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January 13, 2023

Mr. Stuart Delery
White House Counsel
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Delery:

Three days ago, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability wrote you to inform the White House that the Committee has initiated an investigation into President Biden’s possession of highly classified documents from his time as vice president in violation of the Presidential Records Act.¹ The Committee requested information about classified documents discovered in an unsecure closet at President Biden’s former office in Washington, D.C. Recent reporting indicates that President Biden’s aides discovered more classified documents at his home.² Thus, the Committee supplements its request from January 10, 2023, to include further information.

Following the discovery of the first classified documents at the Penn Biden Center, reports indicated “Biden aides [had] been searching for any additional classified materials that might be in other locations [President Biden] used.”³ The White House has since confirmed that Biden aides discovered another batch of classified documents in multiple rooms at his Wilmington, Delaware home—including the garage.⁴ Documents on file with the Committee reveal the same address appeared on Hunter Biden’s driver’s license as recently as 2018.⁵ The Committee is concerned President Biden stored classified documents at the same location his son resided while engaging in international business deals with adversaries of the United States.

To assist the Committee in investigating President Biden’s pattern of mishandling classified materials, please provide the following documents and information no later than January 27, 2023:

¹ Letter from Hon. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, to Stuart Delery, White House Counsel, White House (Jan. 10, 2023).

² Carol E. Lee & Ken Dilanian, *Biden aides find second batch of classified documents at new location*, NBC NEWS (Jan. 11, 2023).

³ *Id.*

⁴ Kathryn Watson, Arden Farhi, Adriana Diaz & Andres Triay, *White House confirms second set of Biden documents found in his Wilmington garage*, CBS NEWS (Jan. 12, 2023).

⁵ Documents on file with the Comm. staff.

1. All classified documents retrieved by Biden aides or lawyers at any location;
2. A complete list of President Biden aides or lawyers tasked to search through President Biden's documents—including his or her security clearance status and job title;
3. A complete list of locations where President Biden's aides or lawyers have searched and/or discovered classified documents; and
4. All documents and communications between or among the White House and the Department of Justice or NARA regarding classified documents retrieved from all locations searched by President Biden's aides or lawyers.

To schedule delivery of responsive documents or ask any follow-up questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Accountability staff at (202) 225-5074.

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

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "C".

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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