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Ms. Susan Wiles
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Wiles:

I write requesting information concerning ties between Mr. Donald Trump, Jr., and a Russian oligarch responsible for bankrolling Mr. Trump's May 24, 2026, wedding celebrations in the Bahamas.¹ Oversight Democrats are investigating the numerous ways in which the Trump family have sought to enrich themselves on the basis of their proximity to President Donald Trump.² As the son of President Donald Trump and the part-owner and major investor of multiple companies with extensive Department of Defense contracts, any apparent ties to members of Russian President Vladimir Putin's inner circle raises serious questions about pay-to-play schemes and foreign intelligence infiltration of the President's family.³ I request you immediately provide all records, documents, and communications concerning the relationship Mr. Trump maintains with Mr. Umar Kremlev, including any steps taken to investigate Mr. Kremlev's access to Mr. Trump or financial ties between the men.

On September 14, 2026, *ProPublica* reported that Mr. Kremlev, a wealthy Russian national with close ties to the Kremlin, "footed the bill for hundreds of thousands of dollars of [Mr. Trump's] wedding expenses."⁴ Despite only having met Mr. Trump in September 2025—less than a year before the wedding in question—Mr. Kremlev reportedly paid to rent out one of the private islands used for the wedding that typically costs \$100,000 per night, along with other expensive items, such as a \$70,000 fireworks show. These expenses paid for by Mr. Kremlev

¹ *Donald Trump Jr. 's Bahamas Wedding Was Secretly Bankrolled by Russian Oligarch Close to Putin*, ProPublica (Sept. 14, 2026) (online at www.propublica.org/article/donald-trump-jr-wedding-bankrolled-russian-oligarch-umar-kremlev-putin).

² Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Democrats and Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations Democrats, *Shadow Hearing on Gaming the System: How the Trump Family is Making Billions by Ripping Off the American People* (Sept. 14, 2026) (online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=8aU322-1tGk).

³ See *Trump Sons Investing in Domestic Drone Production Businesses*, ABC News (Mar. 10, 2026) (online at <https://abcnews.com/US/trump-sons-investing-domestic-drone-production-businesses/story?id=130908416>).

⁴ *Donald Trump Jr. 's Bahamas Wedding Was Secretly Bankrolled by Russian Oligarch Close to Putin*, ProPublica (Sept. 14, 2026) (online at www.propublica.org/article/donald-trump-jr-wedding-bankrolled-russian-oligarch-umar-kremlev-putin).

were reportedly funneled through an Emirati entity associated with Mr. Kremlev's opaque sporting group, the International Boxing Association (IBA), that reportedly serves as a tool of "soft political power" and "geopolitics" for Mr. Putin. Mr. Kremlev and other Russian-speaking members of his entourage attended events associated with the wedding and included Alexander Lagutin, a Russian businessman with ties to the Russian defense and energy industries, and Elena Sobol, Mr. Kremlev's subordinate at IBA. Mr. Kremlev is also tied to a Russian group, Healthy Fatherland, run by his sister-in-law and under Ukrainian sanctions for its alleged role in abducting and Russifying Ukrainian children in Russian-occupied parts of Ukraine.⁵

The secretive, close relationship between the son of a sitting U.S. President and a member of Russian dictator Vladimir Putin's inner circle raises serious national security and public corruption concerns. A Russian oligarch reportedly financing parts of a lavish wedding for the owner of multiple firms holding Department of Defense contracts is all the more disturbing.⁶

Given that Mr. Trump reportedly advises his father, the President of the United States, on issues of national security and vetting White House personnel, any possible foreign entanglement deserves close scrutiny.⁷ To facilitate the Committee's investigation into potential corruption and foreign influence, I request the following documents and information by September 28, 2026:

1. All documents, records, and communications between the White House and Mr. Donald Trump, Jr., concerning Mr. Umar Kremlev, including any warnings or briefings to Mr. Trump about Mr. Kremlev's connections to President Vladimir Putin.

In addition to the above documents, please provide a written answer to the following question by September 28, 2026:

1. Was the White House aware of Mr. Trump's friendly relationship with Mr. Umar Kremlev?
2. Was Mr. Kremlev's involvement in Mr. Trump's wedding a factor in President Trump's decision not to attend the celebrations?
3. Had Mr. Trump disclosed to the White House that a foreign national would pay for parts of his wedding?
4. Had Mr. Trump disclosed to the White House the nature and extent of his relationship with Mr. Umar Kremlev?

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ See *Trump Sons Investing in Domestic Drone Production Businesses*, ABC News (Mar. 10, 2026) (online at <https://abcnews.com/US/trump-sons-investing-domestic-drone-production-businesses/story?id=130908416>).

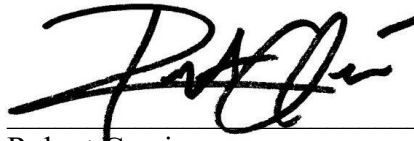
⁷ *Donald Trump Jr.'s Bahamas Wedding Was Secretly Bankrolled by Russian Oligarch Close to Putin*, ProPublica (Sept. 14, 2026) (online at www.propublica.org/article/donald-trump-jr-wedding-bankrolled-russian-oligarch-umar-kremlev-putin).

5. Does Mr. Trump currently hold an active security clearance?
 - a. If yes, has Mr. Umar Kremlev been identified as a foreign contact?
 - b. If yes, when was Mr. Kremlev identified as a foreign contact?

I also request that you immediately preserve all documents, communications, and other materials relevant to the matters described above. Please immediately confirm in writing your compliance in preserving records and communications, as well as providing a detailed catalog of all preserved records.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Garcia', written over a horizontal line.

Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman