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July 30, 2021

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Nikhel Sus
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington
1101 K St., N.W., Suite 201
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Nikhel Sus:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (FA-21-1326), which is now in litigation, *CREW v. DOJ*, 1:21-cv-572 (D.D.C.).

Your request is for:

1. All records from December 1, 2020 to January 6, 2021 relating to DOD, the National Guard, or the Army providing assistance or support to the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department in connection with the January 6, 2021 congressional session to count electoral votes.
2. All records reflecting the parameters for the National Guard's deployment to D.C. on January 6, 2021, including any limitations imposed on the number of personnel deployed, their movement within the District, or their use of force.
3. All communications with the D.C. Mayor's Office or the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department regarding the parameters for the National Guard's deployment to D.C. on January 6, 2021."

Our search yielded the attached responsive records. The records we are releasing consist of the first of what is expected to be a continuous rolling release over the course of the litigation. This release consists of 27 pages.

We have redacted material under Exemptions 6 and 7.

Exemption 6 of the FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)

Exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA protects from mandatory disclosure "personnel and medical files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (2011). To qualify for protection under Exemption (b)(6), records must meet two criteria: (1) they must be "personnel and medical files and

similar files,” (2) the disclosure of which “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” *Id.*; *United States Dep’t of State v. Washington Post Co.*, 456 U.S. 595, 599-603 (1982). The first prong is met if the information “appl[ies] to a particular individual” and is “personal” in nature. *New York Times Co. v. NASA*, 852 F.2d 602, 606 (D.C. Cir. 1988). The second prong requires courts to strike a “balance between the protection of an individual’s right to privacy and the preservation of the public’s right to government information.” *United States Dep’t of State v. Washington Post Co.*, 456 U.S. 595, 599 (1982). The “public interest” in the analysis is limited to the “core purpose” for which Congress enacted the FOIA: to “shed . . . light on an agency’s performance of its statutory duties.” *United States Dep’t of Justice v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749, 773 (1989).

We are withholding telephone numbers and other contact information for all Army personnel (e.g., e-mail addresses, telephone-line numbers) and third-party information under Exemption 6. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). See *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. United States*, No. 03-1160, 2004 WL 26736, at *4 (4th Cir. Jan. 6, 2004). Under the Exemption (b)(6) balancing test, the Supreme Court held in a similar case that disclosure of employee addresses “would not appreciably further the citizens’ right to be informed about what their Government is up to and, indeed, would reveal little or nothing about the employing agencies or their activities.” *United States Dep’t of Defense v. Fed. Labor Relations Auth.*, 510 U.S. 487 (1994). The same is true here regarding telephone numbers. Disclosure of the names, contact, and personal information of government employees would contribute little to the public’s understanding of government activities. By contrast, such disclosure would constitute a “non-trivial” and “not insubstantial” invasion of government employees’ privacy interests. *Id.* at 500, 501.

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the law." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E). Information withheld under these exemptions have been appropriately marked.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the information furnished, please contact Bradley Craigmyle at 202-616-8101 or bradley.t.craigmyle@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/
Paul V. DeAgostino
Senior Counsel

Message

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Subject: RE: ***Request for Expedited Coordination*** Employment Guidance for the District of Columbia National Guard
Attachments: smime.p7m

Thanks Sir
Working it.

V/R
Walt

People First, Winning Matters!

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DAS....wanted to be sure you saw this!

Jim

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Distinguished Colleagues,

Good afternoon. I'm requesting your Principal-level coordination on the attached action memo package for the Secretary of Defense authorizing the Secretary of the Army to approve a District of Columbia request for DCNG support in response to planned demonstrations on January 5-6, 2021 and provides additional guidance on the employment of the DCNG.

Action For: Army, GC, and Joint Staff.

SUSPENSE: Monday, January 4, 2021, 1600 EST.

My point of contact for this action is (b) (6) (b) (6) @mail.mil, (b) (6) or CAPT (b) (6) (b) (6) @mail.mil, (b) (6)

Please let me know if you have any questions. I regret the short suspense, but we need to provide the Memo to the Secretary's office this afternoon.

Best, Bob

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Sir,
In case you are not tracking, protestors broke through the doors of the capitol building. Also, We are not to be on the Hill between now and through the weekend.

Keep Positive, Stay Healthy!

Army Strong!

V/r,
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Capitol staff: Due to a security threat inside the building, immediately:

- Move inside your office or the nearest office.
- Take emergency equipment and visitors.
- Close, lock and stay away from external doors and windows.
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- Remain quiet and silence electronics.
- Once you are in a safe location, immediately check in with your OEC.

- No one will be permitted to enter or exit the building until directed by USCP.
- If you are in a building outside of the affected area, remain clear of the police activity.
- Await further direction.

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Subject: INFO SPOTREP: MG Jones brief to NCR Delegation
Attachments: smime.p7m

Good evening Sir,

FYSA, below is the SPOTREP from today's engagements between MG Jones (MDW CDR) and members of the DC delegation - REP Beyer (D-VA) and REP Norton (D-DC) to discuss the Presidential Inauguration.

BLUF: The engagements were positive, **REP Beyer and REP Norton appreciated being briefed two weeks before the inauguration so their offices can appropriately respond to constituents to help reduce potential RFIs and inquires.** Both members asked questions about the DCNG support to civil authorities, MG Jones was able to educate them on the logistical support MDW will provide (GSA vehicles) and ensure both members understood Title 10 forces will not be used. **During the conversation REP Beyer stated he is going to support the waiver for GEN(Ret.) Austin to be SECDEF.**

Additional Information:

-Engagements were scheduled to ensure NCR delegation received information on Inauguration plan and potential impacts to their district so they can educate constituents if they receive complaints. **The NCR delegation expressed frustration following the Salute To America celebrations in 2019 and 2020 because they were not given prior notification of impacts to their district.**

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Mr. Secretary and Chief,

DHS NOC update as of 1100.

1. **Civil Support Operations:** The NG has 851 personnel prepared to support Civil Disturbance Operations (CDO). Mission dates are 05-24 Jan.
 - DCNG: 324 total NG
 - WING: 572 ARNG: 547 x SAD & 25 x T-32
 - Activated in anticipation of prosecutorial decision in the Jacob Blake case

- Units deployed to assigned staging areas at Kenosha, Racine, and Oak Creek armories. Mission sets include presence patrols, static security, quick reaction force, and crowd control.

2. DC Events Reported to DHS NOC 06 Jan:

- In the last 24 hrs – There were NO incidents of criminal or illegal activity directed at federal facilities or personnel.
- Approximately 3,000 gathered in Freedom Plaza into the night with minor altercations occurring near BLM plaza with MPD separating opposing groups and 6 arrests were made.
 - False report of gunshots fired near the capital
- USPP believe they can handle the POTUS event at the ellipse and National Mall
- USSS estimates the crowd in and around the Ellipse at 1000 hours in excess of 20K. There are no reported incidents at this time.
 - MPD estimation is 15k in and around the city.
- The Arlington County Police Department received and agreed to a request from the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department for mutual aid assistance for both today (Jan. 5) and tomorrow (Jan. 6).
- Threat to fly a plane into the Capitol building during inauguration deemed not credible by FBI

3. National events:

- Statement by Kenosha Mayor after release of prosecutorial decision in Jacob Blake case met with animosity
- DHS NOC Watch Officer: Las Vegas Metro Bomb Squad investigating a suspicious item deemed not an explosive device.
- Police confirm suspicious item found on the steps of the DeKalb County Courthouse, GA does not pose any threat. The courthouse has been re-opened.

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Chris

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More than 300 guardsmen have been called in as part of heightened security measures (Fox News, Jan. 6, Danielle Wallace)

Caution-<https://www.foxnews.com/us/dc-national-guard-black-vests-trump-supporter-rallies-electoral-college-certification>

National Guard members in Washington, D.C., will wear black vests – in place of their usual camouflage ones – on Wednesday as crowds have already begun to gather to show their support for President Trump before the newly sworn-in Congress is expected to officially certify Electoral College votes in the final step before President-elect Joe Biden is sworn in on Jan. 20.

The black identification vests are meant to highlight a different mission for D.C. National Guard, spokesman Capt. Tinashe T. Machona told Fox News. It is the traditional uniform worn during domestic support operations, including presidential inaugurations, the 4th of July celebration, response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the 57th anniversary of the March on Washington last year. It is not body armor or a tactical vest.

"It's different from the camouflage vest, just like this mission is different from other missions we've done in the past," Machona said, explaining that each black identification vest includes the guardsman's name, rank and service "plus the D.C. flag to show our pride in our city."

As thousands are expected to show up to support Trump on Wednesday, D.C., Councilmember Charles Allen has urged people not to counterprotest in the nation's capital to avoid a repeat of the clashes between opposing groups seen after nightfall on Dec. 12.

Trump is planning to address supporters at 11 a.m. at a rally on the Ellipse just south of the White House.

Referencing protests planned this week by those he categorized as "White nationalist and militia groups," Allen said "these are people who have already lost, desperately clinging to conspiracy theories, who will not be reasoned with. They are eager to do harm to others."

"They will not overturn the results of our national election. They will not stop a peaceful transfer of power. They only seek conflict to elevate themselves. Do not give them what they seek," Allen said in a statement. "Going downtown to counterprotest, during a pandemic, will do nothing to advance our values, and only complicate the District's planned response to protect D.C. residents and institutions."

On Tuesday night, at least six people were arrested for a variety of offenses, including weapons and ammunition possession, assaulting a police officer, simple assault and possessing a stun gun. Hundreds of Trump supporters had gathered in Freedom Plaza to decry the vote in the Electoral College and remained after nightfall, even as temperatures dropped to the low 40s and a steady rain fell.

Video circulated online showed a group of people, many of whom carried pro-Trump flags and did not wear masks, curse Antifa as they marched through the streets Tuesday night. The crowd clashed with law enforcement officers blocking access to the Black Lives Matter plaza.

Trump and his campaign team have disputed the election results and have brought their claims to courts throughout the country, and nearly all of those legal challenges have failed. A group of GOP senators led by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, have said they will object to Wednesday's certification of the election results unless there is an emergency 10-day audit of the results by an electoral commission.

In a series of tweets Tuesday, the president – arguing that Antifa should be declared a terrorist organization – warned the far-left group to stay out of Washington, adding that law enforcement is watching "very closely."

The president told Democrats, as well as "the weak and ineffective RINO section of the Republican Party," to pay notice to the thousands of people "pouring" into D.C. who he says "won't stand for a landslide election victory to be stolen."

"Washington is being inundated with people who don't want to see an election victory stolen by emboldened Radical Left Democrats," Trump tweeted. "Our Country has had enough, they won't take it anymore! We hear you (and love you) from the Oval Office. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!"

The group Women for America First estimated that 30,000 people will attend a so-called "Save America Rally" at the Ellipse on Wednesday, according to a permit filed with the National Park Service. Several other pro-Trump rallies are planned Wednesday at separate locations across the nation's capital.

According to a press release from D.C. National Guard, more than 300 guardsmen are supporting the District of Columbia from Jan. 5 to 7, 2021, at the request of Mayor Muriel Bowser and Dr. Christopher Rodriguez, director of the D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, on behalf of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department and D.C. Fire and Emergency Services.

Allen pointed out that D.C. has not issued permits for pro-Trump events scheduled this week, and these gatherings were planned to take place on federal property. Over the weekend, Bowser, a staunch critic of Trump, advised residents not to engage with demonstrators "who come to our city seeking confrontation, and we will do what we must to ensure all who attend remain peaceful."

She reminded the public and anyone attending the rally that firearms are prohibited "within 1,000 feet of any First Amendment activity," and police posted signs notifying the public that all firearms will be prohibited – even for city residents who have a concealed carry permit.

A pro-Trump rally on Dec. 12 ended in violence as hundreds of Trump supporters, wearing the signature black and yellow of the Proud Boys, a pro-Trump group, clashed with Antifa members and local BLM activists attempting to bar them from Black Lives Matter Plaza, an area near the White House. At least two local Black churches had Black Lives Matter banners torn down and set ablaze.

Law enforcement officers were seen early Wednesday stationed outside those churches, WRC-TV reported.

On Monday, police arrested the leader of the Proud Boys, Henry "Enrique" Tarrío, 36, after he arrived in Washington ahead of this week's protests. Tarrío was accused of burning one of the Black Lives Matter banners in December and was found with two high-capacity firearm magazines, police said. A judge signed an order Tuesday banning Tarrío from entering the District of Columbia, with very limited exceptions related to his criminal case.

Machona said part of D.C. National Guard's duties this week will be to support police and fire/EMS on road closures and at Metro stops. Heightened security measures are being taken around the Capitol Hill complex, and Metropolitan Police has advised that there will be extensive parking restrictions and street closures throughout the District of Columbia.

When moving to and from the House Office Buildings and the Capitol, U.S. Capitol Police has encouraged members of Congress and staff to use the underground access points and the Cannon and Rayburn tunnels in lieu of walking outdoors or driving to the Capitol plaza, according to a security memo sent Tuesday. Members were encouraged to arrive before 9 a.m. Wednesday.

In addition to the National Guard, federal agents were on standby, in case they were quickly needed.

The federal Bureau of Prisons said about 100 "specially trained officers" were sent to the Justice Department headquarters to assist other security personnel but would remain "in a reserve capacity unless needed." The Department of Homeland Security, meanwhile, said that unlike during the unrest in May and June in Washington, it did not plan to deploy agents from Customs and Border Protection to the demonstration Wednesday.

A number of prominent Trump supporters were expected to attend rallies Wednesday, including Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and Trump ally Roger Stone, the recipient of a pardon by the president. Stone was convicted of lying to Congress during the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and sentenced to three years in prison. Trump commuted the sentence as Stone pursued an appeal and later issued a full pardon.

Former Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn, whom the president also pardoned after he was twice convicted of lying to the FBI in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, had addressed the pro-Trump rally in Freedom Plaza on Tuesday.

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BLUF: The engagements were positive, **REP Beyer and REP Norton appreciated being briefed two weeks before the inauguration so their offices can appropriately respond to constituents to help reduce potential RFIs and inquires.** Both members asked questions about the DCNG support to civil authorities, MG Jones was able to educate them on the logistical support MDW will provide (GSA vehicles) and ensure both members understood Title 10 forces will not be used. **During the conversation REP Beyer stated he is going to support the waiver for GEN(Ret.) Austin to be SECDEF.**

Additional Information:

-Engagements were scheduled to ensure NCR delegation received information on Inauguration plan and potential impacts to their district so they can educate constituents if they receive complaints. **The NCR delegation expressed frustration following the Salute To America celebrations in 2019 and 2020 because they were not given prior notification of impacts to their district.**

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Distinguished Colleagues,

Good afternoon. I'm requesting your Principal-level coordination on the attached action memo package for the Secretary of Defense authorizing the Secretary of the Army to approve a District of Columbia request for DCNG support in response to planned demonstrations on January 5-6, 2021 and provides additional guidance on the employment of the DCNG.

Action For: Army, GC, and Joint Staff.

SUSPENSE: Monday, January 4, 2021, 1600 EST.

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Please let me know if you have any questions. I regret the short suspense, but we need to provide the Memo to the Secretary's office this afternoon.

Best, Bob

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