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April 1, 2025

Mr. Walker Barrett
Senior Director for Defense
National Security Council
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Barrett:

The Democratic Members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (“the Committee”) are conducting an investigation in connection with multiple reports published in *The Atlantic* that several members of the National Security Council and the President’s Cabinet discussed highly sensitive, potentially classified plans for a military operation in Yemen on the Signal messaging application.¹ This incident, which reportedly took place through a Signal chat group named “Houthi PC small group,” raises immediate and deeply alarming concerns about the misuse of unsecured communication platforms and/or devices for sensitive discussions and the potential that American military and intelligence professionals may have been compromised by the reckless dissemination of potentially classified material. Because you were reportedly one of the participants in the “Houthi PC small group” chat, we require your participation in a transcribed interview to examine your involvement in this incident and other potentially reckless disclosures of highly sensitive national security information.²

The Committee has reason to believe that you have firsthand knowledge concerning the discussion of sensitive and/or classified national security information on Signal or other unofficial messaging applications or platforms, the manner in which senior government officials and other government personnel have used Signal or other such applications or platforms to conduct official government communications, and the extent to which federal officials and personnel may have engaged in improper use of their personal devices to participate in communications concerning official government business or matters of national security.

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Accordingly, I request your appearance for a transcribed interview on April 15, 2025, to answer questions regarding the above matters. This information is critical to our investigation into the Signal chat breach, including the extent to which classified and/or sensitive national security information was improperly disclosed, the extent to which such disclosure harmed U.S. national security, the use of Signal and/or other private messaging applications and platforms by national security personnel, and the use of private devices for official government business and communications.

Please confirm your participation in this interview by April 7, 2025, and confirm that you have completed any necessary consultations to be prepared to answer our questions fully and completely.

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Mr. Dan Katz
Chief of Staff
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Mr. Katz:

The Democratic Members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (“the Committee”) are conducting an investigation in connection with multiple reports published in *The Atlantic* that several members of the National Security Council and the President’s Cabinet discussed highly sensitive, potentially classified plans for a military operation in Yemen on the Signal messaging application.¹ This incident, which reportedly took place through a Signal chat group named “Houthi PC small group,” raises immediate and deeply alarming concerns about the misuse of unsecured communication platforms and/or devices for sensitive discussions and the potential that American military and intelligence professionals may have been compromised by the reckless dissemination of potentially classified material. Because you were reportedly one of the participants in the “Houthi PC small group” chat, we require your participation in a transcribed interview to examine your involvement in this incident and other potentially reckless disclosures of highly sensitive national security information.²

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Accordingly, I request your appearance for a transcribed interview on May 2, 2025, to answer questions regarding the above matters. This information is critical to our investigation into the Signal chat breach, including the extent to which classified and/or sensitive national security information was improperly disclosed, the extent to which such disclosure harmed U.S. national security, the use of Signal and/or other private messaging applications and platforms by national security personnel, and the use of private devices for official government business and communications.

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Mr. Joseph Kent
Acting Chief of Staff for the Director of National Intelligence
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
1500 Tysons McLean Drive
McLean, VA 22102

Dear Mr. Kent:

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Accordingly, I request your appearance for a transcribed interview on April 29, 2025, to answer questions regarding the above matters. This information is critical to our investigation into the Signal chat breach, including the extent to which classified and/or sensitive national security information was improperly disclosed, the extent to which such disclosure harmed U.S. national security, the use of Signal and/or other private messaging applications and platforms by national security personnel, and the use of private devices for official government business and communications.

Please confirm your participation in this interview by April 15, 2025, and confirm that you have completed any necessary consultations to be prepared to answer our questions fully and completely.

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Mr. Brian McCormack
Chief of Staff
National Security Council
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. McCormack:

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Accordingly, I request your appearance for a transcribed interview on April 18, 2025, to answer questions regarding the above matters. This information is critical to our investigation into the Signal chat breach, including the extent to which classified and/or sensitive national security information was improperly disclosed, the extent to which such disclosure harmed U.S. national security, the use of Signal and/or other private messaging applications and platforms by national security personnel, and the use of private devices for official government business and communications.

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Mr. Stephen Miller
Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Miller:

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Accordingly, I request your appearance for a transcribed interview on May 6, 2025, to answer questions regarding the above matters. This information is critical to our investigation into the Signal chat breach, including the extent to which classified and/or sensitive national security information was improperly disclosed, the extent to which such disclosure harmed U.S. national security, the use of Signal and/or other private messaging applications and platforms by national security personnel, and the use of private devices for official government business and communications.

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April 1, 2025

Mr. Mike Needham
Counselor and Chief of Staff to the Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Needham:

The Democratic Members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (“the Committee”) are conducting an investigation in connection with multiple reports published in *The Atlantic* that several members of the National Security Council and the President’s Cabinet discussed highly sensitive, potentially classified plans for a military operation in Yemen on the Signal messaging application.¹ This incident, which reportedly took place through a Signal chat group named “Houthi PC small group,” raises immediate and deeply alarming concerns about the misuse of unsecured communication platforms and/or devices for sensitive discussions and the potential that American military and intelligence professionals may have been compromised by the reckless dissemination of potentially classified material. Because you were reportedly one of the participants in the “Houthi PC small group” chat, we require your participation in a transcribed interview to examine your involvement in this incident and other potentially reckless disclosures of highly sensitive national security information.²

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Accordingly, I request your appearance for a transcribed interview on April 25, 2025, to answer questions regarding the above matters. This information is critical to our investigation into the Signal chat breach, including the extent to which classified and/or sensitive national security information was improperly disclosed, the extent to which such disclosure harmed U.S. national security, the use of Signal and/or other private messaging applications and platforms by national security personnel, and the use of private devices for official government business and communications.

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Deputy National Security Advisor
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Accordingly, I request your appearance for a transcribed interview on April 22, 2025, to answer questions regarding the above matters. This information is critical to our investigation into the Signal chat breach, including the extent to which classified and/or sensitive national security information was improperly disclosed, the extent to which such disclosure harmed U.S. national security, the use of Signal and/or other private messaging applications and platforms by national security personnel, and the use of private devices for official government business and communications.

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