

From: John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov>
Sent time: 04/07/2022 01:03:33 AM
To: GaryM Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Cc: Stephannie Oriabure <stephannie.oriabure@nara.gov>
Subject: Info for 15 boxes

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Cc: Stephannie Oriabure <stephannie.oriabure@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: Info for 15 boxes

Yes, (b) (5) Happy to discuss anytime.

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On Thu, Apr 7, 2022 at 1:04 AM John Laster <john.laster@nara.gov> wrote:

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Sent time: 04/07/2022 08:38:53 PM

To: William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>; Ferriero, David <david.ferriero@nara.gov>; Stanwich, Maria <maria.stanwich@nara.gov>; Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>; Hamilton, John <john.hamilton@nara.gov>; John Valceanu <john.valceanu@nara.gov>

Subject: DOJ plans to investigate boxes of records taken to Trump's Mar-a-Lago

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/04/07/trump-boxes-archives-investigation-maralago/>

From: Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov>
Sent time: 04/07/2022 09:42:42 PM
To: Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>; Oriabure, Stephannie <stephannie.oriabure@nara.gov>; Hannah Bergman <Hannah.Bergman@nara.gov>; (b) (6) <(b) (6)@nara.gov>; Donius, Susan <susan.donius@nara.gov>
Subject: Fwd: DOJ plans to investigate boxes of records taken to Trump's Mar-a-Lago

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Date: Thu, Apr 7, 2022, 8:36 PM
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To: William Bosanko <william.bosanko@nara.gov>, Ferriero, David <david.ferriero@nara.gov>, Stanwich, Maria <maria.stanwich@nara.gov>, Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>, Hamilton, John <john.hamilton@nara.gov>, John Valceanu <john.valceanu@nara.gov>

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To: (b) (6) <(b) (6)@nara.gov>
Subject: Re: Please Call Me When You Can

(b) (6), I left you a VM about upcoming need this week (and probably next as well) to cover the review of the boxes (b) (5) . Please give me a call when you can at (b) (6) .

Thanks,
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On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 11:42 AM (b) (6) <(b) (6)@nara.gov> wrote:

Hi Gery,

I just tried to call you. I will be at my desk for a while.

(b) (6)

On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 11:25 AM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

(b) (6), I have some additional questions and requests re the Trump Boxes. Please call me when you can at (b) (6) .

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To: Stern, GaryM <garym.stern@nara.gov>; Bosanko, William <william.bosanko@nara.gov>; Oriabure, Stephannie <stephannie.oriabure@nara.gov>; Laster, John <john.laster@nara.gov>; Donius, Susan <susan.donius@nara.gov>
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Subject: (b) (5)

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2022/05/05/documents-mar-a-lago-marked-classified-were-already-declassified-kash-patel-says/>

Patel said he does not believe NARA spoke to anyone at the Trump White House to see if the documents were declassified, and now will not release the documents to the American public as Trump had intended.

“They are not a classification authority. I don’t believe they have unilateral authority to reclassify something the president declassified. They are the holder of records,” he said

...

As to whether Democrats may try to selectively release material and claim Trump tried to hide certain things, Patel said, “The irony is that he didn’t try to hide any of it. He declassified all of it so there’s nothing to hide.”

“If they selectively leak stuff — and given this week’s Supreme Court leak, you can’t put it past anyone at the NARA or Congress who might have some of these documents and leak them to advance a false political narrative,” he said.

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BCc: (b) (6)@nara.gov
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Subject: ABC News inquiry - subpoena for Trump docs?
To: public.affairs@nara.gov <public.affairs@nara.gov>

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BCc: hilary.parkinson@nara.gov
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Agree. No comment.

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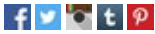
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On Thu, May 12, 2022 at 2:40 PM Maria Stanwich <maria.stanwich@nara.gov> wrote:

Agree. No comment.

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On Thu, May 12, 2022 at 1:41 PM Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov> wrote:

No comment.

Adding Maria.

On Thu, May 12, 2022 at 1:25 PM Gary Stern <garym.stern@nara.gov> wrote:

Our official comment is "No comment," to the extent you feel the need to respond at all.

Thanks,

Gary

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On Thu, May 12, 2022 at 1:23 PM Laura Sheehan <laura.diachenko@nara.gov> wrote:

Below is the ABC inquiry and this just came in from CBS News. Anything we can say? Please advise. Thank you!

Writing from CBS News on the recent NYT report about Grand Jury empaneled does investigate classified docs brought to Mar-a-Lago from the Trump White House. Does NARA have any official comment on the matter?

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From: **Mallin, Alexander W.** <Alexander.W.Mallin@abc.com>
Date: Thu, May 12, 2022 at 1:02 PM
Subject: ABC News inquiry - subpoena for Trump docs?
To: public.affairs@nara.gov <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Hi there,

Reaching out on this New York Times story that reports NARA received a subpoena to obtain boxes of classified documents that former President Trump took to his home in Florida before returning them to the Archives.

Link here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/01/us/politics/justice-department-trump-classified.html?referringSource=articleShare>

Any guidance or comment would be much appreciated.

Thank you,
Alex

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