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February 8, 2017

The Honorable Saul Japson
Acting Associate Administrator
General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Administrator Japson:

Thank you for your letter on February 6, 2017, responding to our January 23, 2017, request for information regarding how the General Services Administration (GSA) is addressing President Donald Trump's apparent breach of the Old Post Office lease agreement.

We are writing pursuant to the statutory "Seven Member Rule" to obtain unredacted, complete copies of documents requested by our January 23, 2017 letter.

The Seven Member Rule is unique authority passed by Congress and signed by the President in 1928 that requires any executive agency to "submit any information requested of it relating to any matter within the jurisdiction of the committee" when requested by seven members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.¹ Previously, 11 members of this Committee sent GSA a request pursuant to the Seven Member Rule on December 22, 2016, and GSA produced documents responsive to that request on January 3, 2017.²

Under House Rule X, the Committee has jurisdiction over "Government management and accounting measures generally," as well as the "Overall economy, efficiency, and management of government operations and activities, including Federal procurement."³ In addition, as the primary investigative body in the House, the Committee also has the broad authority "at any time to conduct investigations" of "any matter."⁴

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 2954. 45 Stat. 996 (1928). The statutory language originally referred to the "Committee on Government Operations." The Committee was renamed several times since then and in the 110th Congress, it was renamed the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. References in law to the Committee on Government Operations are treated as referring to this Committee.

² Letter from Lisa A. Austin, Associate Administrator, to Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings (Jan. 3, 2017).

³ House rule X, clause (1)(n).

⁴ House rule X, clause (4)(c)(2).

Pursuant to the Seven Member Rule, please provide the following documents no later than 5 p.m. on February 13, 2017:

1. Please provide, on an ongoing basis starting with November, monthly reports submitted to GSA by President Trump's company describing revenues and expenses.
2. Please provide copies of any correspondence from Trump Old Post Office LLC that provides notice of how it is addressing liens or documentation of any subsequent GSA action to resolve these liens.
3. Please provide copies of all correspondence with representatives of President Trump's company or the Trump transition team regarding the lease, the apparent breach of the lease, the monthly financial reports, the ownership structure of the Trump Old Post Office LLC, or any other matters above.
4. Please provide copies of the correspondence from Adam L. Rosen on December 16, 2016, and December 29, 2016, to GSA, referenced in the attachment to GSA's February 6, 2017, letter.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation with this matter.

Sincerely,

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