

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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## VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable David S. Ferriero  
Archivist of the United States  
U.S. National Archives and Records Administration  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20408

Dear Mr. Ferriero:

As you are aware, we continue to examine the Biden family's financial dealings and potential conflicts of interest while Joe Biden was Vice President. Recently, reports have indicated that then-Vice President Biden hired an employee of Rosemont Seneca, one of Hunter Biden's investment firms, as a White House employee in 2014.<sup>1</sup> According to reports, Anne Marie Person "stayed in close contact with her former bosses [Hunter Biden], keeping them apprised of visiting dignitaries and official events they might have interest in."<sup>2</sup> In one email, Person reportedly asked, "[p]lease let me know if you would like to invite any guests to join the ceremony," referring to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's state visit in April 2015.<sup>3</sup> Ms. Person has not publicly challenged the authenticity of these reported communications.

Additional reporting indicates that then-Vice President Biden met with Hunter Biden's Ukrainian, Russian and Kazakhstani business associates in Washington, D.C. in 2015, and Hunter Biden used his position with the World Food Program as a cover.<sup>4</sup> One email from Hunter Biden reportedly stated, "Ok – the reason for the dinner is ostensibly to discuss food security. Dad [Joe Biden] will be there but keep that between us for now."<sup>5</sup> Hunter Biden and Joe Biden have not publicly challenged the authenticity of these reported communications.

Moreover, news reports made publicly available a September 21, 2017, email from Hunter Biden to an office manager that asked for keys to be made available to then-former Vice President Biden, James Biden, and "Gongwen Dong (Chairman Ye CEFC emissary)" and referred to them as "office mates."<sup>6</sup> Hunter Biden also requested that the office sign reflect "The

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<sup>1</sup> Jon Levine, *Biden Hired Rosemont Seneca Employee to His Private VP Office Staff*, THE NEW YORK POST (May 29, 2021), <https://nypost.com/2021/05/29/biden-hired-rosemont-seneca-employee-to-private-vp-office/>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Miranda Devine, *Hunter Biden Brought VP Joe to Dinner with Shady Business Partners*, THE NEW YORK POST (May 26, 2021), <https://nypost.com/2021/05/26/hunter-biden-arranged-secret-dinner-with-business-partners-and-vp-joe/>.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> Brooke Singman & Adam Shaw, *Hunter Biden Requested Keys for New 'Office Mates' Joe Biden, Chinese 'Emissary' to CEFC chairman, Emails Show* FOX NEWS (Dec. 12, 2020), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/hunter-biden-requested-keys-new->

Biden Foundation” and “Hudson West (CEFC US).”<sup>7</sup> Hunter Biden and Joe Biden have not publicly challenged the authenticity of the reported communications. If accurate, the sharing of office space with Chinese nationals and entities linked to the communist regime and its military demands additional explanation.

In furtherance of our review of the Biden family’s financial dealings and potential conflicts of interest, please provide the following information from January 2013 to January 2017:

1. All records<sup>8</sup> from or to Anne Marie Person, Francis Person, and Kathy S. Chung referencing Hunter Biden, Devon Archer, Christopher Heinz, James Biden, Katie Dodge, Joan Mayer, Elena Baturina, Rosemont Seneca, Rosemont Capital, Bohai Harvest, Blue Star Strategies, Karen Tramontano, Sally Painter, Burisma, Mykola Zlochevsky, CEFC China Energy, CEFC Infrastructure Investment, Hudson West, Ye Jianming, Gongwen “Kevin” Dong, and Chi Ping “Patrick” Ho.
2. All records from or to the Executive Office of the Vice President and Vice President Joe Biden referencing Hunter Biden, Devon Archer, Christopher Heinz, James Biden, Katie Dodge, Joan Mayer, Elena Baturina, Rosemont Seneca, Rosemont Capital, Bohai Harvest, Blue Star Strategies, Karen Tramontano, Sally Painter, Burisma, Mykola Zlochevsky, CEFC China Energy, CEFC Infrastructure Investment, Hudson West, Ye Jianming, Gongwen “Kevin” Dong, and Chi Ping “Patrick” Ho.
3. All White House records referencing Hunter Biden, Devon Archer, Christopher Heinz, James Biden, Katie Dodge, Joan Mayer, Elena Baturina, Rosemont Seneca, Rosemont Capital, Bohai Harvest, Blue Star Strategies, Karen Tramontano, Sally Painter, Burisma, Mykola Zlochevsky, CEFC China Energy, CEFC Infrastructure Investment, Hudson West, Ye Jianming, Gongwen “Kevin” Dong, and Chi Ping “Patrick” Ho.

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[office-mates-joe-biden-chinese-emissary-cefc-chairman](#). Ye Jianming is a Chinese national, the founder of CEFC China Energy Co. Ltd. (CEFC), and a frequent figure in financial dealings in China. Our September 23, 2020, report showed that Ye had connections not just to the communist party in China, but also China’s People’s Liberation Army, the armed forces of the Chinese communist party. Gongwen Dong is another business associate of Ye and executed numerous transactions on his behalf. For example, Gongwen set up bank accounts to funnel CEFC funds from China to U.S.-based banks, specifically through California based Cathay Bank.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* CEFC China Energy Co. Ltd. was an extension of the communist Chinese government. Recently released emails relating to Hunter Biden, James Biden, and their business associates show their close financial and business relationship with CEFC and Ye Jianming. Based on public reports that were available in 2015, when his contact with Hunter Biden began to ramp up, Ye was a founder of CEFC and chairman of the board for its subsidiary, the China Energy Fund Committee. Although CEFC reportedly remained a private company until state-owned enterprises assumed control of it in 2018, reporting in 2017 indicated that it received financing from the China Development Bank, “hired a number of former top officials from state-owned energy companies,” and had “layers of Communist Party committees across its subsidiaries — more than at many private Chinese companies.”

<sup>8</sup> “Records” include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether or not they resulted in final documents).

Should you have questions, please contact Josh Flynn-Brown of Senator Grassley's Committee staff at 202-224-5225 and Brian Downey and Scott Wittmann of Senator Johnson's Subcommittee staff at 202-224-3721. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R".

Ron Johnson  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee  
on Investigations