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Electors

Approximately 60 individuals in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, and Wisconsin signed allegedly fraudulent certificates in addition to other individuals as yet unknown who may have coordinated efforts among the individuals in different states. A list of the known allegedly fraudulent electors is attached to this communication.

INVESTIGATIVE PLAN:

The investigative plan will likely include the following steps:

- Full identification of known subjects, including biographical particulars and locations.
- Review pertinent open source materials including videos regarding the conspiracy to obstruct and the other crimes noted above.
- In coordination with the USAODC, issuance of grand jury subpoenas for records including phone tolls and bank records as appropriate.
- As such records are identified, issuance of preservation letters for relevant records.
- In coordination with USAODC, as electronic facilities are identified, issuance of 2703(d) orders and search warrants for relevant digital content.
- Conduct witness interviews and related investigation including, but not limited to:
 - A subset of the legitimate electors in each State, in order to determine and establish potential testimony about and witnesses for processes associated with legitimate electoral certificates.
 - Coordination with The Archivist of the United States to locate and preserve original evidence such as mailed allegedly fraudulent certificates which may contain forensic evidence, such as fingerprints and impression evidence, that may link the certificates to specific subjects known and unknown.
 - Coordination with The Archivist of the United States, to determine, understand, and document the processes which occurred related to the legitimate and illegitimate

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- certificates, for example, to what degree the certificates were ever viewed as legitimate or if there was any attempt to withdraw such certificates.
- Identify and interview the parliamentarian of the Senate and/or House of Representatives who may have consulted with Pence on this matter.
 - Work through and with United States Postal Inspection Service to locate and preserve as evidence any documents and records associated with registered mail sent to the Archivist and President of the Senate.
 - Conduct or attempt to conduct one or more sensitive interviews of potential witnesses in the matter.

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION AND REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS:

The proposed investigation is considered a SIM and per DIOG section 7.7.1.1. requires Chief Division Counsel review and SAC approval to open. Per DIOG, an LHM for distribution as deemed necessary is attached hereto with an informational lead for Public Corruption Unit for distributions.

Pursuant to the AG Barr Memorandum dated February 5, 2020 (Barr Memorandum), DOJ is "charged with the responsibility of protecting the integrity of our elections and democratic system of government against improper influences." As a result, certain investigations require heightened notification to ensure "particular care" is exercised by the Department and its law enforcement agencies. In accordance with the Barr Memorandum, WFO is seeking additional approval in excess of that required under DIOG 7.7.1.1. because the matter involves individuals who represented the former president and members of the former president's campaign team (See Page 2, Number 1 of the Barr Memorandum).

DOJ Public Integrity Section has also been notified and has concurred with opening. In particular, on January 28, 2022, Richard Pilger, Director, Election Crimes Branch, Public Integrity Section provided email concurrence for a full-field and Grand Jury investigation of the alleged criminal activity.

Documentation of concurrence from Richard Pilger is attached

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