr. Thompson (MS), Chairman ...	Aye

SELECT COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII, the Select Committee advises that the oversight findings and recommendations of the Select Committee are incorporated in the descriptive portions of this Report.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATE

The Select Committee finds the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the requirements of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, to be inapplicable to this Report. Accordingly, the Select Committee did not request or receive a cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office and makes no findings as to the budgetary impacts of this Report or costs incurred to carry out the Report.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the objective of this Report is to enforce the Select Committee’s authority to investigate the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate problems and to recommend corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations; and to enforce the Select Committee’s subpoena authority found in section 5(c)(4) of House Resolution 503.

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Appendix I

Exhibit 1 — Subpoena to Peter K. Navarro (Feb. 9, 2022)

SUBPOENA

BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To Peter K. Navarro

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

of the House of Representatives of the United States at the place, date, and time specified below.

- to produce the things identified on the attached schedule touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of production: [redacted]
Date: February 23, 2022
Time: 10:00 AM

- to testify at a deposition touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of testimony: United States Capitol Building, Washington, DC 20515, or by videoconference
Date: March 2, 2022
Time: 10:00 AM

- to testify at a hearing touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of testimony:
Date:
Time:

To any authorized staff member or the United States Marshals Service to serve and make return.

Witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the United States, at the city of Washington, D.C. this 9th day of February, 2022.

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk

[Signature]
Chairman or Authorized Member

PROOF OF SERVICE

Subpoena for
Peter K. Navarro

Address [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

U.S. House of Representatives
117th Congress

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One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

February 9, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Peter Navarro



Dear Mr. Navarro:

Pursuant to the authorities set forth in House Resolution 503 and the rules of the House of Representatives, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol ("Select Committee") hereby transmits a subpoena that compels you to produce the documents set forth in the accompanying schedule by February 23, 2022, and to appear for a deposition on March 2, 2022.

The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations. The inquiry includes examination of how various individuals and entities coordinated their activities leading up to the events of January 6, 2021.

Based on publicly available information and information produced to the Select Committee, we believe that you have documents and information that are relevant to the Select Committee's investigation. For example, you, then a White House trade advisor, reportedly worked with Steve Bannon and others to develop and implement a plan to delay Congress's certification of, and ultimately change the outcome of, the November 2020 presidential election.¹ In your book, you reportedly described this plan as the "Green Bay Sweep" and stated that it was designed as the "last, best chance to snatch a stolen election from the Democrats' jaws of deceit."² In an interview, you reportedly added that former President Trump was "on board with the strategy", as were "more than 100" members of Congress including Representative Paul Gosar and Senator Ted Cruz.³ That, of course, was not the first time you publicly addressed purported fraud in the election. You also released on your website a three-part report, dubbed the "Navarro

¹ Tim Dickinson, ROLLING STONE, *Trump Adviser Worried He's Not Getting Enough Credit for Trying to Ruin American Democracy* (December 28, 2021) available at <https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/jan6-peter-navarro-ted-cruz-green-bay-sweep-1276742/>.

² *Id.*

³ Jose Pagliery, THE DAILY BEAST, *Trump Adviser Peter Navarro Lays Out How He and Bannon Planned to Overturn Biden's Electoral Win* (December 27, 2021) available at <https://www.thedailybeast.com/trump-advisor-peter-navarro-lays-out-how-he-and-steve-bannon-planned-to-overturn-bidens-electoral-win>.

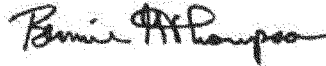
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Report", repeating many claims of purported fraud in the election that have been discredited in public reporting, by state officials, and courts.⁴ And, because you have already discussed these and other relevant issues in your recently published book, in interviews with reporters, and, among other places, on a podcast,⁵ we look forward to discussing them with you, too.

Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks documents and a deposition regarding these and other matters that are within the scope of the Select Committee's inquiry. A copy of the rules governing Select Committee depositions, and document production definitions and instructions are attached. Please contact staff for the Select Committee at [REDACTED] to arrange for the production of documents.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

⁴ Peter Navarro, *The Navarro Report* available at <https://peternavarro.com/the-navarro-report/>; see also Joe Walsh, FORBES, *White House Advisor Peter Navarro Releases Dubious Voter Fraud Report* (December 17, 2020) available at <https://www.forbes.com/sites/joewalsh/2020/12/17/white-house-advisor-peter-navarro-releases-dubious-voter-fraud-report/?ah=23b88c221205>.

⁵ Ewan Palmer, *Steve Bannon Was 'The Heron on Jan. 6.' Says Peter Navarro* (December 17, 2021) available at <https://www.newsweek.com/peter-navarro-steve-bannon-heron-january-6-capitol-riots-1660421>.

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SCHEDULE

In accordance with the attached definitions and instructions, you, Peter Navarro, are hereby required to produce all documents and communications in your possession, custody, or control—including any such documents or communications stored or located on personal devices (e.g., personal computers, cellular phones, tablets, etc.), in personal accounts, and/or on personal applications (e.g., email accounts, contact lists, calendar entries, etc.)—referring or relating to the following items. If no date range is specified below, the applicable dates are for the time period September 1, 2020, to present.

1. All documents and communications referring or relating in any way to plans, efforts, or discussions regarding challenging, decertifying, delaying the certification of, overturning, or contesting the results of the 2020 Presidential election.
2. All communications, and documents related to communications, in which you were a participant or witness, relating in any way to the security of election systems in the United States.
3. All communications, documents, and information that are evidence of the claims of purported fraud in the three-volume report you wrote, *The Navarro Report*.
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to, Steve Bannon, Members of Congress, state and local officials, White House officials/employees, representatives of the Trump reelection campaign, and national and local party officials relating to election fraud or malfeasance, as well as delaying or preventing the certification of the November 2020 election. This includes all documents and communications related to the creation or implementation of what you have described publicly as the “Green Bay Swrap.”
5. Final or draft press releases, letters, reports, or other documents that you, or someone on your behalf, released addressing election fraud or malfeasance, as well as delaying or preventing the certification of the election.
6. All documents and communications referring or relating in any way to electoral votes in the 2020 presidential election, including, but not limited to, drafts or final versions of documents purporting to be or related to Electoral College votes, meetings and preparations for meetings of purported electors for former President Trump and former Vice President Pence on or about December 14, 2020, and the actual or potential selection of an alternate slate of electors by any state legislature or executive.
7. All documents and communications referring or relating in any way to John Eastman, Rudolph Giuliani, Boris Epshteyn, Bernard Kerik, Jenna Ellis, or Mark Martin.
8. All documents and communications relating in any way to protests, marches, public assemblies, rallies, or speeches in Washington, D.C., on November 14, 2020, December 12, 2020, January 5, 2021, or January 6, 2021 (collectively, “Washington Rallies”).

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9. All documents and communications referring or relating to the financing or fundraising associated with the Washington Rallies and any individual or organization's travel to or accommodation in Washington, D.C., to attend or participate in the Washington Rallies.
10. All documents and communications related to the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

DOCUMENT PRODUCTION DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. In complying with this request, produce all responsive documents, regardless of classification level, that are in your possession, custody, or control, whether held by you or your past or present agents, employees, and representatives acting on your behalf. Produce all documents that you have a legal right to obtain, that you have a right to copy, or to which you have access, as well as documents that you have placed in the temporary possession, custody, or control of any third party.
2. Requested documents, and all documents reasonably related to the requested documents, should not be destroyed, altered, removed, transferred, or otherwise made inaccessible to the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol ("Committee").
3. In the event that any entity, organization, or individual denoted in this request is or has been known by any name other than that herein denoted, the request shall be read also to include that alternative identification.
4. The Committee's preference is to receive documents in a protected electronic form (i.e., password protected CD, memory stick, thumb drive, or secure file transfer) in lieu of paper productions. With specific reference to classified material, you will coordinate with the Committee's Security Officer to arrange for the appropriate transfer of such information to the Committee. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to: a) identifying the classification level of the responsive document(s); and b) coordinating for the appropriate transfer of any classified responsive document(s).
5. Electronic document productions should be prepared according to the following standards:
 - a. If the production is completed through a series of multiple partial productions, field names and file order in all load files should match.
 - b. All electronic documents produced to the Committee should include the following fields of metadata specific to each document, and no modifications should be made to the original metadata:

BEGDOC, ENDDOC, TEXT, BEGATTACH, ENDATTACH,
PAGECOUNT, CUSTODIAN, RECORDTYPE, DATE, TIME,
SENTDATE, SENTTIME, BEGINDATE, BEGINTIME, ENDDATE,
ENDTIME, AUTHOR, FROM, CC, TO, BCC, SUBJECT, TITLE,
FILENAME, FILEBXT, FILESIZE, DATECREATED, TIMECREATED,
DATELASTMOD, TIMELASTMOD, INTMSGID, INTMSGHEADER,
NATIVELINK, INTFILPATH, EXCEPTION, BEGATTACH.

6. Documents produced to the Committee should include an index describing the contents of the production. To the extent more than one CD, hard drive, memory stick, thumb drive, zip file, box, or folder is produced, each should contain an index describing its contents.
7. Documents produced in response to this request shall be produced together with copies of file labels, dividers, or identifying markers with which they were associated when the request was served.
8. When you produce documents, you should identify the paragraph(s) or request(s) in the Committee's letter to which the documents respond.
9. The fact that any other person or entity also possesses non-identical or identical copies of the same documents shall not be a basis to withhold any information.
10. The pendency of or potential for litigation shall not be a basis to withhold any information.
11. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(d), the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and any statutory exemptions to FOIA shall not be a basis for withholding any information.
12. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(9), the Privacy Act shall not be a basis for withholding information.
13. If compliance with the request cannot be made in full by the specified return date, compliance shall be made to the extent possible by that date. An explanation of why full compliance is not possible shall be provided along with any partial production, as well as a date certain as to when full production will be satisfied.
14. In the event that a document is withheld on any basis, provide a log containing the following information concerning any such document: (a) the reason it is being withheld, including, if applicable, the privilege asserted; (b) the type of document; (c) the general subject matter; (d) the date, author, addressee, and any other recipient(s); (e) the relationship of the author and addressee to each other; and (f) the basis for the withholding.
15. If any document responsive to this request was, but no longer is, in your possession, custody, or control, identify the document (by date, author, subject, and recipients), and explain the circumstances under which the document ceased to be in your possession, custody, or control. Additionally, identify where the responsive document can now be found including name, location, and contact information of the entity or entities now in possession of the responsive document(s).
16. If a date or other descriptive detail set forth in this request referring to a document

is inaccurate, but the actual date or other descriptive detail is known to you or is otherwise apparent from the context of the request, produce all documents that would be responsive as if the date or other descriptive detail were correct.

17. This request is continuing in nature and applies to any newly-discovered information. Any record, document, compilation of data, or information not produced because it has not been located or discovered by the return date shall be produced immediately upon subsequent location or discovery.
18. All documents shall be Bates-stamped sequentially and produced sequentially.
19. Upon completion of the production, submit a written certification, signed by you or your counsel, stating that: (1) a diligent search has been completed of all documents in your possession, custody, or control that reasonably could contain responsive documents; and (2) all documents located during the search that are responsive have been produced to the Committee.

Definitions

1. The term "document" means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of classification level, how recorded, or how stored/displayed (e.g. on a social media platform) and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, data, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, communications, electronic mail (email), contracts, cables, notations of any type of conversation, telephone call, meeting or other inter-office or intra-office communication, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, computer or mobile device screenshots/screen captures, teletypes, invoices, transcripts, diaries, analyses, returns, summaries, minutes, bills, accounts, estimates, projections, comparisons, messages, correspondence, press releases, circulars, financial statements, reviews, opinions, offers, studies and investigations, questionnaires and surveys, and work sheets (and all drafts, preliminary versions, alterations, modifications, revisions, changes, and amendments of any of the foregoing, as well as any attachments or appendices thereto), and graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotape, recordings and motion pictures), and electronic, mechanical, and electric records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, and recordings) and other written, printed, typed, or other graphic or recorded matter of any kind or nature, however produced or reproduced, and whether preserved in writing, film, tape, disk, videotape, or otherwise. A document bearing any notation not a part of the original text is to be considered a separate document. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.

2. The term "communication" means each manner or means of disclosure or exchange of information, regardless of means utilized, whether oral, electronic, by document or otherwise, and whether in a meeting, by telephone, facsimile, mail, releases, electronic message including email (desktop or mobile device), text message, instant message, MMS or SMS message, message application, through a social media or online platform, or otherwise.
3. The terms "and" and "or" shall be construed broadly and either conjunctively or disjunctively to bring within the scope of this request any information that might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope. The singular includes plural number, and vice versa. The masculine includes the feminine and neutral genders.
4. The term "including" shall be construed broadly to mean "including, but not limited to."
5. The term "Company" means the named legal entity as well as any units, firms, partnerships, associations, corporations, limited liability companies, trusts, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, departments, branches, joint ventures, proprietorships, syndicates, or other legal, business or government entities over which the named legal entity exercises control or in which the named entity has any ownership whatsoever.
6. The term "identify," when used in a question about individuals, means to provide the following information: (a) the individual's complete name and title; (b) the individual's business or personal address and phone number; and (c) any and all known aliases.
7. The term "related to" or "referring or relating to," with respect to any given subject, means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, reflects, identifies, states, refers to, deals with, or is pertinent to that subject in any manner whatsoever.
8. The term "employee" means any past or present agent, borrowed employee, casual employee, consultant, contractor, de facto employee, detailee, assignee, fellow, independent contractor, intern, joint adventurer, loaned employee, officer, part-time employee, permanent employee, provisional employee, special government employee, subcontractor, or any other type of service provider.
9. The term "individual" means all natural persons and all persons or entities acting on their behalf.

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health, safety, and well-being of others present in the Chamber and surrounding areas. Members and staff will not be permitted to enter the Hall of the House without wearing a mask. Masks will be available at the entry points for any Member who forgets to bring one. The Chair views the failure to wear a mask as a serious breach of decorum. The Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to enforce this policy. Based upon the health and safety guidance from the attending physician and the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Chair would further advise that all Members should leave the Chamber promptly after casting their votes. Furthermore, Members should avoid congregating in the rooms leading to the Chamber, including the Speaker's lobby. The Chair will continue the practice of providing small groups of Members with a minimum of 5 minutes within which to cast their votes. Members are encouraged to vote with their previously assigned group. After voting, Members must clear the Chamber to allow the next group a safe and sufficient opportunity to vote. It is essential for the health and safety of Members, staff, and the U.S. Capitol Police to consistently practice social distancing and to ensure that a safe capacity be maintained in the Chamber at all times. To that end, the Chair appreciates the cooperation of Members and staff in preserving order and decorum in the Chamber and in displaying respect and safety for one another by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. All announced policies, including those addressing decorum in debate and the conduct of votes by electronic device, shall be carried out in harmony with this policy during the pendency of a covered period.

117TH CONGRESS REGULATIONS FOR USE OF DEPOSITION AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE ON RULES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, I hereby submit the following regulations regarding the conduct of depositions by committee and select committee counsel for printing in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,
Chairman, Committee on Rules.

REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF DEPOSITION AUTHORITY

1. Notices for the taking of depositions shall specify the date, time, and place of examination. Depositions shall be taken under oath administered by a member or a person otherwise authorized to administer oaths. Depositions may continue from day to day.

2. Consultation with the ranking minority member shall include three days' notice before any deposition is taken. All members of the committee shall also receive three days written notice that a deposition will be taken, except in exigent circumstances. For purposes of these procedures, a day shall not include Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day.

3. Witnesses may be accompanied at a deposition by personal, nongovernmental counsel to advise them of their rights. Only members, committee staff designated by the chair or ranking minority member, an official reporter, the witness, and the witness's counsel are permitted to attend. Observers or counsel for other persons, including counsel for government agencies, may not attend.

4. The chair of the committee noticing the deposition may designate that deposition as part of a joint investigation between committees, and in that case, provide notice to the members of the committees. If such a designation is made, the chair and ranking minority member of the additional committee(s) may designate committee staff to attend pursuant to regulation 3. Members and designated staff of the committees may attend and ask questions as set forth below.

5. A deposition shall be conducted by any member or committee counsel designated by the chair or ranking minority member of the Committee that noticed the deposition. When depositions are conducted by committee counsel, there shall be no more than two committee counsel permitted to question a witness per round. One of the committee counsel shall be designated by the chair and the other by the ranking minority member per round.

6. Deposition questions shall be propounded in rounds. The length of each round shall not exceed 60 minutes per side, and shall provide equal time to the majority and the minority. In each round, the member(s) or committee counsel designated by the chair shall ask questions first, and the member(s) or committee counsel designated by the ranking minority member shall ask questions second.

7. Objections must be stated concisely and in a non-argumentative and non-suggestive manner. A witness's counsel may not instruct a witness to refuse to answer a question, except to preserve a privilege. In the event of professional, ethical, or other misconduct by the witness's counsel during the deposition, the Committee may take any appropriate disciplinary action. The witness may refuse to answer a question only to preserve a privilege. When the witness has refused to answer a question to preserve a privilege, members or staff may (i) proceed with the deposition, or (ii) either at that time or at a subsequent time, seek a ruling from the Chair either by telephone or otherwise. If the Chair overrules any such objection and thereby orders a witness to answer any question to which an objection was lodged, the witness shall be ordered to answer. If a member of the committee chooses to appeal the ruling of the chair, such appeal must be made within three days, in writing, and shall be preserved for committee consideration. The Committee's ruling on appeal shall be filed with the clerk of the Committee and shall be provided to the members and witness no less than three days before the reconvened deposition. A deponent who refuses to answer a question after being directed to answer by the chair may be subject to sanction, except that no sanctions may be imposed if the ruling of the chair is reversed by the committee on appeal.

8. The Committee chair shall ensure that the testimony is either transcribed or electronically recorded or both. If a witness's testimony is transcribed, the witness or the witness's counsel shall be afforded an opportunity to review a copy. No later than five days after the witness has been notified of the opportunity to review the transcript, the witness may submit suggested changes to the chair. Committee staff may make any typographical and technical changes. Substantive changes, modifications, clarifications, or amendments to the deposition transcript submitted by the witness must be accompanied by a letter signed by the witness requesting the changes and a statement of the witness's reasons for each proposed change. Any substantive changes, modifications, clarifications, or amendments shall be included as an appendix to the transcript conditioned upon the witness signing the transcript.

9. The individual administering the oath, if other than a member, shall certify on the transcript that the witness was duly sworn. The transcriber shall certify that the transcript is a true record of the testimony, and the transcript shall be filed, together with any electronic recording, with the clerk of the committee in Washington, DC. Depositions shall be considered to have been taken in Washington, DC, as well as the location actually taken once filed there with the clerk of the committee for the committee's use. The chair and the ranking minority member shall be provided with a copy of the transcripts of the deposition at the same time.

10. The chair and ranking minority member shall consult regarding the release of deposition testimony, transcripts, or recordings, and portions thereof. If either objects in writing to a proposed release of a deposition testimony, transcript, or recording, or a portion thereof, the matter shall be promptly referred to the committee for resolution.

11. A witness shall not be required to testify unless the witness has been provided with a copy of section 3(b) of H. Res. 8, 117th Congress, and these regulations.

REMOTE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

COMMITTEE ON RULES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, I hereby submit the following regulations regarding remote committee proceedings for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,
Chairman,
Committee on Rules.

REMOTE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8

A. PRESENCE AND VOTING

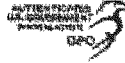
1. Members participating remotely in a committee proceeding must be visible on the software platform's video function to be considered in attendance and to participate unless connectivity issues or other technical problems render the member unable to fully participate on camera (except as provided in regulations A.2 and A.3).

2. The exception in regulation A.1 for connectivity issues or other technical problems does not apply if a point of order has been made that a quorum is not present. Members participating remotely must be visible on the software platform's video function in order to be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

3. The exception in regulation A.1 for connectivity issues or other technical problems does not apply during a vote. Members participating remotely must be visible on the software platform's video function in order to vote.

4. Members participating remotely off-camera due to connectivity issues or other technical problems pursuant to regulation A.1 must inform committee majority and minority staff either directly or through staff.

5. The chair shall make a good faith effort to provide every member experiencing connectivity issues an opportunity to participate fully in the proceedings, subject to regulations A.2 and A.3.



H. Res. 8

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

January 4, 2021.

Resolved,

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CONGRESS.

The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, with amendments to the standing rules as provided in section 2, and with other orders as provided in this resolution.

SEC. 2. CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES.

- (a) **CONFORMING CHANGE.**—In clause 2(i) of rule II—
- (1) strike the designation of subparagraph (1); and
 - (2) strike subparagraph (2).

(b) **OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND OFFICE OF THE WHISTLEBLOWER OMBUDS.**—

SEC. 2. SEPARATE ORDERS.

(a) **MEMBER DAY HEARING REQUIREMENT.**—During the first session of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, each standing committee (other than the Committee on Ethics) or each subcommittee thereof (other than a subcommittee on oversight) shall hold a hearing at which it receives testimony from Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner on proposed legislation within its jurisdiction, except that the Committee on Rules may hold such hearing during the second session of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.

(b) **DEPOSITION AUTHORITY.**—

(1) During the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, the chair of a standing committee (other than the Committee on Rules), and the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, upon consultation with the ranking minority member of such committee, may order the taking of depositions, including pursuant to subpoenas, by a member or counsel of such committee.

(2) Depositions taken under the authority prescribed in this subsection shall be subject to regulations issued by the chair of the Committee on Rules and printed in the Congressional Record.

(c) **WAR POWERS RESOLUTION.**—During the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, a motion to discharge a measure introduced pursuant to section 6 or section 7 of the War

Exhibit 2 — Email from Peter K. Navarro to Select Committee Staff (Feb. 9, 2022)

From: pknavarro <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 2:19 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: U.S. House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol

yes, no counsel.
Executive privilege.

Sent with ProtonMail Secure Email.

----- Original Message -----
On Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at 2:16 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Mr. Navarro —

I am a Senior Investigative Counsel for the U.S. House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol. The Select Committee is seeking your deposition testimony and documents relevant to issues it is examining. Please confirm whether you are willing to accept service of a subpoena over email. If you are represented by counsel, please let me know his or her name and contact information and we will reach out as soon as possible.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Investigative Counsel
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack
on the United States Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives

Exhibit 3 — Email from Select Committee Staff to Peter K. Navarro (Feb. 24, 2022)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 4:07 PM
To: pknavarro
Subject: RE: U.S. House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol

Mr. Navarro —

I'm following up on the Select Committee's subpoena to you.

The subpoena required you to produce documents to the Select Committee by yesterday, February 23, 2022. We have not received any documents or an indication that you have no documents that are responsive to the subpoena's document schedule.

Also, the date for your deposition is Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 10:00 AM, and we will convene in a room in the House office buildings. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss the details. Alternatively, please let me know if you do not plan to appear on March 2.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Investigative Counsel
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack
on the United States Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 4:21 PM
To: pknavarro [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: U.S. House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol

Mr. Navarro —

As promised, attached is a subpoena from the Select Committee, issued today.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Investigative Counsel
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack
on the United States Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives

Exhibit 4 — Email Exchange between Select Committee Staff and Peter K. Navarro (Feb. 27, 2022)

From: [REDACTED]
To: pknavarro
Subject: RE: Navarro
Date: Sunday, February 27, 2022 6:13:04 PM

Mr. Navarro —

No, it will not be public or open to the press. It will be a staff-led deposition, which members of the Select Committee may also join and in which they may participate.

If you have a scheduling conflict with that date, please let me know and we would be happy to work with to find a date to be scheduled within a reasonable time. Also, please let me know when you anticipate providing documents that are responsive to the subpoena schedule, or a log of specific documents that you are withholding and the basis for withholding, such as executive privilege.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

From: pknavarro [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 4:43 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Navarro

Will this event be open to the public and press?

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.

----- Original Message -----

On Sunday, February 27th, 2022 at 4:27 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Mr. Navarro —

Thank you for your email. There are topics, including those discussed in the Chairman's letter, that the Select Committee believes it can discuss with you without raising any executive privilege concerns at all. In any event, you must appear to assert any executive privilege objections on a question-by-question basis during the deposition. This will enable the Select Committee to better understand your objections and, if necessary, take any additional steps to address them.

With that in mind, can you please let us know whether you intend to appear for deposition testimony on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 10:00 AM as scheduled by the subpoena? For convenience, I'm also attaching my email to you dated Thursday, February 24, 2022.

Thank you again for your email.

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██████████
Senior Investigative Counsel
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack
on the United States Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives

From: pknnavarro ██████████
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 4:00 PM
To: ██████████
Cc: pknnavarro ██████████
Subject: Navarro

March 1, 2022

██████████
Senior Investigative Counsel
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack
US House of Representatives

Dear ██████████:

Please be advised that President Trump has invoked Executive Privilege in this matter, and it is neither my privilege to waive or Joseph Biden's privilege to waive. Accordingly, my hands are tied.

Your best course of action is to directly negotiate with President Trump and his attorneys regarding any and all things related to this matter.

In closing, I note that the United States government is in possession of all my official White House communications which your committee has requested. While I do not give my permission for your Select Committee to access this information as it involves privilege, I am at least advising you of this fact.

Thank you,

Peter Navarro

**Exhibit 5 — Email from Peter K. Navarro to Select
Committee Staff (Feb. 28, 2022)**

From: pknawarro
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Navarro
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 11:31:44 AM

Please be advised I have been clear in my communications on this matter. Below is my response. As I note, privilege is not mine to waive and it is incumbent on the Committee to directly negotiate with President Trump and his attorneys regarding any and all things related to this matter.

March 1, 2022

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack
US House of Representatives

Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that President Trump has invoked Executive Privilege in this matter; and it is neither my privilege to waive or Joseph Biden's privilege to waive. Accordingly, my hands are tied.

Your best course of action is to directly negotiate with President Trump and his attorneys regarding any and all things related to this matter.

In closing, I note that the United States government is in possession of all my official White House communications which your committee has requested. While I do not give my permission for your Select Committee to access this information as it involves privilege, I am at least advising you of this fact.

Thank you,

Peter Navarro

Exhibit 6 — Letter from White House Counsel to Peter K. Navarro (Feb. 28, 2022)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 28, 2022

Peter K. Navarro
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Navarro:

I write regarding a subpoena issued to you by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (the "Select Committee").

As you are aware, in light of unique and extraordinary nature of the matters under investigation, President Biden has determined that an assertion of executive privilege is not in the national interest, and therefore is not justified, with respect to particular subjects within the purview of the Select Committee. These subjects include: events within the White House on or about January 6, 2021; attempts to use the Department of Justice to advance a false narrative that the 2020 election was tainted by widespread fraud; and other efforts to alter election results or obstruct the transfer of power. President Biden accordingly has decided not to assert executive privilege as your testimony regarding those subjects, or any documents you may possess that bear on them. For the same reasons underlying his decision on executive privilege, President Biden has determined that he will not assert immunity to preclude you from testifying before the Select Committee.

In light of President Biden's determination not to assert executive privilege with respect your testimony, we are not requesting that agency counsel be permitted to attend the deposition. Should you have any questions about the issues addressed in this letter, please contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Jonathan C. Su
Deputy Counsel to the President

cc: [REDACTED]

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

Exhibit 7 — Email from Select Committee Staff to Peter K. Navarro (Mar. 1, 2022)

From: [REDACTED]
 To: pknavarro
 Subject: RE: Navarro
 Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 9:43:55 PM
 Attachments: RE Navarro (15.9 KB).msg
 RE U.S. House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on ... (13.9 KB).msg

Mr. Navarro --

Thank you for your email. As I mentioned to you in the attached emails, there are topics that the Select Committee believes it can discuss with you without raising any executive privilege concerns at all, including, but not limited to, questions related to your public three-part report about purported fraud in the November 2020 election and the plan you described in your book called the "Green Bay Sweep." If there are specific questions that raise executive privilege concerns, you can assert your objections on the record and on a question-by-question basis.

It is unclear from your correspondence whether you plan attend tomorrow's deposition, as required by the subpoena. We plan to proceed with the deposition at 10 AM in the [REDACTED]. Please feel free to contact me when you arrive so someone can escort you to the conference room.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

From: pknavarro [REDACTED]
 Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 11:32 AM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: Navarro

Please be advised I have been clear in my communications on this matter. Below is my response. As I note, privilege is not mine to waive and it is incumbent on the Committee to directly negotiate with President Trump and his attorneys regarding any and all things related to this matter.

March 1, 2022

[REDACTED]
 Senior Investigative Counsel
 Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack
 US House of Representatives

Dear [REDACTED]:

Please be advised that President Trump has invoked Executive Privilege in this matter, and it is neither my privilege to waive or Joseph Biden's privilege to waive. Accordingly, my hands are tied.

April 6, 2022

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Your best course of action is to directly negotiate with President Trump and his attorneys regarding any and all things related to this matter.

In closing, I note that the United States government is in possession of all my official White House communications which your committee has requested. While I do not give my permission for your Select Committee to access this information as it involves privilege, I am at least advising you of this fact.

Thank you,

Peter Navarro

Exhibit 8 — Deposition that Memorialized Peter K. Navarro's Failure to Appear before the Select Committee (Mar. 2, 2022)

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SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE
JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEPOSITION OF: PETER K. NAVARRO (NO-SHOW)

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Washington, D.C.

The deposition in the above matter was held in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], commencing at 10:04 a.m.

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2 Appearances:

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5 For the SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE

6 THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL:

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8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] We are on the record. Today is March 2nd, 2022. The time is
2 10:04. We're convened in the [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] for the deposition of Peter Navarro to be conducted by
4 the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States
5 Capitol. My name is [REDACTED]. I am the designated select committee senior
6 investigative counsel for this proceeding. I am accompanied by [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 For the record, it's 10:04 a.m. Mr. Peter Navarro is not present. The person
9 transcribing this proceeding is the House stenographer and notary public authorized to
10 administer oaths.

11 I want to put on the record, briefly, the facts with respect to Mr. Navarro being
12 given notice of this proceeding.

13 On February 9th, Chairman Bennie Thompson issued a subpoena to Mr. Navarro
14 both to produce documents by February 23rd, 2022, and to testify at a deposition on
15 March 2nd, 2022, at 10 a.m. The subpoena pertains to the select committee's
16 investigation into the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and
17 issues related to the peaceful transfer of power in order to identify and evaluate lessons
18 learned, and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws,
19 policies, procedures, rules, or regulations.

20 On February 9th, 2022, [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED], reached out to Mr. Navarro by email and asked whether he would be willing
22 to accept the service -- accept service of a subpoena for deposition and documents by
23 email. [REDACTED] email also asked Mr. Navarro if he was represented by counsel.

24 Mr. Navarro responded to [REDACTED] on the same day, stating that he would be
25 willing to accept service of the subpoena by email and that he was not represented by

1 counsel in the matter. Mr. Navarro also wrote in the email, quote "executive privilege,"
2 close quote. He did not explain what he meant by that.

3 [REDACTED], following up on Mr. Navarro's email, served Mr. Navarro with the
4 subpoena, which we will attach to the record as exhibit 1.

5 [Navarro Exhibit No. 1
6 Was marked for identification.]

7 [REDACTED]. And the subpoena called for, as I noted, production of documents by
8 February 23rd, 2022, and testimony on March 2nd, 2022, at 10 a.m.

9 On February 24th, 2022, having not heard back from Mr. Navarro in response to
10 the subpoena and having received no documents in response to subpoena, [REDACTED]
11 reached out for Mr. Navarro, again, reminded him of the subpoena compliance date and
12 indicated we had not received any documents. [REDACTED] also reminded Mr. Navarro
13 that his deposition was set for March 2nd, 2022, at 10 a.m., and that we would be
14 convening in one of the House Office Buildings.

15 Mr. Navarro wrote back on February 27th, 2022, and advised [REDACTED] that
16 President Trump had invoked executive privilege in this matter, and it was neither his
17 privilege to waive nor President Biden's privilege to waive. He stated, quote,
18 "Accordingly, my hands are tied," close quote.

19 [REDACTED] responded the same day, Sunday, the 27th, to Mr. Navarro and
20 stressed to him that there were topics that would be included in the deposition and were
21 referenced in the chairman's letter that he, Mr. Navarro, could discuss without raising any
22 potential claim of executive privilege.

23 [REDACTED] also reminded Mr. Navarro that he would have to assert executive
24 privilege on a question-by-question basis during the deposition and that he was expected
25 to comply with the deposition and appear on March 2nd, at 10 a.m., as noted in the

1 subpoena.

2 Mr. Navarro responded that same afternoon asking, will this event be open to the
3 public and press?

4 [REDACTED] responded by email the same afternoon answering Mr. Navarro's
5 questions.

6 On the next day, February 28th, Mr. Navarro emailed [REDACTED]: Please be
7 advised, I have been cleared in my communications on this matter. Below is my
8 response. As I note, privilege is not mine to waive. And it is incumbent on the
9 committee to directly negotiate with President Trump and his attorneys regarding any
10 and all things related to this matter.

11 And Mr. Navarro included some further comments, dated March 1st, in that
12 February 28th letter, along the lines of what I just stated that was in the email.

13 On Tuesday, March 1st, [REDACTED] again emailed Mr. Navarro thanking him for
14 his email, reminding him that there were topics that we would be talking about at the
15 deposition that did not implicate any executive privilege concerns. And [REDACTED]
16 provided examples to Mr. Navarro of some of those types of questions, again reminding
17 him that he could assert objections on the record on a question-by-question basis.

18 [REDACTED] asked Mr. Navarro to clarify whether he intended to appear at the
19 deposition scheduled for March 2nd, as required by the subpoena. He advised Mr.
20 Navarro that the deposition would begin at 10 a.m. at the [REDACTED],
21 provided the address, and asked Mr. Navarro to contact him when he arrives so that he
22 could be escorted to the conference room. That email was sent on the night of
23 March 1st — last night. Now, March 2nd, after 10 a.m., Mr. Navarro has not appeared
24 for his deposition.

25 With that, I will note for the record that the current time is 10:11. Mr. Navarro

1 still has not appeared or communicated to the select committee that he will appear
2 today, as required by the subpoena. Accordingly, the record is now closed. And we
3 can go off the record.

4 [Whereupon, at 10:13 a.m., the deposition was concluded.]

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Appendix II

Exhibit 1 — Subpoena to Daniel Scavino, Jr. (Oct. 6, 2021)

SUBPOENA

BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.

To _____

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

of the House of Representatives of the United States at the place, date, and time specified below.

[x] to produce the things identified on the attached schedule touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of production: _____ Date: October 21, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m.

[x] to testify at a deposition touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of testimony: _____ Date: October 28, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m.

[] to testify at a hearing touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of testimony: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

To any authorized staff member or the United States Marshals Service _____ to serve and make return.

Witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the United States, at the city of Washington, D.C. this 6th day of October, 2021.

Bonnie A. Hargrove Chairman or Authorized Member

Attest: [Signature] Clerk

PROOF OF SERVICE

Subpoena for Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.

Address The Mar-a-Lago Club, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

U.S. House of Representatives
117th Congress

Served by (print name) [REDACTED]

Title [REDACTED] U.S. Marshal

Manner of service Personally served Susan Wiles, chief of staff to the 45th office (Post-Presidency office)

Date 10/08/2021

Signature of Server [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

January 6th, 2021
(202) 556-7800

One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

October 6, 2021

Mr. Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.



Dear Mr. Scavino:

Pursuant to the authorities set forth in House Resolution 503 and the rules of the House of Representatives, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (“Select Committee”) hereby transmits a subpoena that compels you to produce the documents set forth in the accompanying schedule by October 21, 2021, and to appear for a deposition on October 28, 2021.

The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations. The inquiry includes examination of how various individuals and entities coordinated their activities leading up to the events of January 6, 2021, and the messages, videos, and internet communications that were disseminated to the public concerning the election, the transition in administrations, and the constitutional and statutory processes that effect that transition.

The Select Committee has reason to believe that you have information relevant to understanding important activities that led to and informed the events at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, and relevant to former President Trump’s activities and communications in the period leading up to and on January 6. For example, the Select Committee has reason to believe that you have knowledge regarding the communications strategy of the former President and his supporters leading up to the events on January 6. As the Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications, reporting indicates that you were with the former President on January 5, when he and others were considering how to convince Members of Congress not to certify the election for Joe Biden.¹ Your public Twitter account makes clear that you were tweeting messages from the White House on January 6, 2021.² And prior to January 6, 2021, you promoted, through your Twitter messaging, the January 6 March for Trump, which encouraged people to “be a part of history.”³ Your long service with the former President—spanning more than a decade and which included service as his digital strategy director, overseeing his social media presence, including on Twitter—suggest that you have knowledge concerning communications involving the 2020 presidential election and rallies and activities supporting and including the former President on January 6.

¹ BOB WOODWARD & ROBERT COSTA, PERIL at 231 (2021).

² E.g., Dan Scavino[American flag][eagle] (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 6, 2021, 11:12 AM, from The White House), <https://twitter.com/DanScavino/status/1346584866964598783?m=20>; Dan Scavino[American flag][eagle] (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 6, 2021, 10:50 AM, from The White House), <https://twitter.com/danscavino/status/1346846609905168385?lang=en>.

³ Dan Scavino[American flag][eagle] (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 2, 2021, 9:04 PM), <https://twitter.com/DanScavino/status/134555150144045762?m=20>.

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It also appears that you were with or in the vicinity of former President Trump on January 6 and are a witness regarding his activities that day. You may also have materials relevant to his videotaping and tweeting messages on January 6. Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks both documents and your deposition testimony regarding these and other matters that are within the scope of the Select Committee's inquiry.

A copy of the rules governing Select Committee depositions, and a copy of document production definitions and instructions are attached. Please contact staff for the Select Committee at [REDACTED] to arrange for the production of documents.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

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SCHEDULE

In accordance with the attached Definitions and Instructions, you, Mr. Daniel Scavino, Jr., are hereby required to produce all documents and communications in your possession, custody, or control control—including any such documents or communications stored or located on personal devices (e.g., personal computers, cellular phones, tablets, etc.), in personal or campaign accounts, and/or on personal or campaign applications (e.g., email accounts, contact lists, calendar entries, etc.)—referring or relating to the following items. If no date range is specified below, the applicable dates are for the time period April 1, 2020-present.

1. The January 6, 2021, rally on the mall and Capitol grounds in Washington, D.C., in support of President Donald J. Trump and opposition to certification of the results of the 2020 presidential election, including any permitting, planning, objectives, financing, and conduct, as well as any communications to or from any person or group involved in organizing or planning for the January 6, 2021, rally.
2. Then-President Trump's participation in the January 6, 2021, rally, including any communications with President Trump or any paid or unpaid attorney, advisor, assistant, or aide to President Trump relating to the nature, context, or content of President Trump's intended or actual remarks to those attending the January 6, 2021, rally.
3. Communications referring or relating to the nature, planning, conduct, message, purpose, objective, promotion of, or participation in the January 6, 2021, rally that were between or among any person who, during the Administration of former President Trump, worked in the White House complex, including any employee or detailee.
4. Your communications with President Donald J. Trump concerning delaying or preventing the certification of the election of Joe Biden as President or relating to the rallies of January 5 or January 6, 2021.
5. Plans to communicate, or actual communications, relating to alleged fraud or other election irregularities in connection with the 2020 presidential election.
6. Communications with any non-governmental entity, organization, or individual relating to the January 6, 2021, rally, including any statements or other materials you or members of your office provided to any such entity, organization, or individual in connection with the planning, objectives, organization, message of, sponsorship and participation in the January 6, 2021, rally.
7. All communications regarding President Trump's meetings and communications that day.
8. Communications with any individual or organization, within or outside the government, referring or related to the activities and events at the January 6, 2021, rally, including messaging or characterization of those activities and events following the January 6, 2021, rally.
9. Any communications with, including any materials or statements you provided directly or indirectly to, any Member of Congress or the staff of any Member of Congress referring or related to the planning, objectives, organization, message, sponsorship, or participation in the January 6, 2021, rally.

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10. Anyone with whom you communicated by any means regarding any aspect of the planning, objectives, conduct, message of, promotion of, or participation in the January 6, 2021, rally.
11. From November 3, 2020, through January 6, 2021, any efforts, plans, or proposals to contest the 2020 Presidential election results or delay, influence, or impede the electoral count, including all tweets or posts on Parler urging attendance at the January 6 rally.
12. The role of the Vice President as the Presiding Officer in the certification of the votes of the electoral college.
13. All briefings or information from the United States Secret Service regarding participants at the January 6 rally on the Ellipse or the march to Capitol Hill, and all information relating to any plans or statements by President Trump that he would attend or participate in the events on Capitol Hill on January 6.
14. All communications with the Trump family on January 6, 2021.
15. All materials relating to former President Trump's videotaped messages on January 6 or regarding January 6, including all unused takes or recordings made that day.

Exhibit 2 — All Email Correspondence between Select Committee Staff and Counsel for Mr. Scavino

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 8:23:00 PM

Hi Stanley,

Thank you for the conversation this afternoon. Per that discussion, it is our understanding that Mr. Scavino does not intend to appear for tomorrow's scheduled deposition. For your information, we will be proceeding on the record tomorrow to record his absence.

We will be in touch soon regarding next steps.

Best,

[REDACTED]

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the Capitol of the United States

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 1:43 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Hi Stanley,

I do think it would be helpful to discuss. I called earlier but got your voicemail. Please give me a call at [REDACTED].

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 1:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

[REDACTED] — as the Select Committee has yet to address the concerns we have raised, I believe our position remains fairly stated in our correspondence. I'm happy to discuss if that would be helpful.

Thanks,

Stanley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 11:15 AM

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Good morning, Stanley,

We are in receipt of your Friday correspondence, but I do not believe we received, as we requested by noon yesterday, confirmation of whether Mr. Scavino intends to appear tomorrow. Please respond to this email to confirm whether he will appear, or give me a call at [REDACTED].

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 26, 2021 4:40 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Folks – please see the attached correspondence.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 5:53 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Thank you, Stanley. I appreciate the response. Attached, please find a letter reflecting, as I mentioned earlier, a final continuation of the document and deposition dates, as well as the subpoena for Mr. Scavino reflecting those dates.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 12:45 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Hi [REDACTED] – I have confirmed with Mr. Scavino that we can accept service of the subpoena on his behalf.

Thank you,

Stanley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 9:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Hi Stan,

I can move some things around this morning if that's more convenient for you. Would 10 AM work?

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 10:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Hi [REDACTED] — happy to touch base, but am not "at work" tomorrow. I have my 2yo all day and my older boys in the afternoon. I also have a virtual court status hearing at 3pm. I expect that will last at least an hour. So long as you all don't mind the background noise, I'm happy to talk around my hearing at your convenience.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 10:49 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Hi Stanley,

We'd like to check in tomorrow afternoon. Can you provide a few times when you are available?

Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Folks, please see the attached correspondence.

Thanks,

Stanley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Thank you, Stanley. I am confirming receipt of your letter.

In advance of Friday's scheduled deposition, I am resending the House deposition rules and also attaching the resolution mentioned in those rules.

In light of Mr. Scavino's assertion of privilege over all the documents the Select Committee has requested, does Mr. Scavino intend to appear this Friday to provide substantive testimony — beyond assertions of privilege — about any of the subject matters the Select Committee has identified?

If Mr. Scavino intends to appear, please let us know who will be accompanying him for that deposition. We are taking the necessary logistical steps to prepare for his appearance and need a full list of attendees.

Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 11:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Folks — please see the attached correspondence on behalf of Mr. Scavino.

Thanks,

Stanley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:10 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Hi Stanley,

We are willing to grant one final extension for the deposition to next Friday, November 19. We will not be able to grant further continuances beyond that date. We request that we hear from you no later than noon on Thursday, November 18, on whether Mr. Scavino intends to testify about any of the identified matters, and if so, which ones.

We are also willing to grant a document production extension to **Monday, November 15**, to allow time for your conference with Mr. Scavino today and subsequent document production or the provision of a privilege log.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the Capitol of the United States

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Hi [REDACTED] – thanks for sending this along. I think you will agree that this is a lot of ground to cover in just one day. Even if we were in a position to address what privileges or other objections warrant discussion – and we're cognizant of Judge Chutkan's 40 page opinion issued earlier this evening – I'm not sure I could prepare any witness for a deposition on the breadth of these subjects on such short notice. Next week, I have an in-person meeting with DOJ on Wednesday, but am prepared to travel to and from Palm Beach at least twice, on Tuesday and Thursday. I'm happy to keep the committee apprised of my progress in the interim and perhaps we might hone in on a subset of topics that can be prioritized. In the meantime, we would request a further extension of the deadline for Mr. Scavino to participate in a deposition.

I also acknowledge your request for a privilege log and will address this with Mr. Scavino promptly.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Thanks,

Stanley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Good evening, Stanley,

As promised, please find attached a letter identifying topics the Select Committee would like to explore with Mr. Scavino in a deposition. Our understanding is that you are meeting with him tomorrow and will be able to follow up with us tomorrow evening about the status of document review and Friday's deposition date. We are happy to schedule a time now for us to speak tomorrow evening, if you are amenable to that.

Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:28 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

That sounds good folks, speak to you soon.

Attached is the letter referenced in our correspondence.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 8:09 PM
To: Stanley Woodward [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Dan Scavino

Hi Stanley,

[REDACTED] and I will plan to call you at 11 am tomorrow.

Please send along the attachment when you are able.

Thank you.

On Nov 6, 2021, at 10:29 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks, Stanley. I can do any time tomorrow morning, but would like to connect earlier if you have time later today.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 6, 2021, at 9:36 AM, Stanley Woodward [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED] - sorry for the delayed response. Yes, I'm happy to connect

this weekend. I just ran out the door for a day of kids' soccer would you have time tomorrow morning?

And I can't seem to pull up the attachment on my phone but will send it as soon as I get home.

Thanks,

Stanley

Brand J Woodward

[Redacted]

On Nov 5, 2021, at 6:03 PM, [Redacted] wrote:

Hi Stanley,

I gave you a call to follow up on a couple of items but got your voicemail. Can we schedule a time to talk this evening or tomorrow?

Thanks.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 4:53 PM
To: [Redacted]; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Hi Stanley,

The letter refers to an attachment that I don't think was appended to the last email. Can you pass that along?

Thank you.

[Redacted]
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the Capitol of the United States

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 4:49 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

[REDACTED] — as discussed, please see the attached correspondence.

Thanks,

Stanley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 2:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Stanley,

Good talking with you this afternoon. As discussed, we will continue the deadline for your client to produce documents responsive to the subpoena by one day — now **Friday, 11/5**. I understand that you are imaging your client's machines, reviewing whether he has any responsive documents, and evaluating possible privilege claims. I further understand you are preparing a letter to the Select Committee about this process and can deliver that to us in the next day or so. We will review that letter and be prepared to further engage about documents and the upcoming deposition on Friday.

Talk to you soon,

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Folks—I wanted to follow up and provide a brief update. I'm sorry for not reaching out sooner, but logistics continued to prove challenging. I'm in the middle of a trial in Fairfax, Virginia, but was able to fly down to Palm Beach today to meet with Mr. Scavino because the Court was closed (election day). I'm on my way back to DC now and could connect over teams today, but probably not until after 9. Tomorrow I'm back in trial, so again would probably not be able to do a teams meeting until after 7. I'm also happy to schedule a call tomorrow, but I unfortunately am not given much notice as to when we'll have a break and they're only 15 minutes long.

Alternatively, the trial concludes Thursday at 2:30pm and I could be available for a teams after 3:30pm or any time on Friday.

Thanks,

Stanley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:11 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Hi Stanley,

Thanks for your message. We are willing to provide another brief extension to accommodate the schedule you suggest below, though no further delay absent something unforeseen. I want to give you the time you need to search for documents and prepare your client for his deposition, though this has been pending for some time. Let's schedule a call for Tuesday after your meeting with him to confirm timing. Can you suggest some windows when you're available? [REDACTED] and I will send a Teams invite for a time that works for all.

To confirm, we will delay the document production deadline until Thursday, November 4 and schedule the deposition for

Friday, November 12 (Thursday 11/11 is Veteran's Day).

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Hi folks – I wanted to touch base in advance of tomorrow's deadline to request another brief extension. As I think I mentioned, I'm preparing for a trial that starts Monday and Mr. Scavino and I have had trouble finding time to meet in person. At the moment, I'm scheduled to meet with him on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 (because the Court is closed for Election Day). At that time, I'll be making a forensic backup of his electronic devices and will perform an initial search for records responsive to his subpoena. Assuming that it appears there are no responsive records, I will confirm the same with you, subject to a more formal search by me after the forensic backups are completed. If this is amenable to you all, I would propose just another one week extension on both deadlines and we can plan to speak on Tuesday or at your convenience.

Thank you,

Stanley

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 3:35 PM
To: Stanley Woodward [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dan Scavino

Stanley,

Good talking with you today. This confirms our agreement to postpone the dates on Mr. Scavino's subpoena by one week. That moves the deadline for production of documents to 10/28 and the deposition date to 11/4.

I understand that you are in the process of ascertaining whether Mr. Scavino has any documents responsive to the subpoena, including imaging his phone and computer. Please let us know asap if there are such documents and whether they can be promptly produced. As discussed, we are willing to talk with you about the subject matters that we will seek to develop with Mr. Scavino during his deposition, so you can evaluate privilege issues. We do not believe any valid privilege claim exists, though are willing to talk with you about the scope of our inquiry in the interest of getting the deposition done.

Please let [REDACTED] and I know when you have more information. Thanks again for reaching out – looking forward to working with you on this moving forward.

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

From: Stanley Woodward

[REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 1:58 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Dan Scavino

Hi [REDACTED] - 3 is great. You can call my cell, below.

Thanks,

Stanley

Brand I Woodward

[REDACTED]

On Oct 20, 2021, at 1:01 PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Stanley -

April 6, 2022

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Thanks for your message. Can we talk at 3? It will be [REDACTED] and I. What is best number for you then?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 20, 2021, at 12:30 PM,

[REDACTED]

wrote:

[REDACTED] – we've been retained to represent Dan Scavino in responding to the Select Committee's subpoena to Dan for records and testimony. Is there a convenient time for us to have an introductory call?

Thanks,

Stanley

Brand J Woodward

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Exhibit 3 — Letter from Chairman Thompson to Counsel for
Mr. Scavino (Nov. 23, 2021)**

KEVIN G. THOMPSON, MISSISSIPPI
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One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

November 23, 2021

Mr. Stanley E. Woodward, Jr.
Mr. Stan M. Brand

Dear Messrs. Woodward and Brand,

The Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol (“Select Committee”) is in receipt of your November 15, 2021, letter regarding document production and your November 18, 2021, letter regarding the requested testimony of your client, Daniel J. Scavino, Jr. In both letters, you and Mr. Scavino have refused to provide any documents or any testimony in response to the Select Committee’s October 6, 2021, subpoena. Mr. Scavino’s steadfast refusal to cooperate — despite a professed willingness to the contrary — is untenable and grounded in specious and misguided legal arguments.

Select Committee Jurisdiction

Your letter of November 18, 2021, incorrectly asserts that the Select Committee is attempting to assert “broad or otherwise limitless jurisdiction to investigate.”¹ The Select Committee’s charter, House Resolution 503, 117th Congress, states that the Select Committee is to “investigate and report upon the facts, circumstances, and causes relating to the January 6, 2021, domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex ... and relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power.”² As I stated in my October 6, 2021, letter to Mr. Scavino transmitting the subpoena, the Select Committee’s investigation and public reports have revealed evidence indicating that your client has knowledge concerning activities that led to and informed the events of January 6, 2021, and relevant to President Trump’s activities and communications in the period leading up to and on January 6.³ These subjects are squarely within the Select Committee’s jurisdiction. Your client is apparently taking the position that he may refuse to comply with the Select Committee subpoena simply because he has a different view of what information should be important to Congress. There is no legal authority — and none is provided by your letter — supporting that position.

¹ Letter from S. Brand and S. Woodward to Chairman Thompson (Nov. 18, 2021) at p. 3.

² Section 3(1), H. Res. 8 (117th Cong.), as adopted on June 30, 2021.

³ Letter from Chairman Thompson to D. Scavino (Oct. 6, 2021) at p. 1.

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Seeking information for congressional investigations is “an essential and appropriate auxiliary to the legislative function.”⁴ The explicit legislative purpose of the Select Committee is found in its charter: to make “recommendations for ... changes in law, policy, [or] procedures ... that could be taken[] to prevent future acts of violence, domestic terrorism, and domestic violent extremism, including acts targeted at American democratic institutions” ... and to “strengthen the security and resilience of” American democratic institutions.⁵ The validity of the Select Committee’s legislative purpose was recently affirmed in debate on the House floor.⁶ And as the Federal District Court recently explained in *Trump v. Thompson*, which reaffirmed the Select Committee’s legislative purpose, courts “must be highly deferential to the legislative branch.”⁷ Far from the issues you cite in your letter involving the House Committee on Un-American Activities investigating the private conduct of private individuals found in *Watkins v. United States* (354 U.S. 178 (1957)), your client was a government official conducting public business potentially relating to a riot on the U.S. Capitol that disrupted a constitutional process, which is indisputably a proper subject for possible legislation.

Deposition Rules

Your letter of November 18, 2021, challenges the Select Committee’s ability to “validly conduct a deposition” “absent a duly appointed Ranking Member.”⁸ This claim reflects a flawed understanding of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Select Committee was properly constituted under section 2(a) of House Resolution 503, 117th Congress. As required by that resolution, Members of the Select Committee were selected by the Speaker, after “consultation with the minority leader.”⁹ A bipartisan selection of Members was appointed pursuant to House Resolution 503 and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, on July 1, 2021, and July 26, 2021.¹⁰ Neither House Resolution 503, the Regulations for the Use of Deposition Authority promulgated by the Chairman of the Committee on Rules pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 8, nor the Rules of the House of Representatives require the Select Committee to include the minority leader’s preferred Members on the Select Committee.

Deposition Testimony

You have repeatedly indicated a desire to engage and identify areas where Mr. Scavino is able to testify, but to date, you have not identified any such areas or made any proposals regarding which items your client considers beyond the scope of privilege. As recounted in our November

⁴ *McGrain v. Daugherty*, 273 U.S. 135, 174 (1927); see also *Baranblatt v. United States*, 360 U.S. 109, 111 (1959) (“The scope of the power of inquiry, in short, is as penetrating and far-reaching as the potential power to enact and appropriate under the Constitution.”).

⁵ Sections 4(a)(3) and 4(c), H. Res. 8 (117th Cong.), as adopted on June 30, 2021.

⁶ See remarks of Rep. Jim Banks, “Madam Speaker, no one has said that the select committee doesn’t have a legislative purpose,” 167 Cong. Rec. 185 (Oct. 21, 2021) at p. H5760.

⁷ *Trump v. Thompson*, No. 21-cv-2769 (D.D.C. Nov. 9, 2021), at p. 26.

⁸ Letter from S. Brand and S. Woodward to Chairman Thompson (Nov. 18, 2021) at p. 5-6.

⁹ Speaker Pelosi detailed such consultation and her selection decisions in a July 21, 2021, press release available at <https://www.speaker.gov/newsroom/72121-2>.

¹⁰ 167 Cong. Rec. 115 (July 1, 2021) at H3597 and 167 Cong. Rec. 130 (July 26, 2021) at H3885. The January 4, 2021, order of the House provides that the Speaker is authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. See 167 Cong. Rec. 2 (Jan. 4, 2021) at p. H37.

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9, 2021, letter, we do not believe Mr. Scavino's assertions of privilege are valid with respect to the items of interest to the Select Committee. Indeed, after identifying several topics in that letter, we stated the following:

We believe that these topics either do not implicate any cognizable claim of executive privilege or raise issues for which the Select Committee's need for the information is sufficiently compelling that it overcomes any such claim. To that end, please provide your input on the topics that the Select Committee has reiterated by way of this letter no later than Thursday, November 11. If there are areas listed above that you agree implicate no executive or other privilege, please identify those areas. Conversely, please articulate which privilege you believe applies to each area and how it is implicated. Our hope is that this process will sharpen our differences on privilege issues and allow us to develop unobjectionable areas promptly.¹¹

Despite that request and invitation to negotiate areas of inquiry on which the parties could agree, you and your client have provided no such detailed input. If you are indeed interested in "hon[ing] in on a subset of topics that can be prioritized,"¹² please identify the specific topics Mr. Scavino agrees are outside the scope of his asserted privileges, and if you believe a privilege applies, articulate which privilege and how it is implicated for each item no later than Friday, November 26, 2021.

To allow time to serve the subpoena on counsel and to permit these further negotiations, the Select Committee will provide a final continuation of the deposition to Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 10:00am. The Select Committee expects Mr. Scavino's appearance at that time. Although you have stated a preference to proceed by written interrogatories, there is simply no substitute for live, in-person testimony and the Select Committee respectfully declines your suggestion to proceed otherwise. We continue to believe that the items identified in the October 6, 2021, subpoena and our November 9, 2021, correspondence do not implicate any privilege that should prevent his testimony. If you disagree about that for particular questions, you will have the opportunity to state privilege objections to specific questions on the record.

Document Request

In your November 15, 2021, correspondence, you reiterated your client's refusal to turn over any responsive document in his possession, asserting privilege, but also represented that your client has still not completed a search to identify all responsive documents. You further refused the Select Committee's request for a privilege log, asserting that "the production of a privilege log, as demanded by the Select Committee, would undermine the private, or otherwise confidential nature of advice given by or to the President and his advisors."¹³

¹¹ Letter from Chairman Thompson to D. Scavino (Nov. 9, 2021) at p. 4.

¹² Letter from S. Brand and S. Woodward to Chairman Thompson (Nov. 18, 2021) at p. 1.

¹³ Letter from S. Brand and S. Woodward to Chairman Thompson (Nov. 15, 2021) at p. 2.

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As we noted in our prior correspondence, categorical claims of executive privilege are improper, and Mr. Scavino must identify an invocation of any claim of executive privilege by Mr. Trump narrowly and specifically. See, e.g., *In re Sealed Case (Espy)*, 121 F.3d 729 (D.C. Cir. 1997); *Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform v. Holder*, No. 12-cv-1332, 2014 WL 12662665, at *2 (D.D.C. Aug. 20, 2014) (rejecting a “blanket” executive-privilege claim over subpoenaed documents). Your continued refusal to provide a privilege log, coupled with your extensive and blanket assertions of privilege, are fundamentally at odds with your stated desire to “foster further discussion and the continued collaboration” with the Select Committee. The Committee intends to fully explore the extent and nature of the withheld documents—as well as the scope and sufficiency of the document search—at Mr. Scavino’s scheduled deposition. If Mr. Scavino is to cure his non-compliance with the requirement to produce documents, he must produce them by 12:00pm on Monday, November 29, 2021.

Finally, as we previously communicated, the incumbent President, not former President Trump, is responsible for guarding executive privilege. *Trump v. Thompson*, No. 21-cv-2769 (D.D.C. Nov. 9, 2021), at p. 13, 20; see also *Dellums v. Powell*, 561 F.2d 242, 247 (D.C. Cir. 1977); *Nixon v. GSA*, 433 U.S. 425, 449 (1977). The incumbent President has expressly declined to assert executive privilege on a number of subjects on which the Select Committee has sought testimony or documents, and the district court has ruled that former President Trump’s “assertion of privilege is outweighed by President Biden’s decision not to uphold the privilege.” *Trump v. Thompson*, No. 21-cv-2769 (D.D.C. Nov. 9, 2021), at p. 21; see also Doc. 21 (brief for the NARA defendants), Doc. 21-1 (Declaration of B. John Laster). Therefore, while we have made attempts to accommodate Mr. Scavino’s concerns about privilege, he is no position to assert privilege on behalf of the executive branch.

Service of Subpoena

Finally, in your most recent letter sent on the eve of the scheduled deposition, you raised for the first time with the Select Committee an objection to the manner in which Mr. Scavino was served. Pursuant to House rule XI and House Resolution 503, the Select Committee is authorized “to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, and documents as it considers necessary.”¹⁴ Further, section 5(c)(4) of House Resolution 503 provides that the Chairman of the Select Committee may “authorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to clause 2(m) of rule XI in the investigation and study” conducted pursuant to the enumerated purposes and functions of the Select Committee.¹⁵

The October 6, 2021, subpoena to Mr. Scavino was duly issued pursuant to section 5(c)(4) of House Resolution 503 and clause 2(m) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.¹⁶ The subpoena was served to Susan Wiles at Mar-a-Lago, Mr. Scavino’s current place of employment. Ms. Wiles represented herself as Chief of Staff to former President Trump, with

¹⁴ House Rule XI, cl. 2(m)(1)(B), 117th Cong. (2021); H. Res. 503, 117th Cong § 5(c)(4) (2021).

¹⁵ H. Res. 503, 117th Cong § 5(c)(6) (2021).

¹⁶ Section 5(c)(4) of H. Res. 503 invokes clause 2(m)(3)(A)(i) of rule XI, which states in pertinent part: “The power to authorize and issue subpoenas under subparagraph (1)(B) may be delegated to the chair of the committee under such rules and under such limitations as the committee may prescribe.”

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whom Mr. Scavino is still employed. She further represented that she was authorized to accept the subpoena on Mr. Scavino's behalf. Additionally, we have had no indication that you or your client are not in receipt of the subpoena and schedule. To the contrary, you have quoted extensively from the schedule, which is clearly within your possession. Nonetheless, the Select Committee is prepared to serve the subpoena on you as his counsel of record. Per your email of November 23, 2021, confirming that Mr. Scavino authorized you to accept service of the subpoena on his behalf, the Select Committee will provide you with a new subpoena by email this week reflecting the dates set forth in this letter.

Please confirm receipt of this letter, and no later than 12:00pm on Monday, November 29, confirm Mr. Scavino's intent to appear for his deposition on December 1. The Select Committee will view Mr. Scavino's failure to appear for the deposition and respond to the subpoena as willful non-compliance. His continued failure to produce documents pursuant to the subpoena also constitutes willful non-compliance. Mr. Scavino has a short time in which to cure his non-compliance. The continued, willful non-compliance with the subpoena would force the Select Committee to consider invoking the contempt of Congress procedures in 2 U.S.C. §§192, 194—which could result in a referral from the House to the Department of Justice for criminal charges—as well as the possibility of having a civil action to enforce the subpoena brought against Mr. Scavino in his personal capacity.

Sincerely,



Bernie G. Thompson
Chairman

Exhibit 4 — Letter from Chairman Thompson to Counsel for Mr. Scavino (Feb. 4, 2022)

HENRY G. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT
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One Hundred Seventeenth Congress
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

February 4, 2022

Mr. Stanley E. Woodward, Jr.
Mr. Stan M. Brand
[REDACTED]

Dear Messrs. Woodward and Brand,

I write regarding the documents and deposition testimony sought from your client, Daniel J. Scavino, Jr., by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol (“Select Committee”). As you know, in response to the Select Committee’s subpoena to Mr. Scavino for this information, you have repeatedly cited the pendency of litigation brought by former President Trump in *Trump v. Thompson* as a rationale for Mr. Scavino’s refusal to provide documents and testimony to the Select Committee.¹ Mr. Scavino then failed to appear for his December 1, 2021, deposition.

The Select Committee is in receipt of your December 13, 2021, letter regarding the requested testimony and documents from your client, Mr. Scavino.² That letter failed to state a legitimate basis for Mr. Scavino’s non-compliance with the Select Committee’s demands. In the interim, in *Trump v. Thompson*—the litigation cited in your letters on November 5, 15, and 25, 2021—the Supreme Court declined to halt the production of documents to the Select Committee based on former-President Trump’s blanket assertions of executive privilege.³ In light of these circumstances, we offer Mr. Scavino a final invitation to reconsider his prior refusal to provide documents and testimony to the Select Committee.

The Select Committee has been more than accommodating to Mr. Scavino’s requests. Pursuant to the Select Committee’s October 6, 2021, subpoena, Mr. Scavino was required to produce documents by October 21, 2021, and to appear for testimony on October 28, 2021.⁴ The Select Committee has extended those deadlines five times. Further, throughout several rounds of correspondence,⁵ the Select Committee has more than adequately addressed your questions about the jurisdiction of the Select Committee and subjects we intend to address at the deposition.

¹ Letter from S. Brand and S. Woodward to Chairman Thompson (Nov. 5, 2021) at pg. 2; Letter from S. Brand and S. Woodward to Chairman Thompson (Nov. 15, 2021), at pg. 3; Letter from S. Brand and S. Woodward to Chairman Thompson (Nov. 26, 2021) at pg. 2.

² Letter from S. Brand and S. Woodward to Chairman Thompson (Dec. 13, 2021).

³ *Trump v. Thompson*, 595 U.S. ____ (2022).

⁴ Letter from Chairman Thompson to D. Scavino (Oct. 6, 2021) at pg. 1.

⁵ See Letter from Chairman Thompson to S. Brand and S. Woodward (Nov. 9, 2021) at pg. 2; Letter from Chairman Thompson to S. Brand and S. Woodward (Nov. 23, 2021) at pg. 3; Letter from Chairman Thompson to S. Brand and S. Woodward (Dec. 9, 2021) at pg. 2.

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However, Mr. Scavino has neither produced a single document, nor did he appear for his deposition on December 1, 2021. In a November 30, 2021, phone conversation between counsel, you refused to even concede the pertinence of an inquiry regarding Mr. Scavino's potential knowledge of any planned violence on January 6th, instead asserting that it was likely Mr. Scavino had no such knowledge. When Select Committee counsel attempted to narrow the topics in dispute by requesting that you identify the areas of inquiry for which your client had no responsive information or documents, you declined to do so.

Mr. Scavino's contention that executive privilege exempts him from cooperation with the Select Committee holds no merit. Mr. Trump has never had any correspondence with the Select Committee asserting executive privilege over Mr. Scavino's documents or testimony. However, even if he had, Mr. Scavino would not enjoy absolute immunity from appearing before the Select Committee to assert any privilege claims he may have. All courts that have reviewed this issue have been clear: even senior White House aides who advise the President on official government business are not immune from compelled congressional process simply because executive privilege has been invoked.⁶

Further, as our prior correspondence and communications with you have made clear, the Select Committee seeks information from Mr. Scavino on numerous subjects beyond the scope of executive privilege. The law is clear that executive privilege applies only to communications related to official duties of close presidential advisers, not testimony about unofficial duties.⁷ Here, the Select Committee has obtained records demonstrating repeated contacts between Mr. Scavino, campaign officials, and other third parties that are completely unrelated to his official duties or governmental functions. These communications involve messaging and strategy for Mr. Trump's 2020 campaign and subsequent efforts to overturn the election results. Questions regarding these matters, in addition to others also identified in prior correspondence with you, are unrelated to Mr. Scavino's official duties. Additionally, as we have previously noted, the Select Committee has subpoenaed communications on Mr. Scavino's personal social media or other accounts and communications with third-party individuals whose inclusion would mean that they cannot be reached by claims of executive privilege.⁸

Mr. Scavino has a legal obligation to appear before the Select Committee to address these and other topics. Should he continue to object to providing testimony on subjects of the Select Committee's inquiry, he should appear and assert those objections with particularity on the record.

⁶ See *Committee on the Judiciary v. McGahn*, 415 F.Supp.3d 148, 214 (D.D.C. 2019) (and subsequent history) ("To make the point as plain as possible, it is clear to this Court for the reasons explained above that, with respect to senior-level presidential aides, absolute immunity from compelled congressional process simply does not exist."); *Committee on the Judiciary v. Miers*, 558 F. Supp.2d 53, 101 (D.D.C. 2008) (holding that White House counsel may not refuse to testify based on direction from the President that testimony will implicate executive privilege).

⁷ *Nixon v. Administrator of General Services (GSA)*, 433 U.S. 425, 449 (1977); *In re Sealed Case (Espy)*, 121 F.3d 729, 752 (D.C. Cir. 1997).

⁸ Letter from Chairman Thompson to S. Brand and S. Woodward (Nov. 9, 2021) at pg. 2; Letter from Chairman Thompson to S. Brand and S. Woodward (Nov. 23, 2021) at pg. 1

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Please inform the Select Committee not later than February 8, 2022, whether Mr. Scavino will provide documents and testimony, in accordance with clearly articulated Supreme Court precedent.

Finally, I remind you that Mr. Scavino had a legal obligation to provide to the National Archives any official messages he may have sent on his personal devices. As the Trump Administration's White House Counsel stated—in an attached memorandum—the intentional failure to preserve applicable records may subject him to criminal penalties. Destruction of those materials would be a serious matter; they belong to the United States.⁹

If Mr. Scavino persists in his refusal to meaningfully cooperate with the Select Committee's investigation, the Select Committee will consider enforcement action, including the contempt of Congress procedures in 2 U.S.C. §§192, 194—which could result in a referral from the House to the Department of Justice for criminal charges—as well as the possibility of having a civil action to enforce the subpoena brought against Mr. Scavino in his personal capacity.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

Enclosures.

⁹ Memorandum from Donald McGahn to White House Personnel (Feb. 22, 2017) at pg. 3.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 22, 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PERSONNEL

THROUGH: DONALD F. McGAHN II
Counsel to the President

FROM: STEFAN C. PASSANTINO
Deputy Counsel to the President, Compliance and Ethics

SCOTT F. GAST
Senior Associate Counsel to the President

JAMES D. SCHULTZ
Senior Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Presidential Records Act Obligations

Purpose

To remind all personnel of their obligation to preserve and maintain presidential records, as required by the Presidential Records Act ("PRA").

Discussion

The PRA requires that the Administration take steps "to assure that the activities, deliberations, decisions, and policies that reflect the performance of the President's constitutional, statutory, or other official or ceremonial duties are adequately documented and that such records are preserved and maintained." This memorandum outlines what materials constitute "presidential records" and what steps you must take to ensure their preservation.

What Are Presidential Records?

"Presidential records" are broadly defined as "documentary materials . . . created or received by the President, the President's immediate staff, or a unit or individual of the Executive Office of the President whose function is to advise or assist the President,¹ in the course of conducting activities which relate to or have an effect upon the carrying out of the constitutional, statutory, or other official or ceremonial duties of the President." Presidential records include material in both paper and electronic form.

¹ The PRA applies to the following Executive Office of the President ("EOP") entities: White House Office, Office of the Vice President, Council of Economic Advisors, Executive Residence, Office of Administration, Office of Policy Development (DPC and NEC), National Security Council, President's Commission on White House Fellows, and President's Intelligence Advisory Board.]

Some materials that are considered presidential records include:

- Memos, letters, notes, emails, faxes, reports, and other written communications sent to or received from others, including materials sent to or received from persons outside government;
- Drafts, marked-up edits, or comments that are circulated or shown to others;
- Notes or minutes of meetings that are circulated or shown to others;
- Meeting minutes, memos to file, notes, drafts, and similar documents that are created or saved for the purpose of accurately documenting the activities or deliberations of the Administration, even if such materials are not circulated or shown to others;
- PowerPoint presentations, audio recordings, photos, and video footage;
- Emails, chats, and other electronic communications that are created or received in the course of conducting activities related to the performance of the President's duties, but that are sent from or received on non-official accounts; and
- Transition materials, but only if they are used in the course of official government business.

Purely personal records that do not relate to or have an effect upon the carrying out of the President's official duties do not need to be preserved. Similarly, political records need not be preserved unless they relate to or have a direct effect upon the President's official duties. Finally, certain materials that lack historic value are not covered by the PRA — for example, notes, drafts, and similar documents that are not circulated or that are not created or saved for the purpose of documenting the activities or deliberations of the Administration.

What Steps Should Be Taken to Preserve Presidential Records?

Paper Records. You should preserve hard-copy presidential records in organized files. To the extent practicable, you should categorize materials as presidential records when they are created or received. You should file presidential records separately from other material. Paper records are typically collected at the end of your White House service, but may be collected at an earlier point by contacting the White House Office of Records Management ("WHORM"). Any records collected by WHORM remain available to the staff member who provided them.

Electronic Records. You must preserve electronic communications that are presidential records. You are required to conduct all work-related communications on your official EOP email account, except in emergency circumstances when you cannot access the EOP system and must accomplish time sensitive work. Emails and attachments sent to and from your EOP account are automatically archived.

*If you ever send or receive email that qualifies as a presidential record using any other account, you **must** preserve that email by copying it to your official EOP email account or by forwarding it to your official email account within twenty (20) days. After preserving the email, you must delete it from the non-EOP account. Any employee who intentionally fails to take these actions may be subject to administrative or even criminal penalties.*

The same rules apply to other forms of electronic communication, including text messages. *You should not use instant messaging systems, social networks, or other internet-based means of electronic communication to conduct official business without the approval of the Office of the White House Counsel.* If you ever generate or receive presidential records on such platforms, you must preserve them by sending them to your EOP email account via a screenshot or other means. After preserving the communications, you must delete them from the non-EOP platform.

Electronic documents that qualify as presidential records and only exist in electronic format must be saved on your network drive or regularly synchronized to it. You must archive files that you are no longer using; you must not delete them. Your network drive will be captured upon your departure from the EOP, which will secure any presidential records you have saved.

At all times, please keep in mind that presidential records are the property of the United States. You may not dispose of presidential records. When you leave EOP employment, you may not take any presidential records with you. You also may not take copies of any presidential records without prior authorization from the Counsel's office. The willful destruction or concealment of federal records is a federal crime punishable by fines and imprisonment.

Any questions about compliance with the Presidential Records Act may be directed to Stefan Passantino (b) (6), Scott Gast (b) (6), or Jim Schultz (b) (6).

Exhibit 5 — Letter from White House Counsel to Counsel for Mr. Scavino (Mar. 15, 2022)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 15, 2022

Stanley Woodward
Brand Woodward Law

Dear Mr. Woodward:

I write regarding a subpoena sent to your client, Daniel Scavino, Jr., former Assistant to the President and Director of Social Media, from the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (the "Select Committee").

As you are aware, in light of unique and extraordinary nature of the matters under investigation, President Biden has determined that an assertion of executive privilege is not in the national interest, and therefore is not justified, with respect to particular subjects within the purview of the Select Committee. These subjects include: events within the White House on or about January 6, 2021; attempts to use the Department of Justice to advance a false narrative that the 2020 election was tainted by widespread fraud; and other efforts to alter election results or obstruct the transfer of power. President Biden accordingly has decided not to assert executive privilege as to Mr. Scavino's testimony regarding those subjects, or any documents he may possess that bear on them. For the same reasons underlying his decision on executive privilege, President Biden has determined that he will not assert immunity to preclude your client from testifying before the Select Committee.

In light of President Biden's determination not to assert executive privilege with respect to Mr. Scavino's testimony, we are not requesting that agency counsel be permitted to attend his deposition. Should you have any questions about the issues addressed in this letter, please contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Jonathan C. Su
Deputy Counsel to the President

cc:

[REDACTED]

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

Exhibit 6 — Subpoena to Daniel Scavino, Jr. (Sept. 23, 2021)

SUBPOENA

BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Daniel Scavino, Jr.

To

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

of the House of Representatives of the United States at the place, date, and time specified below.

- to produce the things identified on the attached schedule touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of production: [redacted]
Date: October 7, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m.

- to testify at a deposition touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of testimony: [redacted]
Date: October 15, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m.

- to testify at a hearing touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of testimony:
Date: Time:

By any authorized staff member of the United States Marshals Service

to serve and make return.

Witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the United States, at the city of Washington, D.C. this 23rd day of September, 2021

[Signature]
Chairman or Authorized Member

[Signature]
Clerk

PROOF OF SERVICE

Subpoena for Daniel Scavino, Jr.

Address [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

U.S. House of Representatives
117th Congress

Served by (print name) _____

Title _____

Manner of service _____

Date _____

Signature of Server _____

Address _____

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20543
2025-225-7800

One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

September 23, 2021

Mr. Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.



Dear Mr. Scavino:

Pursuant to the authorities set forth in House Resolution 503 and the rules of the House of Representatives, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol ("Select Committee") hereby transmits a subpoena that compels you to produce the documents set forth in the accompanying schedule by October 7, 2021, and to appear for a deposition on October 15, 2021.

The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations. The inquiry includes examination of how various individuals and entities coordinated their activities leading up to the events of January 6, 2021, and the messages, videos, and internet communications that were disseminated to the public concerning the election, the transition in administrations, and the constitutional and statutory processes that effect that transition.

The Select Committee has reason to believe that you have information relevant to understanding important activities that led to and informed the events at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, and relevant to former President Trump's activities and communications in the period leading up to and on January 6. For example, the Select Committee has reason to believe that you have knowledge regarding the communications strategy of the former President and his supporters leading up to the events on January 6. As the Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications, reporting indicates that you were with the former President on January 5, when he and others were considering how to convince Members of Congress not to certify the election for Joe Biden.¹ Your public Twitter account makes clear that you were tweeting messages from the White House on January 6, 2021.² And prior to January 6, 2021, you promoted, through your Twitter messaging, the January 6 March for Trump, which encouraged people to "be a part of history."³ Your long service with the former President—spanning more than a decade and which included service as his digital strategy director, overseeing his social media presence, including on Twitter—suggest that you have knowledge concerning communications involving the 2020 presidential election and rallies and activities supporting and including the former President on January 6.

¹ BOB WOODWARD & ROBERT COSTA, *PERIL*, at 231 (2021).

² E.g., Dan Scavino[American flag][eagle] (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 6, 2021, 11:12 AM, from The White House), <https://twitter.com/DanScavino/status/1346584866926459878?ref=tw>; Dan Scavino[American flag][eagle] (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 6, 2021, 10:50 AM, from The White House), <https://twitter.com/danscavino/status/134654669905168385?lang=en>.

³ Dan Scavino[American flag][eagle] (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 2, 2021, 9:04 PM), <https://twitter.com/DanScavino/status/1345551501440245762?ref=tw>.

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It also appears that you were with or in the vicinity of former President Trump on January 6 and are a witness regarding his activities that day. You may also have materials relevant to his videotaping and tweeting messages on January 6. Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks both documents and your deposition testimony regarding these and other matters that are within the scope of the Select Committee's inquiry.

A copy of the rules governing Select Committee depositions, and a copy of document production definitions and instructions are attached. Please contact staff for the Select Committee at [REDACTED] to arrange for the production of documents.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

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SCHEDULE

In accordance with the attached Definitions and Instructions, you, Mr. Daniel Scavino, Jr., are hereby required to produce all documents and communications in your possession, custody, or control control—including any such documents or communications stored or located on personal devices (e.g., personal computers, cellular phones, tablets, etc.), in personal or campaign accounts, and/or on personal or campaign applications (e.g., email accounts, contact lists, calendar entries, etc.)—referring or relating to the following items. If no date range is specified below, the applicable dates are for the time period April 1, 2020-present.

1. The January 6, 2021, rally on the mall and Capitol grounds in Washington, D.C., in support of President Donald J. Trump and opposition to certification of the results of the 2020 presidential election, including any permitting, planning, objectives, financing, and conduct, as well as any communications to or from any person or group involved in organizing or planning for the January 6, 2021, rally.
2. Then-President Trump's participation in the January 6, 2021, rally, including any communications with President Trump or any paid or unpaid attorney, advisor, assistant, or aide to President Trump relating to the nature, context, or content of President Trump's intended or actual remarks to those attending the January 6, 2021, rally.
3. Communications referring or relating to the nature, planning, conduct, message, purpose, objective, promotion of, or participation in the January 6, 2021, rally that were between or among any person who, during the Administration of former President Trump, worked in the White House complex, including any employee or detailee.
4. Your communications with President Donald J. Trump concerning delaying or preventing the certification of the election of Joe Biden as President or relating to the rallies of January 5 or January 6, 2021.
5. Plans to communicate, or actual communications, relating to alleged fraud or other election irregularities in connection with the 2020 presidential election.
6. Communications with any non-governmental entity, organization, or individual relating to the January 6, 2021, rally, including any statements or other materials you or members of your office provided to any such entity, organization, or individual in connection with the planning, objectives, organization, message of, sponsorship and participation in the January 6, 2021, rally.
7. All communications regarding President Trump's meetings and communications that day.
8. Communications with any individual or organization, within or outside the government, referring or related to the activities and events at the January 6, 2021, rally, including messaging or characterization of those activities and events following the January 6, 2021, rally.
9. Any communications with, including any materials or statements you provided directly or indirectly to, any Member of Congress or the staff of any Member of Congress referring or related to the planning, objectives, organization, message, sponsorship, or participation in the January 6, 2021, rally.
10. Anyone with whom you communicated by any means regarding any aspect of the planning, objectives, conduct, message of, promotion of, or participation in the January 6, 2021, rally.

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11. From November 3, 2020, through January 6, 2021, any efforts, plans, or proposals to contest the 2020 Presidential election results or delay, influence, or impede the electoral count, including all tweets or posts on Parler urging attendance at the January 6 rally.
12. The role of the Vice President as the Presiding Officer in the certification of the votes of the electoral college.
13. All briefings or information from the United States Secret Service regarding participants at the January 6 rally on the Ellipse or the march to Capitol Hill, and all information relating to any plans or statements by President Trump that he would attend or participate in the events on Capitol Hill on January 6.
14. All communications with the Trump family on January 6, 2021.
15. All materials relating to former President Trump's videotaped messages on January 6 or regarding January 6, including all unused takes or recordings made that day.

DOCUMENT PRODUCTION DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. In complying with this request, produce all responsive documents, regardless of classification level, that are in your possession, custody, or control, whether held by you or your past or present agents, employees, and representatives acting on your behalf. Produce all documents that you have a legal right to obtain, that you have a right to copy, or to which you have access, as well as documents that you have placed in the temporary possession, custody, or control of any third party.
2. Requested documents, and all documents reasonably related to the requested documents, should not be destroyed, altered, removed, transferred, or otherwise made inaccessible to the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol ("Committee").
3. In the event that any entity, organization, or individual denoted in this request is or has been known by any name other than that herein denoted, the request shall be read also to include that alternative identification.
4. The Committee's preference is to receive documents in a protected electronic form (i.e., password protected CD, memory stick, thumb drive, or secure file transfer) in lieu of paper productions. With specific reference to classified material, you will coordinate with the Committee's Security Officer to arrange for the appropriate transfer of such information to the Committee. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to: a) identifying the classification level of the responsive document(s); and b) coordinating for the appropriate transfer of any classified responsive document(s).
5. Electronic document productions should be prepared according to the following standards:
 - a. If the production is completed through a series of multiple partial productions, field names and file order in all load files should match.
 - b. All electronic documents produced to the Committee should include the following fields of metadata specific to each document, and no modifications should be made to the original metadata:

BEGDOC, ENDDOC, TEXT, BEGATTACH, ENDATTACH,
PAGECOUNT, CUSTODIAN, RECORDTYPE, DATE, TIME,
SENTDATE, SENTTIME, BEGINDATE, BEGINTIME, ENDDATE,
ENDTIME, AUTHOR, FROM, CC, TO, BCC, SUBJECT, TITLE,
FILENAME, FILETEXT, FILESIZE, DATECREATED, TIMECREATED,
DATELASTMOD, TIMELASTMOD, INTMSGID, INTMSGHEADER,
NATIVELINK, INTFILPATH, EXCEPTION, BEGATTACH.

6. Documents produced to the Committee should include an index describing the contents of the production. To the extent more than one CD, hard drive, memory stick, thumb drive, zip file, box, or folder is produced, each should contain an index describing its contents.
7. Documents produced in response to this request shall be produced together with copies of file labels, dividers, or identifying markers with which they were associated when the request was served.
8. When you produce documents, you should identify the paragraph(s) or request(s) in the Committee's letter to which the documents respond.
9. The fact that any other person or entity also possesses non-identical or identical copies of the same documents shall not be a basis to withhold any information.
10. The pendency of or potential for litigation shall not be a basis to withhold any information.
11. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(d), the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and any statutory exemptions to FOIA shall not be a basis for withholding any information.
12. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(9), the Privacy Act shall not be a basis for withholding information.
13. If compliance with the request cannot be made in full by the specified return date, compliance shall be made to the extent possible by that date. An explanation of why full compliance is not possible shall be provided along with any partial production, as well as a date certain as to when full production will be satisfied.
14. In the event that a document is withheld on any basis, provide a log containing the following information concerning any such document: (a) the reason it is being withheld, including, if applicable, the privilege asserted; (b) the type of document; (c) the general subject matter; (d) the date, author, addressee, and any other recipient(s); (e) the relationship of the author and addressee to each other; and (f) the basis for the withholding.
15. If any document responsive to this request was, but no longer is, in your possession, custody, or control, identify the document (by date, author, subject, and recipients), and explain the circumstances under which the document ceased to be in your possession, custody, or control. Additionally, identify where the responsive document can now be found including name, location, and contact information of the entity or entities now in possession of the responsive document(s).
16. If a date or other descriptive detail set forth in this request referring to a document

is inaccurate, but the actual date or other descriptive detail is known to you or is otherwise apparent from the context of the request, produce all documents that would be responsive as if the date or other descriptive detail were correct.

17. This request is continuing in nature and applies to any newly-discovered information. Any record, document, compilation of data, or information not produced because it has not been located or discovered by the return date shall be produced immediately upon subsequent location or discovery.
18. All documents shall be Bates-stamped sequentially and produced sequentially.
19. Upon completion of the production, submit a written certification, signed by you or your counsel, stating that: (1) a diligent search has been completed of all documents in your possession, custody, or control that reasonably could contain responsive documents; and (2) all documents located during the search that are responsive have been produced to the Committee.

Definitions

1. The term "document" means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of classification level, how recorded, or how stored/displayed (e.g. on a social media platform) and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, data, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, communications, electronic mail (email), contracts, cables, notations of any type of conversation, telephone call, meeting or other inter-office or intra-office communication, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, computer or mobile device screenshots/screen captures, teletypes, invoices, transcripts, diaries, analyses, returns, summaries, minutes, bills, accounts, estimates, projections, comparisons, messages, correspondence, press releases, circulars, financial statements, reviews, opinions, offers, studies and investigations, questionnaires and surveys, and work sheets (and all drafts, preliminary versions, alterations, modifications, revisions, changes, and amendments of any of the foregoing, as well as any attachments or appendices thereto), and graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotape, recordings and motion pictures), and electronic, mechanical, and electric records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, and recordings) and other written, printed, typed, or other graphic or recorded matter of any kind or nature, however produced or reproduced, and whether preserved in writing, film, tape, disk, videotape, or otherwise. A document bearing any notation not a part of the original text is to be considered a separate document. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.

2. The term "communication" means each manner or means of disclosure or exchange of information, regardless of means utilized, whether oral, electronic, by document or otherwise, and whether in a meeting, by telephone, facsimile, mail, releases, electronic message including email (desktop or mobile device), text message, instant message, MMS or SMS message, message application, through a social media or online platform, or otherwise.
3. The terms "and" and "or" shall be construed broadly and either conjunctively or disjunctively to bring within the scope of this request any information that might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope. The singular includes plural number, and vice versa. The masculine includes the feminine and neutral genders.
4. The term "including" shall be construed broadly to mean "including, but not limited to."
5. The term "Company" means the named legal entity as well as any units, firms, partnerships, associations, corporations, limited liability companies, trusts, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, departments, branches, joint ventures, proprietorships, syndicates, or other legal, business or government entities over which the named legal entity exercises control or in which the named entity has any ownership whatsoever.
6. The term "identify," when used in a question about individuals, means to provide the following information: (a) the individual's complete name and title; (b) the individual's business or personal address and phone number; and (c) any and all known aliases.
7. The term "related to" or "referring or relating to," with respect to any given subject, means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, reflects, identifies, states, refers to, deals with, or is pertinent to that subject in any manner whatsoever.
8. The term "employee" means any past or present agent, borrowed employee, casual employee, consultant, contractor, de facto employee, detailee, assignee, fellow, independent contractor, intern, joint adventurer, loaned employee, officer, part-time employee, permanent employee, provisional employee, special government employee, subcontractor, or any other type of service provider.
9. The term "individual" means all natural persons and all persons or entities acting on their behalf.

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health, safety, and well-being of others present in the Chamber and surrounding areas. Members and staff will not be permitted to enter the Hall of the House without wearing a mask. Masks will be available at the entry points for any Member who forgets to bring one. The Chair views the failure to wear a mask as a serious breach of decorum. The Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to enforce this policy. Based upon the health and safety guidance from the attending physician and the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Chair would further advise that all Members should leave the Chamber promptly after casting their votes. Furthermore, Members should avoid congregating in the rooms leading to the Chamber, including the Speaker's lobby. The Chair will continue the practice of providing small groups of Members with a minimum of 5 minutes within which to cast their votes. Members are encouraged to vote with their previously assigned group. After voting, Members must clear the Chamber to allow the next group a safe and sufficient opportunity to vote. It is essential for the health and safety of Members, staff, and the U.S. Capitol Police to consistently practice social distancing and to ensure that a safe capacity be maintained in the Chamber at all times. To that end, the Chair appreciates the cooperation of Members and staff in preserving order and decorum in the Chamber and in displaying respect and safety for one another by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. All announced policies, including those addressing decorum in debate and the conduct of votes by electronic device, shall be carried out in harmony with this policy during the pendency of a covered period.

117TH CONGRESS REGULATIONS FOR USE OF DEPOSITION AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE ON RULES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, I hereby submit the following regulations regarding the conduct of depositions by committee and select committee counsel for printing in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,
Chairman, Committee on Rules.
REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF DEPOSITION
AUTHORITY

1. Notices for the taking of depositions shall specify the date, time, and place of examination. Depositions shall be taken under oath administered by a member or a person otherwise authorized to administer oaths. Depositions may continue from day to day.

2. Consultation with the ranking minority member shall include three days' notice before any deposition is taken. All members of the committee shall also receive three days written notice that a deposition will be taken, except in exigent circumstances. For purposes of these procedures, a day shall not include Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day.

3. Witnesses may be accompanied at a deposition by personal, nongovernmental counsel to advise them of their rights. Only members, committee staff designated by the chair or ranking minority member, an official reporter, the witness, and the witness's counsel are permitted to attend. Observers or counsel for other persons, including counsel for government agencies, may not attend.

4. The chair of the committee noticing the deposition may designate that deposition as part of a joint investigation between committees, and in that case, provide notice to the members of the committees. If such a designation is made, the chair and ranking minority member of the additional committee(s) may designate committee staff to attend pursuant to regulation 3. Members and designated staff of the committees may attend and ask questions as set forth below.

5. A deposition shall be conducted by any member or committee counsel designated by the chair or ranking minority member of the Committee that noticed the deposition. When depositions are conducted by committee counsel, there shall be no more than two committee counsel permitted to question a witness per round. One of the committee counsel shall be designated by the chair and the other by the ranking minority member per round.

6. Deposition questions shall be propounded in rounds. The length of each round shall not exceed 60 minutes per side, and shall provide equal time to the majority and the minority. In each round, the member(s) or committee counsel designated by the chair shall ask questions first, and the member(s) or committee counsel designated by the ranking minority member shall ask questions second.

7. Objections must be stated concisely and in a non-argumentative and non-suggestive manner. A witness's counsel may not instruct a witness to refuse to answer a question, except to preserve a privilege. In the event of professional, ethical, or other misconduct by the witness's counsel during the deposition, the Committee may take any appropriate disciplinary action. The witness may refuse to answer a question only to preserve a privilege. When the witness has refused to answer a question to preserve a privilege, members or staff may (i) proceed with the deposition, or (ii) either at that time or at a subsequent time, seek a ruling from the Chair either by telephone or otherwise. If the Chair overrules any such objection and thereby orders a witness to answer any question to which an objection was lodged, the witness shall be ordered to answer. If a member of the committee chooses to appeal the ruling of the chair, such appeal must be made within three days, in writing, and shall be preserved for committee consideration. The Committee's ruling on appeal shall be filed with the clerk of the Committee and shall be provided to the members and witness no less than three days before the reconvened deposition. A deponent who refuses to answer a question after being directed to answer by the chair may be subject to sanction, except that no sanctions may be imposed if the ruling of the chair is reversed by the committee on appeal.

8. The Committee chair shall ensure that the testimony is either transcribed or electronically recorded or both. If a witness's testimony is transcribed, the witness or the witness's counsel shall be afforded an opportunity to review a copy. No later than five days after the witness has been notified of the opportunity to review the transcript, the witness may submit suggested changes to the chair. Committee staff may make any typographical and technical changes. Substantive changes, modifications, clarifications, or amendments to the deposition transcript submitted by the witness must be accompanied by a letter signed by the witness requesting the changes and a statement of the witness's reasons for each proposed change. Any substantive changes, modifications, clarifications, or amendments shall be included as an appendix to the transcript conditioned upon the witness signing the transcript.

9. The individual administering the oath, if other than a member, shall certify on the transcript that the witness was duly sworn. The transcriber shall certify that the transcript is a true record of the testimony, and the transcript shall be filed, together with any electronic recording, with the clerk of the committee in Washington, DC. Depositions shall be considered to have been taken in Washington, DC, as well as the location actually taken once filed there with the clerk of the committee for the committee's use. The chair and the ranking minority member shall be provided with a copy of the transcripts of the deposition at the same time.

10. The chair and ranking minority member shall consult regarding the release of deposition testimony, transcripts, or recordings, and portions thereof. If either objects in writing to a proposed release of a deposition testimony, transcript, or recording, or a portion thereof, the matter shall be promptly referred to the committee for resolution.

11. A witness shall not be required to testify unless the witness has been provided with a copy of section 3(b) of H. Res. 8, 117th Congress, and these regulations.

REMOTE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

COMMITTEE ON RULES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, I hereby submit the following regulations regarding remote committee proceedings for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,
Chairman,
Committee on Rules.

REMOTE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8 A. PRESENCE AND VOTING

1. Members participating remotely in a committee proceeding must be visible on the software platform's video function to be considered in attendance and to participate unless connectivity issues or other technical problems render the member unable to fully participate on camera (except as provided in regulations A.2 and A.3).

2. The exception in regulation A.1 for connectivity issues or other technical problems does not apply if a point of order has been made that a quorum is not present. Members participating remotely must be visible on the software platform's video function in order to be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

3. The exception in regulation A.1 for connectivity issues or other technical problems does not apply during a vote. Members participating remotely must be visible on the software platform's video function in order to vote.

4. Members participating remotely off-camera due to connectivity issues or other technical problems pursuant to regulation A.1 must inform committee majority and minority staff either directly or through staff.

5. The chair shall make a good faith effort to provide every member experiencing connectivity issues an opportunity to participate fully in the proceedings, subject to regulations A.2 and A.3.

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health, safety, and well-being of others present in the Chamber and surrounding areas. Members and staff will not be permitted to enter the Hall of the House without wearing a mask. Masks will be available at the entry points for any Member who forgets to bring one. The Chair views the failure to wear a mask as a serious breach of decorum. The Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to enforce this policy. Based upon the health and safety guidance from the attending physician and the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Chair would further advise that all Members should leave the Chamber promptly after casting their votes. Furthermore, Members should avoid congregating in the rooms leading to the Chamber, including the Speaker's lobby. The Chair will continue the practice of providing small groups of Members with a minimum of 5 minutes within which to cast their votes. Members are encouraged to vote with their previously assigned group. After voting, Members must clear the Chamber to allow the next group a safe and sufficient opportunity to vote. It is essential for the health and safety of Members, staff, and the U.S. Capitol Police to consistently practice social distancing and to ensure that a safe capacity be maintained in the Chamber at all times. To that end, the Chair appreciates the cooperation of Members and staff in preserving order and decorum in the Chamber and in displaying respect and safety for one another by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. All announced policies, including those addressing decorum in debate and the conduct of votes by electronic device, shall be carried out in harmony with this policy during the pendency of a covered period.

117TH CONGRESS REGULATIONS FOR USE OF DEPOSITION AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE ON RULES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, I hereby submit the following regulations regarding the conduct of depositions by committee and select committee counsel for printing in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,
Chairman, Committee on Rules.

REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF DEPOSITION AUTHORITY

1. Notices for the taking of depositions shall specify the date, time, and place of examination. Depositions shall be taken under oath administered by a member or a person otherwise authorized to administer oaths. Depositions may continue from day to day.

2. Consultation with the ranking minority member shall include three days' notice before any deposition is taken. All members of the committee shall also receive three days written notice that a deposition will be taken, except in exigent circumstances. For purposes of these procedures, a day shall not include Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day.

3. Witnesses may be accompanied at a deposition by personal, nongovernmental counsel to advise them of their rights. Only members, committee staff designated by the chair or ranking minority member, an official reporter, the witness, and the witness's counsel are permitted to attend. Observers or counsel for other persons, including counsel for government agencies, may not attend.

4. The chair of the committee noticing the deposition may designate that deposition as part of a joint investigation between committees, and in that case, provide notice to the members of the committees. If such a designation is made, the chair and ranking minority member of the additional committee(s) may designate committee staff to attend pursuant to regulation 3. Members and designated staff of the committees may attend and ask questions as set forth below.

5. A deposition shall be conducted by any member or committee counsel designated by the chair or ranking minority member of the Committee that noticed the deposition. When depositions are conducted by committee counsel, there shall be no more than two committee counsel permitted to question a witness per round. One of the committee counsel shall be designated by the chair and the other by the ranking minority member per round.

6. Deposition questions shall be propounded in rounds. The length of each round shall not exceed 60 minutes per side, and shall provide equal time to the majority and the minority. In each round, the member(s) or committee counsel designated by the chair shall ask questions first, and the member(s) or committee counsel designated by the ranking minority member shall ask questions second.

7. Objections must be stated concisely and in a non-argumentative and non-suggestive manner. A witness's counsel may not instruct a witness to refuse to answer a question, except to preserve a privilege. In the event of professional, ethical, or other misconduct by the witness's counsel during the deposition, the Committee may take any appropriate disciplinary action. The witness may refuse to answer a question only to preserve a privilege. When the witness has refused to answer a question to preserve a privilege, members or staff may (i) proceed with the deposition, or (ii) either at that time or at a subsequent time, seek a ruling from the Chair either by telephone or otherwise. If the Chair overrules any such objection and thereby orders a witness to answer any question to which an objection was lodged, the witness shall be ordered to answer. If a member of the committee chooses to appeal the ruling of the chair, such appeal must be made within three days, in writing, and shall be preserved for committee consideration. The Committee's ruling on appeal shall be filed with the clerk of the Committee and shall be provided to the members and witness no less than three days before the reconvened deposition. A deponent who refuses to answer a question after being directed to answer by the chair may be subject to sanction, except that no sanctions may be imposed if the ruling of the chair is reversed by the committee on appeal.

8. The Committee chair shall ensure that the testimony is either transcribed or electronically recorded or both. If a witness's testimony is transcribed, the witness or the witness's counsel shall be afforded an opportunity to review a copy. No later than five days after the witness has been notified of the opportunity to review the transcript, the witness may submit suggested changes to the chair. Committee staff may make any typographical and technical changes. Substantive changes, modifications, clarifications, or amendments to the deposition transcript submitted by the witness must be accompanied by a letter signed by the witness requesting the changes and a statement of the witness's reasons for each proposed change. Any substantive changes, modifications, clarifications, or amendments shall be included as an appendix to the transcript conditioned upon the witness signing the transcript.

9. The individual administering the oath, if other than a member, shall certify on the transcript that the witness was duly sworn. The transcriber shall certify that the transcript is a true record of the testimony, and the transcript shall be filed, together with any electronic recording, with the clerk of the committee in Washington, DC. Depositions shall be considered to have been taken in Washington, DC, as well as the location actually taken once filed there with the clerk of the committee for the committee's use. The chair and the ranking minority member shall be provided with a copy of the transcripts of the deposition at the same time.

10. The chair and ranking minority member shall consult regarding the release of deposition testimony, transcripts, or recordings, and portions thereof. If either objects in writing to a proposed release of a deposition testimony, transcript, or recording, or a portion thereof, the matter shall be promptly referred to the committee for resolution.

11. A witness shall not be required to testify unless the witness has been provided with a copy of section 3(b) of H. Res. 8, 117th Congress, and these regulations.

REMOTE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

COMMITTEE ON RULES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, I hereby submit the following regulations regarding remote committee proceedings for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,
Chairman,
Committee on Rules.

REMOTE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8

A. PRESENCE AND VOTING

1. Members participating remotely in a committee proceeding must be visible on the software platform's video function to be considered in attendance and to participate unless connectivity issues or other technical problems render the member unable to fully participate on camera (except as provided in regulations A.2 and A.3).

2. The exception in regulation A.1 for connectivity issues or other technical problems does not apply if a point of order has been made that a quorum is not present. Members participating remotely must be visible on the software platform's video function in order to be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

3. The exception in regulation A.1 for connectivity issues or other technical problems does not apply during a vote. Members participating remotely must be visible on the software platform's video function in order to vote.

4. Members participating remotely off-camera due to connectivity issues or other technical problems pursuant to regulation A.1 must inform committee majority and minority staff either directly or through staff.

5. The chair shall make a good faith effort to provide every member experiencing connectivity issues an opportunity to participate fully in the proceedings, subject to regulations A.2 and A.3.

**Exhibit 7 — Letter from Counsel for Mr. Scavino to
Chairman Thompson (Nov. 5, 2021)**

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November 5, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

Re: Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.

Dear Chairman Thompson:

We write on behalf of our client, Daniel J. Scavino, Jr. in response to your October 6, 2021, subpoena for records to Mr. Scavino as well as pursuant to our October 20, 2021, October 27, 2021, November 3, 2021, email correspondence with your Staff.

Specifically, you advise: "The Select Committee has reason to believe that [Mr. Scavino] [has] information relevant to understanding important activities that led to and informed the events at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, and relevant to former President Trump's activities and communications in the period leading up to and on January 6." As you are aware, in the period leading up to and on January 6, Mr. Scavino served as senior advisor and Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications to President Trump. As such, the Committee's subpoena requests records related to the communications between and among President Trump and his close advisors — information protected by the executive privilege so as to "safeguard[] the public interest in candid, confidential deliberations within the Executive Branch," and "information subject to the greatest protection consistent with the fair administration of justice." *Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP*, 140 S. Ct. 2019, 2024 (2020) (quoting *United States v. Nixon*, 418 U.S. 683, 715 (1974)) (internal quotations omitted).

To that end, we are aware that on August 25, 2021, the Committee also issued a subpoena to the National Archives and Records Administration seeking records from the Executive Office of the President. On October 8, 2021, President Trump, pursuant to the Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2209, and Executive Order No. 13489, advised the Archivist of his formal assertion of executive privilege with respect to the limited number of documents then identified by the Archivist as responsive to the Committee's

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subpoena, as well as a protective assertion of executive privilege over any additional materials that may be identified as responsive by the Archivist or otherwise requested by the Committee. Then, on October 18, 2021, President Trump filed suit in the United States Federal District Court for the District of Columbia seeking, *inter alia*, a declaratory judgment recognizing the valid assertion of the executive privilege as well as an injunction enjoining the Archivist from providing such privileged records pursuant to its subpoena. Complaint, *Trump v. Thompson*, No. 1:21-cv-02769 (D.D.C. Oct. 18, 2021) (ECF No. 01). President Trump's legal challenge remains pending as of the date of this correspondence.

The Committee's subpoena for President Trump's records thus presents legitimate separation of powers concerns and exactly the type of interbranch conflict that the Supreme Court acknowledged requiring "careful analysis that takes adequate account of the separation of powers principles at stake, including both the significant legislative interests of Congress and the 'unique position' of the President." *Mazars*, 140 S. Ct. at 2035.

Moreover, our understanding is that any records responsive to the Committee's subpoena to Mr. Scavino are records that would have been generated or otherwise received in his official capacity as a senior advisor to and as Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications to President Trump. These records, accordingly, were provided to the National Archives and Records Administration upon Mr. Scavino's separation from the White House. The Committee's subpoena to Mr. Scavino therefore seeks the same records for which President Trump has asserted executive privilege and places Mr. Scavino in the center of this interbranch conflict. That Mr. Scavino, now a *private citizen*, is *also* in the possession, custody, or control of any duplicate records, does not otherwise resolve the interbranch conflict created by the assertion of executive privilege by a former President. See *Mazars*, 140 S.Ct. at 2035 ("[S]eparation of powers concerns are no less palpable . . . simply because the subpoenas were issued to third parties.").

Mr. Scavino's production of records responsive to the Committee's subpoena would therefore interfere with President Trump's assertion of executive privilege and would serve to inadvertently moot the legal claims validly asserted by President Trump. See, e.g., Saikrishna Prakash, *Trump is Right: Former Presidents Can Assert Executive Privilege*, *The Washington Post* (Oct. 29, 2021) ("Had Biden quickly released the documents after receiving the request, the privilege claim would have been moot and a suit would have been pointless."). Indeed, this is consistent with the President's own directive to Mr. Scavino that he "not produce any documents concerning [his] official duties in response to the Subpoena" and to invoke all applicable privileges and immunities protecting such records from production pursuant to your subpoena. A copy of this correspondence is attached for your reference. Mr. Scavino can therefore not be compelled to produce such records until a determination of the applicability of President Trump's assertion of Executive Privilege is fully and finally litigated. See *United States v. Bryan*, 339 U.S. 323, 330 (1950) ("Ordinarily, one charged with contempt of court for failure to comply with a court order makes a complete defense by proving that he is unable to comply"). See also *United States ex rel.*

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Touhy v. Ragen, 340 U.S. 462 466-467 (1951) (holding that a subordinate acting in pursuance of valid regulation prohibiting disclosure was justified in refusing to comply with a subpoena).

As we have discussed with your Staff, our review of Mr. Scavino's records is ongoing. We have agreed to continue to advise your Staff of the progress of our review and acknowledge the possibility that there may be records within Mr. Scavino's possession, custody, or control that were not generated or otherwise received in Mr. Scavino's professional capacity as senior advisor to or Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications to President Trump. To the extent such records exist, or to the extent of a final adjudication on the merits of President Trump's assertion of the executive privilege issues, we expressly reserve Mr. Scavino's right to assert any other applicable privilege or other objection to the Committee's subpoena. We note, for example, that the House Counsel has made broad assertions of pertinence as to the specific records at issue. While we are not at this time in a position to fully assess those assertions given that the scope of potentially responsive records remains undefined, we are mindful that Congress's access to information is subject to several limitations and any subpoena it issues is valid only if it is "related to, and in furtherance of, a legitimate task of the Congress." *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 215 (1957) ("It is obvious that a person compelled to make this choice is entitled to have knowledge of the subject to which the interrogation is deemed pertinent. That knowledge must be available with the same degree of explicitness and clarity that the Due Process Clause requires in the expression of any element of a criminal offense.").

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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October 6, 2021

Mr. Dan Scavino
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Dear Mr. Scavino:

I write in reference to a subpoena, dated September 23, 2021, by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (the “Select Committee”), that was issued to you (the “Subpoena”). The Subpoena requests that you produce documents by October 7, 2021, and appear for a deposition on October 15, 2021. While it is obvious that the Select Committee’s obsession with President Trump is merely a partisan attempt to distract from the disastrous Biden administration (e.g., the embarrassing withdrawal from Afghanistan, the overwhelming flood of illegal immigrants crossing our southern border, and growing inflation), President Trump vigorously objects to the overbreadth and scope of these requests and believes they are a threat to the institution of the Presidency and the independence of the Executive Branch.

Through the Subpoena, the Select Committee seeks records and testimony purportedly related to the events of January 6th, 2021, including but not limited to information which is unquestionably protected from disclosure by the executive and other privileges, including among others the presidential communications, deliberative process, and attorney-client privileges. President Trump is prepared to defend these fundamental privileges in court. Furthermore, President Trump believes that you are immune from compelled congressional testimony on matters related to your official responsibilities. See *Testimonial Immunity Before Congress of the Former Counsel to the President*, 43 Op. O.L.C. (May 20, 2019), available at <https://www.justice.gov/olc/opinions-man>.

Therefore, to the fullest extent permitted by law, President Trump instructs you to: (a) where appropriate, invoke any immunities and privileges you may have from compelled testimony in response to the Subpoena; (b) not produce any documents concerning your official duties in response to the Subpoena; and (c) not provide any testimony concerning your official duties in response to the Subpoena.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or have your counsel contact me, if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Sincerely,



Justin Clark
Counsel to President Trump

Exhibit 8 — Letter from Chairman Thompson to Counsel for Mr. Scavino (Nov. 9, 2021)

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One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

November 9, 2021

Mr. Stanley E. Woodward, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Woodward:

The Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack ("Select Committee") is in receipt of your November 5, 2021, letter regarding the subpoena for documents and testimony served on your client, Daniel J. Scavino, Jr. (the "subpoena"). The letter represents that while you are still reviewing Mr. Scavino's records, you believe that "any records responsive to the Committee's subpoena to Mr. Scavino are records that would have been generated or otherwise received in his official capacity" and archived by the National Archives and Records Administration. You then assert that Mr. Scavino is therefore unable to provide the documents because President Donald J. Trump is contesting the release of documents and has instructed Mr. Scavino to "not produce any documents concerning [his] official duties in response to the Subpoena."

You have since communicated to Select Committee staff on November 7, 2021, that you are not currently aware of any responsive documents that fall outside the scope of President Trump's assertion of executive privilege, but that your review is ongoing. You further represented that Mr. Scavino is still considering whether he can provide deposition testimony regarding any topics outside of a claim of executive privilege.

Mr. Scavino was originally served his subpoena on October 8, 2021, and was required to provide documents by October 21 and appear for testimony on October 28. At your request, the Select Committee has twice extended the deadlines for production and testimony, ultimately demanding documents by November 5 and testimony on November 12.

First, regarding documents, you suggest that Mr. Scavino has some responsive documents that you are declining to produce pursuant to instruction from President Trump. If Mr. Scavino has responsive documents that he believes are covered by an applicable privilege, please provide a privilege log that specifically identifies each document and each privilege that he believes applies, so that the Select Committee can evaluate whether any additional actions are appropriate. Categorical claims of executive privilege are improper, and any claim of executive privilege must be asserted narrowly and specifically. See, e.g., *In re Sealed Case (Espy)*, 121 F.3d 729 (D.C. Cir. 1997); *Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform v. Holder*, No. 12-cv-1332, 2014 WL 12662665, at *2 (D.D.C. Aug. 20, 2014) (rejecting a "blanket" executive-privilege claim over subpoenaed documents). We also note that the Select Committee has subpoenaed all communications including those conducted on Mr. Scavino's personal social media or other accounts and with outside parties

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whose inclusion in a communication with Mr. Scavino would mean that no executive privilege claim can be applicable to such communications.

Second, with respect to Mr. Scavino's deposition, the Select Committee appreciates your apparent willingness to work with us to identify areas of inquiry that are clearly outside any claim of executive privilege. To that end, we will provide further information about the topics we intend to develop with Mr. Scavino during the deposition. You indicated that you intend to meet with your client on November 10, 2021, to discuss whether Mr. Scavino will testify as to any of the below topics. Though the Select Committee reserves the right to question Mr. Scavino about other topics, at present, the Select Committee plans to question Mr. Scavino about his knowledge, actions, and communications, including communications involving Mr. Trump and others, with respect to the following:

- (1) Campaign-related activities, including efforts to count, not count, or audit votes, as well as discussions about election-related matters with state and local officials.
- (2) Meetings or other communications involving people who did not work for the United States government regarding efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election. This includes, but is not limited to, an Oval Office meeting on December 18, at which Mr. Trump, Michael Flynn, Patrick Byrne, and others reportedly discussed campaign-related steps that Mr. Trump purportedly could take to change the outcome of the November 2020 election and remain in office for a second term, such as seizing voting machines, litigating, and appointing a special counsel. It also includes communications with organizers of the January 6 rally like Amy Kremer of Women for America First.
- (3) Advance knowledge of, and any preparations for, the possibility of violence during rallies and/or protests in Washington, D.C. related to the 2020 election results.
- (4) Meetings or communications regarding campaign-related planning and activities at the Willard Hotel, planning and preparation for Mr. Trump's speech at the Ellipse, Mr. Trump and other White House officials' actions and communications during and after the attack on the U.S. Capitol, including contact with members of Congress, law enforcement, the Department of Defense, and other federal agencies to address or respond to the attack.
- (5) Mr. Scavino's roles and responsibilities in the White House, and, if applicable, the 2020 Trump campaign.
- (6) Messaging to or from the White House, Trump reelection campaign, party officials, and others about purported fraud, irregularities, or malfeasance in the November 2020 election. This includes, but is not limited to, Mr. Trump's and others frequent use of the "Stop the Steal" slogan, even after lawsuits, investigations, public reporting, discussions with agency heads, and internally created documents revealed that there had not been widespread election fraud.
- (7) Messaging to or from Mr. Scavino's personal social media, email, or phone regarding any of the topics discussed herein in this list of 18 items.

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- (8) White House officials' understanding of purported election-related fraud, irregularities, or malfeasance in the November 2020 election.
- (9) Efforts to pressure federal agencies, including the Department of Justice, to take actions to challenge the results of the presidential election, advance allegations of voter fraud, interfere with Congress's count of the Electoral College vote, or otherwise overturn President Biden's certified victory. This includes, but is not limited to, Mr. Trump and others' efforts to use the Department of Justice to investigate alleged election-related conduct, file lawsuits, propose that state legislatures take election-related actions, or replace senior leadership. It also includes similar efforts at other agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, and, among others, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.
- (10) Efforts to pressure state and local officials and entities, including state attorneys general, state legislators, and state legislatures, to take actions to challenge the results of the presidential election, advance unsubstantiated allegations of voter fraud, interfere with Congress's count of the Electoral College vote, de-certify state election results, appoint alternate states of electors, or otherwise overturn President Biden's certified victory. This includes, but is not limited to, an Oval Office meeting that reportedly occurred with legislators from Michigan, as well as a January 2, 2021, call with, among others, state officials, members of Congress, and Mr. Trump.
- (11) Theories and strategies regarding Congress and the Vice President's (as President of the Senate) roles and responsibilities when counting the Electoral College vote. This includes, but is not limited to, the theories and/or understandings of John Eastman, Mark Martin, former Vice President Pence, and others.
- (12) Efforts to pressure former Vice President Pence, members of his staff, and members of Congress to delay or prevent certification of the Electoral College vote. This includes, but is not limited to, meetings between, or including, the former Vice President, Mr. Trump, John Eastman, members of Congress, and others.
- (13) Communications and meetings with members of Congress about the November 2020 election, purported election fraud, actual or proposed election-related litigation, and election-related rallies and/or protests. This includes, but is not limited to, a December 21, 2021, meeting involving Mr. Trump, members of his legal team, and members of the House and Senate, during which attendees discussed objecting to the November 2020 election's certified Electoral College votes as part of an apparent fight "against mounting evidence of voter fraud."
- (14) Efforts by federal officials, including White House staff, Mr. Trump, the Trump reelection campaign, and members of Congress to plan or organize rallies and/or protests in Washington, D.C. related to the 2020 election results, including, but not limited to, the January 6 rally on the Ellipse. This includes, but is not limited to, Mr.

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Scavino's planned appearance as a speaker at the rally and his communications with outside parties regarding that appearance.

- (15) The possibility of invoking martial law, the Insurrection Act, or the 25th Amendment based on election-related issues or the events in the days leading up to, and including, January 6.
- (16) Mr. Scavino's activities in generating social media content and monitoring social media for President Trump, including, but not limited to, his monitoring of social media sites like Reddit, Twitter, Facebook, Gab, and theDonald.win. This includes, but is not limited to, Mr. Scavino's knowledge of far-right memes, coded language, and whether or how some domestic violent extremist groups such as the Proud Boys interpreted messages from President Trump and other officials.
- (17) The preservation or destruction of any information relating to the facts, circumstances, and causes relating to the attack of January 6th, including any such information that may have been stored, generated, or destroyed on personal electronic devices.
- (18) Documents and information, including the location of such documents and information, that are responsive to the Select Committee's subpoena. This includes, but is not limited to, information stored on electronic devices that Mr. Scavino uses and has used.

As our investigation continues, we may develop additional information about the above-described areas or identify additional subjects about which we will seek information from your client.

We believe that these topics either do not implicate any cognizable claim of executive privilege or raise issues for which the Select Committee's need for the information is sufficiently compelling that it overcomes any such claim. To that end, please provide your input on the topics that the Select Committee has reiterated by way of this letter no later than Thursday, November 11. If there are areas listed above that you agree implicate no executive or other privilege, please identify those areas. Conversely, please articulate which privilege you believe applies to each area and how it is implicated. Our hope is that this process will sharpen our differences on privilege issues and allow us to develop unobjectionable areas promptly.

Mr. Scavino's deposition, scheduled for November 12, can proceed with a clearer understanding of our respective positions on these topics, and we can move one step closer towards the resolution of outstanding issues.

Finally, it is worth emphasizing an additional point specifically addressed in the pending litigation involving the National Archives. The incumbent President is responsible for guarding executive privilege, not former officials. See *Dellums v. Powell*, 561 F.2d 242, 247 (D.C. Cir. 1977); see also *Nixon v. GSA*, 433 U.S. 425, 449 (1977) (even the one residual privilege that a former president might assert, the communications privilege, exists "for the benefit of the Republic," rather than for the former "President as an individual"). With respect to the Select Committee's work, the incumbent President has expressly declined to assert executive privilege on a number of subjects on which the Select Committee has sought testimony or documents. See

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Trump v. Thompson, Case No. 1:21-cv-2769 (TSC), Doc. 21 (brief for the NARA defendants); *see also* Doc. 21-1 (Declaration of B. John Laster).

The accommodations process regarding potential claims of executive privilege is a process engaged in between the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch. *See Trump v. Mazars USA LLP*, 140 S. Ct. 2019, 2030-31 (2020). Mr. Scavino represents neither. Nevertheless, we have in good faith considered your concerns and have proposed a course of action that reflects both that consideration and the Select Committee's urgent need for information.

Our hope is that this description of topics allows us to narrow the list of potentially disputed issues and move forward with Mr. Scavino's deposition.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

**Exhibit 9 — Letter from Counsel for Mr. Scavino to
Chairman Thompson (Nov. 15, 2021)**

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November 15, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

Re: Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.

Dear Chairman Thompson:

We are in receipt of your November 9, 2021, correspondence as well as the email correspondence from your Staff of the same day advising that the Select Committee will extend the deadline within which Mr. Scavino is to provide documents responsive to its October 6, 2021, subpoena until today, November 15, 2021.

Specifically, your November 9, 2021, correspondence advised that: "If Mr. Scavino has responsive documents that he believes are covered by an applicable privilege, please provide a privilege log that specifically identifies each document and each privilege that he believes applies so that the Select Committee can evaluate whether any additional actions are appropriate." You further advised that the Select Committee "subpoenaed all communications including those conducted on Mr. Scavino's personal social media or other accounts and with outside parties whose inclusion in a communication with Mr. Scavino would mean that no executive privilege claim can be applicable to such communications."

As we advised in our correspondence of November 5, 2021, the Select Committee's subpoena necessarily seeks communications between and among President Trump and his close advisors — information protected by the executive privilege. *See Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP*, 140 S. Ct. 2019, 2024 (2020) ([E]xecutive privilege safeguards the public interest in candid, confidential deliberations within the Executive Branch. . . .) This privilege exists to ensure "the President's access to honest and informed advice and his ability to explore possible policy options *privately* are critical elements in presidential decisionmaking." *In re Sealed Case (Espy)*, 121 F.3d 729, 751 (D.C. Cir. 1997) (emphasis added). Indeed, the communication need not be directed at or by the President, and by extension need not be known to the President, so long as authored or solicited by "presidential advisors in the

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course of preparing advice for the President." *Id.* at 752. For this reason, we submit that the production of a privilege log, as demanded by the Select Committee, would undermine the private, or otherwise confidential nature of advice given by or to the President and his advisors and we are aware of no authority to the contrary. *See Comm. on the Judiciary v. Miers*, 558 F. Supp. 2d 53, 107 ("[I]n the absence of an applicable statute or controlling case law, the Court does not have a ready ground by which to force the Executive to make such a production strictly in response to a congressional subpoena.").

So as to foster further discussion and the continued collaboration with you and your Staff, and to provide "some way to evaluate assertions going forward," *id.*, Mr. Scavino identifies the following categories of records over which an assertion of executive privilege is being made:

- Communications between Mr. Scavino and "those members of an immediate White House adviser's staff who have broad and significant responsibility for investigating and formulating the advice to be given the President on the particular matter to which the communications relate," *see In re Sealed Case (Espy)*, 121 F.3d at 752;
- Communications between Mr. Scavino and non-Government third-parties related to Mr. Scavino's service as a close advisor to President Trump "in the course of preparing advice for the President," *id.* at 751-752; *see also id.* at 752 ("Given the need to provide sufficient elbow room for advisers to obtain information from all knowledgeable sources, the privilege must apply both to communications which these advisors solicited and received from others as well as those they authored themselves." (emphasis added)); and
- Communications between Mr. Scavino and Members of Congress related to Mr. Scavino's service as a close advisor to President Trump "in the course of preparing advice for the President," *id.* at 751-752.

As articulated in our correspondence of November 5, 2021, because President Trump has identified sensitive information that he deems subject to executive privilege, "his doing so gives rise to a legal duty on the part of the aide to invoke the privilege on the President's behalf..." *Comm. on the Judiciary v. McGahn*, 415 F. Supp. 3d 148, 213 n.34 (D.D.C. 2019).

To that end, we also note that Mr. Scavino served as a close advisor to the President - Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications - regardless of whether the communications in question were sent or received on a personal device or through a personal social media or other account. As we advised in our November 5, 2021, correspondence, while we believe any official communications that were received (or sent) from a personal device or social media account would have separately been provided to the National Archives for

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preservation, we will promptly advise the Select Committee should we become aware of any communications not in the possession of the Archivist. As of the date of this correspondence, however, we remain unaware of any records identified by the Archivist as responsive to the Select Committee's subpoena that are sent by or to Mr. Scavino. And we are not otherwise aware of any communications that Mr. Scavino sent or received in his personal capacity that are responsive to the Select Committee's request.

Once again, we expressly reserve Mr. Scavino's right to assert any other applicable privilege or other objection to the Select Committee's subpoena. We note, for example, that the House Counsel has made broad assertions of pertinence as to the specific records at issue. While we are not at this time in a position to fully assess those assertions given that the scope of potentially responsive records remains undefined, we are mindful that Congress's access to information is subject to several limitations and any subpoena it issues is valid only if it is "related to, and in furtherance of, a legitimate task of the Congress." *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 215 (1957) ("It is obvious that a person compelled to make this choice is entitled to have knowledge of the subject to which the interrogation is deemed pertinent. That knowledge must be available with the same degree of explicitness and clarity that the Due Process Clause requires in the expression of any element of a criminal offense.").

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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**Exhibit 10 — Letter from Counsel for Mr. Scavino to
Chairman Thompson (Nov. 18, 2021)**

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November 18, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

Re: Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.

Dear Chairman Thompson:

On behalf of our client, Daniel J. Scavino, Jr., we write regarding your October 6, 2021, subpoena for Mr. Scavino to testify at a deposition; your November 9, 2021, correspondence identifying additional "matters of inquiry" for Mr. Scavino's deposition, as well as the email correspondence from your Staff of November 9, 2021, advising that the Select Committee will extend the time for which Mr. Scavino is to appear at a deposition to November 19, 2021. Further, your staff asked that we advise the Select Committee by today, November 18, 2021, at noon, whether Mr. Scavino intends to appear for a deposition on November 19.

For the reasons set forth in this correspondence, we submit that Mr. Scavino cannot meaningfully appear for a deposition on Friday, November 19, 2021. As we have previously advised your Staff, the breadth of the "matters of inquiry" identified in your October 6 subpoena as well as your November 9 correspondence make it difficult for us to sufficiently prepare Mr. Scavino to present competent testimony or to ensure that he has adequate representation at such a deposition. Of note, although we invited your Staff to engage with us so as to "hone in on a subset of topics that can be prioritized," we received no response to this invitation.

Instead, the "matters of inquiry" identified within your November 9 correspondence greatly increased the effort necessary to ensure Mr. Scavino's preparedness. Although your October 6 subpoena identified fifteen (15) "items" that are "touching matters of inquiry committed" to the Select Committee, your November 9 correspondence identified an additional eighteen (18) "topics" the Select Committee advised that it "intend[ed] to develop with Mr. Scavino during [his] deposition."

Of note, the "topics" identified by your November 9 correspondence expand upon the breadth of the matters of inquiry identified in your October 6 subpoena. Your October 6 subpoena advises that: "The Select Committee has reason to believe that [Mr. Scavino] ha[s] information relevant to understanding important activities that led to and informed the events at the Capitol on

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January 6, 2021, and relevant to former President Trump's activities and communications in the period leading up to and on January 6." The "topics" identified in your subpoena then generally reference the events of January 6.

Your November 9 correspondence, however, advises that the Select Committee intends to "develop" with Mr. Scavino "[t]he possibility of invoking . . . the 25th Amendment based on election-related issues or the events in the days leading up to, and including January 6." This one "topic" alone exceeds the breadth of the "matters of inquiry" identified in your October 6 subpoena and requires careful consideration of a plethora of issues implicated by the proposed exploration of this subject. What's more, your November 9 correspondence goes on to advise that you intend to "develop" with Mr. Scavino his "activities in generating social media content and monitoring social media for President Trump" as well as Mr. Scavino's knowledge of "far-right memes, coded language, and whether or how some domestic violent extremist groups such as the Proud Boys interpreted messages from President Trump and other officials." Here again, the scope of the Select Committee's "matters of inquiry" is unbounded and we cannot efficiently address with Mr. Scavino or the Select Committee an appropriate path toward resolving the inter-branch conflict implicated by this "topic." Similarly, your November 9 correspondence identifies as a "matter of inquiry" "[t]heories or strategies regarding Congress and the Vice President's (as President of the Senate) roles and responsibilities when counting the Electoral College vote," a subject not previously identified within your October 6 subpoena.

In summary, your October 9 subpoena makes no reference to the 25th Amendment, Mr. Scavino's social media "activities" as well as knowledge of "far-right memes [or] coded language," or "theories or strategies" regarding the role of the Vice President in the Electoral College vote, to name just a few examples. Rather, these are "topics" that grossly expand upon the breadth of the "matters of inquiry" identified in your subpoena and exacerbate the difficulty of preparing Mr. Scavino for a deposition on such short notice. Finally, as if this task were not already sufficiently challenging, your November 9 correspondence advises that "the Select Committee reserves the right to question Mr. Scavino about other topics" as well.

We acknowledge the important subject matter of the Select Committee's work and have expressed to your Staff a presumed mutual desire to ensure that witnesses appearing before the Select Committee are adequately prepared to provide competent testimony. The importance of that task is heightened by the inter-branch conflict presented by the Select Committee's solicitation of information subject to Executive Branch privilege – a privilege recognized by our first president when he refused to provide information to the House, explaining that "the boundaries fixed by the Constitution between the different departments should be preserved." Pres. George Washington, Message to the House Regarding Documents Relative to the Jay Treaty (Mar. 30, 1796). This centuries-old privilege serves the purpose, as recently delineated by the Supreme Court, to "safeguard[] the public interest in candid, confidential deliberations within the Executive Branch," and covers "information subject to the greatest protection consistent with the fair administration of justice." *Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP*, 140 S. Ct. 2019, 2024 (2020) (quoting *United States v. Nixon*, 418 U.S. 683, 715 (1974)) (internal quotations omitted). See also *In re Sealed Case (Espy)*, 121 F.3d 729, 751 (D.C. Cir. 1997) (holding that "the President's access to honest and informed advice and his ability to explore possible policy options privately are critical elements in presidential

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decisionmaking" and recognizing an executive privilege applicable to "communications made by presidential advisers in the course of preparing advice of the President").

Moreover, because President Trump has directed Mr. Scavino to "invoke any immunities and privileges [Mr. Scavino] may have from compelled testimony . . . to the fullest extent permitted by law," Mr. Scavino has a "a legal duty on the part of the aide to invoke the privilege on the President's behalf . . ." *Comm. on the Judiciary v. McGahn*, 415 F. Supp. 3d 148, 213 n.34 (D.D.C. 2019). We submit that it would be irresponsible for Mr. Scavino to prematurely resolve President Trump's privilege claim by voluntarily waiving privilege and providing testimony implicating the heart of the legal questions at issue. Rather, such inter-branch disputes are to exclusively be resolved by the courts. *See United States v. Nixon*, 418 U.S. 683, 696 (1974) ["We therefore reaffirm that it is the province and duty of [the Supreme Court] 'to say what the law is' with respect to the claim of [executive privilege]."] (quoting *Marbury v. Madison*, 5 U.S. 1 (Cranch) 137, 177 (1803)). We thus continue to monitor the litigation initiated by President Trump and now before the D.C. Circuit *see Trump v. Thompson*, No. 21-5254 (D.C. Cir.), and welcome the opportunity to further discuss the application of the executive privilege to Mr. Scavino's testimony upon receipt of a final order on the merits of this claim. We also acknowledge that the House may, and has, sought judicial resolution of a contested claim of executive privilege. *see Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Reps. v. McGahn*, 965 F.3d 755, 762 (D.C. Cir. 2020) (*en banc*), and that so doing here would not be inappropriate given the potential for current litigation to address only the application of privilege to records.

In addition to the significant issue of the application of executive privilege to Mr. Scavino's potential testimony, we also wish to express concerns about the pertinency of the Committee's stated "matters of inquiry." While we reiterate our acknowledgement of the important subject matter of the Select Committee's work, we also respect the provenance of the U.S. Congress and its role in our co-equal branches of government. We specifically raise this issue prior to resolving the valid application of executive privilege to any potential testimony so as to provide the Select Committee with an opportunity to address our concerns.

Specifically, our review of House Resolution 503 provides no indication that the Select Committee was bestowed with broad or otherwise limitless jurisdiction to investigate. We submit that it does not, because it can not. Our federal courts have plainly held that the jurisdiction of Congressional committees is necessarily limited. *See, e.g., United States v. Kamin*, 136 F. Supp. 791 802 n.4 (D. Mass 1956) (rejecting an interpretation of legislative committee jurisdiction that "would be enormous"). Congress's broad "power of inquiry—with process to enforce it—is an essential and appropriate auxiliary to the legislative function." *McGrain v. Daugherty*, 273 U.S. 135, 174 (1927). Accordingly, Congress and its duly authorized committees may issue a subpoena where the information sought "is related to, and in furtherance of, a legitimate task of Congress," *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 187 (1957), and the subpoena serves a "valid legislative purpose." *Quinn v. United States*, 349 U.S. 155, 161 (1955).

The "valid legislative purpose" requirement stems directly from the Constitution. *Kilbourn*, 103 U.S. at 168, 182-89 (1880). "The powers of Congress . . . are dependent solely on the Constitution," and "no express power in that instrument" allows Congress to investigate individuals or to issue boundless records requests. *Id.* The Constitution instead permits Congress to enact certain kinds of legislation, *see, e.g.,* U.S. Const. art. I, § 8, and Congress's power to investigate "is

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justified as an adjunct to the legislative process, it is subject to several limitations." *Mazars*, 140 S. Ct. at 2031. These limitations include that Congress may not issue a subpoena for the purposes of "law enforcement" because "those powers are assigned under our Constitution to the Executive and the judiciary," *Quinn*, 349 U.S. at 161, or to "try" someone "of any crime or wrongdoing," *McGrain*, 273 U.S. at 179; nor does Congress have any "general power to inquire into private affairs and compel disclosure," *McGrain*, 273 U.S. at 173-74, or the "power to expose for the sake of exposure," *Watkins*, 354 U.S. at 200. Also importantly, Congressional investigations "conducted solely for the personal aggrandizement of the investigators or to 'punish' those investigated are indefensible." *Watkins*, 354 U.S. at 187, *Mazars*, 140 S. Ct. at 2032.

We are especially troubled by the representation of the legislative purpose of the Select Committee as made by Mr. Douglas Letter on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives. See H'ng T., *Trump v. Thompson*, No. 21-cv-002769 (Nov. 4, 2021). With respect to the Select Committee's legislative purpose, Mr. Letter stated:

[W]e need to figure out what was the atmosphere that brought . . . about [the events of January 6, including] the many attempts that were made before the election to try to build the nature of mistrust about the election itself, which goes to undermine our democracy, so that if President Trump did lose he would be able to say that his is unfair and to generate lots of anger and rage that led to January 6.

H'ng T. at 40. Contrary to Mr. Letter's assertion, courts have made clear that educating the public is not a valid congressional function. Specifically, the Supreme Court has held that when Congress claims that it is "the duty of Members to tell the public about their activities . . . the transmittal of such information by individual Members in order to inform the public and other Members is not part of the legislative or the deliberations that make up the legislative process." *Hutchinson v. Praxmire*, 443 U.S. 111, 113 (1979). Similarly, congressional investigators have no authority to "collect minutiae on remote topics, on the hypothesis that the past may reflect upon the present." *Watkins*, 354 U.S. at 187.

Mr. Letter goes on to hypothesize as to legislative ends that could be achieved by the Select Committee:

For example, should we amend the Election Counting Act. Should there be restrictions possibly on ways that federal officials can try to influence state officials to change election results. Should we increase the resources of various committees and bodies who are gathering information. Should we increase resources, for, you know, something that I think has been done many, many decades, rebuilding the confidence of the American people in the election process and our democracy.

H'ng T. at 43. The wide range of *potential* legislative ends cited by Mr. Letter, however, undermine the Select Committee's purported narrowly tailored stated purpose. This one issue is sufficient to defeat any claim of legitimate pertinence. Where, as here, the Select Committee has threatened referrals of criminal contempt, see *Thompson & Cheney Statement on Bannon Indictment* (Nov. 12, 2021) ("Steve Bannon's indictment should send a clear message to anyone who thinks they can ignore the Select Committee or try to stonewall our investigation: no one is above the law. We will not hesitate to use the tools at our disposal to get the information we need."), the Supreme Court

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has admonished that the legislative committees are Constitutionally obligated to demonstrate the pertinence of the questions posed to its witnesses with the "explicitness and clarity that the Due Process clause [of the Constitution] requires." *Watkins*, 354 U.S. at 209. As the Court held: "The more vague the committee's charter, the greater becomes the possibility that the committee's specific actions are not in conformity with the will of the parent House of Congress." *Id.* at 201.

Mr. Scavino is thus faced with the precise issue confronted by the Supreme Court in *Watkins*: "It is impossible . . . to ascertain whether any legislative purpose justifies the disclosure sought and, if so, the importance of that information to the Congress in furtherance of its legislative function." *Id.* at 206. In light of the public commentary by Mr. Letter and the Select Committee Members, the legislative purpose of the Select Committee is anything but explicit. Therefore, to facilitate Mr. Scavino's preparation for the provision of competent testimony, we respectfully request the Select Committee furnish an explanation as to how any desired "matter of inquiry" falls within the jurisdiction vested by Congress. Absent further explanation, we submit that the Select Committee has sacrificed its ability to enforce its subpoena. As the Supreme Court observed in *Watkins*: "The reason no court can make this critical judgment [concerning jurisdiction] is that the House of Representatives has never made it." *Id.*

Finally, we would be remiss were we not to address the Select Committee's public threat to hold in contempt those that do not meet its exacting demands. See Katie Benner and Luke Broadwater, *Bannon Indicted on Contempt Charges Over House's Capitol Riot Inquiry*, *The New York Times* (Nov. 12, 2021) (quoting Rep. Jamie Raskin: "It's great to have a Department of Justice that's back in business . . . I hope other friends of Donald Trump get the message . . ."). Although Mr. Scavino desires to continue to foster a productive dialogue with your Staff in an effort to identify valid "matters of inquiry" that would produce competent testimony, we feel compelled to highlight significant procedural deficiencies in the Select Committee's threats to refer Mr. Scavino for contempt for asserting legitimate legal challenges to your October 6 subpoena.

First, to our knowledge, Mr. Scavino has not been properly served with the subpoena at issue. Contrary to House Rules, Mr. Scavino was neither handed a copy of the subpoena nor did he waive service of the subpoena. Rather, the subpoena was delivered to a member of President Trump's staff. Indeed, although we are aware of media claims that Mr. Scavino was somehow "evading" service, see Ryan Nobles, Zachary Cohen, and Annie Grayer, *House Committee Investigating January 6 Can't Find Trump Aide to Serve Subpoena* (Oct. 6, 2021), prior to the delivery of the subpoena to Mar-a-Lago on or about October 8, 2021, we are aware of no prior attempts to serve Mr. Scavino with the subpoena (and it bears noting that all visitors to Mar-a-Lago are identified to the U.S. Secret Service).

Second, we do not believe the Select Committee as constituted can validly conduct a deposition. House regulations for the use of deposition authority provide that any committee deposition is to be conducted "in rounds" with "equal time [provided] to the majority and the minority." These regulations further provide that, "[a] deposition shall be conducted by any member or committee counsel designated by the chair or ranking minority member of the Committee that noticed the deposition." 2 Cong. Rec. H41 (daily ed. Jan. 4, 2021) (117th Cong. Reg. for use of Deposition Authority). While we have no desire to enter the political theatre that has

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engulfed the important subject matter of the Select Committee's work, we nevertheless must acknowledge the unprecedented refusal of the Speaker of the House to sit the Minority Leader's recommendation for Ranking Member of the Select Committee. We submit that the House regulations do not contemplated this unprecedented decision and absent a duly appointed Ranking Member to the Select Committee it is literally impossible for Mr. Scavino to be questioned by a "member or committee counsel designated by the . . . ranking minority member."

Because of these procedural deficiencies, the Select Committee has sacrificed its ability to enforce its subpoena. As the Supreme Court has held: "[T]he competence of the tribunal must be proved as an independent element of the crime. If the competence is not shown, the crime of perjury is not established regardless of whether the witness relied on the absence of a quorum." *United States v. Reinecke*, 524 F.2d 435, (D.C. Cir. 1975) (citing *Christoffel v. United States*, 338 U.S. 84, 90 (1949)). See *Christoffel*, 338 U.S. at 90 ("A tribunal that is not competent is no tribunal, and it is unthinkable that such a body can be the instrument of criminal conviction."). The principal that a Congressional committee must adhere to applicable Rules in pursuit of the enforcement of its subpoenas has similarly resulted in convictions for contempt of congress being overturned. See *Yellin v. United States*, 734 U.S. 109, (reversing conviction for contempt of congress where the Congressional committee failed to adhere to its own rules: "The Committee prepared the groundwork for prosecution in Yellin's case meticulously. It is not too exacting to require that the Committee be equally meticulous in obeying its own rules.").

We further submit that the Select Committee is not without recourse. The House took the relatively unprecedent step of bestowing upon the Select Committee the authority of the Chair "to compel by subpoena the furnishing of information by interrogatory." H. Res. 503 § 5(c)(5). As we have stated repeatedly, we acknowledge the important subject matter of the Select Committee's work and welcome the opportunity to identify "some way to evaluate assertions going forward." *Comm. On the Judiciary v. Miers*, 558 F. Supp. 2d 53, 107 (D.D.C. 2008). Given the complex and unprecedented nature of privilege and pertinency issues the Select Committee's inquiry implicates, the submission of written questions may enable Mr. Scavino, with the assistance of counsel, to parse this critically important vestige of the doctrine of Separation of Powers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss.

Sincerely,



Stan M. Brand



Stanley E. Woodward Jr.

Exhibit 11 — Subpoena to Daniel Scavino, Jr. (Nov. 23, 2021)

SUBPOENA

BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To Mr. Daniel Scavino, Jr.

You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

of the House of Representatives of the United States at the place, date, and time specified below.

[X] to produce the things identified on the attached schedule touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of production: [redacted] Date: November 29, 2021 Time: 12:00 p.m.

[X] to testify at a deposition touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of testimony: [redacted] Date: December 1, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m.

[] to testify at a hearing touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee or subcommittee; and you are not to depart without leave of said committee or subcommittee.

Place of testimony: Date: Time:

To any authorized staff member or the United States Marshals Service

to serve and make return.

Witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the United States, at the city of Washington, D.C. this 23 day of November, 2021.

Attest:

Clerk

[Signature of Kevin McCabe]

[Signature of Bonnie McRae]

Chairman or Authorized Member

PROOF OF SERVICE

Subpoena for
Mr. Daniel Scavino, Jr.

Address via email to: [REDACTED]

before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

U.S. House of Representatives
117th Congress

Served by (print name) [REDACTED]

Title [REDACTED]

Manner of service via email to Mr. Scavino's counsel at [REDACTED]

Date _____

Signature of Server _____

Address Select Committee to Investigate January 6th, [REDACTED]
Washington, DC 20515

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Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

November 23, 2021

Mr. Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.
c/o Mr. Stanley E. Woodward
Via e-mail to [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Scavino:

Pursuant to the authorities set forth in House Resolution 503 and the rules of the House of Representatives, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol ("Select Committee") hereby transmits a subpoena that compels you to produce the documents set forth in the accompanying schedule by November 29, 2021, and to appear for a deposition on December 1, 2021.

The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations. The inquiry includes examination of how various individuals and entities coordinated their activities leading up to the events of January 6, 2021, and the messages, videos, and internet communications that were disseminated to the public concerning the election, the transition in administrations, and the constitutional and statutory processes that effect that transition.

The Select Committee has reason to believe that you have information relevant to understanding important activities that led to and informed the events at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, and relevant to former President Trump's activities and communications in the period leading up to and on January 6. For example, the Select Committee has reason to believe that you have knowledge regarding the communications strategy of the former President and his supporters leading up to the events on January 6. As the Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications, reporting indicates that you were with the former President on January 5, when he and others were considering how to convince Members of Congress not to certify the election for Joe Biden.¹ Your public Twitter account makes clear that you were tweeting messages from the White House on January 6, 2021.² And prior to January 6, 2021, you promoted, through your Twitter messaging, the January 6 March for Trump, which encouraged people to "be a part of history."³ Your long service with the former President—spanning more than a decade and which included service as his digital strategy director, overseeing his social media presence, including on Twitter—

¹ Bob Woodward & Robert Costa, Peril at 231 (2021).

² E.g., Dan Scavino (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 6, 2021, 11:12 AM, from The White House), <https://twitter.com/DanScavino/status/1346584866964598785?s=20>; Dan Scavino [American flag] [eagle] (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 6, 2021, 10:50 AM, from The White House), <https://twitter.com/danScavino/status/1346846692905168385?lang=en>.
³ Dan Scavino (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 2, 2021, 9:04 PM), <https://twitter.com/DanScavino/status/1343551501440245767?s=20>.

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suggest that you have knowledge concerning communications involving the 2020 presidential election and rallies and activities supporting and including the former President on January 6. It also appears that you were with or in the vicinity of former President Trump on January 6 and are a witness regarding his activities that day. You may also have materials relevant to his videotaping and tweeting messages on January 6. Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks both documents and your deposition testimony regarding these and other matters that are within the scope of the Select Committee's inquiry.

A copy of the rules governing Select Committee depositions, and a copy of document production definitions and instructions are attached. Please contact staff for the Select Committee at [REDACTED] to arrange for the production of documents.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

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SCHEDULE

In accordance with the attached definitions and instructions, you, Mr. Daniel Scavino, Jr., are hereby required to produce all documents and communications in your possession, custody, or control control—including any such documents or communications stored or located on personal devices (e.g., personal computers, cellular phones, tablets, etc.), in personal or campaign accounts, and/or on personal or campaign applications (e.g., email accounts, contact lists, calendar entries, etc.)—referring or relating to the following items. If no date range is specified below, the applicable dates are for the time period April 1, 2020–present.

1. The January 6, 2021, rally on the mall and Capitol grounds in Washington, D.C., in support of President Donald J. Trump and opposition to certification of the results of the 2020 presidential election, including any permitting, planning, objectives, financing, and conduct, as well as any communications to or from any person or group involved in organizing or planning for the January 6, 2021, rally.
2. Then-President Trump's participation in the January 6, 2021, rally, including any communications with President Trump or any paid or unpaid attorney, advisor, assistant, or aide to President Trump relating to the nature, context, or content of President Trump's intended or actual remarks to those attending the January 6, 2021, rally.
3. Communications referring or relating to the nature, planning, conduct, message, purpose, objective, promotion of, or participation in the January 6, 2021, rally that were between or among any person who, during the administration of former President Trump, worked in the White House complex, including any employee or detailee.
4. Your communications with President Donald J. Trump concerning delaying or preventing the certification of the election of Joe Biden as President or relating to the rallies of January 5 or January 6, 2021.
5. Plans to communicate, or actual communications, relating to alleged fraud or other election irregularities in connection with the 2020 presidential election.
6. Communications with any non-governmental entity, organization, or individual relating to the January 6, 2021, rally, including any statements or other materials you or members of your office provided to any such entity, organization, or individual in connection with the planning, objectives, organization, message of, sponsorship and participation in the January 6, 2021, rally.
7. All communications regarding President Trump's meetings and communications that day.

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8. Communications with any individual or organization, within or outside the government, referring or related to the activities and events at the January 6, 2021, rally, including messaging or characterization of those activities and events following the January 6, 2021, rally.
9. Any communications with, including any materials or statements you provided directly or indirectly to, any Member of Congress or the staff of any Member of Congress referring or related to the planning, objectives, organization, message, sponsorship, or participation in the January 6, 2021, rally.
10. Anyone with whom you communicated by any means regarding any aspect of the planning, objectives, conduct, message of, promotion of, or participation in the January 6, 2021, rally.
11. From November 3, 2020, through January 6, 2021, any efforts, plans, or proposals to contest the 2020 Presidential election results or delay, influence, or impede the electoral count, including all tweets or posts on Parler urging attendance at the January 6 rally.
12. The role of the Vice President as the Presiding Officer in the certification of the votes of the electoral college.
13. All briefings or information from the United States Secret Service regarding participants at the January 6 rally on the Ellipse or the march to Capitol Hill, and all information relating to any plans or statements by President Trump that he would attend or participate in the events on Capitol Hill on January 6.
14. All communications with the Trump family on January 6, 2021.
15. All materials relating to former President Trump's videotaped messages on January 6 or regarding January 6, including all unused takes or recordings made that day.

DOCUMENT PRODUCTION DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. In complying with this request, produce all responsive documents, regardless of classification level, that are in your possession, custody, or control, whether held by you or your past or present agents, employees, and representatives acting on your behalf. Produce all documents that you have a legal right to obtain, that you have a right to copy, or to which you have access, as well as documents that you have placed in the temporary possession, custody, or control of any third party.
2. Requested documents, and all documents reasonably related to the requested documents, should not be destroyed, altered, removed, transferred, or otherwise made inaccessible to the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol ("Committee").
3. In the event that any entity, organization, or individual denoted in this request is or has been known by any name other than that herein denoted, the request shall be read also to include that alternative identification.
4. The Committee's preference is to receive documents in a protected electronic form (i.e., password protected CD, memory stick, thumb drive, or secure file transfer) in lieu of paper productions. With specific reference to classified material, you will coordinate with the Committee's Security Officer to arrange for the appropriate transfer of such information to the Committee. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to: a) identifying the classification level of the responsive document(s); and b) coordinating for the appropriate transfer of any classified responsive document(s).
5. Electronic document productions should be prepared according to the following standards:
 - a. If the production is completed through a series of multiple partial productions, field names and file order in all load files should match.
 - b. All electronic documents produced to the Committee should include the following fields of metadata specific to each document, and no modifications should be made to the original metadata:

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PAGECOUNT, CUSTODIAN, RECORDTYPE, DATE, TIME,
SENTDATE, SENTTIME, BEGINDATE, BEGINTIME, ENDDATE,
ENDTIME, AUTHOR, FROM, CC, TO, BCC, SUBJECT, TITLE,
FILENAME, FILEEXT, FILESIZE, DATECREATED, TIMECREATED,
DATELASTMOD, TIMELASTMOD, INTMSGID, INTMSGHEADER,
NATIVELINK, INTFILPATH, EXCRPTION, BEGATTACH.

6. Documents produced to the Committee should include an index describing the contents of the production. To the extent more than one CD, hard drive, memory stick, thumb drive, zip file, box, or folder is produced, each should contain an index describing its contents.
7. Documents produced in response to this request shall be produced together with copies of file labels, dividers, or identifying markers with which they were associated when the request was served.
8. When you produce documents, you should identify the paragraph(s) or request(s) in the Committee's letter to which the documents respond.
9. The fact that any other person or entity also possesses non-identical or identical copies of the same documents shall not be a basis to withhold any information.
10. The pendency of or potential for litigation shall not be a basis to withhold any information.
11. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(d), the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and any statutory exemptions to FOIA shall not be a basis for withholding any information.
12. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(h)(9), the Privacy Act shall not be a basis for withholding information.
13. If compliance with the request cannot be made in full by the specified return date, compliance shall be made to the extent possible by that date. An explanation of why full compliance is not possible shall be provided along with any partial production, as well as a date certain as to when full production will be satisfied.
14. In the event that a document is withheld on any basis, provide a log containing the following information concerning any such document: (a) the reason it is being withheld, including, if applicable, the privilege asserted; (b) the type of document; (c) the general subject matter; (d) the date, author, addressee, and any other recipient(s); (e) the relationship of the author and addressee to each other; and (f) the basis for the withholding.
15. If any document responsive to this request was, but no longer is, in your possession, custody, or control, identify the document (by date, author, subject, and recipients), and explain the circumstances under which the document ceased to be in your possession, custody, or control. Additionally, identify where the responsive document can now be found including name, location, and contact information of the entity or entities now in possession of the responsive document(s).
16. If a date or other descriptive detail set forth in this request referring to a document

is inaccurate, but the actual date or other descriptive detail is known to you or is otherwise apparent from the context of the request, produce all documents that would be responsive as if the date or other descriptive detail were correct.

17. This request is continuing in nature and applies to any newly-discovered information. Any record, document, compilation of data, or information not produced because it has not been located or discovered by the return date shall be produced immediately upon subsequent location or discovery.
18. All documents shall be Bates-stamped sequentially and produced sequentially.
19. Upon completion of the production, submit a written certification, signed by you or your counsel, stating that: (1) a diligent search has been completed of all documents in your possession, custody, or control that reasonably could contain responsive documents; and (2) all documents located during the search that are responsive have been produced to the Committee.

Definitions

1. The term "document" means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of classification level, how recorded, or how stored/displayed (e.g. on a social media platform) and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, data, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, communications, electronic mail (email), contracts, cables, notations of any type of conversation, telephone call, meeting or other inter-office or intra-office communication, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, computer or mobile device screenshots/screen captures, teletypes, invoices, transcripts, diaries, analyses, returns, summaries, minutes, bills, accounts, estimates, projections, comparisons, messages, correspondence, press releases, circulars, financial statements, reviews, opinions, offers, studies and investigations, questionnaires and surveys, and work sheets (and all drafts, preliminary versions, alterations, modifications, revisions, changes, and amendments of any of the foregoing, as well as any attachments or appendices thereto), and graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotape, recordings and motion pictures), and electronic, mechanical, and electric records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, and recordings) and other written, printed, typed, or other graphic or recorded matter of any kind or nature, however produced or reproduced, and whether preserved in writing, film, tape, disk, videotape, or otherwise. A document bearing any notation not a part of the original text is to be considered a separate document. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.

2. The term "communication" means each manner or means of disclosure or exchange of information, regardless of means utilized, whether oral, electronic, by document or otherwise, and whether in a meeting, by telephone, facsimile, mail, releases, electronic message including email (desktop or mobile device), text message, instant message, MMS or SMS message, message application, through a social media or online platform, or otherwise.
3. The terms "and" and "or" shall be construed broadly and either conjunctively or disjunctively to bring within the scope of this request any information that might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope. The singular includes plural number, and vice versa. The masculine includes the feminine and neutral genders.
4. The term "including" shall be construed broadly to mean "including, but not limited to."
5. The term "Company" means the named legal entity as well as any units, firms, partnerships, associations, corporations, limited liability companies, trusts, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, departments, branches, joint ventures, proprietorships, syndicates, or other legal, business or government entities over which the named legal entity exercises control or in which the named entity has any ownership whatsoever.
6. The term "identify," when used in a question about individuals, means to provide the following information: (a) the individual's complete name and title; (b) the individual's business or personal address and phone number; and (c) any and all known aliases.
7. The term "related to" or "referring or relating to," with respect to any given subject, means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, reflects, identifies, states, refers to, deals with, or is pertinent to that subject in any manner whatsoever.
8. The term "employee" means any past or present agent, borrowed employee, casual employee, consultant, contractor, de facto employee, detailee, assignee, fellow, independent contractor, intern, joint adventurer, loaned employee, officer, part-time employee, permanent employee, provisional employee, special government employee, subcontractor, or any other type of service provider.
9. The term "individual" means all natural persons and all persons or entities acting on their behalf.

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health, safety, and well-being of others present in the Chamber and surrounding areas. Members and staff will not be permitted to enter the Hall of the House without wearing a mask. Masks will be available at the entry points for any Member who forgets to bring one. The Chair views the failure to wear a mask as a serious breach of decorum. The Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to enforce this policy. Based upon the health and safety guidance from the attending physician and the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Chair would further advise that all Members should leave the Chamber promptly after casting their votes. Furthermore, Members should avoid congregating in the rooms leading to the Chamber, including the Speaker's lobby. The Chair will continue the practice of providing small groups of Members with a minimum of 5 minutes within which to cast their votes. Members are encouraged to vote with their previously assigned group. After voting, Members must clear the Chamber to allow the next group a safe and sufficient opportunity to vote. It is essential for the health and safety of Members, staff, and the U.S. Capitol Police to consistently practice social distancing and to ensure that a safe capacity be maintained in the Chamber at all times. To that end, the Chair appreciates the cooperation of Members and staff in preserving order and decorum in the Chamber and in displaying respect and safety for one another by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. All announced policies, including those addressing decorum in debate and the conduct of votes by electronic device, shall be carried out in harmony with this policy during the pendency of a covered period.

117TH CONGRESS REGULATIONS FOR USE OF DEPOSITION AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE ON RULES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, I hereby submit the following regulations regarding the conduct of depositions by committee and select committee counsel for printing in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,
Chairman, Committee on Rules.
REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF DEPOSITION AUTHORITY

1. Notices for the taking of depositions shall specify the date, time, and place of examination. Depositions shall be taken under oath administered by a member or a person otherwise authorized to administer oaths. Depositions may continue from day to day.

2. Consultation with the ranking minority member shall include three days' notice before any deposition is taken. All members of the committee shall also receive three days written notice that a deposition will be taken, except in exigent circumstances. For purposes of these procedures, a day shall not include Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day.

3. Witnesses may be accompanied at a deposition by personal, nongovernmental counsel to advise them of their rights. Only members, committee staff designated by the chair or ranking minority member, an official reporter, the witness, and the witness's counsel are permitted to attend. Observers or counsel for other persons, including counsel for government agencies, may not attend.

4. The chair of the committee noticing the deposition may designate that deposition as part of a joint investigation between committees, and in that case, provide notice to the members of the committees. If such a designation is made, the chair and ranking minority member of the additional committee(s) may designate committee staff to attend pursuant to regulation 3. Members and designated staff of the committees may attend and ask questions as set forth below.

5. A deposition shall be conducted by any member or committee counsel designated by the chair or ranking minority member of the Committee that noticed the deposition. When depositions are conducted by committee counsel, there shall be no more than two committee counsel permitted to question a witness per round. One of the committee counsel shall be designated by the chair and the other by the ranking minority member per round.

6. Deposition questions shall be propounded in rounds. The length of each round shall not exceed 60 minutes per side, and shall provide equal time to the majority and the minority. In each round, the member(s) or committee counsel designated by the chair shall ask questions first, and the member(s) or committee counsel designated by the ranking minority member shall ask questions second.

7. Objections must be stated concisely and in a non-argumentative and non-suggestive manner. A witness's counsel may not instruct a witness to refuse to answer a question, except to preserve a privilege. In the event of professional, ethical, or other misconduct by the witness's counsel during the deposition, the Committee may take any appropriate disciplinary action. The witness may refuse to answer a question only to preserve a privilege. When the witness has refused to answer a question to preserve a privilege, members or staff may (i) proceed with the deposition, or (ii) either at that time or at a subsequent time, seek a ruling from the Chair either by telephone or otherwise. If the Chair overrules any such objection and thereby orders a witness to answer any question to which an objection was lodged, the witness shall be ordered to answer. If a member of the committee chooses to appeal the ruling of the chair, such appeal must be made within three days, in writing, and shall be preserved for committee consideration. The Committee's ruling on appeal shall be filed with the clerk of the Committee and shall be provided to the members and witness no less than three days before the reconvened deposition. A deponent who refuses to answer a question after being directed to answer by the chair may be subject to sanction, except that no sanctions may be imposed if the ruling of the chair is reversed by the committee on appeal.

8. The Committee chair shall ensure that the testimony is either transcribed or electronically recorded or both. If a witness's testimony is transcribed, the witness or the witness's counsel shall be afforded an opportunity to review a copy. No later than five days after the witness has been notified of the opportunity to review the transcript, the witness may submit suggested changes to the chair. Committee staff may make any typographical and technical changes. Substantive changes, modifications, clarifications, or amendments to the deposition transcript submitted by the witness must be accompanied by a letter signed by the witness requesting the changes and a statement of the witness's reasons for each proposed change. Any substantive changes, modifications, clarifications, or amendments shall be included as an appendix to the transcript conditioned upon the witness signing the transcript.

9. The individual administering the oath, if other than a member, shall certify on the transcript that the witness was duly sworn. The transcriber shall certify that the transcript is a true record of the testimony, and the transcript shall be filed, together with any electronic recording, with the clerk of the committee in Washington, DC. Depositions shall be considered to have been taken in Washington, DC, as well as the location actually taken once filed there with the clerk of the committee for the committee's use. The chair and the ranking minority member shall be provided with a copy of the transcripts of the deposition at the same time.

10. The chair and ranking minority member shall consult regarding the release of deposition testimony, transcripts, or recordings, and portions thereof. If either objects in writing to a proposed release of a deposition testimony, transcript, or recording, or a portion thereof, the matter shall be promptly referred to the committee for resolution.

11. A witness shall not be required to testify unless the witness has been provided with a copy of section 3(b) of H. Res. 8, 117th Congress, and these regulations.

REMOTE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

COMMITTEE ON RULES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, I hereby submit the following regulations regarding remote committee proceedings for printing in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,
Chairman,
Committee on Rules.

REMOTE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8

A. PRESENCE AND VOTING

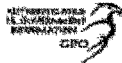
1. Members participating remotely in a committee proceeding must be visible on the software platform's video function to be considered in attendance and to participate unless connectivity issues or other technical problems render the member unable to fully participate on camera (except as provided in regulations A.2 and A.3).

2. The exception in regulation A.1 for connectivity issues or other technical problems does not apply if a point of order has been made that a quorum is not present. Members participating remotely must be visible on the software platform's video function in order to be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

3. The exception in regulation A.1 for connectivity issues or other technical problems does not apply during a vote. Members participating remotely must be visible on the software platform's video function in order to vote.

4. Members participating remotely off-camera due to connectivity issues or other technical problems pursuant to regulation A.1 must inform committee majority and minority staff either directly or through staff.

5. The chair shall make a good faith effort to provide every member experiencing connectivity issues an opportunity to participate fully in the proceedings, subject to regulations A.2 and A.3.



H. Res. 8

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

January 4, 2021.

Resolved,

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CONGRESS.

The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, with amendments to the standing rules as provided in section 2, and with other orders as provided in this resolution.

SEC. 2. CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES.

(a) **CONFORMING CHANGE.**—In clause 2(i) of rule II—

(1) strike the designation of subparagraph (1); and

(2) strike subparagraph (2).

(b) **OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND OFFICE OF THE WHISTLEBLOWER OMBUDS.**—

SEC. 3. SEPARATE ORDERS.

(a) **MEMBER DAY HEARING REQUIREMENT.**—During the first session of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, each standing committee (other than the Committee on Ethics) or each subcommittee thereof (other than a subcommittee on oversight) shall hold a hearing at which it receives testimony from Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner on proposed legislation within its jurisdiction, except that the Committee on Rules may hold such hearing during the second session of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.

(b) **DEPOSITION AUTHORITY.**—

(1) During the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, the chair of a standing committee (other than the Committee on Rules), and the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, upon consultation with the ranking minority member of such committee, may order the taking of depositions, including pursuant to subpoena, by a member or counsel of such committee.

(2) Depositions taken under the authority prescribed in this subsection shall be subject to regulations issued by the chair of the Committee on Rules and printed in the Congressional Record.

(c) **WAR POWERS RESOLUTION.**—During the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, a motion to discharge a measure introduced pursuant to section 6 or section 7 of the War

**Exhibit 12 — Letter from Counsel for Mr. Scavino to
Chairman Thompson (Nov. 26, 2021)**

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Stanley E. Woodward Jr.
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November 26, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

Re: Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.

Dear Chairman Thompson:

On behalf of our client, Daniel J. Scavino, Jr. we write in response to your November 23, 2021 correspondence. We regret that in your apparent haste to acknowledge the Select Committee's failure to properly serve Mr. Scavino with your October 6, 2021, subpoena, that you appear to have inadvertently transposed dates in your correspondence. For example, although you request that we "confirm receipt" of your correspondence "no later than 12:00pm Monday, November 29," you ask that we "identify the specific topics Mr. Scavino agrees are outside the scope of his asserted privileges . . . no later than Friday, November 26, 2021." It is unclear why it would be necessary for us to provide you with any information today, Friday, when we are not asked to confirm receipt of your correspondence until Monday.¹

While no doubt an inadvertent oversight, this discrepancy does cast doubt on the Select Committee's careful consideration of the numerous legal and procedural issues raised by our prior correspondence. Where, as here, the threat of criminal contempt is invoked, the Supreme Court has made clear that Mr. Scavino is entitled to the "the specific provisions of the Constitution relating to the prosecution of offenses and those implied restrictions under which courts function." *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 216 (1957) (Frankfurter, J., concurring).

With respect to Mr. Scavino's deposition, you demand that we "identify the specific topics Mr. Scavino agrees are outside the scope of his asserted privileges, and if you believe a privilege applies, articulate which privilege and how it is implicated for each item no later than Friday, November 26, 2021." As articulated in our correspondence of November 18, 2021, the Select Committee has now identified thirty-three (33) "matters of inquiry" for which it purportedly seeks

¹ Today, the Friday after Thanksgiving, is recognized as a paid holiday for over 43 percent (43%) of employees who receive any paid holidays. See U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employee Benefits Survey, Holiday Profile – Day After Thanksgiving, <https://www.bls.gov/ncs/ebs/day-after-thanksgiving-2018.htm> (last visited Nov. 26, 2021).

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testimony from Mr. Scavino. Indeed, your correspondence of November 23, 2021, acknowledges that despite our request to “hone in on a subset of topics that can be prioritized,” no effort to do so has been made on your part. Rather, you submit that Mr. Scavino bears the responsibility of “identify[ing] the specific topics Mr. Scavino agrees are outside the scope of his asserted privileges.” Tellingly, you cite no authority – law, regulation, rule, historical precedent, or otherwise – for the proposition that the subject of a deposition subpoena bears the obligation of identifying topics of information about which that deponent may be questioned. You do not, we submit, because you cannot. Never in the history of our Nation’s legal system has the compelled subject of testimonial inquiry been required to volunteer the testimony believed to be of relevance to that witnesses’ inquisitor. In fact, the precepts of Due Process require otherwise: As the Supreme Court held in *Watkins*: “It is obvious that a person compelled to [testify] is entitled to have knowledge of the subject to which the interrogation is deemed pertinent [and] [t]hat knowledge must be available with the same degree of explicitness and clarity that the Due Process Clause requires in the expression of any element of a criminal offense.” 354 U.S. at 208-09. Your approach – to have Mr. Scavino volunteer the topics of testimony for his own deposition – would vitiate the clear due process protections delineated by the *Watkins* Court.

To that end, you seem to divorce the requirement that the Select Committee identify the “pertinency of [each] question[] propounded to the witness,” *id.* at 208, from a determination of what privilege may apply. Without the requisite showing of pertinency, however, Mr. Scavino cannot be in a position to determine whether an applicable privilege requires invocation. In our correspondence of November 18, 2021, for example, we highlighted several “matters of inquiry” for which a claim of pertinency seemed untenable. Rather than address our concerns, you mischaracterize our position. Mr. Scavino does not, “tak[e] the position that he may refuse to comply with the Select Committee subpoena simply because he has a different view of what information should be important to Congress.” To the contrary, he asserts his right to request that the Select Committee clearly articulate the pertinence of the “matters of inquiry” it seeks to “develop” with him. See *Watkins*, 354 U.S. at 208. Only once this prerequisite has been established can Mr. Scavino – whom as you concede “was a government official conducting public business” at all times relevant to your “matters of inquiry” – assess whether to make an assertion of executive privilege over any information he may possess. See *Comm. on the Judiciary v. McGahn*, 415 F. Supp. 3d 148, 213 n.34 (D.D.C. 2019) (acknowledging the “legal duty on the part of the aide to invoke the privilege on the President’s behalf”).

The assertion in your correspondence of November 23, 2021, that Mr. Scavino “is in no position to assert privilege on behalf of the executive branch” is similarly without merit. We are, of course, aware of President Trump’s litigation with the National Archives concerning a former President’s assertion of privilege in the face of an incumbent President’s waiver of the same. See *Trump v. Thompson*, No. 21-5254 (D.C. Cir.). Indeed, the fact that this litigation remains pending should be proof enough that the issue remains unsettled. We reiterate that it would be irresponsible for Mr. Scavino to prematurely resolve President Trump’s privilege claim by voluntarily waiving privilege and providing testimony or producing documents implicating the heart of the legal questions at issue. Rather, such inter-branch disputes are to exclusively be resolved by the courts and we patiently await the outcome of that judicial process. See *United States v. Nixon*, 418 U.S. 683, 696 (1974) (“We therefore reaffirm that it is the province and duty of

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[the Supreme Court] to say what the law is' with respect to the claim of [executive privilege]:" *(quoting Marbury v. Madison, 5 U.S. 1 (Cranch) 137, 177 (1805))*.

In short, we vehemently disagree with your characterization of Mr. Scavino's compliance with your subpoena. To describe our efforts as "continued, willful non-compliance" or "Mr. Scavino's steadfast refusal to cooperate" strain credulity. In your correspondence of November 23, 2021, you write: "Mr. Scavino is apparently taking the position that he may refuse to comply with the Select Committee subpoena simply because he has a different view of what information should be important to Congress." We encourage your careful consideration of what representations were actually made in our prior correspondence. Why has the Select Committee not addressed our request for an articulation of the pertinence of each of its delineated "matters of inquiry." You also write: "Mr. Scavino's continued refusal to provide a privilege log, coupled with your extensive and blanket assertions of privilege, are fundamentally at odds with your stated desire to foster further discussion and the continued collaboration" with the Select Committee." Again, we encourage your careful consideration of our prior correspondence. No "blanket assertions of privilege" have been lodged. Rather, we have specifically articulated categories of privilege we believe applicable to the communications potentially relevant to the Select Committee's "matters of inquiry." Absent from your correspondence is any acknowledgment of that assertion or any attempt to negotiate with Mr. Scavino concerning his testimony. The Select Committee's posturing is perhaps best evidenced by your position that, "there is simply no substitute for live, in-person testimony" in rejecting our request that the Select Committee propound written interrogatories so that together we might carefully parse important questions of both pertinence and privilege. Would not the receipt of any information be a compelling substitute for the immediate desire of live, in-person testimony?

We provide this response, per your demand, within 72 hours (including the Thanksgiving Holiday) of receipt of your correspondence of November 23, 2021. We do so and explicitly reiterate our acknowledgement of the important subject matter of the Select Committee's work. We would be remiss, however, were we not to observe the Select Committee's apparent failure to address the important procedural defects we identified in the Select Committee's process (other than correcting the Select Committee's failure to properly serve Mr. Scavino).

First, your demand that we expeditiously respond to the Select Committee's correspondence over the Thanksgiving Holiday does nothing to further our stated desire of ensuring that Mr. Scavino, and his counsel, be thoroughly prepared to address the "matters of inquiry" the Select Committee intends to "develop" with him. This challenge remains exacerbated by the Select Committee advising that it "reserves the right to question Mr. Scavino about other topics" in addition to those "matters of inquiry" delineated in its subpoena and subsequent correspondence. In that you acknowledge that Mr. Scavino is entitled to the representation of counsel in his deposition, you must further acknowledge that for this representation to be meaningful, both he and his counsel must be adequately prepared. See *Yellin v. United States, 374 U.S. 109, 123-24 (1963)* (reversing conviction for contempt of congress where the Congressional committee failed to adhere to its own rules: "The Committee prepared the groundwork for prosecution in Yellin's case meticulously. It is not too exacting to require that the Committee be equally meticulous in obeying its own rules.").

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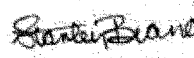
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Second, you mischaracterize our concern over the Select Committee's stated approach to the taking of Mr. Scavino's deposition. Our position is not that any applicable law, resolution, rule or other authority requires "the minority leader's preferred Members" to be appointed to the Select Committee. Rather, our inquiry focused on whether House Rules contemplate the procedure for conducting a deposition *when the minority leader's recommended Members are not appointed to the Select Committee*. Here, no Member recommended by the minority leader has been appointed to the Select Committee. In turn, no Ranking Member has been designated by the minority leader (or as far as we are aware, by anyone). Therefore, because the Select Committee lacks a Ranking Member, no "committee counsel" can be "designated" by the Ranking Member for the purpose of the Select Committee's taking a deposition, as required by the Regulations for the Use of Deposition Authority promulgated by the Chairman on Rules pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 8. As the Supreme Court has held: "the competence of the tribunal must be proved as an independent element of the crime [and] [i]f the competence is not shown, the crime of perjury is not established regardless of whether the witness relied on the absence of a quorum." *United States v. Retnecke*, 524 F.2d 435, (D.C. Cir. 1975) (citing *Christoffel v. United States*, 338 U.S. 84, 90 (1949)), and the "chain of authority from the House to the questioning body is an essential element of the offense." *Gofack v. United States*, 384 U.S. 702, 716 (1966).

Because of these procedural deficiencies, the Select Committee has sacrificed its ability to enforce its subpoena – the principal that a Congressional committee must adhere to applicable Rules in pursuit of the enforcement of its subpoenas has similarly resulted in convictions for contempt of congress being overturned. See *Yellin*, 374 U.S. at 123-24.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss.

Sincerely,



Stan M. Brand


Stanley E. Woodward Jr.

Exhibit 13 — Deposition that Memorialized Daniel Scavino, Jr.'s Failure to Appear before the Select Committee (Dec. 1, 2021)

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DEPOSITION OF: DANIEL J. SCAVINO, JR. (NO-SHOW)

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[REDACTED] We are on the record.

Today is Wednesday, December 1st, 2021. The time is 10 a.m. We are convened in the [REDACTED], for the deposition of Daniel J. Scavino, Jr., to be conducted by the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol.

The person transcribing this proceeding is the House stenographer and notary public authorized to administer oaths.

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a [REDACTED] to the select committee and the select committee's designated staff counsel for this proceeding. I'm accompanied by [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], [REDACTED].

For the record, it is now 10:01, and Mr. Scavino is not present.

On October 6th, 2021, Chairman Bennie Thompson issued a subpoena to Mr. Scavino both to produce documents by October 21st, 2021, and to testify at a deposition on October 28th, 2021, at 10 a.m.

The subpoena is in connection with the select committee's investigation into the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues related to the peaceful transition of power in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations.

This inquiry includes examination of how various individuals, to include Mr. Scavino, and entities coordinated their activities leading up to the events of January 6th, 2021, and the messages, videos, and internet communications that were disseminated to the public concerning the election, the transition of administrations, and

1 the constitutional and statutory processes that affect that transition.

2 After Mr. Scavino retained counsel, Mr. Stanley Woodward and Mr. Stan Brand,
3 the select committee agreed several times to postpone the subpoena deadline to enable
4 his counsel to overcome varied logistical challenges.

5 Ultimately, the select committee set new deadlines to produce documents and
6 appear for testimony. Mr. Scavino was required to produce documents by November
7 29th, 2021, and appear for testimony on December 1st, 2021.

8 By letters dated between November 5th and November 26th, the select
9 committee engaged with counsel for Mr. Scavino. In the letters, the select committee
10 addressed Mr. Scavino's claims of, among other things, extensive and blanket assertions
11 of privilege.

12 In the letter dated November 9th, the select committee also instructed
13 Mr. Scavino to assert privilege claims in a privilege log based on the topics provided by
14 the select committee no later than November 11th, 2021.

15 On November 18th, 2021, Mr. Scavino, through counsel, informed the select
16 committee that he would not appear at the deposition then scheduled for November
17 19th. Specifically, counsel said that, quote, "Mr. Scavino cannot meaningfully appear for
18 a deposition on Friday, November 19th, 2021," end quote.

19 Counsel also, for the first time, objected to the method of the select committee's
20 service of Mr. Scavino's October 6th, 2021, subpoena despite having all relevant
21 documentation, including the subpoena itself, in counsel's possession.

22 On November 23rd, 2021, Mr. Woodward, counsel for Mr. Scavino, agreed to
23 accept service of a subpoena on Mr. Scavino's behalf, and the new subpoena was issued
24 to Mr. Woodward that same day.

25 In a letter also dated November 23rd, 2021, the select committee addressed

1 Mr. Scavino's other concerns and allowed a final continuance of the deposition date.

2 The select committee also reiterated the importance of a privilege log based on
3 the topics provided by the select committee in the letter dated November 9th, 2021, and
4 set a November 26th, 2021, deadline for this log.

5 The select committee further informed Mr. Scavino that, quote, "The select
6 committee will view Mr. Scavino's failure to appear for the deposition and respond to the
7 subpoena as willful noncompliance. His continued failure to produce documents
8 pursuant to the subpoena also constitutes willful noncompliance.

9 "Mr. Scavino has a short time in which to cure his noncompliance. The
10 continued willful noncompliance with a subpoena would force the select committee to
11 consider invoking the contempt of Congress procedures in 2 USC, Sections 192 and 194,
12 which could result in a referral from the House to the Department of Justice for criminal
13 charges, as well as the possibility of having a civil action to enforce a subpoena brought
14 against Mr. Scavino in his personal capacity," end quote.

15 Although the select committee continued to engage with counsel, Mr. Scavino,
16 through counsel, informed the select committee that he would not appear today.

17 Specifically, Mr. Woodward informed counsel for the select committee on
18 November 30th that, quote, "I believe our position remains fairly stated in our
19 correspondence," end quote.

20 Mr. Woodward clarified to counsel for the select committee over the phone on
21 November 30th, 2021, that this meant that Mr. Scavino would not be appearing on the
22 record today, either to answer questions or to assert specific claims of privilege.
23 Counsel for the select committee then confirmed this understanding over email
24 correspondence.

25 To date, Mr. Scavino has not produced any documents or a privilege log, and

1 Mr. Scavino has not appeared today to answer questions or assert privilege objections.

2 I will mark as exhibit 1 and enter into the record the October 6th select committee
3 subpoena to Mr. Scavino included with materials that accompanied the subpoena,
4 namely, a letter from the chairman, a document schedule with accompanying production
5 instructions, and a copy of the deposition rules.

6 [Scavino Exhibit No. 1
7 Was marked for identification.]

8 [REDACTED] I will mark as exhibit 2 and enter into the record the receipt of
9 service for the October 6th subpoena, which was personally served to Susan Wiles, chief
10 of staff to the former President Trump, recorded on the proof of service as chief of staff
11 for the 45th Office, on October 8th, 2021.

12 [Scavino Exhibit No. 2
13 Was marked for identification.]

14 [REDACTED] Ms. Wiles reportedly represented to the U.S. marshal who served
15 her that she was authorized to accept service on Mr. Scavino's behalf.

16 I will mark as exhibit 3 and enter into the record the November 23rd select
17 committee subpoena to Mr. Scavino included with materials that accompanied the
18 subpoena, namely, a letter from the chairman, a document schedule with accompanying
19 production instructions, and a copy of deposition rules.

20 [Scavino Exhibit No. 3
21 Was marked for identification.]

22 [REDACTED] I personally served the subpoena to Mr. Scavino's counsel, Stanley
23 Woodward, over email pursuant to agreement with counsel.

24 I will mark as exhibit 4 and enter into the record a series of letters and emails
25 exchanged between the select committee and counsel for Mr. Scavino.

1 [Scavino Exhibit No. 4
2 Was marked for identification.]
3 [REDACTED]. Specifically, they are an email exchange between Mr. Woodward,
4 myself, and [REDACTED], who is [REDACTED] for the select committee,
5 dated from October 20th until November 30th, 2021. This exchange includes emails of
6 service of the November 23rd, 2021, subpoena for Mr. Scavino reflecting extended
7 deadlines.
8 It also includes a letter from Mr. Woodward and Mr. Brand to the select
9 committee on November 5th, 2021. Attached to that letter is a letter from Mr. Justin
10 Clark, counsel to the former President, Donald J. Trump, to Mr. Scavino on October 6th,
11 2021.
12 There is also a letter from the select committee to Mr. Woodward and Mr. Brand
13 dated November 9th, 2021; a letter from Mr. Woodward and Mr. Brand to the select
14 committee dated on November 15th, 2021; a letter from Mr. Woodward and Mr. Brand
15 to the select committee dated November 18th, 2021; a letter from the select committee
16 to Mr. Woodward and Mr. Brand dated November 23rd, 2021; and finally, a letter from
17 Mr. Brand and Mr. Woodward to the select committee dated November 26th, 2021.
18 I will note for the record that the time is now 10:08 a.m., and Mr. Scavino still has
19 not appeared or communicated to the select committee that he will appear today as
20 required by the subpoena.
21 Accordingly, as we await Mr. Scavino's compliance with the October 6th and
22 November 23rd subpoenas, this section of the deposition stands in recess, subject to the
23 call of the chair, at 10:09 a.m.
24 We are off the record.
25 [Whereupon, at 10:09 a.m., the deposition was recessed, subject to the call of the

1 chair.]

**Exhibit 14 — Letter from Chairman Thompson to Counsel
for Mr. Scavino (Dec. 9, 2021)**

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One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

December 9, 2021

Mr. Stanley E. Woodward, Jr.
Mr. Stan M. Brand

Dear Messrs. Woodward and Brand,

The Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol ("Select Committee") is in receipt of your November 26, 2021, letter and subsequent communications regarding the requested testimony and documents from your client, Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.

Pursuant to the Select Committee's October 6, 2021, subpoena, Mr. Scavino was required to produce documents by October 21, 2021, and to appear for testimony on October 28, 2021.¹ The Select Committee has extended those deadlines five times. In our correspondence dated November 23, 2021, the Select Committee noted that a fifth and final continuance would be granted to November 29, 2021, for documents, and to December 1, 2021, for deposition testimony.

During a phone call on November 30, 2021, Mr. Woodward, counsel for Mr. Scavino confirmed that his client would not appear for testimony the following day and demanded the Select Committee identify in detail each inquiry that would be posed to Mr. Scavino during the deposition. Mr. Woodward asserted that his client could not properly prepare, nor could he advise his client regarding privilege, without more detail, including regarding the pertinence of the Select Committee's inquiries.

My letter dated November 9, 2021, identified with sufficient detail the items we intend to discuss with Mr. Scavino. The Select Committee is not obligated to provide a question-by-question preview to Mr. Scavino in advance of the deposition.

Additionally, counsel has demanded that the Select Committee explain the pertinence of its investigation of Mr. Scavino's knowledge and activities as outlined in the subpoena and the November 9, 2021, letter. As stated in the subpoena, pursuant to House Resolution 503, the Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to

¹ Though counsel, for the first time on November 18, challenged service of the October 6, 2021, subpoena, counsel has produced a letter from President Trump's attorney dated October 6, 2021, requesting that Mr. Scavino assert privilege. Additionally, counsel has represented Mr. Scavino since at least October 20, and at no time indicated that he did not have access to the original subpoena or knowledge of the subjects therein. Thus, as of the date of this letter, Mr. Scavino has had at least seven weeks to produce responsive documents and identify topics that he believes to be beyond the scope of privilege. To date, he has done neither.

Messrs. Stanley Woodward and Stan Brand

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recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations. The inquiry includes examination of how various individuals and entities coordinated their activities leading up to the events of January 6, 2021, and the messages, videos, and internet communications that were disseminated to the public concerning the election, the transition in administrations, and the constitutional and statutory processes that effect that transition.

The Select Committee has reason to believe that Mr. Scavino has information relevant to understanding important activities that led to and informed the events at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, and relevant to former President Trump's activities and communications in the period leading up to and on January 6. For example, the Select Committee has reason to believe that he has knowledge regarding the communications strategy of the former President and his supporters leading up to the events on January 6. Mr. Scavino served the former President in various roles advising on or running social media, from the 2016 presidential campaign through his service in the Trump White House across the tenure of the Trump Administration. As the Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications, reporting indicates that he was with the former President on January 5, when he and others were considering how to convince Members of Congress not to certify the election for Joe Biden.² Mr. Scavino's public Twitter account makes clear that he was tweeting messages from the White House on January 6, 2021, including after President Trump was suspended from several social media platforms.³ Mr. Scavino was reportedly with or in the vicinity of former President Trump on January 6 and is a witness regarding his activities that day. He may also have materials relevant to his videotaping and tweeting messages on January 6.

Prior to January 6, 2021, Mr. Scavino promoted, through his Twitter messaging, the January 6 March for Trump, which encouraged people to "be a part of history,"⁴ and also used his personal, unofficial social media accounts to post messages about President Trump, including content that many of the President's followers interpreted as covert messaging about "stop the steal" and January 6.

Mr. Scavino was also reportedly present for meetings in November 2020 where President Trump consulted with outside advisors about ways to challenge and/or overturn the results of the 2020 election, including when and whether Mr. Trump should concede.⁵

The items identified in the Select Committee's subpoena and the November 9, 2021, letter regarding deposition topics are tailored to illuminate Mr. Scavino's understanding and knowledge of events leading up to, on, and in the aftermath of January 6. As such, they are unquestionably pertinent to the Select Committee's jurisdiction as outlined in House Resolution 503.

² Bob Woodward & Robert Costa, *Peril* at 231 (2021).

³ E.g., Dan Scavino (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 6, 2021, 11:12 AM, from The White House), <https://twitter.com/DanScavino/status/1346584866864598783?s=20>; Dan Scavino(American flag)[eagle] (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 6, 2021, 10:50 AM, from The White House), <https://twitter.com/danscavino/status/1346846609995168385?lang=en>.

⁴ Dan Scavino (@DanScavino), Twitter (Jan. 2, 2021, 9:04 PM), <https://twitter.com/DanScavino/status/1345551501440245762?s=20>.

⁵ Carol Leonnig & Phillip Rucker, *I Alone Can Fix It* (2021).

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Though counsel for Mr. Scavino has indicated a desire to cooperate with the Select Committee's investigation, Mr. Scavino has repeatedly rebuffed every request that he identify particularized assertions of privilege, as required by law, areas of inquiry for which he does not intend to assert a privilege, areas of inquiry for which he has no responsive information, and/or areas of inquiry for which he does not object as to pertinence.⁶ If Mr. Scavino believes he can respond to any of the Select Committee's inquiries without an assertion of privilege, he had an opportunity to do so on the record at the scheduled December 1, 2021, deposition, during which he also could have made the particularized assertions of privilege in response to specific questions as required.

However, Mr. Scavino did not appear for his deposition on December 1, nor has he produced a single document to date. The Select Committee conducted the deposition proceeding on that date and recorded Mr. Scavino's absence and failure to comply with the subpoena. As Mr. Scavino has yet to meaningfully cooperate with any of the pending requests, the Select Committee is considering enforcement action, including the contempt of Congress procedures in 2 U.S.C. §§192, 194—which could result in a referral from the House to the Department of Justice for criminal charges—as well as the possibility of having a civil action to enforce the subpoena brought against Mr. Scavino in his personal capacity. If Mr. Scavino wishes to avoid this enforcement, he should move expeditiously to cure his non-compliance.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

⁶ Contrary to counsel's assertion, the Select Committee has not asked Mr. Scavino to identify items of relevance to its investigation; rather, the Select Committee has asked Mr. Scavino to identify which areas of inquiry already described by the Select Committee do not trigger any assertions of privilege or objections to pertinence. To date, Mr. Scavino has refused to inform the Select Committee whether there are any items of agreement between the parties.

**Exhibit 15 — Letter from Counsel for Mr. Scavino to
Chairman Thompson (Dec. 13, 2021)**

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Stan M. Brand
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Stanley E. Woodward Jr.
[REDACTED]

December 13, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

Re: Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.

Dear Chairman Thompson:

We are in receipt of your correspondence of December 9, 2021. For the second time in as many weeks, you have demanded an immediate response from us with little regard for either our, or our client's, time and availability. Specifically, your staff provided us with your correspondence Thursday, at 7:15pm est, and advised that they wished to speak with us today, as early as at 9:30am the following day. Similarly, your last correspondence provided us with a mere 72 hours to respond, including the Thanksgiving Holiday. Yet, as you acknowledge in your correspondence, *more than two weeks* have passed without the courtesy of a reply. Unfortunately, public records will show that the undersigned was in court Friday and not otherwise available for a teleconference with your staff.

To that end, we respectfully disagree with the way in which you have characterized our non-written conversations with your staff. We again encourage your careful consideration of our prior correspondence, which clearly articulates our client's specific concerns with the Select Committee's subpoenas. Out of an abundance of caution, that correspondence, dated November 5, 2021, November 15, 2021, November 18, 2021, and November 23, 2021, is attached for your reference.

Although we hope it obvious, the tone of your latest correspondence compels us to unambiguously affirm the high esteem with which we hold United States House of Representatives, a body for which Mr. Brand served as Chief Counsel, and its important function within our co-equal branches of government. It is our profound respect for the institution that obliges us to ensure that the work of the House, and by extension its committees, carefully accords with the limits imposed by the doctrine of Separation of Powers. On behalf of our client, Dan Scavino, we ask of the Select Committee of nothing more than that to which he is entitled under the law.

We wish not to reiterate the concerns we have specifically articulated in our prior correspondence and again encourage your careful consideration of the same. We would

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respectfully disagree, however, with your characterization of Mr. Scavino's exercise of these important rights as his having "repeatedly rebuffed every request that he identify particularized assertions of privilege, as required by law, areas of inquiry for which he does not intend to assert privilege, areas of inquiry for which he has no responsive information, and/or areas of inquiry for which he does not object to pertinence." We address these mischaracterizations in turn.

You write that Mr. Scavino has "repeatedly rebuffed" the Select Committee's request "to identify particularized assertions of privilege" as "required by law." To the contrary, in our correspondence of November 15, 2021, Mr. Scavino articulated with great detail several categories of communications over which we submit an assertion of executive privilege would be warranted. Moreover, we advised that because President Trump has directed Mr. Scavino to assert any applicable privilege as to those records, which "gives rise to a legal duty on the part of [Mr. Scavino] to invoke the privilege on the President's behalf." *Comm. On the Judiciary v. McGahn*, 415 F. Supp. 3d 148, 213 n.34 (D.D.C. 2019). The Select Committee has provided no response to this proffer by Mr. Scavino, instead simply mischaracterizing Mr. Scavino's response as an improper blanket assertion of privilege. Moreover, Mr. Scavino cannot even begin to address how the executive privilege will implicate his testimony given that the Select Committee has failed to provide Mr. Scavino with the information necessary to do so.

To that end, you write that Mr. Scavino has "repeatedly rebuffed" the Select Committee's request that he identify "areas of inquiry for which he does not intend to assert privilege." Again, this mischaracterizes Mr. Scavino's position. Rather, in our correspondence of November 18, 2021, we requested that the Select Committee "furnish an explanation as to how any desired 'matter of inquiry' falls within the jurisdiction vested by Congress." Rather than respond to Mr. Scavino's request, your correspondence of November 23, 2021, failed to address the issue of pertinence at all. Now, your correspondence of December 9, 2021, broadly asserts: "The items identified by the Select Committee's subpoena and the November 9, 2021 letter . . . are unquestionably pertinent to the Select Committee's jurisdiction." Respectfully, Mr. Chairman, such *ipse dixit* - mere "blanket assertions" of jurisdiction - is what has stymied our efforts to foster further discussion and continued collaboration with the Select Committee. And while your correspondence of December 9, 2021, does portend to address our concern over the pertinence of the "matters of inquiry" identified by the Select Committee, merely reciting the language within your initial October 9, 2021 correspondence to Mr. Scavino does little to elucidate the matter. To be clear, our ask is not that the Select Committee "provide a question-by-question preview to Mr. Scavino in advance of [his] deposition." However, the Select Committee has failed to address in any way the specific "matters of inquiry" we identified in our correspondence of November 18, 2021, that appear to be beyond the scope of the Select Committee's jurisdiction, including your admonishment that "the Select Committee reserves the right to question Mr. Scavino about other topics."

You also write that Mr. Scavino has "repeatedly rebuffed" the Select Committee's request that he identify "areas of inquiry for which he has no responsive information, and/or areas of inquiry for which he does not object to pertinence." This is simply not true - the Select Committee has yet to ask Mr. Scavino to identify any "matter of inquiry" for which he has no responsive information - and this mischaracterization again casts doubt on the Select Committee's careful consideration of the numerous legal and procedural issues raised by our prior correspondence. For it is this mischaracterization that highlights what has been a consistent theme in the Select

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Committee's demands – the obligation of *Mr. Scavino* to facilitate the Select Committee's taking of his deposition. Contrary to the Select Committee's assertion, however, Mr. Scavino has a Constitutional right to the information he has requested: "It is obvious that a person compelled to [testify] is entitled to have knowledge of the subject to which the interrogation is deemed pertinent [and] [t]hat knowledge must be available with the same degree of explicitness and clarity that the Due Process Clause requires in the expression of any element of a criminal offense." *Watkins*, 354 U.S. 178, 208-09 (1957). The Select Committee's demand in effect amounts to forcing Mr. Scavino to waive his Constitutional rights, which the Select Committee cannot do. See *Johnson v. Zerbst*, 304 U.S. 458, 464 (1938). See also *United States v. North*, 920 F.2d 940, 946 (D.C. Cir. 1990) (*en banc*) ("The political needs of the majority, or Congress, or the President, never, never, never should trump an individual's explicit constitutional protections.").

Sincerely,



Stan M. Brand


Stanley E. Woodward Jr.

**Exhibit 16 — Letter from Counsel for Mr. Scavino to
Chairman Thompson (Feb. 8, 2022)**

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February 8, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

Re: Daniel J. Scavino, Jr.

Dear Chairman Thompson:

We are in receipt of your correspondence of February 4, 2022. The irony of your threat to hold Mr. Scavino in contempt for failing to respond to this correspondence within just two business days, despite having waited fifty-three (53) days to respond to our correspondence of December 13, 2021, *without actually providing the information requested therein*, is not lost on our client and exemplifies the "prosecution tactics" with which the Select Committee has been accused of adopting.¹ Put bluntly, your latest correspondence exemplifies the Select Committee's pattern and practice of intimidation and disregard for the rule of law, its application to the important function of the House of Representatives, and the important doctrine of Separation of Powers. Nevertheless, in a continued effort to foster collaboration with the Select Committee we provide the following response to your inquiry.

Mr. Scavino's Subpoena for Documents

Your February 4, 2022, correspondence mischaracterizes our position with respect to Mr. Scavino's production of documents in response to the Select Committee's November 23, 2021, subpoena. As we advised in our November 5, 2021, correspondence, Mr. Scavino served as a close advisor to the President - Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications - regardless of whether the communications in question were sent or received on a personal device or through a personal social media or other account.² As we also advised in our November 5, 2021, correspondence, we

¹ Michael S. Schmidt and Luke Broadwater, In Scrutinizing Trump and his Allies, Jan. 6 Panel Adopts Prosecution Tactics, *The New York Times* (Feb. 5, 2022), available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/05/us/politics/january-6-committee.html?referringSource=articleShare>.

² We are unaware of any recorded communications between Mr. Scavino, campaign officials, and other third parties that are not properly considered official communications, but invite the Select Committee

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believe any official communications that were received (or sent) from a personal device or social media account would have separately been provided to the National Archives and/or otherwise preserved. We have acknowledged the remote possibility that Mr. Scavino may be in possession of an errant record of a communication sent or received from a personal device or account that has not otherwise been provided to the Archives. Thus, as we have repeatedly advised, including in our correspondence of November 15, 2021, we will promptly inform the Select Committee if we become aware of a record responsive to a lawful subpoena of the Select Committee not otherwise in the possession of the National Archives.³

The Supreme Court's decision not to consider President Trump's petition for a stay of the D.C. Circuit's mandate (and thus the D.C. District's Court's denial of a motion for a preliminary injunction restraining order) does not resolve the issue of President Trump's directive, as detailed in our correspondence of November 5, 2021, that Mr. Scavino "not produce any documents concerning [his] official duties in response to [the Select Committee's] subpoena" and to invoke all applicable privileges and immunities protecting such records from production pursuant to your subpoena.⁴ As the Circuit Court articulated in its opinion, "[t]his preliminary injunction appeal involves only a subset of those requested documents over which former President Trump has claimed executive privilege, but for which President Biden has expressly determined that asserting a claim of executive privilege to withhold the documents from the January 6th Committee is not warranted." *Trump v. Thompson*, No. 21-5254, 2021 U.S. App. LEXIS 36315, at *4 (D.C. Cir. Dec. 9, 2021) (emphasis added). Further, the Circuit Court expressly limited its holding, "to those documents in the Archivist's first three tranches over which President Biden has determined that a claim of executive privilege is not justified." *Id.* at *7 (emphasis added). It remains to be known whether Presidents Trump and Biden will agree on the assertion of any applicable privilege with respect to communications sent to or from Mr. Scavino that are identified by the Archivist as

to provide additional detail concerning your vague and ambiguous assertion that any such "repeated contacts" would have generated records lawfully responsive to the Select Committee's subpoena.

³ Mr. Scavino takes seriously his duty to preserve "presidential records" and is aware of his obligation to take steps to "assure that the activities, deliberations, decisions, and policies that reflect the performance of the President's constitutional, statutory, or other official or ceremonial duties are adequately documented and that such records are preserved and maintained," and thanks the Select Committee for its attention to the same.

⁴ For at least the second time, your correspondence of February 4, 2022, suggests that because, "Mr. Trump has never had any correspondence with the Select Committee asserting executive privilege over Mr. Scavino's documents or testimony," Mr. Scavino's assertion of all applicable privilege and immunities is improper. However, we are aware of no authority requiring President Trump to communicate his assertion of privilege directly with the Select Committee and would note that you cite none.

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responsive to the Select Committee's subpoena in the future,⁵ and we note the Select Committee's agreement to withdraw its request for certain records at President Biden's prompting.⁶

Mr. Scavino's Subpoena for Deposition Testimony⁷

Your February 4, 2022, correspondence again baldly misrepresents that, "the Select Committee has more than adequately addressed [Mr. Scavino's] questions about the jurisdiction of the Select Committee and subjects [the Select Committee] intends to address at [Mr. Scavino's] deposition." Rather, the Select Committee has merely articulated "blanket assertions" of jurisdiction – mere *ipse dixit* – including, for example, by asserting in your correspondence of December 9, 2021, that, "[t]he items identified by the Select Committee's subpoena and November 9, 2021, letter . . . are unquestionably pertinent to the Select Committee's jurisdiction." (emphasis added). Specifically, in our correspondence of November 18, 2021, we requested that the Select Committee "furnish an explanation as to how any desired 'matter of inquiry' falls within the jurisdiction vested by Congress." Despite subsequent correspondence on November 23, 2021, December 9, 2021, and now February 4, 2022, the Select Committee has yet to articulate the specific nexus as between its proffered matters of inquiry, including your admonishment that "the Select Committee reserves the right to question Mr. Scavino about other topics," and the specific legislative purpose it seeks to advance. *Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP*, 140 S. Ct. 2019, at *2024 (2019) ("Most importantly, a congressional subpoena is valid only if it is 'related to, and in furtherance of, a legitimate task of the Congress.'" (quoting *Watkins*, 354 U.S. at 187)).

⁵ We also note that the Parties to this litigation, yourself included, recently advised the District Court that, [t]he parties have again conferred with respect to Defendants' forthcoming responses to the Complaint and the future of the litigation [and] agreed that the best course was to further defer the Defendants' response for thirty days so that Plaintiff can determine his next steps." Mot. Ext. *Trump v. Thompson*, No. 21-cv-02769-TSC (D.D.C. Feb. 4, 2022) (ECF No. 52). This representation confirms that the litigation remains pending and will remain pending for another thirty (30) days.

⁶ See Correspondence from Jonathan C. Su, Deputy Counsel to the President, to ██████████ ██████████ to the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol (Dec. 16, 2021), available at https://www.archives.gov/files/foia/su-letter-to-amerling_12.16.2021-attached-to-12.17.2021-remus-letter-to-ferriero.pdf (confirming the Select Committee's agreement to withdraw or defer its requests for all or part of 511 documents deemed sensitive or unrelated to the Select Committee's investigation).

⁷ We feel compelled to note, for the benefit of history, that the Select Committee's arbitrary deposition date of December 1, 2021, was functionally ceremonial. Prior to that date, the Select Committee had yet to (and still has yet to) respond to Mr. Scavino's request for information contained within his November 18, 2021, correspondence. Then, in response to Mr. Scavino's November 26, 2021, correspondence, your staff wrote to confirm whether Mr. Scavino would attend a deposition arbitrarily set for December 1, 2021. In response, counsel advised that, "as the Select Committee has yet to address the concerns we raised, I believe our position remains fairly stated in our correspondence." Your staff responded by advising that, "[f]or your information, we will be proceeding on the record tomorrow to record [Mr. Scavino's] absence." Had your staff meaningfully engaged counsel in an effort to resolve our concerns with the proposed deposition, your staff would have learned that counsel was scheduled to appear that morning, and did appear, before U.S. District Court Judge Paula Xinis. See H'rg T., *United States v. Schulman*, No. 20-cr-00434-FX (Dec. 1, 2021) (ECF No. 97).

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Your February 4, 2022, correspondence again suggests that Mr. Scavino has “declined to” narrow the topics in dispute by requesting that [Mr. Scavino] identify the areas of inquiry for which [Mr. Scavino] ha[s] no responsive information or documents.” Notwithstanding your representation to the contrary, the Select Committee has yet to ask Mr. Scavino to identify any “matter of inquiry” for which he has no responsive information – and this mischaracterization again casts doubt on the Select Committee’s careful consideration of the numerous legal and procedural issues raised by our prior correspondence.⁸ For it is this mischaracterization that highlights what has been a consistent theme in the Select Committee’s demands – the obligation of *Mr. Scavino* to facilitate the Select Committee’s taking of his deposition. Contrary to the Select Committee’s assertion, however, Mr. Scavino has a Constitutional right to the information he has requested and he does not now, nor has he ever, asserted absolute immunity from subpoenaed testimony before the Select Committee. Rather, we ask only that the Select Committee afford Mr. Scavino the rights guaranteed to him – and every citizen irrespective of their service as senior Presidential advisors – under the law: “It is obvious that a person compelled to [testify] is entitled to have knowledge of the subject to which the interrogation is deemed pertinent [and] [t]hat knowledge must be available with the same degree of explicitness and clarity that the Due Process Clause requires in the expression of any element of a criminal offense.” *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 208-09 (1957). Only once this information has been furnished can the application of an applicable privilege or immunity, including the executive privilege, be properly assessed.

To that end, we note that the Supreme Court’s decision not to consider President Trump’s petition for a stay of the D.C. Circuit’s mandate has no bearing on President Trump’s directive that Mr. Scavino invoke all applicable privileges and immunities, including with respect to any testimony subpoenaed by the Select Committee. Specifically, that action *only* involves the challenge of a subpoena for documents issued by the Select Committee, and not a subpoena for testimony. See Complaint, *Trump v. Thompson*, No. 21-cr-02769 (Oct. 18, 2021) [ECF No. 1]. The D.C. Circuit defined the breadth of the suit as a challenge to, “a request to the Archivist of the United States under the Presidential Records Act, seeking the expeditious disclosure of presidential records pertaining to the events of January 6th” *Trump v. Thompson*, No. 21-5254, 2021 U.S. App. LEXIS 35315, at *3-4 (Dec. 9, 2021). Put simply, the Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2205(2)(C), does not apply to assertions of executive privilege as to deposition testimony.

Finally, we respectfully request that our good faith negotiations in furtherance of an amicable resolution of our challenges to the Select Committee’s subpoenas continue to be memorialized in writing. As you are no doubt aware, the Department of Justice has taken the position that the representation of an individual before the Select Committee potentially renders them a witness in any future contempt action. See *Mot. Compel, United States v. Bennett*, No. 21-cr-00670, at Ex. 2 (Feb. 4, 2022) [ECF No. 26-2] (Correspondence from Amanda R. Vaughn, Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, to David I.

⁸ We note that your correspondence of February 4, 2022, incorrectly asserts that we cite the pending litigation brought by President Trump against the Committee and the National Archives in our correspondence of November 15, 2021. That correspondence identified, as the Select Committee requested, categories of records over which an assertion of executive privilege was being made. To date, Mr. Scavino has received no response to this correspondence.

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Schoen, Esq. (Jan. 7, 2022)) ("As you are aware. . . . Mr. Costello represented Mr. Bannon before the January 6th Committee . . . in relation to the subpoena it issued to Mr. Bannon and is, therefore, a witness to the conduct charged in the indictment."). Therefore, we again encourage your careful consideration of our prior correspondence, which clearly articulates our client's specific concerns with the Select Committee's subpoenas, including our correspondence dated November 5, 2021, November 15, 2021, November 18, 2021, November 23, 2021, and December 13, 2021.

We look forward to the courtesy of your response.

Sincerely,



Stan M. Brand



Stanley E. Woodward Jr.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 1037) recommending that the House of Representatives find Peter K. Navarro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1023, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1037

Resolved, That Peter K. Navarro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., shall be found to be in contempt of Congress for failure to comply with congressional subpoenas.

Resolved, That pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §§ 192 and 194, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify the report of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, detailing the refusal of Peter K. Navarro to produce documents or appear for a deposition before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol as directed by subpoena, to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, to the end that Mr. Navarro be proceeded against in the manner and form provided by law.

Resolved, That pursuant to 2 U.S.C. §§ 192 and 194, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify the report of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, detailing the refusal of Daniel Scavino, Jr., to produce documents or appear for a deposition before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol as directed by subpoena, to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, to the end that Mr. Scavino be proceeded against in the manner and form provided by law.

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House shall otherwise take all appropriate action to enforce the subpoenas.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided among and controlled by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON), the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY), and an opponent, or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON), the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY), and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mississippi.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to start our debate by talking a little bit about what the American people ought to expect of their leaders, of those who hold positions of public trust and the responsibilities that come with it.

I have been thinking about those responsibilities for more than 50 years, in all the time I have been fortunate enough to hold a position of public trust. It doesn't matter if you are an alderman, a mayor, Member of Congress, President of the United States, or a staff member working as a civil servant, or a political appointee. When you work for the public, when the people's taxes pay your salary, those jobs come with serious rules and serious obligations.

Dan Scavino and Peter Navarro both held positions of public trust. Mr. Scavino was a top communications official in the Trump White House. Mr. Navarro was a trade adviser. They each drew salaries paid by the American people to the tune of over \$180,000 per year. They both were to abide by certain rules and obligations. They both swore oaths of allegiance to the Constitution.

The select committee wants to talk to both of them, but about a lot more than their White House jobs. We want to talk to them about their roles in trying to overturn the 2020 election. We subpoenaed them for their records and testimony. They told us to buzz off. Not a single record. No-shows for their deposition.

Their excuse was: As former White House employees, the information we wanted—again, information about overturning an election—was shielded by executive privilege, a protection for the President to make sure sensitive, official conversations stay private.

In other words, they are arguing that their roles in trying to overturn an election had to stay secret because they had official roles as advisers to the ex-President.

If they want to make those claims, ridiculous as they sound, here is what the law requires: They need to show up and make those claims on the record, under oath. They refused to do that. That alone means they are in contempt of Congress. But I want to dig a little deeper into the argument these men are making.

As I mentioned before, these are rules and obligations that bind public servants. One of the most important rule is that you can't do campaign work on government time or using taxpayer money. Pretty straightforward. Plenty you can do on your own time, but not when you are on the clock. That is the law.

If you have heard of the Hatch Act, it has probably been when a Cabinet Secretary or White House official had crossed the line from their official duties into political matters. In fact, in

2020, Mr. Navarro was dinged by a government watchdog for violating the Hatch Act by using his official role to attack President Joe Biden. That law prohibits, among other things, someone from using "official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the results of an election."

Sounds familiar? In the case of Mr. Navarro and Mr. Scavino, trying to affect the result of an election wasn't knocking on doors or putting signs in people's front yards. They were trying to help a defeated President stay in power. It is not conceivable that their involvement in that effort could have legally overlapped with their official duties.

But beyond that, it was a betrayal of the oath these men took. It was a betrayal of the public trust. Even if you do it on your own time, trying to overturn an election is still trying to overturn an election. We know that the people who stormed this building on January 6 had the same goal: trying to overturn an election. That is what the select committee is investigating. That is why we need to hear from Mr. Scavino and Mr. Navarro.

But as the select committee works to provide answers to the American people, these two are saying: "I worked at the White House when all this took place. Even if I was plotting to overturn the government, I was collecting a government salary at the time, so I don't have to talk about it."

Can you imagine? I have served my community and my country most of my life. Like my colleagues in this body, I have labored to uphold my oath and do right by the people I serve. I know my constituents expect that of me.

To run into this kind of obstruction, this kind of cynical behavior, as we investigate a violent insurrection, is just despicable. It can't stand.

Dan Scavino and Peter Navarro must be held accountable for their abuses of the public trust. They must be held accountable for their defiance of the law. They are in contempt of Congress, which is a crime, and I call on my colleagues to do their duty to defend this institution and the rule of law and to vote "yes" on this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the select committee has now conducted over 800 interviews and depositions of witnesses who have knowledge of the events of January 6. This includes more than a dozen former Trump White House staff members.

Mr. Speaker, when you hear my colleagues make political, partisan attacks on the select committee, I hope that all of us can remember some basic facts: Through these interviews, we have learned that President Trump and his team were warned in advance, and repeatedly, that the efforts they undertook to overturn the 2020 election

would violate the law and our Constitution; they were warned that January 6 could, and likely would, turn violent; and they were told repeatedly by our State and Federal courts, by our Justice Department, and by agencies of our intelligence community, that the allegations of widespread fraud, sufficient to overturn an election, were false and were unsupported by the evidence.

Yet, despite all of these specific warnings, President Trump and his team moved willfully through multiple means to attempt to halt the peaceful transfer of power, to halt the constitutional process for counting votes, and to shatter the constitutional bedrock of our great Nation.

As a Federal judge has recently concluded, the illegality of President Trump's plan for January 6 was "obvious."

We are here today to address two specific witnesses who have refused to appear for testimony before the committee.

The committee has many questions for Mr. Scavino about his political social media work for President Trump, including his interactions with an online forum called "theDonald.win" and with QAnon, a bizarre and dangerous cult.

Mr. Scavino worked directly with President Trump to spread President Trump's false message that the election was stolen and to recruit Americans to come to Washington on January 6 to "take back their country." This effort to deceive was widely effective and widely destructive, and Donald Trump's stolen election campaign succeeded in provoking the violence on January 6.

On this point, there is no doubt. The committee has videos, interviews, and sworn statements from violent rioters demonstrating these facts.

Mr. Navarro will also be a key witness. He has written a book boasting about his role in planning and coordinating the activity of January 6. We have many questions for Mr. Navarro, including about his communications with Roger Stone and Steve Bannon regarding the planning for January 6.

As Judge Carter recently concluded: "Based on the evidence, the Court finds it more likely than not that President Trump corruptly attempted to obstruct the joint session of Congress on January 6, 2021."

In the case of both of these witnesses, Mr. Speaker, the committee would rather have their testimony than have to move this contempt citation. When you hear my colleagues attack the select committee, remember Mr. Scavino and Mr. Navarro have chosen not to appear. They did not have to make this choice, but they did.

In America, no one is above the law. Neither Mr. Trump nor Mr. Scavino nor Mr. Navarro is some form of royalty. There is no such thing in America as the privileges of the crown. Every citizen has a duty to comply with a subpoena.

Mr. Speaker, when you hear my colleagues challenge the committee's legislative purpose, remember the D.C. Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States have affirmed our legislative purpose. Too many Republicans are, once again, ignoring the rulings of the courts, as many of them did in the run-up to January 6.

Mr. Speaker, the tale of what happened following the 2020 election, resulting in the violence of January 6, is a tale of stunning deceit. It is a tale of lies about our election and contempt for the rulings of our courts.

The election claims made by Donald Trump were so frivolous and so unfounded that the President's lead lawyer did not just lose these cases; he lost his license to practice law. The New York Supreme Court found: "There is uncontroverted evidence that Mr. Giuliani communicated demonstrably false and misleading statements to courts, lawmakers, and the public at large in his capacity as lawyer for former President Donald J. Trump and the Trump campaign in connection with Trump's failed effort at reelection in 2020."

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Mr. Speaker, those in this Chamber who continue to embrace the former President and his dangerous and destructive lies ought to take a good, hard look at themselves. At a moment of real danger to our Republic, when the need for fidelity to our Constitution is paramount, they have abandoned their oaths in order to perform for Donald Trump. That will be their legacy.

Mr. Speaker, this is not a close call. Mr. Navarro and Mr. Scavino have chosen not to comply with a congressional subpoena. They are in contempt. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I hope this is the last time that we do this. Just last week, we watched members of the January 6th Select Committee criticize the DOJ for not jailing their political opponents fast enough.

Now the committee is trying to refer two more of President Trump's advisers to the DOJ for criminal prosecution. The same DOJ, by the way, that has slandered concerned parents as domestic terrorists; a DOJ overseen by a President who said President Trump should be prosecuted.

So let's be clear, we aren't voting today to rename a post office. So, please, let's be honest with ourselves. A vote to hold Dan Scavino and Peter Navarro in contempt of Congress is a vote to put them in jail for a year. Neither of these men deserve this. The party line isn't a good enough excuse today. Disliking their politics isn't an excuse.

Mr. Scavino has two boys. He is a good dad. He doesn't deserve this. His

boys definitely don't deserve this. So before we vote today, I have got to ask, could anyone here explain to those boys why their dad deserves to be behind bars for a year?

Mr. Scavino grew up in a working-class family in New York City. He is a former caddy who worked his way up to the White House through hard work and determination. Mr. Scavino lived the American Dream. Now, thanks to the select committee, he is living an authoritarian nightmare.

The select committee will say that it is Mr. Scavino's fault for refusing to cooperate. That is simply not true. Mr. Scavino asked time and again for the committee to follow the rule of law and provide him with a narrow and specific legislative purpose for the information that they were seeking. He asked, "How is what you want from me pertinent to your investigation?" And they refused to explain.

But remember what they said last week. The January 6th Committee must enforce its subpoenas. But contempt is not enforcement; it is punishment. Contempt won't get the committee any information. Only the court can do that. But they don't want to go to the judiciary. They don't want neutral arbitration. They want political punishment.

The select committee has never been interested in factfinding. In fact, JIM JORDAN and I were both blocked from sitting on the committee because we promised to fully investigate the security failure at the Capitol. The Democrat leaders don't want that. They claim they blocked us for being too partisan.

Meanwhile, the committee's lead staffer signed his name to a false letter calling the Hunter Biden laptop Russian disinformation. Apparently, lying to undermine democracy is a key qualification for employment of this committee.

If the January 6th Committee gets its way, Congress will have referred four former Trump officials for prosecution in under 6 months, another record for the 117th Congress.

The select committee aims to do two things: silence legitimate questions about the breakdown of security at the Capitol and punish their political opponents. It is that simple.

Dan Scavino is accused of listening to his boss, the former Commander in Chief, who told him to "invoke all applicable privileges and immunities." Today's vote is not about wrongdoing, and it isn't about anybody's character, no matter what they say.

Today's vote is about the character of this House. It is about abusing the seat of our democracy to attack American democracy. The question is, do we live in a country where you can go to jail for working for the wrong politician? Would you want to live in that country? The question is, will you help create that country? Because I think we have had a pretty good thing going for the last 240 years, and that is exactly why I urge all of my colleagues

to vote “no” on this resolution today. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, just for the record, let me say that we are here for this contempt process today, but the President’s own daughter complied with the wishes of the committee. I would think that if his daughter complied with the wishes of the committee, everyone else should, even the people who worked for him.

Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the distinguished majority leader of the House.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Mississippi for yielding. I thank the gentlewoman from Wyoming for her courage in standing for the truth.

I disagree with many things that the previous speaker said. I disagree with his premises and with his conclusion in many respects. But I do agree with him on one thing: This vote is about the character of the House—I agree with him on that—which is why 435 of us ought to vote for this resolution, so that the House can do its duty.

Madam Speaker, once again we are forced to take this step, asking the Justice Department to charge individuals with criminal contempt for refusing to answer subpoenas as issued by the committee investigating the attack on our Capitol and our democracy on January 6, 2021.

The two gentlemen of which the previous speaker spoke I don’t know. I have no quarrel with them individually. But we are a Nation of laws, not of men, and if we are to be a Nation of laws, then we need to respond to legal process; and if we think the assertions are wrong, we need to make our case.

On the merits of this resolution there should be no doubt, and it is about the character of this House, the courage of this House to seek honesty, to seek truth. The individuals in question had intimate knowledge of the former President’s actions and decisions on that day. No matter who their children are, no matter what their life has been, they have knowledge that it is important for the American people to have through their Representatives in Congress.

Americans must have a full accounting of what transpired on January 6 and in the weeks leading up to it and perhaps subsequent. That is what the bipartisan select committee has been tasked with undertaking, by a vote of this House. Sadly, I expect maybe most of my colleagues across the aisle will vote against this resolution. It is about the character of this House.

Perhaps they agree with the Republican National Committee, which has said that the violent Trump-led insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, the deaths and injury of U.S. Capitol police officers, and an effort to prevent the certification of an election was, and I quote the Republican National Com-

mittee, “legitimate political discourse.”

How can anybody make that assertion? How can anybody in the Republican National Committee vote for it? Why doesn’t everybody on the Republican Party side of the aisle say, “That is not what we believe”? Silence prevails.

There is no doubt that the insurrection on January 6 itself was a danger to our democracy, but I agree with The Washington Post columnist and former White House speech writer for Republican President George W. Bush, Michael Gerson, who wrote on December 16, “It is Republican tolerance for the intolerable that threatens American democracy.”

Very frankly, my friends on the other side of the aisle ought to be celebrating those in their ranks who have the courage to stand up for the truth. I have told LIZ CHENEY, if JOHN KENNEDY were writing his book on Profiles in Courage today, I would urge him to include her and ADAM KINZINGER in that book.

January 6 was a day of peril for America, but the greater crisis is when one of our two main political parties has become so hijacked by extremism and so enthralled to a dangerous demagogue that it condones, even celebrates insurrection and violence.

Madam Speaker, how can the same party that claims it honors law enforcement simultaneously declare that violent attacks against police officers are legitimate? How can one of our two political parties be so craven for short-term partisan gain that it is willing to encourage and condone insurrection? How can its Members use their sacred votes in the House, the people’s House, in an effort to impede the investigation of this dark and dangerous day in the history of our democracy?

That is what this vote is about. Not only the character of this House, but the character of this country, the character of the people who demand, hopefully, truth, because that is what will set us all free.

Because that is what this vote is about: Whether you believe that the violent attack on January 6, one in which a mob threatened the life of the Republican Vice President and threatened the life of the Speaker of this House—the Speaker of all the House—in an attempt to overthrow our democracy, does that constitute legitimate political discourse? Madam Speaker, I can’t believe Americans believe that.

We must reject that theory, that the violence that we saw on January 6, the hate that we saw on January 6, is somehow legitimate political discourse, because if people believe that, then our democracy is in grave danger. This vote is about whether you believe a certain individual can be held above the law in our country. It is about whether you believe the American people deserve to know all the facts about January 6 and whether those responsible for the attack ought to be held re-

sponsible. And most fundamentally, Madam Speaker, it is about whether the Congress can fulfill its constitutional responsibility and ability to determine the truth.

Madam Speaker, this vote will reveal to us who was willing to show tolerance for the intolerable. It will reveal to us who is willing to stand up and defend our democracy and the rule of law, irrespective of party, irrespective of personality. That is a call to patriotism, to love of country and to love of Constitution.

My fellow colleagues, let us do our duty to the Constitution, to the Declaration, to our democracy, and to the people we represent. Vote “yes.”

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I think it is very important, as our colleagues consider their vote on this resolution, to keep in mind the facts.

Number one, neither Mr. Scavino nor Mr. Navarro has appeared in front of this committee. As I mentioned earlier, we have interviewed over 800 witnesses. The vast majority of them have cooperated fully and answered our questions. Some of the witnesses have taken the Fifth. Some of the witnesses have answered some questions and asserted a privilege on other questions.

But the notion that somehow the former President can instruct someone not to appear, that is not sustainable, that is not found anywhere in the law. If Mr. Scavino or Mr. Navarro wants to assert some kind of a privilege—and again, our questions for them have to do with their activities that are political activities that are not covered by executive privilege, but if they wish to assert that privilege, they can appear and do so.

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I would also note that in *Trump v. Thompson*, the D.C. Circuit held, and then we were upheld in the Supreme Court, that the committee’s need for this information outweighs the former President’s rights to any kind of confidentiality.

I think it is important for those facts to be clear and to be on the RECORD.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GAETZ).

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, gas prices are rising; the border has become a turnstile; inflation is crushing our fellow Americans; and here we are, back on the floor of the House, reliving January 6.

Some of the members of the January 6th Committee come from the swamps of Washington, D.C. I come from the swamps of Florida, and I know alligator tears when I see them. Yet, we are lectured about performing for the former President.

The reason Scavino and Navarro shouldn’t be held in contempt is that the January 6th Committee itself is so

performative, illegitimate, and unconstitutional, kicking off the Republicans that Leader MCCARTHY sent to serve on the committee.

We were accused by the majority leader of having our party hijacked. Our party is ascendant, and time is on our side because when we take the majority back, this nonsense will come to an end.

It is baffling to me that Democrats are so eager to conduct oversight over the last administration that is out of power, but it is hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil when it comes to the Biden administration.

They are more worried about Trump's trade adviser than Joe Biden's son trading influence for foreign money.

They are more worried about Trump's Deputy Chief of Staff than deputizing the right folks to secure America's border.

The January 6th Committee is a sham. If you took the position of the committee, legally, no President would ever have privilege that would extend beyond the life of that Presidency. No President would have the ability to have candid conversations with staff and advisers that might not immediately come back to bite them the moment they left the Oval Office.

The American people see this for the partisan exercise that it is. Probably some folks at the Justice Department even see that it is a partisan exercise because not all of these contempt citations are well-received at the Justice Department right now.

This contempt referral should similarly be ignored and rejected, and certainly, it is a stain on this House.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KINZINGER), a distinguished veteran of the Air Force and a member of the select committee.

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, for all practical purposes, Dan Scavino's career is Donald Trump. Scavino was 16 when they met, and he is, to this day, a Trump stalwart.

Scavino was central to the Trump administration's social media program. He was, for 2 years, President Trump's Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications. Using social media to monitor trends and shape political views was Dan Scavino's core business.

He did that for Donald Trump during the 2016 campaign, and he kept doing it right on through the "stop the steal" and the fraudulent challenge to the 2020 election. He also monitored extremist social media sites for the President.

Dan Scavino was with the President on January 5 and 6. He spoke with Trump by phone several times on January 6 and was with the President as many urged him to help stop the violence at the Capitol. So, Dan Scavino could shed light on what then-Presi-

dent Trump thought would happen on January 6, especially the potential for violence.

Did the President know that the rally could turn violent; that his rhetoric on the Ellipse could send an angry mob to storm the Capitol; that what on the evening of January 5 President Trump called a fired-up crowd might take it literally when, the next morning, he told them to "fight hard"; that he was pouring fuel on the flames?

Dan Scavino was there, so if he were willing to do his duty as a citizen, he could tell us a lot about that. But instead, he has chosen to stiff-arm the American people.

President Trump acknowledged that Scavino sometimes helped shape his tweets. On December 19, Trump retweeted a video that urged viewers to "fight for Trump." The January 6 attack was then just 2½ weeks away.

Why did Donald Trump retweet that particular message? Dan Scavino could give us the inside scoop.

While Trump and his stop the steal gaggle were working hard to subvert the Constitution and steal the election for themselves, President Trump retweeted, after QAnon already had, a video called, "How to Steal an Election."

What would Dan Scavino say about why Trump retweeted a QAnon-blessed video on how to steal an election? He won't risk telling us.

What did President Trump's extremist followers on "The Donald" and other hard-right sites make of Trump urging them to join a wild protest on January 6? Polls show that some took it as marching orders, in fact. Dan Scavino had to know they would.

Dan Scavino knew very well what his boss wanted. He knew that sites like "The Donald" attracted violent extremists. Scavino himself sent out a video that a user on that site understood as literal marching orders and literal war drums.

President Trump and Dan Scavino had been in the White House for 4 years by then. They knew the January 6 crowd could turn violent. They knew exactly what they were doing.

We are here today because Dan Scavino, a key witness, is unwilling to speak with us. He failed to produce a single document in response to the subpoena, and he has clearly demonstrated his complete and utter contempt for Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I yield the gentleman an additional 30 seconds.

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time.

Dan Scavino's blatant disregard for our subpoena is his effort to ensure that Congress and the American people never get the firsthand story that he has to tell.

None of us should find that acceptable. It is contempt for the law and contempt for Congress.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution.

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR).

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, I thank the vice chair for yielding time.

Madam Speaker, we have been entrusted by the American people to investigate the attempt to overturn a free and fair election. That attempt to subvert the will of the American people resulted in a deadly attack on the people in this building. But it was bigger than just 1 day of violence and destruction that resulted in the deaths of U.S. Capitol Police officers.

For weeks, various schemes were hatched by individuals, ranging from State legislators to the former President's senior aides to Members of Congress, with a singular objective: Keep Donald Trump in office.

These are the facts, Madam Speaker, facts that were backed up last week by a Federal judge, who, after reviewing some of the evidence our committee has in its possession, said, in part, "The illegality of the plan was obvious."

We are here today to hold two individuals involved, Peter Navarro and Dan Scavino, in contempt of Congress.

Peter Navarro has failed to comply with our investigation in any way despite the fact that he has given multiple TV interviews. In fact, Mr. Navarro appeared on television in support of the former President's failed reelection efforts, so much so that he was found to have repeatedly violated the Hatch Act.

But his political work did not stop when the election was over. We know Mr. Navarro led a call with State legislators about the efforts to convince Vice President Pence to delay election certification for 10 days. We know Mr. Navarro spoke to Steve Bannon, both during and after the attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Mr. Navarro has publicly stated that he is protected by executive privilege, but he has never sought counsel, as others have, and he has not filed any case seeking relief from his responsibilities to comply with our lawful subpoena.

This is a textbook case for contempt, Madam Speaker. While I am not surprised by some of my colleagues who refuse to pull their heads out of the sand and face the facts of what really happened and continues to happen, I remain deeply concerned about what this country looks like if the perpetrators aren't held accountable.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 1037.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. ARMSTRONG).

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Madam Speaker, the fact is, President Trump has exerted executive privilege, and Mr. Scavino has raised the issue of executive privilege at President Trump's request.

No matter how much my colleagues on the other side want to say differently, it is a legitimate assertion, considering the D.C. Circuit Court, in *Nixon v. Administrator*, held that the executive privilege can be raised by a former President, a determination recently reinforced by Justice Kavanaugh in *Trump v. Thompson* by stating that the right of a former President to assert executive privilege exists, even if the sitting President does not support that privilege. Concluding otherwise would, in fact, actually eviscerate the privilege in total.

Keep in mind that the ruling on executive privilege in *Trump v. Thompson* deals with a narrow set of documents from the National Archives. It has no bearing on whether Mr. Scavino testifies. The ruling does not apply to documents at issue in this case, nor does it apply to the testimony sought by the committee or whether the committee has a legitimate purpose for conversations between President Trump and his aide.

The select committee has refused to acknowledge President Trump's assertion of privilege as it applies to Mr. Scavino, and the committee takes an overexpansive view of what *Trump v. Thompson* actually says and fails to even acknowledge that the Supreme Court case of *Nixon v. Administrator* exists.

This is not a settled question, and it is not nearly as clear-cut as some would have you believe.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN), the chairperson of the Committee on House Administration and a member of the select committee.

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, no one is above the law.

We have all heard that phrase. It is a bedrock principle, and we know it is what distinguishes democracies like ours from autocracies such as Russia.

Sadly, a few of the former President's closest aides and allies seem to think they are special, that they are above the law, including senior communications official Daniel Scavino, Jr.

Now, who is he? According to many reports, Mr. Scavino worked with the former President to use social media to spread lies regarding nonexistent election fraud and to recruit a violent, angry mob to D.C.

Mr. Scavino also followed violent, extremist social media on behalf of Mr. Trump. We have reason to believe that doing so provided Mr. Scavino with explicit advance warnings of the violence that was to occur on January 6. He may have shared these warnings of violence with Mr. Trump before the 6th, and we need to ask him about that.

He reportedly attended several meetings with Mr. Trump and others regarding reversing the legitimate victory of President Biden and was also with the former President during the Capitol attack when Mr. Trump failed to immediately try to stop it, despite

urgent bipartisan calls for him to do so.

Madam Speaker, a Federal court recently concluded that Mr. Trump likely committed a Federal felony and that he and his allies "launched a campaign to overturn a democratic election" that "spurred violent attacks on the seat of our Nation's government, led to the deaths of several law enforcement officers, and deepened public distrust in our political process."

The court said that his effort was "a coup in search of a legal theory." The court found that if President Trump's "plan had worked, it would have permanently ended the peaceful transition of power, undermining American democracy and the Constitution."

Democrats and Republicans have agreed that the very foundation of our constitutional republic was threatened. We must prevent that from ever happening again.

Senate Minority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL rightly explained that the public needs to know everything about what caused and occurred on January 6. To inform both the American people and legislative reform proposals, the select committee needs to speak with Mr. Scavino. He has to fulfill his legal and moral obligation to provide testimony and documents. Otherwise, he should face consequences.

We must vote "yes" on this resolution to find him in contempt of Congress. In the United States of America, no one, including Mr. Scavino, is above the law.

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Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I know my colleague and friend, Mr. ARMSTRONG, knows very well that, first of all, executive privilege is a qualified privilege.

Secondly, former President Trump has not asserted executive privilege.

Third, I have tremendous respect, obviously, for Justice Kavanaugh, but my colleagues continue to quote Justice Kavanaugh without noting that the opinion in the D.C. circuit, which was upheld by the Supreme Court, in that opinion the judge found a number of things, including "to allow the privilege of a no-longer sitting President to prevail over Congress' need to investigate a violent attack on its home and its constitutional operations would gravely impair the basic function of the legislature."

The Court also held that under any of the tests advocated by former President Trump, the profound interests in disclosure advanced by President Biden and the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol far exceed his generalized concerns for executive branch confidentiality.

And I would just repeat again, Madam Speaker, that Mr. Scavino and Mr. Navarro both have chosen not to appear in front of the committee to an-

swer questions that are clearly outside of any potential claim of privilege they may have, and even if they believe there is a claim of privilege, they are obligated to appear and make that assertion. They cannot simply refuse to respond to the committee's subpoena.

Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY).

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, as a member of the committee charged with investigating the attack on our Capitol, our Constitution, and our country, I support this resolution to refer Peter Navarro and Daniel Scavino to the Department of Justice for contempt of Congress.

I will focus my remarks on Mr. Navarro.

There is clear evidence that Mr. Navarro was involved in efforts to keep President Trump in power after he lost the election.

We subpoenaed Mr. Navarro seeking testimony and documents regarding the actions he took to discredit the election and prevent the results from being certified. Mr. Navarro made a blanket claim of executive privilege. This claim lacks merit as a matter of law and common sense.

No President, either sitting or former, has claimed privilege regarding Mr. Navarro's testimony or documents. And Mr. Navarro has no authority to assert privilege himself.

Beyond that fundamental flaw, since the election, Mr. Navarro has written and spoken widely about the subjects that are the focus of our subpoena. He is eager to tell his story, if he can do so on his terms in a way that serves his interests.

He published a book where he details the actions he took to change the outcome of the election. He writes that he worked with Steve Bannon on a scheme called the "Green Bay Sweep." Its purpose was to encourage Vice President Pence to delay certification of the votes and send the election back to State legislatures.

Mr. Navarro writes that he called Attorney General Barr, urging the Department of Justice to support President Trump's efforts to challenge the election in court, which Barr declined to do.

Mr. Navarro notes that he kept a journal detailing this episode and other actions he took.

And finally, while he was refusing to comply with our subpoena, Mr. Navarro made numerous media appearances discussing his role in the events culminating on January 6.

Mr. Navarro has significant relevant knowledge. He is happy to share it on television and in podcasts, but he won't provide this information in response to a lawful subpoena.

Mr. Navarro is in contempt of Congress and should be referred for prosecution.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, 15 months have passed since January 6 of 2021, yet I have seen little evidence over that time to indicate the necessary progress has been made to ensure the Capitol complex is more secure.

And I have seen no evidence that the politicized select committee is serious about identifying or addressing the issues that led to our Capitol being so unprepared on that day, which should be its top priority.

On February 17 of this year, the GAO released a report detailing the lack of security preparedness by Capitol Police leadership and the Capitol Police Board on and in the lead-up to January 6. The rank-and-file men and women who serve Congress as members of the Capitol Police put their lives on the line every day. Yet, the Capitol Police Board, controlled by Speaker PELOSI, failed them. They deserve better.

Instead of working to ensure our Capitol Police officers have the tools and the training they need to prevent another event like January 6 or taking long-overdue steps to reform the Capitol Police Board, the House is once again voting on a contempt resolution because two individuals are not complying with another sham subpoena issued by House Democrats.

I have a newsflash for members of the Select Committee: You do not have limitless power. You cannot demand testimony, documents, or even view the information of your political opponents without their consent or without the law on your side. You have neither.

Specifically, Mr. Scavino and Mr. Navarro are unable to testify on specific topics that are related to their work in the White House, nor can they testify on communications between President Trump and the President's closest advisers, as those communications are protected under President Trump's claim of executive privilege.

As a reminder, the American taxpayer is spending millions of dollars on this select committee. According to *The Washington Post*, the select committee is on pace to spend \$9.3 million by the end of December.

To put that into perspective, that amount exceeds the current budgets for the Committees on the Judiciary; Agriculture; Budget; Ethics; the Committee on House Administration; Rules; Science, Space, and Technology; Small Business; Natural Resources; Homeland Security; Veterans' Affairs; and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

That is right, this select committee is using more taxpayer resources on their partisan investigation than Democrats have devoted to serving veterans, addressing rising prices in inflation, or helping our farmers during a massive supply chain crisis.

This is nothing more than a sham investigation full of misuses of congressional authority, including Speaker PELOSI violating 230 years of precedent by refusing to allow the minority party

to select its own committee members, failing to investigate pursuant to a valid legislative purpose, altering evidence to fit a certain narrative, lying to witnesses, falsely accusing witnesses, violating deponents' right to challenge subpoenas, and perhaps above all, refusing to investigate why Speaker PELOSI and the Capitol Police Board left the Capitol so unprotected that day.

I urge my colleagues to oppose the resolution.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. LURIA), a veteran of the United States Navy.

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I have come to the floor many times over the last 3 years and discussed the oath of office. The oath to protect and defend our Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic.

Every Member of this body swore that oath, and it is the same oath that our President and military officers, including those like Mr. BANKS, swear in service to our Nation.

That is service.

When an American enlists or commissions in our Armed Forces, or when someone takes elected office, or even a senior position in the executive branch, they do so to serve the American people.

Mr. Scavino and Mr. Navarro had the duty to serve the American people. Unfortunately, they instead chose to serve the interests of one man, who sought to advance his own agenda at the peril of American democracy.

They now have the duty to respond to the subpoenas of this committee, but they have apparently decided that they are above the law.

The American people deserve the truth about the attack that attempted to prevent the peaceful transition of power, and the committee is united in our duty to investigate.

This committee has conducted over 800 voluntary depositions and interviews, with more scheduled, including witnesses who worked in the previous administration and even close family members of the former President.

The committee has received nearly 90,000 documents pertaining to January 6, and we followed up over 435 tips received through the committee's tip line.

Hundreds of witnesses have voluntarily come forward and cooperated with our investigation, but Mr. Scavino and Mr. Navarro have refused to do their part.

They have been given every opportunity to come forward, yet they have attempted to obstruct the pursuit of justice and to stonewall the committee's work and conceal the truth, despite both publicly acknowledging their roles in promoting election fraud conspiracies and counseling the former President on changing the outcome of the election.

Mr. MEADOWS, and today Mr. Scavino and Mr. Navarro, my question remains:

What are you covering up, and who are you covering for?

Their failure to answer that question about January 6 is disregarding the law, and they should be held accountable. That is why I will vote, and I will urge my colleagues to vote to hold Mr. Navarro and Mr. Scavino in contempt of Congress.

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I think it is again very important as our colleagues are contemplating their vote on this resolution that they keep in mind the facts. And we are hearing a number of things that are not consistent with the facts.

First of all, with respect to the establishment of the committee, Mr. DAVIS knows, and my colleagues know that we initially attempted to have a bipartisan commission, which, in fact, Leader MCCARTHY instructed Mr. KATKO to negotiate with Chairman THOMPSON. Mr. KATKO did that, secured everything the Republicans asked for, at which point, Mr. MCCARTHY walked away from the bipartisan commission, and then went over to the Senate side and lobbied against the establishment of a bipartisan commission.

The establishment of the select committee, again, is not what we would have hoped. The 35 Republicans who voted for the bipartisan commission wanted a bipartisan outside commission, but we cannot let this attack go uninvestigated.

Mr. DAVIS also knows that with respect to the membership of the committee, Speaker PELOSI said that she would not name two Members who had been identified by Mr. MCCARTHY; that is completely consistent with the resolution. And Mr. MCCARTHY then himself withdrew the other three and determined that he would not participate.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I continue to hear this allegation that the committee is not investigating what happened at the Capitol, not investigating what happened with respect to the Capitol Police, not investigating what happened with respect to security that day. That is just not true. The committee has an entire team that is very focused on and investigating what happened with respect to security at the Capitol.

And it is also the case, though, Madam Speaker, we must all remember that the former President provoked a violent assault on this body, and the extent to which there were security lapses, the extent to which people did not anticipate that there would be a violent assault on the Capitol, provoked by the former President, is not the fault of the Capitol Police. That is the responsibility of the former President.

And I would also note, Madam Speaker, that Mr. DAVIS voted "yes" on the bipartisan commission when it came up.

Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN), my good friend and colleague.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I want to underscore first the point that was just made by Ms. CHENEY. The distinguished ranking member of the House Administration Committee was appointed to this committee, or the appointment was accepted by Speaker PELOSI, but it was withdrawn by the minority leader. It was not rejected by the majority; it was rejected by the minority.

Madam Speaker, we are here in the broadest sense to defend American democratic institutions and the rule of law. And our colleague said before that if this investigation were valid, then we would be talking to officials from the Sergeant at Arms Office and the National Guard.

Well, I have got good news for my friends. First, every court that has looked at their claim that this is an invalid investigation either because of its composition or because it was intrinsically flawed in its pursuit of the facts about January 6, has rejected those arguments. Every court that looked at it has rejected the precise arguments our colleagues are floating on the floor today.

But I will go even further than that. We have, in fact, interviewed precisely the people that they set up as a test for the validity of our investigation from the Sergeant at Arms and the National Guard. And as patriotic public officials living out their oaths of office and not bowing down to the humiliating cult of Donald Trump, they didn't need a subpoena from this committee; they came voluntarily. They not only understood their legal duty to testify, a duty our colleagues, like my friend, the gentleman from Ohio, clearly understands when they wield the gavel, but they have come forward and said that it is a patriotic honor for them. It is not just a legal duty, it is a patriotic honor for them to render truthful testimony on this horrific attack against America, which interrupted the counting of electoral college votes for the first time in American history.

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This is mandated in the 12th Amendment to the Constitution, which says that the House and the Senate must meet in joint session in order to count electoral college votes the first week of January, on the Wednesday following a Presidential election.

What is remarkable to me is that the caucus that is now so drenched in the Trump-Putin propaganda is not just trying to denounce the Democrats for searching the truth right now. Today, they have begun the utterly cannibalistic process of vilifying and castigating Republicans just because they disagree with the orthodoxy, the dogma handed down by Donald Trump.

Ms. CHENEY is the former chair of the House Republican Conference, and it is left to Democrats to defend her against

the vilification and the castigating that we hear.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Ms. CHENEY. I yield the gentleman an additional 30 seconds.

Mr. RASKIN. It is up to us to defend Mr. KINZINGER and to defend Ms. CHENEY, because if you don't go along with what Donald Trump says, if you don't act like you are a robot, or a member of a religious cult, they will attack you, they will vilify you, they will denounce you.

These people, Mr. KINZINGER and Ms. CHENEY, are constitutional heroes, and they don't deserve your contempt. The insurrectionists and the lawbreakers deserve your contempt because they are acting in contempt of the rule of law and the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. JACKSON).

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Indiana for the time.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about two great patriots who I am proud to call my friends, Dan Scavino and Peter Navarro. These two men have served our country honorably. Sadly, they are now targets of the political witch hunt simply because they served our country and they are loyal to our great former President, Donald J. Trump.

The illegitimate January 6th Committee's ruthless crusade against President Trump and his close allies is yet another smear on this great body. It will go down in history as another failed attempt by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to bring down good people simply because they disagree with their political beliefs.

As someone who has been a target of the left and their ruthless tactics in the past, I know firsthand how damaging this can be. The American people are tired of this partisan January 6 circus. It is time to stop this nonsense now.

I urge my colleagues to stand up against this charade and oppose this baseless resolution.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN).

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

The majority leader, just a few minutes ago said—used the term “danger to our democracy.” Danger to our democracy.

Think about this. Democrats have closed the Capitol, allowed proxy voting, kicked Republicans off committees, won't let Republicans serve on this select committee—the first time in the history of the Congress the minority leader was not allowed to put on

a select committee the individuals he or she selected; first time in the history of our Nation.

The Democrats are trying to end the electoral college; trying to end the filibuster; trying to pack the Court.

This committee, the January 6th Committee, altered evidence and presented it to the American people as if it were true. And they accuse us of being a danger to our democracy?

Mr. GAETZ was right. We have got a border that is complete chaos. We have \$6 gas in California, \$4 gas everywhere else in the country. We have crime at record levels in every major urban area in this Nation. And we have an inflation problem that is at a 40-year high.

And this committee has more contempt resolutions for a purely political reason. I think the whole committee is pure political, designed to do one thing; keep President Trump off the ballot in 2024.

The gentlewoman from Wyoming, in her opening comments, used the term, “false message.” False message. She used to say big lie. Now I guess it is false message. When she said it, I started jotting things down.

Think about all the false messages we have got from them in the last few years. They told us the protests in the summer of 2020 were peaceful. We got a billion dollars' worth of damage around our cities that says it wasn't.

They told us the dossier was real. They told us it was Republicans, Republicans who wanted to defund the police. That one is almost laughable, if it wasn't so serious for our law enforcement and for the families who live in those areas where mayors and city councils did defund the police.

They told us the FBI didn't spy on the Trump campaign. We know that wasn't true. We have got inspectors general reports that tell us all kinds of things of what they did in front of the FISA Court.

They said Trump colluded with Russia. We have got a Mueller report, 19 lawyers, 40 FBI agents, 30 million hard-earned American tax dollars in that report that said that false message was just that, false.

They told us COVID didn't start in the lab; sure looks like it did.

They told us the lab wasn't doing gain-of-function research; sure looks like it was.

They told us the vaccinated can't get it. We know that is wrong. Every day there is a new announcement: Member of Congress is getting it; fully vaccinated, boosted, and everything else.

They told us those who are vaccinated can't transmit it. They told us that was wrong.

And you talk about the biggest false message, the biggest false message that has just been confirmed in the last week, how false it was? The Hunter Biden laptop was Russian disinformation. The Hunter Biden laptop was Russian disinformation.

October 22, 2020, 2 weeks before the election, Candidate Biden, in a debate,

is asked about his son's business dealings with foreign companies. He says: "Nothing was unethical." He said: My son has not made money with business interests—with companies with an interest in China.

And we all know there are 4.8 million reasons why that statement was not accurate. And how do we know? Washington Post told us. Not me, not President Trump, not Republicans, The Washington Post told us last week, two stories last week, a week ago today, one at 11 a.m., one at 11:04 a.m.; two eight-page articles, 4 minutes apart, confirming what we knew, but what big media, big tech, Democrats colluded to keep from the American people just days before, just days before the most important election we have, the Presidential election, who is going to be our next Commander in Chief.

The laptop was real. The eyewitness was real. The emails were real. The only thing fake was that collusion from those individuals, those entities to keep important information from we, the people, in the run-up to the most important election we have.

And oh, by the way, they were joined by 51 former intel officials, joined in the collusion.

You know what is also interesting? It is funny how that story has changed. Eighteen months ago, it started off, it wasn't his laptop. It quickly switched to well, it was his laptop, but it was Russian disinformation.

And now it is, well, it wasn't Russian disinformation, but Joe Biden had nothing to do with it. Now it was, well, Joe knew what was going on, but he wasn't really involved in anything wrong. Ron Klain told us that, the Chief of Staff told us that Sunday.

We need to be focusing on the issues that the American people want us to focus on. You want to talk about danger to our democracy and the biggest false message. I would say what happened—one of the biggest dangers to our democracy and one of the biggest false messages is what happened 18 months ago, where that story was kept from the American people. We could dig into that, find out what went on there, why that happened.

And we could also focus on the record crime, record inflation, record price of gas, and the chaos on our southern border that is about to get worse.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PANNETTA). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. BANKS. I yield the gentleman an additional 30 seconds.

Mr. JORDAN. It is about to get worse as the Democrats look to—as the Biden administration looks to repeal title 42. I urge a "no" vote.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I am prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. I am prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close. I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, it might feel really good today for my opponents on the other side of the aisle. It might feel really good in a vindictive sort of way, to vote to put their political opponents behind bars. That might feel really good for my opponents across the aisle.

But I guarantee you, the history will not look back kindly on those actions in the years to come. I guarantee it. It couldn't be anymore un-American what they want to do today, to vote to put two men behind bars purely because they disagree with their politics and the man that they worked for.

I can't think of a bigger reason for my opponents to vote "no" on such an un-American resolution. I urge all of my colleagues to vote "no" and do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, it does not feel really good today. It feels sad, and it feels tragic that so many in my own party are refusing to address the constitutional crisis and the challenge that we face.

The ranking member of the Judiciary Committee went to law school. I am not sure if he passed the bar. But he knows that we all have an obligation to abide by the rulings of the courts.

So, yes, it was a false story. Yes, it was a big lie. In fact, former Vice President Pence has said that what President Trump wanted him to do was "un-American." It was also unconstitutional, and it was illegal.

Mr. Speaker, what gives me tremendous hope though is although so many in my party in this body have put loyalty to Donald Trump ahead of their oath to the Constitution, the committee has interviewed scores of Republicans from around the country who, in fact, have shown the kind of tremendous bravery and dedication to public service that every American can be proud of: Republicans who were appointed by President Trump to posts in the Department of Justice; Republicans who stood firm; Republicans who threatened to resign and who refused to participate in President Trump's efforts to corrupt the Department of Justice with the stolen election lies—yes, lies—that led to January 6.

We have heard from Republicans serving in State legislatures, in State and local governments who also stood firm.

Mr. Speaker, it is crucially important that this body hold these gentlemen in contempt. It is crucially important that they have to abide by their subpoena.

I urge a "yes" vote, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, let me say for the record, if there is any Member on the other side who feels the strength to come and testify before our committee,

I invite them, right now, to let us know and we will gladly entertain whatever information they have as to what happened on January 6. Some of them ran out of this building fearing for their lives, so there is no question that something happened.

And H. Res. 503 says, absolutely, we have to find the facts and circumstances as to what happened and why and make recommendations; and that is what we have to do.

We have the constitutional power to issue subpoenas. If people do not follow subpoenas, we have the right to bring them before this body and recommend contempt citations; and that is what we are doing today.

So it doesn't matter if they were a father, a mother, a sister, or a brother, had children; if they break the law, they break the law. No one is above the law, and that is the point we are trying to make.

We asked the individuals, subpoenaed them to come before the committee, and they chose not to come and, therefore, they broke the law, and that is why we are here today.

So, Mr. Speaker, as I have mentioned, when I testified before the Rules Committee, it is absurd that there should be any disagreement at all about why we are here for this contempt resolution.

If you listen to the arguments from some of my friends on the other side, they have very little to say of substance of this matter. We hear excuses. We hear attacks about process. We hear scare-mongering about the select committee.

Let me remind my colleagues, we have conducted over 830 interviews and depositions. And again, I invite any of them to come talk to us if they want to. Now, if, for some reason, they are reluctant or afraid, then I feel sorry for them.

Our constitutional democracy was challenged on January 6. We have to fix this. Over 200 years, we have operated in complete freedom, and all of a sudden, this institution was attacked; and we have to fix that.

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We are the number one democracy in the world, but we lead by example. Democrats are leading by example. The select committee is leading by example by bringing these two gentlemen who broke the law, who decided that it is better to deal with the law of Donald Trump rather than the Constitution of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues, especially my friend from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY).

Mr. Speaker, I urge every Member to support adoption of this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of a simple, but sacred principle: No one is above the law.

Peter Navarro was one of the former president's closest allies. And, by his own admission, played a direct role in planning and coordinating the events of January 6. He speaks

to that role on television, on podcasts, and even in his own book—yet he refuses to do so before Congress, even when compelled by a lawful subpoena. That is unjustifiable, and in light of the subpoena, a criminal form of contempt.

Dan Scavino was similarly close to the former president—and similarly involved in the events leading up to and on January 6. Mr. Scavino played an intimate role in crafting former President Trump's social media strategy and served as his Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications. And, like Mr. Navarro, he was called before our committee because our evidence and public reporting, suggests he possesses direct, personal knowledge of the events leading up to January 6, and while the Capitol was under siege.

Unfortunately, both Mr. Navarro and Mr. Scavino have chosen at every turn to obstruct, to conceal their knowledge, forgoing their legal duty to comply with a congressional subpoena and attempting instead to hide behind spurious claims of privilege.

But let me be clear: There is no privilege that allows a witness to simply refuse to appear. President Biden has declined to assert any privilege and properly concluded that the national interests in hearing the testimony of Navarro and Scavino clearly outweigh any other consideration. And there is certainly no privilege that allows a witness to refuse to appear before Congress while sitting for press interviews or discussing the matter in a book.

I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution. To do otherwise would set a dangerous precedent: That Congress is not a body that is capable of, or willing to, carry out meaningful oversight. That our subpoenas can be shrugged off or ignored. And that the American people can no longer have faith in our ability to investigate potential abuses of power by any president—past, present, or future.

As Judge Carter said last week in his ruling, 'If the country does not commit to investigating and pursuing accountability for those responsible, the Court fears January 6 will repeat itself.' He is right. We must commit to the pursuit of accountability and justice. Not as Democrats or Republicans, but as Americans who love and cherish our democracy.

And I will take just one more moment to urge the Department of Justice to act with all due haste when they receive the criminal contempt referrals for Mr. Scavino and Mr. Navarro. And not just with respect to these referrals, but on any evidence of criminality connected to efforts to overturn the election. The rule of law must apply equally to all Americans, including former presidents. To do otherwise, risks another repetition of January 6th—or worse.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on adoption of the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, this 15-

minute vote on adoption of the resolution will be followed by 5-minute votes on:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1033;

Adoption of House Resolution 1033, if ordered; and

The motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 7276.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 220, nays 203, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 118]

YEAS—220

Adams Garcia (IL) O'Halleran
Aguilar Garcia (TX) Ocasio-Cortez
Alfred Golden Omar
Auchincloss Gomez Pallone
Axne Gonzalez, Vicente Panetta
Barragan Vicente Pappas
Bass Gottheimer Pascrell
Beatty Green, Al (TX) Payne
Bera Grijalva Perlmutter
Beyer Harder (CA) Peters
Bishop (GA) Hayes Phillips
Blumenauer Higgins (NY) Pingree
Blunt Rochester Himes Pocan
Bonamici Horsford Porter
Bourdeaux Houlihan Pressley
Bowman Hoyer Price (NC)
Boyle, Brendan Huffman Quigley
F. Jackson Lee Raskin
Brown (MD) Jacobs (CA) Rice (NY)
Brown (OH) Jayapal Ross
Brownley Jeffries Roybal-Allard
Bush Johnson (TX) Ruiz
Bustos Jones Ruppertsberger
Butterfield Kahele Rush
Carbajal Kaptur Ryan
Cárdenas Keating Sánchez
Carson Kelly (IL) Sarbanes
Carter (LA) Khanna Scanlon
Cartwright Kildee Schakowsky
Case Kim (NJ) Schiff
Casten Kind Schneider
Castor (FL) Kinzinger Schrader
Castro (TX) Kirkpatrick Schrier
Cheney Krishnamoorthi Scott (VA)
Cherfilus-Kuster Lamb Scott, David
McCormick Langevin Sewell
Chu Larsen (WA) Sherman
Cicilline Clark (MA) Larson (CT) Sherrill
Clarke (NY) Lawrence Sires
Cleaver Lawson (FL) Slotkin
Clyburn Lee (CA) Smith (WA)
Cohen Lee (NV) Soto
Connolly Leger Fernandez Spanberger
Cooper Levin (CA) Speier
Correa Levin (MI) Stansbury
Costa Lieu Stanton
Courtney Lofgren Stevens
Craig Lowenthal Strickland
Crist Luria Suozzi
Crow Lynch Swalwell
Cuellar Malinowski Takano
Davids (KS) Maloney, Carolyn B. Thompson (CA)
Davis, Danny K. Maloney, Sean Thompson (MS)
Dean Manning Titus
DeFazio Matsui Tlaib
DeGette McBath Tonko
DeLauro McCollum Torres (CA)
DelBene McEachin Torres (NY)
Delgado McGovern Trahan
Demings McNeerney Trone
DeSaulnier Meeks Underwood
Deutch Meng Vargas
Dingell Mfume Veasey
Doggett Moore (WI) Velázquez
Doyle, Michael Morelle Wasserman
F. Moulton Schultz
Escobar Mrvan Waters
Eshoo Murphy (FL) Watson Coleman
Evans Nadler Welch
Españat Fletcher Wexton
Evans Foster Wild
Fletcher Foster Williams (GA)
Neal Neguse Wilson (FL)
Frankel, Lois Newman Yarmuth
Gallego Norcross
Garamendi

NAYS—203

Aderholt Armstrong Babin
Amodei Arrington Bacon

Baird Gosar Moore (AL)
Balderson Granger Moore (UT)
Banks Graves (LA) Mullin
Barr Graves (MO) Murphy (NC)
Bentz Green (TN) Nehls
Bergman Greene (GA) Newhouse
Bice (OK) Griffith Norman
Biggs Grothman Obernolte
Billirakis Guthrie Owens
Bishop (NC) Harris Palazzo
Boebert Harshbarger Palmer
Brady Hartzler Pence
Brooks Hern Perry
Buchanan Herrell Pfluger
Buck Herrera Beutler Posey
Bucshon Hice (GA) Reed
Budd Higgins (LA) Reschenthaler
Burchett Hill Rice (SC)
Burgess Hinson Rodgers (WA)
Calvert Hollingsworth Rogers (AL)
Cammack Hudson Rogers (KY)
Carey Huizenga Rose
Carl Issa Rosendale
Carter (GA) Jackson Rouzer
Carter (TX) Jacobs (NY) Roy
Cawthorn Johnson (LA) Rutherford
Chabot Johnson (OH) Salazar
Cline Johnson (SD) Scalise
Cloud Jordan Schweikert
Clyde Joyce (OH) Scott, Austin
Cole Joyce (PA) Sessions
Comer Katko Simpson
Crawford Keller Smith (MO)
Crenshaw Kelly (MS) Smith (NE)
Curtis Kelly (PA) Smith (NJ)
Davidson Kim (CA) Smucker
Davis, Rodney Kustoff Spartz
DesJarlais LaHood Stauber
Diaz-Balart LaMalfa Steel
Donalds Lamborn Stefanik
Duncan Latta Steil
Ellzey LaTurner Steube
Emmer Lesko Stewart
Estes Letlow Taylor
Fallon Long Tenney
Feenstra Loudermilk Thompson (PA)
Ferguson Lucas Tiffany
Fischbach Luetkemeyer Timmons
Fitzgerald Mace Turner
Fitzpatrick Malliotakis Upton
Fleischmann Mann Valadao
Foxy Massie Van Drew
Franklin, C. Mast Van Duyne
Scott McCarthy Wagner
Fulcher McCaul Walberg
Gaetz McClain Walorski
Gallagher McClintock Waltz
Garbarino McHenry Weber (TX)
Garcia (CA) McKinley Webster (FL)
Gibbs Meijer Wenstrup
Gimenez Meuser Westerman
Gohmert Miller (IL) Williams (TX)
Gonzales, Tony Miller (WV) Wilson (SC)
Gonzalez (OH) Miller-Meeks Wittman
Good (VA) Moolenaar Womack
Gooden (TX) Mooney Zeldin

NOT VOTING—6

Allen Dunn Johnson (GA)
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So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Bass (Beyer) Crawford Johnson (TX)
Billirakis (Fleischmann) (Jeffries)
Crist (Soto) Crist (Soto) Joyce (OH)
Blumenauer Cuellar (Correa) (Garbarino)
(Beyer) Doyle, Michael Kahele (Mrvan)
Bowman (Evans) F. (Evans) Kirkpatrick
Cárdenas (Soto) Gohmert (Weber) (Pallone)
Castro (TX) (TX)) Lawson (FL)
(Correa) Gomez (Soto) (Evans)
Cawthorn (Gaetz) Gottheimer Long
Clark (MA) (Pallone) (Fleischmann)
Blunt Grijalva McCaul (Kim)
Rochester) (Stanton) (CA)
Connolly Harder (CA) Meeks (Jeffries)
(Wexton) (Correa) Mfume (Evans)
Cooper (Correa) Huffman Newman (García)
(Stanton) (IL))

Owens (Tenny) Roybal-Allard Steube (Donalds) Pocan (VA) Scott (VA) Tlaib
 Payne (Pallone) (Pallone) Suozzi (Beyer) Porter Scott, David Tonko
 Peters (Jeffries) Rush (Evans) Taylor (Jackson) Sewell Torres (CA)
 Porter (Wexton) Schiff (Beyer) Wasserman Sherman Torres (NY)
 Price (NC) Scott, David Schultz (Soto) Sherrill Trahan
 (Butterfield) (Jeffries) Watson Coleman Sires Trone
 Sires (Pallone) (Pallone)

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3807, RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND REPLENISHMENT ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 1033) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3807) to amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to increase appropriations to the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 206, not voting 2, as follows:

[Roll No. 119]

YEAS—221

Adams DeGette Krishnamoorthi
 Aguilar DeLauro Kuster
 Allred DelBene Lamb
 Auchincloss Delgado Langevin
 Axne Demings Larsen (WA)
 Barragán DeSaulnier Larson (CT)
 Bass Deutch Lawrence
 Beatty Dingell Lawson (FL)
 Bera Doggett Lee (CA)
 Beyer Doyle, Michael Lee (NV)
 Bishop (GA) F. Leger Fernandez
 Blumenauer Escobar Levin (CA)
 Blunt Rochester Eshoo Levin (MI)
 Bonamici Espalliat Lieu
 Bourdeaux Evans Lofgren
 Bowman Fletcher Lowenthal
 Boyle, Brendan Foster Luria
 F. Frankel, Lois Lynch
 Brown (MD) Gaetz Malinowski
 Brown (OH) Gallego Maloney,
 Brownley Garamendi Carolyn B.
 Bush Garcia (IL) Maloney, Sean
 Bustos Garcia (TX) Manning
 Butterfield Golden Matsui
 Carbajal Gomez McBath
 Cárdenas Gonzalez, McCollum
 Carson Vicente McEachin
 Carter (LA) Gottheimer McGovern
 Cartwright Green, Al (TX) McNeerney
 Case Grijalva Meeks
 Casten Harder (CA) Meng
 Castor (FL) Hayes Mfume
 Castro (TX) Higgins (NY) Moore (WI)
 Cherfilus-Himes Morelle
 McCormick Horsford Moulton
 Chu Houlihan Mrvan
 Cicilline Hoyer Murphy (FL)
 Clark (MA) Huffman Nadler
 Clarke (NY) Jackson Lee Napolitano
 Cleaver Jacobs (CA) Neal
 Clyburn Jayapal Neguse
 Cohen Jeffries Newman
 Connolly Johnson (GA) Norcross
 Cooper Johnson (TX) O'Halleran
 Correa Jones Ocasio-Cortez
 Costa Kahele Omar
 Courtney Kaptur Pallone
 Craig Keating Panetta
 Crist Kelly (IL) Pappas
 Crow Khanna Pascrell
 Cuellar Kildee Payne
 Davids (KS) Kilmer Perlmutter
 Davis, Danny K. Kim (NJ) Peters
 Dean Kind Phillips
 DeFazio Kirkpatrick Pingree

Pressley Price (NC) Scott (VA) Tlaib
 Raskin Qigley Sherman Torres (CA)
 Rice (NY) Slotkin Sherrill Trahan
 Ross Smith (WA) Sires Trone
 Roybal-Allard Soto Underwood
 Ruiz Spanberger Vargas
 Ruppertsberger Speier Veasey
 Rush Stansbury Velázquez
 Ryan Stanton Wasserman
 Sánchez Stevens Schultz
 Sarbanes Strickland Waters
 Scanlon Suozzi Watson Coleman
 Schakowsky Swallow Welch
 Schiff Takano Wexton
 Schneider Thompson (CA) Wild
 Schrader Thompson (MS) Williams (GA)
 Schrier Titus Wilson (FL)
 Yarmuth

NAYS—206

Aderholt Gohmert Miller-Meeks
 Amodei Moolenaar Moolenaar
 Armstrong Mooney Moolenaar
 Arrington Good (VA) Moolenaar
 Babin Gooden (TX) Moore (AL)
 Bacon Gosar Moore (UT)
 Baird Granger Mullin
 Balderson Graves (LA) Murphy (NC)
 Banks Graves (MO) Nehls
 Barr Green (TN) Newhouse
 Benz Greene (GA) Norman
 Bergman Griffith Obernolte
 Bice (OK) Grothman Owens
 Biggs Guthrie Palmar
 Bilirakis Harris Pence
 Bishop (NC) Harshbarger Perry
 Boebert Hartzler Pfluger
 Bost Hern Posey
 Brady Herrell Reed
 Brooks Herrera Beutler Reschenthaler
 Buchanan Hice (GA) Rice (SC)
 Buck Higgins (LA) Rodgers (WA)
 Bucshon Hill Rogers (AL)
 Budd Hinson Rogers (KY)
 Burchett Hollingsworth Rose
 Burgess Hudson Rosendale
 Calvert Huizenga Rouzer
 Cammack Issa Roy
 Carey Jackson Rutherford
 Carl Salazar Salazar
 Carter (GA) Johnson (LA) Scalise
 Carter (TX) Johnson (OH) Schweikert
 Cawthorn Johnson (SD) Scott, Austin
 Chabot Jordan Sessions
 Cheney Joyce (OH) Simpson
 Cline Joyce (PA) Smith (MO)
 Cloud Katko Smith (NE)
 Clyde Keller Smith (NJ)
 Cole Kelly (MS) Smucker
 Comer Kelly (PA) Spartz
 Crawford Kim (CA) Stauber
 Crenshaw Kinzinger Steel
 Curtis Kustoff Stefanik
 Davidson LaHood Steil
 Davis, Rodney LaMalfa Steube
 DesJarlais Lamborn Stewart
 Diaz-Balart Latta Taylor
 Donalds LaTurner Tenney
 Duncan Lesko Thompson (PA)
 Dunn Letlow Tiffany
 Ellzey Long Timmons
 Emmer Loudermilk Turner
 Estes Lucas Upton
 Fallon Luetkemeyer Valadao
 Feenstra Mace Van Drew
 Ferguson Malliotakis Van Dуйne
 Fischbach Mann Wagner
 Fitzgerald Massie Walberg
 Fitzpatrick Mast Walorski
 Fleischmann McCarthy Walt
 Foxx McCaul Weber (TX)
 Franklin, C. McClain Webster (FL)
 Scott McClintock Wenstrup
 Fulcher McHenry Westernman
 Gallagher McKinley Williams (TX)
 Garbarino Meijer Wilson (SC)
 Garcia (CA) Meuser Wittman
 Gibbs Miller (IL) Womack
 Gimenez Miller (WV) Zeldin

NOT VOTING—2

Allen Guest

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Bass (Beyer)	Gomez (Soto)	Meeks (Jeffries)
Bilirakis	Gottheimer	Mfume (Evans)
(Fleischmann)	(Pallone)	Newman (García)
Blumenauer	Grijalva	(IL)
(Beyer)	(Stanton)	Owens (Tenny)
Bowman (Evans)	Harder (CA)	Payne (Pallone)
Cárdenas (Soto)	(Correa)	Peters (Jeffries)
Castro (TX)	Huffman	Porter (Wexton)
(Correa)	(Stanton)	Price (NC)
Cawthorn (Gaetz)	Johnson (TX)	(Butterfield)
Clark (MA)	(Jeffries)	Royal-Allard
(Blunt)	Joyce (OH)	(Pallone)
(Rochester)	(Garbarino)	Rush (Evans)
Connolly	Kahele (Mrvan)	Schiff (Beyer)
(Wexton)	Kilmer (Larsen)	Scott, David
Cooper (Correa)	(WA)	(Jeffries)
Crawford	Kirkpatrick	Sires (Pallone)
(Fleischmann)	(Pallone)	Steube (Donalds)
Crist (Soto)	Lawson (FL)	Suozzi (Beyer)
Cuellar (Correa)	(Evans)	Taylor (Jackson)
Doyle, Michael	Long	Wasserman
F. (Evans)	(Fleischmann)	Schultz (Soto)
Gohmert (Weber	McCaul (Kim	Watson Coleman
(TX))	(CA))	(Pallone)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 218, nays 206, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 120]

YEAS—218

Adams	Crow	Jones
Aguilar	Cuellar	Kahele
Allred	Davids (KS)	Kaptur
Auchincloss	Davis, Danny K.	Keating
Axne	Dean	Kelly (IL)
Barragán	DeFazio	Khanna
Bass	DeGette	Kildee
Beatty	DeLauro	Kilmer
Bera	DelBene	Kim (NJ)
Beyer	Delgado	Kind
Bishop (GA)	Demings	Kirkpatrick
Blumenauer	DeSaulnier	Krishnamoorthi
Blunt Rochester	Deutch	Kuster
Bonamici	Dingell	Lamb
Bourdeaux	Doggett	Langevin
Bowman	Doyle, Michael	Larsen (WA)
Boyle, Brendan	F.	Larson (CT)
F.	Escobar	Lawrence
Brown (MD)	Eshoo	Lawson (FL)
Brown (OH)	Espalliat	Lee (CA)
Brownley	Evans	Lee (NV)
Bush	Fletcher	Leger Fernandez
Bustos	Foster	Levin (CA)
Butterfield	Frankel, Lois	Levin (MI)
Carbajal	Gallego	Lieu
Cárdenas	Garamendi	Lofgren
Carson	Garcia (IL)	Lowenthal
Carter (LA)	Garcia (TX)	Luria
Cartwright	Golden	Lynch
Case	Gomez	Malinowski
Casten	Gonzalez,	Maloney,
(FL)	Vicente	Carolyn B.
Castro (TX)	Gottheimer	Maloney, Sean
Cherfilus-	Green, Al (TX)	Manning
McCormick	Grijalva	Matsui
Chu	Harder (CA)	McBath
Cicilline	Hayes	McCollum
Clark (MA)	Higgins (NY)	McEachin
Clarke (NY)	Himes	McGovern
Cleaver	Horsford	McNeerney
Clyburn	Houlihan	Meeks
Cohen	Hoyer	Meng
Connolly	Huffman	Mfume
Cooper	Jackson Lee	Moore (WI)
Correa	Jacobs (CA)	Morelle
Costa	Jayapal	Moulton
Courtney	Jeffries	Mrvan
Craig	Johnson (GA)	Murphy (FL)
Crist	Johnson (TX)	Nadler

So the previous question was ordered.