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**TASK FORCE ON THE  
ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION  
OF  
DONALD J. TRUMP**

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November 6, 2024

The Honorable Steven M. Dettelbach  
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Dear Director Dettelbach and Acting Assistant Director Vallandingham:

The Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump (Task Force) is in receipt of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) October 22, 2024, response to the Task Force's October 3, 2024, letter requesting the production of documents and materials as well as transcribed interviews from select ATF personnel. The Task Force's October 3rd letter specifically outlined seventeen requests for production as well as three categories of requests for select transcribed interviews with relevant ATF agents who provided support or response functions in connection with the attempted assassination of Donald J. Trump on July 13, 2024, in Butler, Pennsylvania and on September 15, 2024, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The ATF's October 22, 2024, correspondence is less than four and half pages in length, two and a half of which consist of summary narratives. To date, the ATF has failed to produce a single document responsive to the Task Force's requests. This failure is underscored by the fact that the ATF failed to meet the Task Force's October 10, 2024, deadline to begin rolling production of documents.

This substantially abridged response letter is unresponsive to the Task Force's requests and is woefully insufficient in view of the Task Force's requests for physical documents and materials. Both the Task Force and the American people expect answers about how 20-year-old Thomas Crooks planned and executed a nearly successful assassination, including significant evidence found at the home of Thomas Crooks - a suspected improvised explosive device (IED), materials to make IEDs as well as additional explosives discovered in Crooks' vehicle. While ATF played

no role in coordinating the event itself, ATF provided meaningful assistance retrieving and investigating evidence connected to Crooks' firearm and residence.

In view of the Task Force's condensed timeframe to complete its investigation and fulfill its critically important mandate, the Task Force expects a substantial initial production in line with its stated request priorities, reattached to this letter for your convenience, no later than November 13, 2024. In addition, the Task Force expects ATF to provide availability dates for relevant employees to sit for transcribed interviews. Should ATF be unable or unwilling to meet this deadline, the Task Force will be forced to consider compulsory process.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. On behalf of the Members of the Task Force, we appreciate your full cooperation in advance.

Sincerely,



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Mike Kelly  
Chairman  
Task Force on the Attempted  
Assassination of Donald J. Trump



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Jason Crow  
Ranking Member  
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Assassination of Donald J. Trump

## Schedule for Production

Please produce all records in the possession, custody, or control of the ATF, or any officer or employee thereof, in unredacted form:

1. Any briefing materials, written testimony, prepared remarks, and handouts prepared for and/or provided to Members of Congress or congressional staff during, or in connection with any hearings, briefings, press events, or any private or public events referring or related to the July 13 event and September 15 event, including the timeline of events as described during a briefing for Task Force staff on September 9, 2024. This request remains ongoing, and includes all documents and information provided to Congress in any subsequent production made by the ATF after receipt of this letter. Any such subsequent production shall be produced to the Task Force in a concurrent manner.
2. All transcripts from interviews conducted by the ATF related to the July 13 event and the September 15 event.
3. An organizational chart showing the structural chains of command between or among all the ATF divisions and teams involved in the critical incident response to the July 13 event.
4. An organizational chart as to item 3 related to the September 15 event, as applicable.
5. Written policies and procedures sufficient to describe ATF's critical incident response process, including how and under what circumstances the critical incident response process is initiated.
6. Documents sufficient to show all ATF personnel responsible for ATF's critical incident response functions on July 13, 2024, and September 15, 2024, as applicable, including but not limited to the response at the Butler Farm Show grounds and at the home of Matthew Crooks.
7. A list of all internal inquiries and/or reports that are underway within the ATF related to the July 13 event and the September 15 event, as well as a list of the targeted completion dates for such inquiries and/or reports. Please provide any such reports that are final, including but not limited to any critical incident response report.
8. A duplicate copy of all documents produced to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and/or Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) referring or related to the July 13 event and the September 15 event, including any reports of investigation. This request remains ongoing, and includes any documents and information provided to the FBI or PSP in any subsequent productions made by the ATF after receipt of this letter. Any such subsequent production to the FBI or PSP shall be produced to the Task Force in a concurrent manner.
9. All photographs, videos, and recordings taken in connection with each of the following:
  - a. ATF's critical incident response on July 13, 2024, including ATF's response at the home of Matthew Crooks; and

- b. ATF's response to the September 15 event, as applicable.
10. All documents and communications related to all credible threats to former President Donald J. Trump based on intelligence developed by any federal agency and shared with ATF that were considered active, ongoing, or unresolved, (i) as of the July 13 event; and (ii) as of the September 15 event.
11. Any communications, including emails, text messages, phone logs or communications from other messaging services referring or related to the ATF's critical incident response on July 13, 2024, and ATF's response to the September 15 event, as applicable.
12. All documents and materials related to ATF's critical incident response on July 13, 2024, and ATF's response to the September 15 event, as applicable, including but not limited to, ATF reports, forms, interview transcripts, and notes. For the avoidance of doubt, such documents and materials shall also include those related to: (i) ATF's discovery and investigation of the improvised explosive device found at the home of Matthew Crooks; and (ii) efforts to locate, the ultimate location of, and investigation of Thomas Matthew Crooks's vehicle.
13. All documents, records, or other materials related to Thomas Matthew Crooks that predate July 13, 2024.
14. Evidence sufficient to show all changes to ATF policies and procedures since the July 13 event, as well as new policies and procedures that have been implemented since the July 13 event.
15. Evidence sufficient to show all changes to ATF policies and procedures since the September 15 event, as well as new policies and procedures that have been implemented since the September 15 event.
16. All communications, including emails, text messages, phone logs, or other messaging services, referring or related to the events of (i) July 13, 2024; and (ii) September 15, 2024, between or among:
  - a. ATF, including contractors;
  - b. ATF and DHS, including but not limited to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI);
  - c. ATF and FBI;
  - d. ATF and USSS;
  - e. ATF and state law enforcement entities;
  - f. ATF and local law enforcement entities; and
  - g. ATF and emergency services entities.
17. All documents and communications referring or relating to the July 13 event and the September 15 event, as applicable, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. After action reports prepared by ATF personnel;
  - b. Incident reporting protocols;

- c. Intelligence information;
- d. ATF memoranda; and
- e. Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between ATF and other federal agencies.

### **Schedule for Interviews**

Please make available for transcribed interviews the officers and employees of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) who served in the following roles during, in preparation for, or after the July 13, 2024, campaign rally at Butler County Fairgrounds and in connection with the events of September 15, 2024:

1. ATF Special Agent(s) that provided critical incident response functions initiated at approximately 6:12pm in connection with the July 13 event at Butler County Fairgrounds.
2. ATF Special Agent(s) who responded to the home of Matthews Crooks on July 13, 2024.
3. ATF Special Agent(s) who provided support in connection with the September 15 event.

Please also communicate to the Task Force if individual ATF personnel fit more than one category described in this section.