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April 29, 2025

Dan Caldwell
Former Senior Adviser
Department of Defense
Sent via Email

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

The Democratic Members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (“the Committee”) are expanding the investigation into reports that Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth discussed highly sensitive, potentially classified plans for a military operation in Yemen on the Signal messaging application, in a group chat in which you were a participant.¹ Since the Committee launched its investigation in March, additional reporting has come to light indicating that Secretary Hegseth also shared sensitive attack plans in a separate Signal group titled “Defense | Team Huddle” which included his wife, brother, personal lawyer, and “about a dozen other people from his personal and professional inner circle.”² Moreover, Secretary Hegseth is reported to have personally created this group and to have used his private phone to access the Signal chat, raising significant concerns about the misuse of insecure communication platforms and/or devices for sensitive discussions and the potential that classified material was recklessly shared with individuals unauthorized to possess such information.³ Because of your senior role in the Office of the Secretary and your participation in at least one Signal chat with Secretary Hegseth during your tenure at the Department of Defense (“Department”), as well as the fact that you were recently placed on leave from the Department following an internal investigation into unauthorized leaks, we require your participation in a transcribed interview to examine the extent of this concerning incident and other potentially reckless disclosures of highly sensitive national security information.⁴

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Accordingly, I request your appearance for a transcribed interview on May 13, 2025, to answer questions regarding the above matters.

Please confirm your participation in this interview by May 6, 2025, and confirm that you have completed any necessary consultations to be prepared to answer our questions fully and completely.

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