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Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

December 9, 2021

VIA US and ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ed Martin



Dear Mr. Martin:

Pursuant to the authorities set forth in House Resolution 503 and the rules of the House of Representatives, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (“Select Committee”) hereby transmits a subpoena that compels you to produce the documents set forth in the accompanying Schedule by December 23, 2021, and to appear for a deposition on January 5, 2022.

The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations. The inquiry includes examination of how various individuals and entities coordinated their activities leading up to the events of January 6, 2021.

The Select Committee’s investigation and public reports have revealed credible evidence of your involvement in and knowledge of the events within the scope of the Select Committee’s inquiry. According to documents on file with the Select Committee, press reports, and your public statements, you were an organizer, both individually and through your organization, the Phyllis Schlafly Eagles, of the Stop the Steal (“STS”) movement, which held a series of rallies held after the November 2020 election in support of then-President Trump and his allegations of election fraud.¹

¹ Documents on file with the Select Committee; JERICHO MARCH, www.jerichomarch.org/nationalmarch (Dec. 11, 2020) [<https://web.archive.org/web/20201211123019/https://jerichomarch.org/national-march/>] (identifying Phyllis Schlafly Eagles as a sponsor of the December 12, 2020 Jericho March event protesting against “corruption and election fraud”); Peter Montgomery, *‘Stop the Steal’ Activists Demand Congressional Republicans Give Election to Trump, Threaten Retaliation If They Don’t*, RIGHT WING WATCH (Dec. 16, 2020), <https://www.rightwingwatch.org/post/stop-the-steal-activists-demand-congressional-republicans-give-election-to-trump-threaten-retaliation-if-they-dont/> (identifying “‘Stop the Steal’ organizers Ali Alexander and Ed Martin”); PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY EAGLES, *Ed Martin, John Schlafly at #WildProtest in D.C. on January 6* (Dec. 29, 2020) <https://www.phyllisschlafly.com/press-releases/ed-martin-john-schlafly-at-wildprotest-in-d-c-on-january-6/> (identifying Ed Martin as a “co-founder of Stop the Steal 2020” and publicizing the organization’s January 6th “Wild Protest” at the U.S. Capitol); MARCH TO SAVE AMERICA, www.marchtosaveamerica.com (Jan. 4, 2021)

In particular, according to documents provided to the Select Committee, a purported organization called “One Nation Under God” submitted a permit application on or about December 21, 2020, to the United States Capitol Police (“USCP”) for a rally to be held on the U.S. Capitol Grounds in Washington, D.C., on January 6, 2021, concerning “the election fraud in the swing states.”² The contact information on the documents submitted to the USCP corresponded with individuals involved in STS, including Ali Alexander (also known as “Ali Abdul Razaq Akbar” and “Ali Abdul Akbar”).³ STS advertised the Capitol rally event on at least two of its websites (stopthesteal.us and wildprotest.com) and on these same websites sought donations to offset expenses for January 6th.⁴ According to documents provided to the Select Committee, you were involved in the logistical planning for the STS “Wild Protest” event and paid costs associated with vendors hired for that event.⁵

After the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol, Mr. Alexander released a statement acknowledging that STS had obtained the permit for the protest under the name “One Nation Under God.”⁶ Mr. Alexander explained that it was the intention of STS to direct attendees of an earlier rally held on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. on January 6th “sponsored” by STS to march to Lot 8 on the U.S. Capitol Grounds, which is the location for which the USCP granted the permit for the “One Nation Under God” rally.⁷ Yet the permit application estimated the event would have only 50 attendees.⁸

According to press reports, in the weeks before the January 6th attack, Mr. Alexander made repeated reference during STS-sponsored events to the possible use of violence to achieve the organization’s goals and claimed to have been in communication with the White House and Members of Congress regarding events planned to coincide with the certification of the 2020

[<https://web.archive.org/web/20210104160642/https://marchtosaveamerica.com/>] (identifying Phyllis Schlafly Eagles as a participant in January 5 Freedom Plaza and January 6 Ellipse events in support of President Trump).

² Documents on file with the Select Committee.

³ Documents on file with the Select Committee.

⁴ Documents on file with the Select Committee; WILD PROTEST, www.wildprotest.com (Dec. 23, 2020) [<https://web.archive.org/web/20201223062953/https://wildprotest.com/>] (“President Trump wants you in DC January 6” and that they “must take to the US Capitol lawn and steps to tell Congress #DoNotCertify on #JAN6!”); STOP THE STEAL, www.stopthesteal.us (Dec. 27, 2020) [<https://web.archive.org/web/20201227191329/https://stopthesteal.us/>] (displaying promotional video for “WildProtest.com” and directing visitors to a donation link to “Help Offset Jan 6 Expenses”). According to that donation website, Stop the Steal had raised more than \$183,000 by January 6th. STOP THE STEAL, *January 6 – Wild Protest – US Capitol*, <https://donorbox.org/january-6-wild-protest-us-capitol> (Jan. 6, 2021) [<https://web.archive.org/web/20210106005123/https://donorbox.org/january-6-wild-protest-us-capitol>].

⁵ Documents on file with the Select Committee.

⁶ Ali Alexander, *Statement on Illegitimate Impeachment and January 6th*, <https://stopthesteal.us/statement> (“I, Ali Alexander, am publicly stating what I’ve already privately told officials: I remain ready to publicly testify before Congress and Almighty God to the events that led to and occurred on January 6, 2021.”).

⁷ Ali Alexander, *Statement on Illegitimate Impeachment and January 6th*, <https://stopthesteal.us/statement>.

⁸ Documents on file with the Select Committee.

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Electoral College results.⁹ Indeed, Mr. Alexander reportedly spoke at a rally on January 5, 2021, held at Freedom Plaza in Washington, D.C., and led the crowd in a chant of “victory, or death.”¹⁰

Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks documents and a deposition regarding these and other matters that are within the scope of the Select Committee’s inquiry. A copy of the rules governing Select Committee depositions, and document production definitions and instructions are attached. Please contact staff for the Select Committee at 202-225-7800 to arrange for the production of documents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennie G. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

⁹ Olivia Little, “*Stop the Steal*” organizer bragged about a phone call with “people from the White House” weeks before the insurrection, MEDIA MATTERS (Jan. 29, 2021), <https://www.mediamatters.org/january-6-insurrection/stop-steal-organizer-bragged-about-phone-call-people-white-house-weeks>.

¹⁰ Jack Brewster, *Jan. 6 Rally Organizer Ali Alexander Reappears And Urges Followers To ‘Gather Together Once Again To Fight’* (Forbes.com, June 14, 2021), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jackbrewster/2021/06/14/jan-6-rally-organizer-ali-alexander-reappears-and-urges-followers-to-gather-together-once-again-to-fight/?sh=53dfc8d3bc24>.