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*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655*

January 19, 2024

**SENT VIA EMAIL TO: [pfrancescon@judicialwatch.org](mailto:pfrancescon@judicialwatch.org)**

Patrick O. Francescon  
Judicial Watch, Inc.  
425 Third Street SW, Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20024

**Re: Judicial Watch, Inc. v. DHS  
23-cv-03232 (2024-HQLI-00010)**

Dear Mr. Patrick:

This is our first interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

For this production, DHS reviewed 302 pages of which 3 pages are released in full, 96 pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA Exemption (b)(5) and (b)(6), 140 pages are non-responsive, 50 pages are duplicates, and 13 pages are sent for consultation. The pages for release are Bates stamped DHS-001-02846-000001 to DHS-001-02846-000099.

If you have any questions regarding this release, please contact Civil Division Trial Attorney, Allyson Scher, by email at [Allyson.R.Scher@usdoj.gov](mailto:Allyson.R.Scher@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric A. Neuschaefter".

Eric A. Neuschaefter  
Senior Director, FOIA Litigation, Appeals, Policy,  
and Training (Acting)

Enclosed: 99 pages

## Significant Correspondence Report



**06.08.23**

Control Number	Date Received	To	From	Summary	Counselor	Tasked	Signature Level	Priority Level	Priority Due Date	Secretary Notes
23-2860	6.5.23	S1	(b) (6)	(b) (6) Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s presidential campaign requests USSS protection for the candidate.	N/A	USSS	Handle as Appropriate	N/A	N/A	Attachment (60 pages) available upon request.
1248591 23-2880	6.8.23	S1 Sec. Blinken	Rep. Correa (CA)	Writes to request the DHS and the Department of State work with the Chilean government to ensure effective data sharing between our two countries as part of Chile's status as an approved country in the Visa Waiver Program (VWP).	Royce	PLCY w/ CBP	A/S OLA	High	6.26.23	
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May 26, 2023

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
Department of Homeland Security  
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20032-0525

Re: Request for United States Secret Service Protection

Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

As (b) (6) for Robert F. Kennedy, Jr's campaign for President of the United States, I am writing to request United States Service protection for Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. from this point forward pursuant to 18 U.S.C 3056(a)(7), which authorizes the Secret Service to provide protection to "Major Presidential Candidates."

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. appears to have met this standard and we ask that you and your Congressional Protection Advisory Committee consider this request. If you authorize the Secret Service to provide protection to Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., he will accept this protection as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

With respect for your time and process, the campaign commissioned an expert risk assessment in advance of today's request to you (attached). If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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From: MEYER, JONATHAN (b) (6)  
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 Sent: 6/8/2023 9:37:27 PM  
 To: Palmer, David (b) (6)  
 (b) (6) Havranek, John  
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 CC: (b) (6)  
 (b) (6) Gereski Jr, John  
 Subject: FW: SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: 06.08.2023  
 Attachments: Significant Correspondence Report.pdf

Regarding the first letter below, (b) (5) (b) (5)  
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From: (b) (6)  
 Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 3:58 PM  
 To: Front Office Review CC (b) (6)  
 Cc: Fauquet, Stephanie (b) (6) ESEC-External Liaison (b) (6) (b) (6)  
 Clark, Nancy (b) (6) Blackwell, Juliana (b) (6) OPE\_Tasking  
 (b) (6) FALLON, KATHLEEN (b) (6) O'CONNOR, KIMBERLY  
 (b) (6) HIMMEL, CHLOE (b) (6) CALLAHAN, MARY ELLEN  
 (b) (6) CANEGALLO, KRISTIE (b) (6) SEIDMAN, RICKI  
 (b) (6) SILVERS, ROBERT (b) (6) NGUYEN, JASON  
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 <BRYN.MCDONOUGH@hq.dhs.gov>; MEYER, JONATHAN (b) (6) PAKULNIEWICZ, TRACY  
 (b) (6) BUETOW, ZEPHRANIE  
 (b) (6) JONAS, STEPHEN (b) (6) PARNES, JONATHAN  
 (b) (6) PAL, SHIEK (b) (6) ABDELALL, BRENDA  
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 (b) (6) DAS, SHARMISTHA (b) (6) CAREY, MICHAEL  
 (b) (6) LAPOLT, ROBERT (b) (6) SHADWICK, KIMBERLY  
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Subject: SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: 06.08.2023

Attached for your review is today's significant correspondence report. Based on our review and standard business practices, ESEC recommends tasking these letters to the below Components, with recommended signature level and priority. We ask that counselors provide any substantive guidance on letter assignment (in bullet format), response messaging, and letter priority. OLA and OPE should provide input on priority and signature levels if incorrect. We are asking for this input by **10 am tomorrow morning. If no response the letter will be tasked as reflected here.**

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Please submit any guidance to ESEC-External, Stephanie Fauquet, and Juliana Blackwell, all are copied on this e-mail.

**Definitions of Priority:**

Urgent/High: 14 Business Days to Final  
 Routine: 30 Business Days to Final

Is Interim Necessary (YES/NO)? 1 Business Day.

Kind regards,

**(b) (6)**

Correspondence Analyst  
Office of the Executive Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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From:

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KIMBERLY.A.

(b) (6)

Sent: 6/8/2023 1:19:50 PM

To: Blackwell, Juliana

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Subject: FW: RFK Jr. USSS Protection Request Letter

Attachments: 23-2860 (b) (6)5.26.23.pdf

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From: Fauquet, Stephanie

(b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 8:28 AM

To: O'CONNOR, KIMBERLY

(b) (6)

Subject: FW: RFK Jr. USSS Protection Request Letter

Thank you!

*Stephanie Fauquet*

Assistant Executive Secretary  
for Communications and Operations  
Office of the Executive Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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To: Fallon, Kathleen

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]; Watson, Daniel

; SEIDMAN, RICKI

CC: Blackwell, Juliana

(b) (6)  
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Subject: RE: Media inquiry on Mayorkas

Attachments: 23-4246 S1-Signed Letter to Matthew Sanders - RFK Campaign - USSS Protection Decision 07.21.2023.pdf

From: Fallon, Kathleen (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 10:55 AM

To: Watson, Daniel (b) (6)

SEIDMAN, RICKI (b) (6)

Cc: O'Connor, Kimberly (b) (6)

Blackwell, Juliana (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Media inquiry on Mayorkas

Kim/JJ – can you send Dan the letter that went to RFK’s team?

From: Watson, Daniel (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 9:24 AM

To: Fallon, Kathleen (b) (6)

SEIDMAN, RICKI (b) (6)

Subject: FW: Media inquiry on Mayorkas

FYI... Checking with (b) (6) at USSS on this.

From: Media Inquiry (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 9:20 AM

To: Watson, Daniel (b) (6)

Cc: PressTeam (b) (6)

Subject: FW: Media inquiry on Mayorkas

Good morning Dan,

USSS inquiry below for your vis. If you are not handling the USSS account, please disregard.

Best,

**Steve Roth**

**Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Coast Guard**

Fellow, DHS Office of Public Affairs

Public Affairs Officer, TITAN Submersible Marine Board of Investigation

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 9:15 AM

To: Media Inquiry (b) (6)

Subject: Media inquiry on Mayorkas

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of DHS. DO NOT click links or open attachments unless you recognize and/or trust the sender. Contact your component SOC with questions or concerns.

Hello,

This is (b) (6), Daily Caller's White House Correspondent.

I'm reaching out to inquire if Alejandro Mayorkas denied RFK Jr. Secret Service protection.

RFK Jr.'s claim is seen here:

<https://twitter.com/RobertKennedyJr/status/1684909385376575488>

Is this claim accurate and if so, why did Mayorkas deny the Secret Service protection?

Thank you.

Best,  
(b) (6)

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*White House Correspondent*  
*The Daily Caller*

(b) (6)



# Homeland Security

July 21, 2023

(b) (6)  
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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. for President

(b) (6)

Fallbrook, California (b) (6)

Dear (b) (6) :

I write to respond to your May 26, 2023 letter requesting United States Secret Service protection for Robert F. Kennedy Jr., in connection with his current presidential campaign.

In response to your request, and consistent with Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056 (a) (7), I have consulted with an advisory committee composed of the Speaker of the House, the House Minority Leader, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, and the Senate Sergeant at Arms.

Based on the facts and the recommendation of the advisory committee, I have determined that Secret Service protection for Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is not warranted at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alejandro N. Mayorkas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
Secretary

**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** 7/18/2023 6:47:04 PM  
**Subject:** Internal Action - S2 COS has marked Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. complete. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

**Task S2 Office:** Review and Approve

**Assigned To** S2 COS

**Due Date** 7/18/2023 3:00 PM

**ES/IQ** 1250476 / IntES.23-4246

Cleared on behalf of COS - No

FORTS Material Set Link: [Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#)

Notes: S2 clears this package.

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**From:** Indyk, Lawrence (b) (6)  
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**Sent:** 7/18/2023 11:38:33 AM  
**To:** ESEC-Internal Liaison (b) (6)  
(b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: Internal Action - National\_Security\_Team has marked Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. complete. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

Got it!

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**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2023 7:05 PM  
**Subject:** Internal Action - National\_Security\_Team has marked Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. complete. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

**Task Counselors:** Review and Edit

**Assigned To** National\_Security\_Team

**Due Date** 7/18/2023 10:00 AM

**ES/IQ** 1250476 / IntES.23-4246

Cleared on behalf of COS - No

FORTS Material Set Link: [Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#)

Notes: COUNSELOR ACTION TAKEN: Clear w/o Edits

Please share with OLA and OPA for their awareness; there may be media and Hill interest in this decision.

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**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** 7/18/2023 6:48:40 PM  
**To:** Blackwell, Juliana

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: Fauquet, Stephanie

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Gillus, Allison

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O'Connor, Kimberly

**Subject:** Internal Action - Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. - ESEC Internal:  
Edit Due: 7/19/2023 12:00 PM (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

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Cleared on behalf of COS - No

Please open the FORTS Materials Set for further information on what is required.

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**Notes:**

**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** 7/20/2023 7:49:14 PM  
**Subject:** Internal Action - DCOS Operations has marked Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. complete. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

**Task DCOS:** Approve

**Assigned To** DCOS Operations

**Due Date** 7/21/2023 3:30 PM

**ES/IQ** 1250476 / IntES.23-4246

Cleared on behalf of COS - Yes

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Notes: S2/COS/DCOS ACTION TAKEN: Edited-need to review again

edits - please reclear

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**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** 7/18/2023 6:51:05 PM  
**Subject:** (For Review) Internal Action - Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

DCOS Operations ,

For DCOS review and clearance is a Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation Package for Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

USSS drafted this package for S1 decision and it was cleared by OGC (DCOS Thomas) on 7/17 and Counselor Jack Souders (on behalf of the National Security Team) on 7/18. Per NatSec Team recommendatino, OLA and OPA have been notified as they may be Hill and media interest in this decision. S2 also cleared today, 7/18/23.

1250476 / 23-4246

We are asking for your review and clearance/edits **by 7/19/2023 3:00 PM**. Let us know if you have any questions.

FORTS Material Set Link: [Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#)

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**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** 7/18/2023 6:48:36 PM  
**To:** Blackwell, Juliana

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O'Connor, Kimberly

**Subject:** Internal Action - Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. - ESEC Internal:  
Edit Due: 7/19/2023 12:00 PM (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

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Cleared on behalf of COS - No

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**Notes:**

**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** 7/18/2023 11:50:31 AM  
**Subject:** (S2 ClearanceRequest) Internal Action - Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

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**Subject:** FW: Internal Action - S2 Office has marked Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. complete. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

Sending on to DCOS

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**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 2:47 PM  
**Subject:** Internal Action - S2 Office has marked Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. complete. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

**Task S2 Office:** Review and Approve

**Assigned To S2 Office**

**Due Date** 7/18/2023 3:00 PM

**ES/IQ** 1250476 / IntES.23-4246

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**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** 7/20/2023 7:25:58 PM  
**Subject:** (For Review) Internal Action - Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

DCOS Operations ,

Good afternoon,

Attached for your additional review, please see a draft S1 decision letter to the Kennedy Campaign. This draft was cleared by OGC and USSS today, 7/20/23.

Please advise of your clearance for this attachment.

Thank you!

1250476 / 23-4246

We are asking for your review and clearance/edits **by 7/21/2023 3:30 PM**. Let us know if you have any questions.

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Cleared on behalf of COS - No

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Good afternoon,

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Thank you!

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Will handle!

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please revert to OGC to approve updated language to match guidelines

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**Attachments:** 23-2860 (b) (6)with attachment 5.26.23.pdf

The letter and additional docs are attached. We will put it on today's sig report.

Thank you!

*Stephanie Fauquet*

Assistant Executive Secretary  
for Communications and Operations  
Office of the Executive Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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**Subject:** Internal Action - Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. - ESEC Internal:  
Edit Due: 7/18/2023 12:00 PM (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

Please note the status of ESEC Internal: Edit has been changed to Completed.

Cleared on behalf of COS - No

Please open the FORTS Materials Set for further information on what is required.

FORTS Material Set Link: [Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#)

**Notes:**

**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** 7/19/2023 6:00:28 PM  
**Subject:** Internal Action - DCOS Operations has marked Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. complete. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

**Task DCOS:** Approve

**Assigned To** DCOS Operations

**Due Date** 7/20/2023 1:30 PM

**ES/IQ** 1250476 / IntES.23-4246

Cleared on behalf of COS - Yes

FORTS Material Set Link: [Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#)

Notes: S2/COS/DCOS ACTION TAKEN: Approved with edits

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**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** 7/19/2023 5:09:38 PM  
**Subject:** (For Review) Internal Action - Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

DCOS Operations ,

Good afternoon,

The Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation Package for Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is ready for your revised review.

DCOS edits were previously made on the S1 Memo to USSS.

OGC recleared the redline document today, 7/19/23. Two versions of this document have been uploaded in the documents tab:

- 1) A redline with OGC's responses to DCOS
- 2) A clean version of the above document

Please advise of your clearance. Thank you!

1250476 / 23-4246

We are asking for your review and clearance/edits **by 7/20/2023 1:30 PM**. Let us know if you have any questions.

FORTS Material Set Link: [Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#)

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**Sent:** 7/21/2023 5:32:14 PM  
**To:** Blackwell, Juliana

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**Subject:** Internal Action - [PackageType] -Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has been completed. ([IQ] / [ES])

Please note the FORTS Materials Set Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has been completed. Your tasks for this FORTS Materials Set no longer need to be completed.

Briefing Material Set Link: [Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#)

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**From:** FORTS Internal (b) (6)  
**Sent:** 7/18/2023 6:47:00 PM  
**Subject:** Internal Action - S2 Office has marked Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr. complete. (1250476 / IntES.23-4246)

Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

**Task S2 Office:** Review and Approve

**Assigned To** S2 Office

**Due Date** 7/18/2023 3:00 PM

**ES/IQ** 1250476 / IntES.23-4246

Cleared on behalf of COS - No

FORTS Material Set Link: [Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#)

Notes: S2 clears this package.

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Homeland  
Security

July 21, 2023

Kimberly A. Cheatle  
Director  
United States Secret Service  
245 Murray Ln SW  
Washington, DC 20023

Dear Director Cheatle:

On May 26, 2023, Candidate for President Robert F. Kennedy Jr. submitted a request to the Department of Homeland Security for United States Secret Service protection. In accordance with the authority set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056(a)(7), and in consultation with the Candidate Protection Advisory Committee, I decline to identify Candidate Kennedy for United States Secret Service protection at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alejandro N. Mayorkas". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
Secretary

cc:

The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Senate Majority Leader  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader  
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the House  
The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader  
The Honorable Karen Gibson, Senate Sergeant at Arms

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** 7/7/2023 7:12:11 PM  
**To:** CANEGALLO, KRISTIE (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Urgent Request for Sec. Mayorkas Re Secret Service Protection of Presidential Candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.  
**Attachments:** The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas.pdf; RFK Jr. Risk Assessment Declaration May 24 2023.pdf

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of DHS. DO NOT click links or open attachments unless you recognize and/or trust the sender. Contact your component SOC with questions or concerns.

Dear Kristie,

I am forwarding to you, for immediate action by Secretary Mayorkas the attached files in the interest of protection by the United States Secret Service of Presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

I can be reached at any time at (b) (6) for confirmation, or to answer questions. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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(b) (6) Team Kennedy, Inc.

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# KENNEDY 2024

July 7, 2023

**Sensitive and Confidential**

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

**RE: Secret Service protection for Presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.**

As **(b) (6)** of the presidential campaign of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., I am asking for an immediate response to my request for United States Secret Service protection for Mr. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

You may know that within 24-hours after the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, President Johnson directed the Secret Service to provide protection to presidential candidates. Just days later, the Secret Service became responsible for the safety of five candidates, and by the end of the 1968 campaign, twelve candidates were protected by the USSS. The new responsibility was undertaken to ensure the safety of candidates and others in their vicinity – and to protect the electoral process itself.

Given Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s well-established risk as a presidential candidate, our campaign submitted a written request following the formal process. Our request was received at DHS on June 1, 2023. Presidential candidates traditionally hear back within 14 days; it has been more than 30-days since the formal request.

As I write this today, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. remains at risk of being harmed in connection with his Presidential campaign – and that risk is escalating.

Many weeks ago, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. met the criteria for a presidential candidate to receive Secret Service coverage, pursuant to Title 18 U.S.C. 3056(a)(7). He has polled above the threshold, has been actively campaigning on a national basis, operates a national campaign apparatus, has appeared before thousands of audience members at events in many states, regularly appears as a candidate on national network news programs, town halls, podcasts,

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Attn: **(b) (6)**, 124 Washington St. Suite 101, Foxboro, MA 02035

interviews, is producing campaign materials, advertisements, and websites, is successfully fundraising, and has assembled a large campaign staff.

Again, our campaign has not heard back from DHS since submitting the request. The risk to Mr. Kennedy, and those around him, persists and increases during this waiting period.

I have attached the first request and our initial threat assessment.

Sincerely,

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May 26, 2023

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
Department of Homeland Security  
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20032-0525

Re: Request for United States Secret Service Protection

Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

As (b) (6) for Robert F. Kennedy, Jr's campaign for President of the United States, I am writing to request United States Service protection for Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. from this point forward pursuant to 18 U.S.C 3056(a)(7), which authorizes the Secret Service to provide protection to "Major Presidential Candidates."

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. appears to have met this standard and we ask that you and your Congressional Protection Advisory Committee consider this request. If you authorize the Secret Service to provide protection to Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., he will accept this protection as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

With respect for your time and process, the campaign commissioned an expert risk assessment in advance of today's request to you (attached). If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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DECLARATION OF (b) (6) ON  
SAFETY & SECURITY OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY Jr.

May 16, 2023

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