

July 30, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Ms. Dana Ann Remus Counsel to the President The White House

Dear Ms. Remus:

According to media reports, then-Vice President Joe Biden used private email for government use and as part of that use he sent government information to his son, Hunter Biden.¹ The news reports also allege that Vice President Biden's pseudonyms and email addresses included "RobinWare456@gmail.com," "Robert.L.Peters@pci.gov," and "JRB Ware."²

For example, according to an article, in 2016, an employee in the Office of the Vice President reportedly emailed Vice President Biden his schedule to the email address "Robert.L.Peters@pci.gov" and allegedly copied Hunter Biden.³ In another instance, that same employee reportedly emailed Vice President Biden in May 2016 about an early morning "prep for 9am phonecall with [Ukrainian] Pres Poroshenko" and again copied Hunter Biden.⁴ As you are undoubtedly aware, Hunter Biden served on the board of the corrupt Ukrainian energy company, Burisma, at that time and information relating to any communication between the United States Government and Ukrainian Government could have been of interest to Hunter Biden and his colleagues at Burisma.

If these reports are accurate, it is unclear whether then-Vice President Biden forwarded these and related emails to a government account to ensure that they satisfied federal recordkeeping and archival requirements. Further, it is unclear whether now-President Biden has continued the use of non-government email for official business and whether he has continued to provide government information to his family members, including Hunter Biden. Accordingly, please provide the following information by no later than August 13, 2021:

¹ Miranda Devine, *Veep Joe Biden skirted 'no see' mail law with private accounts,* The New York Post (July 23, 2021), https://nypost.com/2021/07/23/vp-joe-biden-skirted-no-see-mail-law-with-private-accounts-devine/.

 $^{^2}$ Id.

 $^{^{3}}$ Id.

⁴ Id.

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- 1. What steps did then-Vice President Biden take to ensure that all his government emails and related communications were properly stored and archived?
- 2. Does President Biden use non-government email to communicate government business or email his family members government information? If so, what steps have been taken to ensure that those communications satisfy federal record-keeping and archival requirements?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable David S. Ferriero Archivist of the United States U.S. National Archives and Records Administration