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Re: Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dear Mr. Altabet,

In light of the emails that were today released by the U.S. House of Representatives, we are writing to renew our demand that the Department of Justice produce the Trump-Epstein Files and other materials responsive to the Freedom of Information requests sent by the Democracy Defenders Fund. DOJ has yet to produce a single record to DDF. There is no question that DOJ has custody of responsive documents.

We insist upon immediate production of the responsive documents. To ensure their authenticity and assess metadata, we request that documents in this production are produced in their native format to ensure that they have not been tampered with. We request that the production begin with the documents that were just released by members of the House Oversight Committee, including emails from Epstein and Maxwell which mentioned Trump repeatedly. *See, e.g., Epstein mentioned Trump multiple times in private emails, new release shows*, CNN (Nov. 12, 2025), <https://www.cnn.com/2025/11/12/politics/epstein-trump-emails-oversight-committee>. For example, one email from Epstein stated that Trump “knew about the girls” and that Trump has “spent hours at my house.” Rebecca Beitsch & Emily Brooks, *Epstein Alleges Trump 'knew about the gifts' in emails released by House Democrats*, THE HILL (Nov. 12, 2025), <https://thehill.com/homenews/house/5601668-epstein-trump-emails-released/>. These emails appear to be directly responsive to DDF’s July 22 FOIA request.

On July 22 and July 28, DDF sent the DOJ the attached requests for records pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 et seq., and DOJ regulations, 28 C.F.R. part 16. Among other things, those requests sought:

1. All records relating to the Department of Justice's investigation(s) of Jeffrey Epstein that mention, refer to, or include the name of "Donald J. Trump", "Donald Trump", "President Trump" or other variations of his name, "Mar-a-Lago," or any code name, code word, pseudonym, or other cryptonym that is used to refer to Donald J. Trump or Mar-a-Lago, including records contained in its investigative files of Jeffrey Epstein.
2. All records relating to the Department of Justice's investigation(s) of Ghislaine Maxwell that mention, refer to, or include the name of "Donald J. Trump", "Donald Trump", "President Trump" or other variations of his name, "Mar-a-Lago," or any code name, code word, pseudonym, or other cryptonym that is used to refer to Donald J. Trump or Mar-a-Lago, including records contained in its investigative files of Ghislaine Maxwell.

DOJ has yet to produce *any* records in response to DDF's FOIA requests. DDF thus filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to seek an injunction ordering the production of the responsive records. The Second Amended Complaint in that lawsuit (Civil Action No. 25-cv-02791 (CKK)) is attached. We write to reiterate DDF's request for immediate production of all documents responsive to DDF's July 22 and 28 FOIA requests.

For questions, please contact us at taryn@democracydefenders.org or 301-741-9316.

Respectfully submitted,

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