

# Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Pete Hegseth  
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The Honorable Mike Waltz  
National Security Advisor  
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Dear Messrs. Secretary, Mme. Director, and Mr. Waltz:

We are deeply troubled by the report in *The Atlantic* that you and other Trump Administration officials conferred about highly sensitive national security matters, including “precise information about weapons packages, targets, and timing” concerning military actions against the Houthis, via the open-source Signal messaging service. We are especially concerned that the reported deliberations may have constituted a security breach, because they relied upon an electronic messaging application that is not approved as a secure method for communicating classified information and because they inadvertently included at least one non-governmental party. These actions could have compromised the operational security of, and by implication the safety of the service members involved in, the related military activities.

In the interest of congressional oversight, we request answers to the following questions:

1. Was information regarding U.S. military activities against the Houthis on or about March 15, 2025 disclosed via the Signal messaging service by any National Security Council principal? If so, by whom and what specific information was disclosed?
2. In how many instances has the National Security Council held discussions on national security matters involving Principals Committee members or any other relevant executive branch officials using the Signal messaging service or any other messaging service application that has not been approved for the transmission of classified information? In each instance, please describe the specific national security matter or matters that were discussed.
3. Was classified information shared in the instance reported by *The Atlantic* or in any other instance described in reply to the previous question?
4. Was unclassified but highly sensitive information shared in any such instance?
5. Was information shared in any such instance that could have compromised the operational security of any military activities?

6. Was information shared in any such instance that could have compromised the safety of members of the U.S. armed forces or those of a U.S. ally or partner?
7. Was information shared in any such instance that could have compromised any of the capabilities of the U.S. armed forces or those of a U.S. ally or partner?
8. What measures has the National Security Council, the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and the intelligence community taken to ensure that the discourse of any such instance and any other discourse involving national security matters via an electronic messaging service are preserved in accordance with applicable federal record keeping law?
9. If classified or any other sensitive information was disclosed via the Signal messaging service, what measures have been put into place by the National Security Council, the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and the intelligence community to ensure that it will not occur again?

We appreciate your attention to these questions and look forward to your prompt replies.

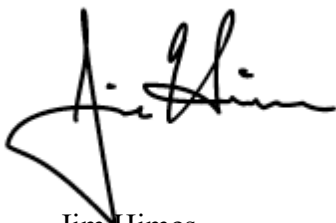
Sincerely,



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Ranking Member  
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Ranking Member  
Foreign Affairs Committee



Jim Himes  
Ranking Member  
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on Intelligence



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