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The Honorable Colleen Shogan Archivist of the United States National Archives and Records Administration 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20408

Dear Ms. Shogan,

The Committee on House Administration Subcommittee on Oversight is conducting oversight of the past and present security vulnerabilities that exist or may have existed at the U.S. Capitol Complex. To assist in this oversight, it is imperative that our Subcommittee review any and all documents collected by the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol ("Select Committee"). I therefore write to determine the full extent of documents and records related to the events of January 6, 2021, that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has now in its possession or has had previously.

H. Res. 5 directed the transfer of all non-current records of the Select Committee to the Committee on House Administration.¹ The Committee on House Administration received an initial production from NARA and has copies of certain Select Committee records which were provided by NARA. However, I am concerned that we do not possess all documents and records related to January 6th that could assist in our oversight efforts.

Before the Select Committee dissolved, it sent documents to Special Counsel to the President, Richard Sauber, asking that he provide instructions to NARA to protect the confidentiality of certain witnesses.² A redacted version of the letter from the Select Committee to Mr. Sauber was published by the Select Committee through the Government Publishing Office. However, the original and unredacted letter, as well as the referenced records, were not provided to the Committee on House Administration as required by H. Res. 5. The Select Committee also sent certain documents to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) with similar instructions.³ While the Select Committee letter requested the timely return of such documents, it is unclear whether the White House or DHS did in fact return the records, or if they were turned over to the Committee on House Administration as required.⁴

¹ Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, and for other purpose, H. Res. 5, 118th Cong. (2023)

² https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/23561125/gpo-j6-transcript-chair-vice-chair-letter-to-white-house.pdf ³https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/23562735/letter-from-the-chairman-and-vice-chair-to-the-department-onhomeland-security-regarding-certain-transcripts.pdf

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Accordingly, I ask that you provide to the Committee the following:

- 1. An inventory of all documents, communications, recorded depositions, pictures, videos, or any other materials and data in whatever form produced by the Select Committee which that NARA now possesses;
- 2. An inventory of all documents, communications, recorded depositions, pictures, videos, or any other materials in whatever form produced to the Select Committee during the 117th Congress by any other House Committee, congressional entity, or any other person, related to the events of January 6, 2021, that NARA now possesses;
- 3. An inventory of any and all documents, communications, recorded depositions, pictures, videos, or any other materials and data in whatever form produced by the Select Committee which that are in the possession of NARA but originated from the White House, DHS, and any other executive branch agency or private institution.

Please provide the inventories described to the Committee on House Administration no later than May 31, 2023. To arrange delivery, please contact Elliott Tomlinson, Deputy General Counsel, at Elliott.Tomlinson@mail.house.gov.

Respectfully, lula :

Barry Loudermilk Chairman Subcommittee on Oversight Committee on House Administration

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