



Archivist of the
United States

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The Honorable Ron Johnson
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Budget

Dear Senators Johnson and Grassley:

I write in response to your letter of February 24, 2023, requesting information about the National Archives and Records Administration's "knowledge with respect to the discovery of Biden records in Boston." As I noted in my January 23, 2023, letter to you, "As a general matter, NARA treats all of its communications with the White House, DOJ, and the representatives of the former Presidents (and Vice Presidents) as presumptively confidential." NARA General Counsel Gary M. Stern then explained to your staff in the February 21, 2023, phone call referenced in your letter that, in light of the ongoing Department of Justice (DOJ) Special Counsel law enforcement investigation into this matter, NARA must necessarily consult with DOJ before we can respond to questions or document requests seeking non-public information about this issue in order to protect the integrity of DOJ's ongoing investigation. Having done so in preparing this response, please see our responses to each of your questions:

1. Provide all records between the Archives and the Department of Justice relating to your response to our January 23, 2023, letter.

Answer: NARA generally does not release records concerning interagency deliberations regarding responses to Congress.

2. How and when did the Archives learn Biden records were transported from the Penn Center to Pat Moore's Boston office?

Answer: When NARA contacted President Biden's personal counsel on November 3, 2022, to arrange to pick up boxes from the Penn Biden Center in Washington, DC, they informed NARA that Mr. Moore had moved other boxes from the Penn Biden Center to Mr. Moore's law firm in Boston.

3. Did the Archives notify the Archives Inspector General or the Department of Justice relating to the discovery of Biden records at Pat Moore's Boston office? If so, when?

Answer: Yes, when NARA referred this matter to the Office of Inspector General on November 4, 2022, NARA informed the OIG that some boxes had been moved to Boston.

4. How many Biden records were transported from the Penn Center to Pat Moore's Boston Office?

Answer: NARA staff retrieved nine boxes from Mr. Moore's Boston office.

5. On what date(s) were Biden records from the Penn Center transported to Pat Moore's Boston office?

Answer: NARA was informed that President Biden's counsel began their review of the materials in the Penn Biden Center in October 2022 and had moved some boxes to Boston. NARA does not know the precise date(s) when that occurred.

6. Why did the Archives request the Biden records at Pat Moore's Boston office be transported to the JFK Library?

a. Did these Biden records get transported to the JFK Library? If so, when and how many boxes/records?

Answer: DOJ requested that NARA pick up the nine boxes that were at Mr. Moore's office. NARA did so on November 9, 2022, and secured them in NARA's John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, our nearest facility.

7. Has the Archives reviewed the Biden records from Pat Moore's Boston office? If so, did Archives discover classified material in the Biden records from Pat Moore's Boston Office?

Answer: NARA has not reviewed the contents of the boxes found at Mr. Moore's Boston office.

8. Are there other locations where President Joe Biden has stored records from his time as vice president? If so, has NARA requested to review those records? If not, why not?

Answer: NARA only has direct knowledge about boxes that were located at the Penn Biden Center and at Mr. Moore's office in Boston. NARA has informed DOJ that, in accordance with the Presidential Records Act (PRA), any Presidential or Vice Presidential records that DOJ obtains from any other location must be returned to NARA no later than the conclusion of their investigation.

9. Did any of the Biden records discovered at Pat Moore's Boston office include the pseudonyms and email addresses listed below that then-Vice President Biden used?

a. "RobinWare456@gmail.com";

- b. "Robert.L.Peters@pci.gov";
- c. "JRB Ware"; and
- d. "67stingray".

Answer: NARA has not reviewed the contents of the boxes found at Mr. Moore's Boston office.

Sincerely,



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