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The Honorable Antony Blinken  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of State  
Washington, DC 20520

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Blinken and Secretary Mayorkas:

On May 24, 2022, federal agents arrested a 52-year-old Iraqi national, Shihab Ahmed Shihab, in connection with a plot to assassinate former President George W. Bush.<sup>1</sup> Shihab, who entered the country on a tourist visa,<sup>2</sup> sought to smuggle other Iraqi nationals across the southern U.S. border to aid in the assassination.<sup>3</sup> Shihab also reportedly applied for asylum while attempting to commit marriage fraud in order to be able to stay in the U.S. permanently.<sup>4</sup>

This arrest proves that terrorists and other bad actors continue to exploit the U.S. immigration system to do Americans harm, and that bad actors understand how the Biden-Harris Administration's open borders policies help them in carrying out horrific crimes. To assist us with our continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following material regarding Iraqi national Shihab Ahmed Shihab:

1. Case history information, including but not limited to the immigration history, immigration benefits applications, and the Alien file or consular file (including consular notes).
2. Information regarding the time, date, and place of his entry or entries into the United States.

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<sup>1</sup> Erik Larson, *Plot to Kill George W. Bush in Revenge for Iraq War Was Foiled, FBI Says*, BLOOMBERG (May 24, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> Andrew Welsh-Huggins, *Detention Hearing Waived in Plot to Kill George W. Bush*, ASSOC. PRESS (May 26, 2022).

<sup>3</sup> Larson, *supra* note 1.

<sup>4</sup> Tom Winter, Ken Dilanian, and Pete Williams, *ISIS Operative in U.S. Plotted to Assassinate George W. Bush, FBI Alleges*, NBC NEWS (May 24, 2020).

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3. Information regarding the entry process with U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the port of entry, including whether the CBP officer was alerted to derogatory information about him, what questions were asked of him during the CBP screening process, and whether he was subject to secondary inspection at the port of entry.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 21, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan  
Ranking Member



Tom McClintock  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Immigration and  
Citizenship

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Chairman