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Colonel Christopher L. Paris
Commissioner
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Dear Colonel Paris:

Pursuant to the authority under Senate Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate and Senate Resolution 59, Section 12, we write to request documents and information related to the assassination attempt on former President Trump and the loss of life of one attendee and injuries to two others during a campaign rally in Butler, PA, on July 13, 2024. As Senator Peters and Senator Paul indicated in their letter to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Mayorkas and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Wray on July 15, 2024, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (Committee) has initiated a bipartisan investigation into how this attack was able to occur, what security, personnel, or other failures contributed to the attempt, and steps that must be taken to ensure any mistakes are avoided in the future.¹ To assist in our investigation, please provide the following documents and information by August 7, 2024.

1. All documents and information provided to any other Congressional committees or Members related to the attempted assassination of former President Trump.

To the extent responsive documents and information are not covered by the above request, please provide the following documents and information:

2. All documents in possession of your agency related to planning the July 13, 2024 event, including but not limited to: site security plans, operational plans, risk or threat assessments, designation of security perimeters, plans for responding to suspicious activity or an active threat or attack, mutual aid agreements, memoranda of understanding, or other documents establishing roles and responsibilities of federal agencies and state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) law enforcement partner agencies, and associated chains of command.

¹ Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Gary Peters and Ranking Member Rand Paul letter to Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security and Honorable Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice (July 15, 2024).

3. Documents or data on the involvement of your agency and personnel at the July 13, 2024, event, demonstrating the numbers of officers, their roles and duties, and any other assets or resources (including unmanned aircraft systems) and their respective deployments, assignments, and duty logs. To the extent that the number of officers, assets, or resources from your agency provided for the event was less than initially planned or offered, please indicate that and provide copies of all supporting documents or data.
4. All documents and information regarding directives or orders given to officers from your agency at the July 13, 2024, event, and how those directives or orders were communicated.
5. A detailed “tick-tock” timeline of your agency’s actions prior to the July 13, 2024, attempted assassination of former President Trump (including any advance security planning); on July 13, 2024, through the shooting (including when your agency became aware of the suspicious person who would eventually commit the attempted assassination); and until the rally site was declared secure.
6. Any intelligence (including but not limited to finished intelligence products, bulletins, or raw intelligence) about potential threats to the July 13, 2024, event, generated or received by your agency in advance of the event.
7. Any intelligence (including but not limited to finished intelligence products, bulletins, or raw intelligence) about the perpetrator of the attempted assassination of former President Trump generated or received by your agency in advance of the event.


The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized by Rule XXV (k)(2)(B) of the Standing Rules of the Senate to investigate matters that aid the Committee in “studying the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of all agencies and departments of the Government.”² Under Senate Resolution 59, Sec. 12(e)(2), of the 118th Congress, the Committee’s investigative duties “shall not be construed to be limited to the records, functions, and operations of any particular branch of the Government and may extend to the records and activities of any persons, corporation, or other entity.”³

Please see attachment A to this letter for a description of the documents and information covered by this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 224-2627.

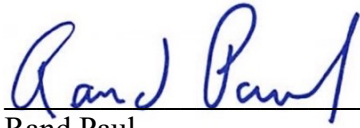
² S. Rule XXV(k)(2)(B).

³ S. Res. 59, Sec. 12(e)(2).


Sincerely,



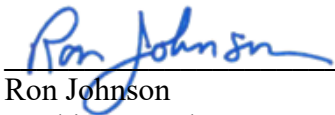
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