

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 20, 2022

J. Thomas Manger  
Chief of Police  
United States Capitol Police  
119 D Street NE  
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Chief Manger:

In the evening of June 16, 2022, the United States Capitol Police (USCP) arrested seven individuals affiliated with the television program *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* who were not authorized to be present in the Longworth House Office Building.<sup>1</sup> According to a USCP statement, USCP officers determined “these individuals were . . . part of a group that had been directed by the USCP to leave the building earlier in the day.”<sup>2</sup> The individuals reportedly gained access back into the building through Representative Adam Schiff, a member of the House Select Committee to Investigate January 6, and Representative Jake Auchincloss.<sup>3</sup> These individuals were arrested and charged with unlawful entry after causing “disturbances” at the offices of several Republican members, including “banging” on their office doors.<sup>4</sup> The individuals were originally in the Capitol Complex in connection with the activities of the January 6th Select Committee, but it is unclear whether the Select Committee had any involvement in or awareness of these individuals’ planned harassment of Republican offices.

Much has been made lately about unauthorized access to House office buildings, including debunked Democrat allegations that Republican members led so-called reconnaissance tours of the Capitol Complex in advance of January 6.<sup>5</sup> Unlike the Democrat allegations of reconnaissance tours, however, the events on June 16 actually resulted in arrests for unlawful entry. To help us understand how these individuals could gain access to the House office buildings after hours and roam the complex unescorted with the apparent intent of harassing Republican offices, we respectfully request the following material:

1. All reports, witness statements, and other material related to the arrest of individuals associated with *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* on June 16, 2022; and
2. All security footage and still photographs related to the arrest of individuals associated with *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* on June 16, 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> Adam Sabes, *US Capitol Police arrest Stephen Colbert staffers at House office building, charged with illegal entry*, Fox News, June 17, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Jesse Watters Primetime (Fox News broadcast June 17, 2022).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> Letter from J. Thomas Manger, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police, to Rodney Davis, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on H. Admin. (Jun 13, 2022).

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Please provide this material as soon as possible. If you are unable to promptly comply with this request due to ongoing law-enforcement sensitivities, we ask that you certify to us that you have taken all necessary steps to preserve responsive material in the United States Capitol Police's custody or control.

Thank you for your cooperation with our request. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis  
Ranking Member  
Committee on House Administration



Jim Jordan  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary