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May 24, 2024

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On May 3, 2024, military police arrested two Jordanian nationals¹ who “tried to force their way onto [the] Quantico Marine Corps Base.”² According to recent reporting, after the Jordanian national driving the vehicle “ignore[ed] the direct instructions of the officers,”³ he “hit the gas in defiance of halt orders and tried to barrel the truck into the base’s town center.”⁴ Press reports also indicate that at least one of the aliens involved in the incident “recently crossed the southern border into the U.S.,” and one of them is “on the U.S. terrorist watch list.”⁵

Criminal aliens exploit vulnerabilities in our nation’s immigration system to the detriment of those in the United States. The Biden Administration’s border and immigration policies only increase the likelihood that criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures.⁶ To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following materials regarding each of the Jordanian nationals arrested in connection with the attempted breach of the Quantico Marine Corps Base on May 3, 2024:

¹ Adam Shaw et.al., *2 foreign nationals in ICE custody after alleged attempted breach at major Marine base*, FOX NEWS (May. 16, 2024, 6:22 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/two-foreign-nationals-ice-custody-after-attempted-breach-marine-base>.

² Kelly Sienkowski, *Exclusive: Driver’s Attempt at Breaching Quantico Gate Echoes Deadly Incidents at White House, U.S. Military Bases*, POTOMAC LOCAL NEWS (May. 10, 2024, 4:46 PM), <https://www.potomaclocal.com/2024/05/10/exclusive-drivers-attempt-at-breaching-quantico-gate-echoes-deadly-incidents-at-white-house-u-s-military-bases/>.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Todd Bensman, *An illegal border crosser-probably Jordanian- tried to force his way onto a US Marine base- why isn’t this a bigger story?*, NY POST (May. 13, 2024, 5:08 PM), <https://nypost.com/2024/05/13/opinion/a-jordanian-who-crossed-border-illegally-tried-to-force-his-way-onto-a-us-marine-base/>.

⁵ Sienkowski, *supra* note 2.

⁶ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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1. Case history information, including, but not limited to, the alien's immigration history, immigration benefits applications, the alien file (A-file) or consular file (including all consular notes), and immigration detention status and history.
2. Information regarding the time, date, and place of any and all of the alien's entries into the United States.
3. Information regarding the alien's processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials, including whether CBP officials were alerted to derogatory information about the alien and what questions were asked of the alien during the screening process.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 7, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman



Tom McClintock
Chairman
Subcommittee on Immigration
Integrity, Security, and Enforcement

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Immigration
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