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COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS WASHINGTON, DC 20510–6250

July 16, 2025

The Honorable Marco Rubio Acting Archivist of the United States National Archives and Records Administration 700 Pennsylvania Avenues, NW Washington, DC 20408

Dear Acting Archivist Rubio:

My office has been reviewing the allegations that former President Biden, cabinet members, and his staff covered up his declining mental and physical health over the course of his presidency.¹ These allegations, which received renewed interest following the publication of a book detailing the former president's mental and physical decline, raise serious questions about who was making key presidential decisions if the former president was incapable of doing so. One of these key decisions may have involved the presidential power to grant clemency or pardons—a matter that the White House Counsel's Office, among other entities, are currently investigating.²

On June 4, 2025, President Trump issued a memorandum authorizing the White House Counsel to investigate the alleged coverup of former President Biden's health and its effects on the execution of presidential authorities and responsibilities.³ Recently, it was reported that in connection with the White House Counsel's investigation, the National Archives and Records Administration ("NARA") provided "more than 27,000 records."⁴ The reporting further suggests that these records represent only a portion of the information in NARA's possession that may be related to the coverup of former President Biden's alleged mental and physical decline.⁵

¹ See Press Release: PSI Chairman Johnson Requests Transparency from Biden Cabinet Officials Regarding the Former President's Cognitive Decline, May 22, 2025, https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/2025/5/psi-chairman-johnson-requests-transparency-from-biden-cabinet-officials-regarding-the-former-president-s-cognitive-decline/91a21b2f-61c2-45b0-b3a3-3de8d4f9efb5 (detailing Chairman Ron Johnson's letter requesting interviews with 28 members of former President Biden's cabinet).

² See Presidential Memoranda: Reviewing Certain Presidential Actions, June 4, 2025,

https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/06/reviewing-certain-presidential-actions/.

³ Presidential Memoranda: Reviewing Certain Presidential Actions, June 4, 2025,

https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/06/reviewing-certain-presidential-actions/.

⁴ Brooke Singman, White House investigating Biden use of autopen in sprawling probe of 'incompetent and senile' former president, Fox News, July 15, 2025, https://www.foxnews.com/politics/white-house-investigating-biden-use-autopen-sprawling-probe-incompetent-senile-former-president.

⁵ *Id.* (citing an unnamed official that the White House Counsel's investigation expects to review "upward of one million documents").

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Pursuant to Senate Resolution 94 (119th Cong.), the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (the "Subcommittee") is conducting a review of the coverup of former President Biden's health and cognitive decline. In order to assist the Subcommittee's review, I ask that you provide the following information by no later than July 30, 2025:

- 1. All records⁶ provided to the White House Counsel's Office referring or relating to former President Biden's mental or physical health decline, or the alleged coverup thereof, including but not limited to all communications.
- 2. All communications between or among any White House officials, members of the cabinet or their staff, referring or relating to former President Biden's mental or physical health, or the decline thereof, including but not limited to all communications to or from the following individuals:
 - a. Ron Klain;
 - b. Jeff Zients;
 - c. Mike Donilon;
 - d. Steve Ricchetti;
 - e. Bruce Reed;
 - f. Anita Dunn;
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 - k. Elizabeth Wilkins;
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 - m. Jordan Finkelstein;
 - n. Ben LaBolt;
 - o. Ian Sams;
 - p. Evan Ryan;
 - q. Cristobal Alex; and
 - r. Saloni Sharma.

Sincerely,

Ron Johnson Chairman Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

⁶ "Records" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (such as texts, 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).

cc: The Honorable Richard Blumenthal Ranking Member Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations