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General John F. Kelly  
Chief of Staff  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear General Kelly:

I am writing to request documents relating to the federal government's preparation for and response to recent hurricane activity affecting multiple U.S. states and territories. Specifically, I request:

1. Documents or communications received, prepared, or sent before September 5, 2017, by officials of the White House or any of its components, offices, or directorates, relating to threat assessments, mitigation measures, emergency preparedness, or other contingency plans in the case of a hurricane striking Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands; and
2. Documents or communications received, prepared, or sent between September 5, 2017 and October 4, 2017, by officials of the White House or any of its components, offices, or directorates, relating to any steps taken to prepare Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands for Hurricanes Irma and Maria, as well as logistics challenges, distribution of commodities, or power restoration following the storms.

Thank you for your assistance with this request. I am aware of the many demands on the White House's resources following the hurricanes. Therefore, my office will coordinate with your staff on a production schedule that will meet our oversight needs while respecting the importance of devoting White House resources to the immediate response effort. Please contact Britteny Jenkins of the Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051 with any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



Elijah E. Cummings  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Trey Gowdy, Chairman