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Date: December 9, 2024

John Greenewald
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File Number: 20240995

Dear Requester:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, originally received by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) on July 10, 2024, for: 1) a copy of the 67 page report submitted to the U.S. Secret Service by the campaign of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as referenced in this July 28, 2023, tweet by Mr. Kennedy: <https://twitter.com/RobertKennedyJr/status/1684909385376575488>; and, 2) any correspondence with the Kennedy campaign staff, lawyers, or Kennedy himself regarding his secret service protection.

After a detailed review of all potentially responsive records, 45 pages were released and no pages were withheld in their entirety. After considering the "Foreseeable Harm" standard, outlined in Title 5 U.S.C § 552(a)(8)(A)(i) and Department of Justice guidance, exemptions under FOIA Statute Title 5 U.S.C. § 552, and/or the PA Statute Title 5 U.S.C. § 552a, have been applied where deemed appropriate.

Enclosed are the documents responsive to your request, as well as a document that explains the exemptions in more detail. Withheld information is pursuant to the exemptions marked below.

Section 552 (FOIA)

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Furthermore, some documents, and/or information contained within a document, originated with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Approximately 19 pages were referred to DHS for review and direct response to you.

Please be advised, in the processing of this FOIA request, no fees are being assessed.

If you deem our decision an adverse determination, you may exercise your appeal rights. Should you wish to file an administrative appeal, your appeal should be made in writing and received within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter, by writing to: Freedom of Information Appeal, Deputy Director, U.S. Secret Service, Communications Center, 245 Murray Lane, S.W., Building T-5, Washington, D.C. 20223. If you choose to file an administrative appeal, please explain the basis of your appeal and reference the case number listed above.

Additionally, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Please note that contacting the Secret Service's FOIA Program and/or OGIS **is not** an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and **does not** stop the 90-day appeal clock. You may contact OGIS at: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001. You may also reach OGIS via e-mail at ogis@nara.gov, telephone at 202-741-5770/toll free at (877) 684-6448, or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you need any further assistance, or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact our FOIA Public Liaison Kevin Tyrrell, at (202) 220-1819. Alternatively, you may send an email to foia@uss.dhs.gov.

FOIA File No. 20240995 is assigned to your request. Please refer to this file number in all future communication with this office.

Sincerely,



Kevin L. Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:
FOIA and Privacy Act Exemption List

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

Provisions of the Freedom of Information Act do not apply to matters that are:

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept Secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy; and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order;
- (b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of any agency;
- (b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), if that statute: (A)(i) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (ii) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld; and (B) is enacted after the date of enactment of the OPEN FOIA Act of 2009;
- (b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and is privileged or confidential;
- (b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency; provided that the deliberative process privilege shall not apply to records created 25 years or more before the date on which the records were requested;
- (b) (6) personnel files and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the information: (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings; (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, foreign agency or authority, or any private institution that furnished information on a confidential basis, and/or when records/information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source; (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for regulation or supervision of financial institutions; and
- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.


**PRIVACY ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

The provisions of the Privacy Act do not apply to:

- (d) (5) material compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action or proceeding;
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) material that is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy;
- (k) (2) material compiled during investigations for law enforcement purposes (with certain exemptions);
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or other individuals pursuant to section 3056 of Title 18;
- (k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, military service, Federal contracts, or for access to classified information, but only to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or prior to September 27, 1975, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence; and
- (k) (6) testing or examination material used solely to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in the Federal service-the disclosure of which would compromise the objectivity or fairness of the testing or examination process.

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and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Advisory Committee Members:

As the Recording Secretary for the Candidate Protection Advisory Committee, I write to provide you with the materials compiled by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) to assist in your review of the request for Secret Service protection submitted on behalf of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. As set out in the Department of Homeland Security "Guidelines for Authorizing Secret Service Protection to U.S. Presidential Candidates," the Secret Service has prepared an analysis of the factors listed in Section II. The analysis and relevant supporting documents as well as the request for protection are enclosed.

Please contact my office should you have any questions regarding these materials.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Sjoberg Radway
Chief Operating Officer

Enclosures

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL)
Sent: Fri, 7 Jul 2023 19:50:53 +0000
To: Gibson, Karen (SAA)
Subject: RE: Request for CPAC
Attachments: Flow Chart - Candidate Protection Request.pptx, RFK Jr. Risk Assessment Declaration May 24 2023.pdf, KENNEDY Robert F JR - 2024 Presidential Candidate - Initial Protective Intelligence Threat Assessment - May 2023.pdf

Good afternoon Ma'am

Thank you for your email. Please find attached a slide which outlines, generally, the process the CPAC, Secret Service, and DHS will follow when addressing requests for protection.

I have also attached two threat assessments which address Mr. Kennedy.

The Risk Assessment Declaration dated May 24, 2023 was conducted by a firm retained by Mr. Kennedy.

The Initial Protective Intelligence Threat Assessment was conducted by the Secret Service's Protective Intelligence Division.

Please let me know if we can be of any additional assistance.

Thank you very much.

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (SAA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @saa.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 3:23 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL) <(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for CPAC

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Thanks for the heads up. I have accepted the meeting request.

I believe I am a late add to your distribution list. If there is any reading material or attached associated with previous emails, I did not receive them.

Thanks

Karen H. Gibson
Sergeant at Arms
United States Senate

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usss.dhs.gov>
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Subject: Request for CPAC

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a follow up to our previous emails, as well as initial briefing, the Secret Service respectfully asks to conduct a follow up Teams call to gain the CPAC's recommendation regarding the request for protection submitted by Candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. This feedback from the full Committee is required to resolve this request.

In lieu of numerous responses, I would like to submit Monday, 4pm. This will be a virtual event.

I will send an invitation shortly.

Thank you.

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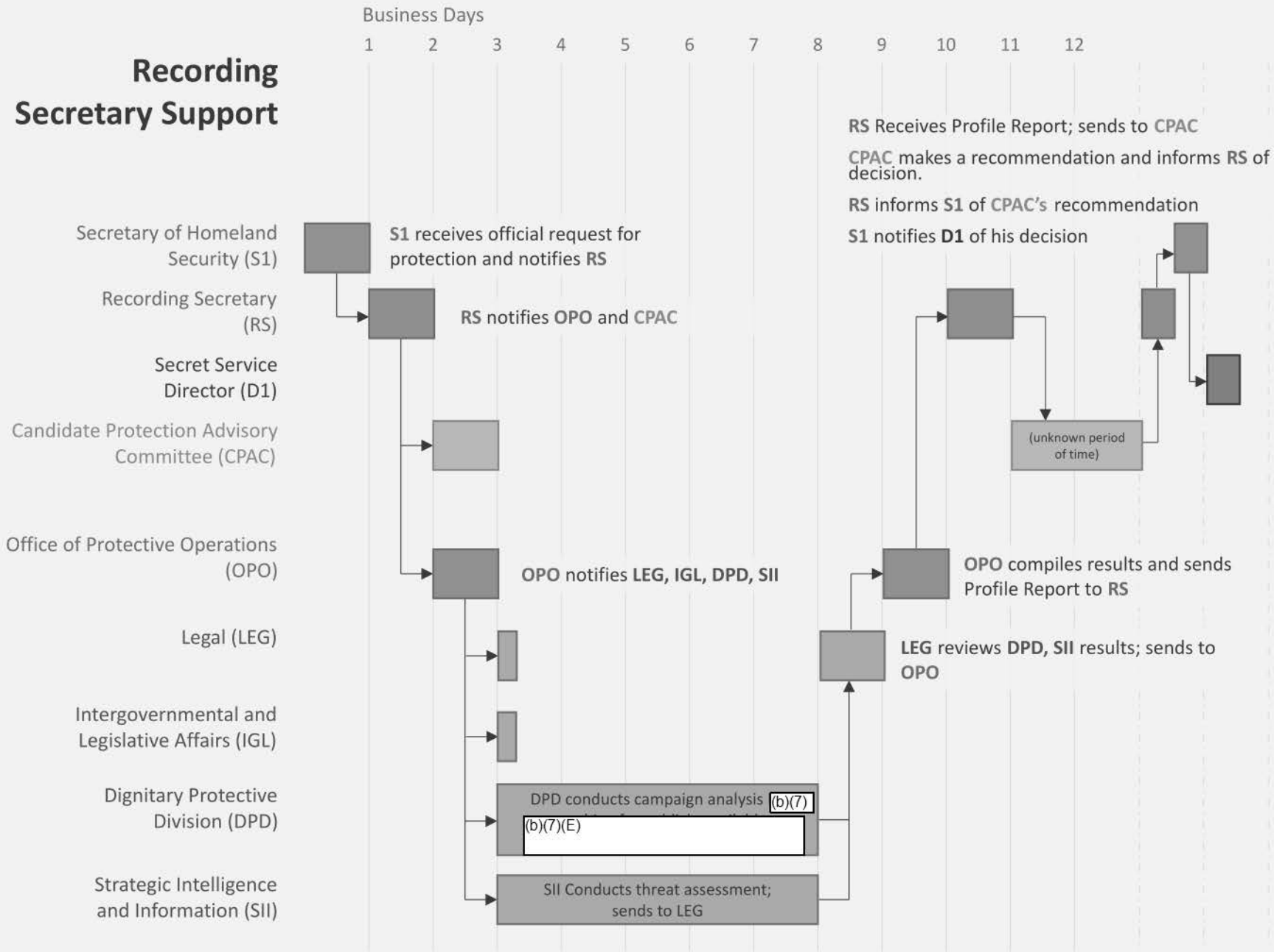
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Recording Secretary Support



Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Guidelines

“Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3056(a)(7), the Secretary of Homeland Security is responsible for determining,” after consultation with the aforementioned Congressional advisory committee, “those persons who qualify as major Presidential or Vice Presidential candidates and should receive Secret Service protection. These guidelines are intended to assist the Secretary in determining, and the Committee in advising, who are the Major Candidates that receive Secret Service protection.”

“Nothing in these Guidelines shall preclude the Secretary, after consultation with the Committee, from authorizing, declining to authorize, or withdrawing protection for a candidate on a case-by-case basis, depending upon circumstances, provided it is within the Secretary’s statutory authority to act.”

“Protection under these guidelines should only be granted within one year prior to the general election (*November 3, 2020*). Protection more than one year prior to the general election should only be granted in extraordinary, case-by-case circumstances in consultation with the Committee, based on threat assessment and other factors.”

When determining whether a candidate for the Office of President or Vice President of the United States qualifies as a major candidate, the Secretary has broad discretion and may consider a variety of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to:

1. The candidate has publicly announced his or her candidacy and has filed the appropriate documentation with the Federal Election Commission (FEC);
2. The candidate is actively campaigning on a national basis for the office for which his or her candidacy has been announced, as demonstrated by operating a national campaign apparatus, regularly appearing at public events in multiple states, producing and publishing campaign advertisements, and other similar indicia of a campaign;
3. A threat assessment conducted by the USSS of general or specific threats directed towards the candidate (for these purposes, “threats” should be defined as explicit threats of bodily harm to the candidate or indications of inappropriate behavior towards the candidate suggesting potential bodily harm);
4. Whether, during and within an active and competitive major party primary, the most recent average of established national polls, as reflected by the Real Clear Politics National Average or similar mechanism, the candidate is polling at 15% or more for 30 consecutive days;
5. Whether the candidate is the formal or de facto nominee of a major party for President or Vice President;
6. Whether the candidate is an independent or third party candidate for President polling at 20% or more of the Real Clear Politics National Average for 30 consecutive days;
7. Whether the candidate is the Vice Presidential running mate of the above independent or third party candidate



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June 1, 2023

2024 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.



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RISK ENVIRONMENT

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s public profile has increased since announcing his candidacy for the 2024 presidential election. All presidential candidates are inherently at risk for adverse attention due to the public, high-profile nature of the election. (b)(7)(E)

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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is the son of former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy—who was assassinated while a presidential candidate in 1968—and the nephew of former President John F. Kennedy and former Senator Ted Kennedy. Kennedy is an environmental lawyer and children's health advocate. He founded the world's largest clean water advocacy group, Waterkeeper Alliance, and the nonprofit Children's Health Defense. Kennedy is also an author, having published several books and articles for national newspapers about the science of vaccines and the environment.

On April 5, 2023, Kennedy announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2024, making him the fourth member of his family to pursue the presidency. Kennedy

acknowledged his controversial opinions during his announcement speech, stating “I am not the ideal presidential candidate.” Kennedy went on to explain the goal of his campaign and potential presidency would be to “end the corrupt merger of state and corporate power.”

News media reporting and social media chatter have highlighted the assassination of Kennedy’s father and uncle in relation to his decision to run for president. Many comments suggested that, for no other reason than that he is a Kennedy, he would be at risk of assassination. In May 2023, Kennedy received increased media attention after accusing the CIA of involvement in the assassination of his uncle. Kennedy has advocated for the release of the individual currently imprisoned for assassinating his father, Sirhan Sirhan, because he believes a CIA contractor was responsible for the death.

Kennedy has received both support and criticism for his stance on vaccines and has been described as an anti-vaccine activist. Kennedy has rejected this notion, insisting rather that he is a proponent for safe vaccines. For decades, Kennedy has lobbied against the use of a mercury-based preservative in vaccines because he alleges it is linked to autism. Kennedy remained in the public spotlight throughout the COVID-19 pandemic due to his vocal opposition to COVID-19 vaccines. In 2021 he published a book, *The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health*, in which he accused Dr. Fauci and Bill Gates of purposefully exaggerating the COVID-19 pandemic to promote expensive vaccines for profit. In January 2022, Kennedy received backlash for comparing COVID-19 policies in the US to Hitler’s Nazi Germany. Several of Kennedy’s social media accounts were suspended after he posted information critical of COVID-19 vaccines.

In 2013, a personal journal detailing Kennedy’s extramarital affairs and his opinions of various celebrities and political leaders was leaked to a news outlet. In his autobiography, *American Values: Lessons I Learned from My Family*, Kennedy writes about his struggle as a “functional” drug and alcohol addict following the death of his father and subsequent path to sobriety. Media outlets, and Kennedy himself, have commented on how his past and political opinions may diminish his chances of securing the Democratic nomination.

Kennedy’s family history, perceived controversial stance on vaccines, and his status as a challenger to President Biden for the Democratic presidential nomination elevates his risk for adverse attention.

OPEN SOURCE ANALYSIS

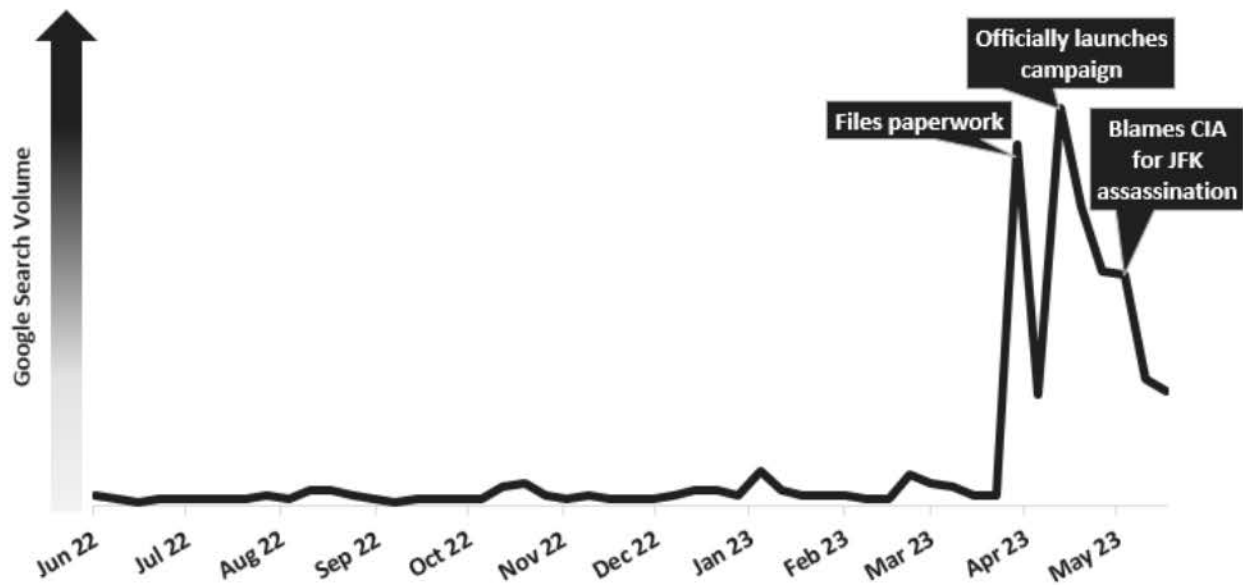
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See OSB’s attached Open Source Report for an in-depth analysis.

PUBLIC INTEREST INDICATOR

Google data for Kennedy serves as a measure of public interest. Public interest fluctuates in accordance with media coverage. The graph below depicts searches for “Robert Kennedy Jr” in Google.

Most recent polls show Kennedy has around 16-19% support among Democratic voters.



- ◆ Public interest volume spiked in **early April 2023** after Kennedy filed paperwork with the Federal Election Commission, declaring his candidacy for the 2024 presidential race as a Democrat.
- ◆ Public interest volume was **highest in mid-April 2023** after Kennedy officially launched his presidential campaign.
- ◆ Public interest volume increased in **early May 2023** after Kennedy participated in interviews where he claimed the CIA was involved in the assassination of his uncle, John F. Kennedy.

BEHAVIORS OF INTEREST

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- ◆ On April 23, 2023, a known subject (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) submitted an inappropriate comment on the White House website addressed to President Biden. Pagareski stated, "Born to a political family, his twelfth cousin—Robert Kennedy—announces their candidacy to succeed Joseph Biden for 'President of the United States.' There's no way you'd... assassinate former president Donald Trump. 'Go get 'em, kiddo!'" No further USSS investigation was conducted.

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- ◆ A known subject (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) mailed a nonsensical letter to the hotel where Kennedy held his presidential campaign announcement event. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) warned a "madman" may commit a "serious terrorist act" and wanted to discuss his sins with Kennedy. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) (b)(6); is of record with the USSS since March 2023 after he sent a nonsensical letter to President Biden with similar rhetoric. The USSS investigation is complete.
- ◆ A known subject (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) sent numerous packages, including gifts and a wedding band, to Kennedy. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated she loves Kennedy and expressed anger about being kept away from him.
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- ◆ A known subject (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) regularly sends materials to Kennedy's residence. One letter contained a 32-page manifesto in which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) made nonsensical religious references and described himself as a "commissioned messenger of God."
- ◆ A known subject (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) regularly sends threatening emails, stating he will "bury" Kennedy, "everyone will die," and that he will make Kennedy "suffer."
- ◆ A subject (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) sent inappropriate communications to Kennedy. The subject believed Kennedy was spying on him, paying people to follow him, and was responsible for vandalism against him. The subject stated "your behavior has complete freaked me out. Focus on your damn campaign and leave me the hell alone."
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Information on Subjects of Interest is available through the Protective Threat Management System (PTMS) or PI Photo Array App, where all authorized users, including all special agents, can obtain photo arrays and photo bulletins of Subjects of Interest for a district or who have exhibited behaviors of interest in a particular protectee.

DEMONSTRATIONS

The PID has received **no reports** of demonstration activity directed toward Kennedy.

TERRORISM

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

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PROFILE & BIOGRAPHY

Full Name:

Robert Francis Kennedy Jr.

Date/Place of Birth:

January 17, 1954 / Washington, DC

Education:

Pace University (LLM)

University of Virginia School of Law (JD)

Harvard University (BA)

Family:

Spouse – Cheryl Hines (m. 2014)

Stepdaughter – Catherine (2004)

Spouse – Mary Richardson (m. 1994-2012)

Sons – Conor (1994), William “Finn” (1994), Aiden (2001)

Daughter – Kyra (1995)

Spouse – Emily Black (m. 1982-1994)

Son – Robert “Bobby” (1984)

Daughter – Kathleen “Kick” (1988)

Occupation:

Environmental lawyer and author

**Religion:**

Roman Catholic

Residence:

Los Angeles, CA & Cape Cod, MA

Robert Francis Kennedy Jr. was born on January 17, 1954, in Washington, DC, as the third of 11 children to US Senator and Attorney General Robert Francis Kennedy and Ethel Kennedy. Kennedy was nine years old when his uncle, President John F. Kennedy, was assassinated and 14 years old when his father was assassinated while running for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1968. Throughout his teen years into adulthood, Kennedy struggled with drug and alcohol addiction which resulted in several school expulsions and a felony drug arrest. Kennedy graduated from Harvard University in 1976 with a degree in American history and literature. He went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law and a master’s degree in environmental law from Pace University.

In 1982, Kennedy began his career as an assistant district attorney in New York City. He went on to join two nonprofits, Riverkeeper and the Natural Resources Defense Council, where he litigated and supervised environmental enforcement lawsuits. He became an adjunct professor of environmental law at Pace University in 1986, where he served for three decades. He later founded the school’s Environmental Litigation Clinic, where he was a supervising attorney and co-director until 2017. Kennedy founded the non-profit environmental group Waterkeeper Alliance in 1999 and served as the president of its board. In 2000, Kennedy and environmental lawyer Kevin Madonna founded the environmental law firm Kennedy & Madonna, LLP, to represent private plaintiffs against polluters. In 2016, he joined the Morgan & Morgan, known for its personal injury and class actions suits.

Kennedy has been a vocal advocate for safe vaccines. In 2016, Kennedy founded the Children’s Health

Defense advocacy group, formally known as the World Mercury Project. The group has advocated against the use of mercury in vaccines, pesticides, fluoridation of drinking water, and aluminum due to their alleged harmful effects on the health of children.

Kennedy was a staunch opponent to COVID-19 vaccines throughout the pandemic. In November 2021, Kennedy published a book titled *The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health*, in which he alleged Dr. Anthony Fauci and Bill Gates were purposefully exaggerating the pandemic and promoting expensive vaccinations for the benefit of “a powerful vaccine cartel.”

Kennedy has seven children and three grandchildren. Kennedy married Emily Ruth Black in 1982. The couple had two children, Robert Francis “Bobby” Kennedy III and Kathleen Alexandria “Kick” Kennedy. Kennedy and Black separated in 1992 and divorced in 1994. In April 1992, Kennedy married Mary Kathleen Richardson and had four children: Conor Richard Kennedy, Kyra LeMoyne Kennedy, William Finbar “Finn” Kennedy, and Aidan Caohman Vieques Kennedy. Kennedy filed for divorce in 2010. Kennedy married his third wife, actress Cheryl Hines, in August 2014. Cheryl Hines has one daughter from a previous marriage, Catherine Young.

On April 5, 2023, Kennedy announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination in the 2024 presidential election, making him the fourth member of his family to pursue the presidency. Kennedy’s campaign priorities include promoting a transparent government, race relations, incentivizing clean energy, and ending foreign wars.

Kennedy has a neurological condition, spasmodic dysphonia, which affects his speech. Kennedy and his wife have residences in Los Angeles, CA, and Cape Cod, MA.

From: CYNTHIA SJOBERG-RADWAY (COO)
Sent: Fri, 14 Jul 2023 17:14:47 +0000
To: External (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @hq.dhs.gov
Cc: CYNTHIA SJOBERG-RADWAY (COO); KYLE NORTON (DIR); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(DIR); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (OPO)
Subject: Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Recommendation - Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
Attachments: RS-S1 (RFK Recommendation).pdf, 5. 2024 CPAC - Advisory Committee to S1 Recommendation Letter, kg.pdf, S1 Response to USSS.doc, KENNEDY Robert F JR - 2024 Presidential Candidate - Initial - May 2023.pdf, RFK Jr. Risk Assessment Declaration May 24 2023.pdf, KENNEDY CPAC Criteria Analysis .pdf

Ms. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

As the Recording Secretary for the Candidate Protection Advisory Process, I write to Secretary Mayorkas with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee regarding the request for Secret Service protection received on May 26, 2023, by Candidate for President, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Please reference the attached document, RS-S1 (RFK Recommendation) that outlines the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

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The Secret Service will stand-by for Secretary Mayorkas' final decision on Candidate Kennedy's request for protection.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

*Cynthia Sjoberg Radway
Chief Operating Officer
United States Secret Service*

Major Candidate Criteria Regarding Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

DHS's *Guidelines for Authorizing Secret Service Protection to U.S. Presidential Candidates* (2017) provide that the Secretary may consider several factors when making Major Candidate determinations. Those factors, as applied to Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s present candidacy, are as follows:

1. The candidate has publicly announced his candidacy and has filed the appropriate documentation with the Federal Election Commission (FEC):

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2. The candidate is actively campaigning on a national basis for the office for which his candidacy has been announced, as demonstrated by:

- Operating a national campaign apparatus;
- Regularly appearing at public events in multiple states;
- Producing and publishing campaign advertisements, and
- Displaying other similar indicia of a campaign.

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3. A threat assessment conducted by the Secret Service of general of specific threats directed towards the candidate (for these purposes, "threats" are defined as explicit threats of bodily harm to the candidate or indications of inappropriate behavior towards the candidate suggesting potential bodily harm):

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4. Whether, during and within an active and competitive major party primary, the most recent average of established national poll, as reflected by the Real Clear Politics National Average or similar mechanism, the candidate is polling at 15% or more for 30 consecutive days:

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5. Whether the candidate is the formal or de facto nominee of a major party for President or Vice President:

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6. Whether the candidate is an independent or third-party candidate for President polling at 20% or more of the Real Clear Politics National Average for 30 consecutive days:

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7. Whether the candidate is the Vice-Presidential running mate of the above independent or third party candidate:

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From: KYLE NORTON (DIR)
Sent: Thu, 25 May 2023 12:55:56 +0000
To: KIMBERLY CHEATLE (DIR); RONALD ROWE JR (IGL)
Cc: KYLE NORTON (DIR)
Subject: Request for USSS Protection
Attachments: RFK Jr. Risk Assessment Declaration May 24 2023.pdf, Candidate Protection Request Process.pdf

Director Cheatle and Deputy Director Rowe,

The Chief Operating Officer for Robert F. Kennedy Jr's campaign for President of the United States has submitted a request to Secretary Mayorkas for USSS protection. I have attached the documentation provided by the Kennedy campaign and a "dated" outline of the candidate protection request process. An additional copy has been printed and placed on the Director's desk.

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I will provide additional details as they become available.

Thank you,

Kyle Norton



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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

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Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Advisory Committee Members:

As the Recording Secretary for the Candidate Protection Advisory Committee, I write to provide you with the materials compiled by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) to assist in your review of the request for Secret Service protection submitted on behalf of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. As set out in the Department of Homeland Security "Guidelines for Authorizing Secret Service Protection to U.S. Presidential Candidates," the Secret Service has prepared an analysis of the factors listed in Section II. The analysis and relevant supporting documents as well as the request for protection are enclosed.

Please contact my office should you have any questions regarding these materials.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Sjoberg Radway
Chief Operating Officer

Enclosures

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL)
Sent: Tue, 13 Jun 2023 18:18:10 +0000
To: WILLIAM GLADY (OPO)
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (EGE); DIR.SP
Subject: FW: US Secret Service briefing to Congressional Leadership staff - Presidential Candidate Request for Protection
Attachments: Flow Chart - Candidate Protection Request.pptx

Good afternoon Sir,

Do you have 5 minutes to chat about RFK's request for protection?

(b)(6); can walk over to your office if you're available.

Thank you in advance.

V/R,

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Cell (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 10:59 AM
To: DIR.SP (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Cc: VINCENT TUTONI (IGL) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>; cafhq (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (OPO) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>
Subject: US Secret Service briefing to Congressional Leadership staff - Presidential Candidate Request for Protection

Good morning DIR SP

Because of COO Sjoberg Radway position of Recording Secretary, IGL would like to provide her the following information, recording today's standard briefing to staff members representing the four Congressional leaders.

On 6.13.23, DSAIC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) briefed the following Congressional staffers, as part of the Candidate Protection Advisory Committee (CPAC) briefing requirements.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) : Senate Majority Leader
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) : Speaker of the House
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) : House Minority Leader
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) : Senate Majority Leader

This will also be the group that will receive future briefings.

USSS attendees were AD Vince Tutoni, DAD William Glady, DSAIC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and ASAIC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The staffers collectively agreed that electronic submissions and virtual briefings would suffice, for future requests for protection.

The attached document was referenced by DSAIC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Please let me know if any further information which I can provide.

Thank you

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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C: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6) @uss.s.dhs.gov

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @dhs.ic.gov

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) IGL)
Sent: Tue, 13 Jun 2023 20:49:59 +0000
To: KYLE NORTON (DIR)
Cc: DIR.SP
Subject: RFK - USSS Protection Request
Attachments: KENNEDY CPAC Criteria Analysis .pdf, KENNEDY Robert F JR - 2024 Presidential Candidate - Initial - May 2023.pdf, Recording Secretary Cover letter CLEAN.docx, RFK Jr. Risk Assessment Declaration May 24 2023.pdf

Sir,

Attached are the approved documents for the RFK – USSS Protection Request.

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DAD Gladly stopped by and also mentioned we're waiting on a letter from S1.

This is all due NLT Thursday, June 15th.

V/R,

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Cell (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (PID)
Sent: Thu, 25 May 2023 16:28:55 +0000
To: OSBmgmt
Subject: FW: From Gavin re request submission
Attachments: RFK Jr. Risk Assessment Declaration May 24 2023.pdf

Team,

The request is official. Attached is the RFK Jr. request for protection and associated threat assessment compiled by their team.

Please assign an analyst that can be dedicated to this project starting this week, and will likely remain on the project for a couple days. The OSB analyst's **due date will be set for Thursday, June 1st at 12pm** in order to allow for enough review time.

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Thanks-let me know if you have any questions or if we need to reallocate shifts to accommodate this timeline.

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From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (PID) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 12:06 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (PID) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (PID) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (PID) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (PID) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>
Subject: Fwd: From Gavin re request submission

Gentlemen,

Please see the below e-mail request from DPD.

Respectfully,

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DSAIC | Protective Intelligence and Assessment Division
United States Secret Service

m: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (DPD) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 11:48:11 AM
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (PID) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (PID) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: From (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) re request submission

Good afternoon (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Attached is the request for USSS protection provided by Robert F. Kennedy Jr's campaign staff/security. This request was sent via mail, to S1 office. Due to the Memorial Day holiday (b)(5)

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Please use Gavin de becker (info listed below) as the initial POC for RFK Jr's staff/security, if you need to contact RFK' Jr's intelligence branch for additional information.

Thank you,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Dignitary Protective Division
US Secret Service
Campaign Coordinator

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From: 4 <4@gdba.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 8:08 PM
To: BRANDON BRENCZEWSKI (DPD) <bbrenczewski@uss.s.dhs.gov>; ANDREW EASTLAKE (DPD) <andrew.eastlake@uss.s.dhs.gov>
Subject: From Gavin re request submission

You don't often get email from 4@gdba.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Brandon and Andrew:

Attached please find the electronic version of the request package that's on its way to Secretary Mayorkis by mail (likely to arrive on or before Monday the 29th).

I'm available as needed for any questions or additional information. (818 746-5329)

Best –

gavin

Emergencies:

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Confidentiality:

This email, like all GDBA communications, is privileged and confidential. If you are not the addressee or responsible for delivery of the message to the addressee, please notify us immediately, and then delete this email.

From: [REDACTED] (DIR)
Sent: Fri, 14 Jul 2023 13:51:52 +0000
To: [REDACTED] (EGE); [REDACTED] (INV)
Attachments: RS-S1 (RFK Recommendation).pdf, S1 Response to USSS.doc, KENNEDY Robert F JR - 2024 Presidential Candidate - Initial - May 2023.pdf, RFK Jr. Risk Assessment Declaration May 24 2023.pdf, KENNEDY CPAC Criteria Analysis .pdf

Good morning,

Attached, please find the documents that will need to be included in an email to DHS related to the Candidate Protection Advisory Committee's (Advisory Committee) recommendation for protection for Candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

An example of the message in the body of the email is as follows:

[REDACTED]

Thank you in advance."

[REDACTED]

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Office of the Director – Special Projects
Cel [REDACTED]

From: THOMAS HUSE (LEG)
Sent: Mon, 12 Jun 2023 21:12:52 +0000
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @hq.dhs.gov
Subject: FW: Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Documents [DELIBERATIVE]
Attachments: Advisory Committee Guidelines for the Assignment of Secret Service Protection to Presidential Candidates - Final.pdf, CPAC McCarthy Letter - Final.docx, CPAC McConnell Letter - Final.docx, CPAC Schumer Letter - Final.docx, CPAC Jeffries Letter - Final.docx, Guidelines for Authorizing Secret Service Protection to U.S. Presidential Candidates.pdf, 19-4800 AS1 Signed CPAC McCarthy Letter 10.28.19.pdf

Good afternoon, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) For awareness, please see the candidate advisory committee packet that USSS transmitted to DHS earlier today.

Best,
Tom

From: KYLE NORTON (DIR) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 4:54 PM
To: External (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: KYLE NORTON (DIR) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>; THOMAS HUSE (LEG) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>; WILLIAM GLADY (OPD) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>
Subject: Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Documents

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Attached are numerous documents related to the Candidate Protection Advisory Committee (b)(5)

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Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Kyle Norton

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Attachments:

Advisory Committee Guidelines for the Assignment of Secret Service Protection to Presidential Candidates:

- Memorandum to the Secretary of Homeland Security outlining the process.

Guidelines for Authorizing Secret Service Protection to U.S. Presidential Candidates:

- Details the process and would be an attachment to the individual letters sent to the House and Senate leaders

Draft letters to the House and Senate leaders:

- Kevin McCarthy: Speaker of the House
- Hakeem Jeffries: Minority Leader, House of Representatives
- Chuck Schumer: Majority Leader, Senate
- Mitch McConnell: Minority Leader, Senate

AS1 Signed CPAC McCarthy Letter:

- Example of the letter that was sent to Kevin McCarthy on 10/28/19.

Date: June 12, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALEJANDRO N. MAYORKAS
SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FROM: KIMBERLY A. CHEATLE

SUBJECT: ADVISORY COMMITTEE GUIDELINES FOR THE ASSIGNMENT
OF SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION TO PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATES

The Secretary of Homeland Security has the statutory responsibility to determine, after consultation with an Advisory Committee, which candidates in the upcoming 2024 Presidential campaign will receive Secret Service protection. In the event of an early start to the campaign season, the Advisory Committee should be formed and the guidelines for granting protection should be reviewed (updated, if desired) and adopted, as soon as possible.

As you are aware, the Secret Service has already begun to prepare for the 2024 Presidential Campaign. Legislation providing Secret Service protection for major Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates was passed by Congress on June 6, 1968, immediately following the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The legislation is codified in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056 (a)(7). The statute authorizes the Secret Service, under the direction of the Secretary of Homeland Security, to protect “major Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates” who are defined as “those individuals identified as such by the Secretary of Homeland Security after consultation with an advisory committee consisting of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the Senate, and one additional member selected by the other members of the committee.”

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The committee must select the additional member, establish its procedures, and adopt guidelines for approving requests for protection. I am enclosing a copy of the Advisory Committee Guidelines for Secret Service Protection to Presidential Candidates from 2017. Over the years these guidelines have been updated to ensure that they provide an appropriate benchmark for the Advisory Committee in evaluating requests for Secret Service protection. The guidelines were last adjusted in January 2017, following the 2016 campaign.

The guidelines also provide a basis for defending your decision to deny a request for Secret Service protection as not being arbitrary or capricious.

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(b)(5)

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Advisory Committee Guidelines
2. Letters from you to each member of the Advisory Committee

Attachments: KENNEDY CPAC Criteria Analysis .pdf, KENNEDY Robert F JR - 2024 Presidential Candidate - Initial - May 2023.pdf, RFK Jr. Risk Assessment Declaration May 24 2023.pdf, Recording Secretary Cover letter .docx

Team,
Attached is the suggested message COO Cynthia Sjoberg Radway can cut and paste and send to Congressional Staff:

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Sjoberg Radway
Chief Operating Officer

**I’ve attached all relevant documents to this message. Once the COO signs the “Recording
**The email needs to be addressed to the following Congressional Staff per USSS Congressional Affairs:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) - Senate Majority Leader
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @schumer.senate.gov

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @schumer.senate.gov

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) - House Minority Leader
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mail.house.gov

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) House Minority Leader
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mail.house.gov

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) - Speaker of the House
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mail.house.gov

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

– Speaker of the House
[@mail.house.gov](mailto: @mail.house.gov)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

– Senate Minority Leader

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

[@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto: @mcconnell.senate.gov)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

– Senate Minority Leader

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

[@mcconnell.senate.gov](mailto: @mcconnell.senate.gov)

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Major Candidate Criteria Regarding Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

DHS's *Guidelines for Authorizing Secret Service Protection to U.S. Presidential Candidates* (2017) provide that the Secretary may consider several factors when making Major Candidate determinations. Those factors, as applied to Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s present candidacy, are as follows:

1. The candidate has publicly announced his candidacy and has filed the appropriate documentation with the Federal Election Commission (FEC):

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2. The candidate is actively campaigning on a national basis for the office for which his candidacy has been announced, as demonstrated by:

- Operating a national campaign apparatus;
- Regularly appearing at public events in multiple states;
- Producing and publishing campaign advertisements, and
- Displaying other similar indicia of a campaign.

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3. A threat assessment conducted by the Secret Service of general or specific threats directed towards the candidate (for these purposes, "threats" are defined as explicit threats of bodily harm to the candidate or indications of inappropriate behavior towards the candidate suggesting potential bodily harm):

(b)(7)(E)

4. Whether, during and within an active and competitive major party primary, the most recent average of established national poll, as reflected by the Real Clear Politics National Average or similar mechanism, the candidate is polling at 15% or more for 30 consecutive days:

(b)(7)(E)

5. Whether the candidate is the formal or de facto nominee of a major party for President or Vice President:

(b)(7)(E)

6. Whether the candidate is an independent or third-party candidate for President polling at 20% or more of the Real Clear Politics National Average for 30 consecutive days:

(b)(7)(E)

7. Whether the candidate is the Vice-Presidential running mate of the above independent or third party candidate:

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Appendix 1

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FEC FORM 2 STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

1. (a) Name of Candidate (in full) Kennedy, Robert, F., Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> (b) Check if address changed	2. Candidate's FEC Identification Number
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4.		

DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

7. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the 2024 election(s).
(year of election)

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the appropriate office listed in the instructions.

(a) Name of Committee (in full) TEAM KENNEDY
(b) Address (number and street) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

(Including Joint Fundraising Representatives)

8. I hereby authorize the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the principal campaign committee.

(a) Name of Committee (in full)
(b) Address (number and street)
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Candidate Kennedy, Robert, F., Jr.	<i>[Electronically Filed]</i>	Date 04/06/2023
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NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

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Appendix 2

The New York Times

2024 Presidential Election | Who Is Running? | G.O.P. Candidates on Climate Change | Contenders' Stances on Abortion | Listen to 'The Run-Up'

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Makes His White House Run Official

Announcing his long-shot bid to challenge President Biden, he spoke to a crowd of people who voiced their shared skepticism about vaccines and the pharmaceutical industry.

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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Wednesday in Boston, his family's longtime base of power, announcing his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. Sophie Park for The New York Times



By **Trip Gabriel**
Reporting from Boston

April 19, 2023

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Robert F. Kennedy Jr on America Losing the World
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Robert F. Kennedy, Jr on How to Really Drain the Swamp!
1.1K views • 11 days ago
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Even taking for granted some of the assumptions of militarism, current spending is excessive and strategy is incoherent. #Kennedy24



Robert Kennedy Jr., With Musk, Pushes Right-Wing Ideas and Misinformation

Mr. Kennedy, a long-shot Democratic presidential candidate with surprisingly high polling numbers, said he wanted to close the Mexican border and attributed the rise of mass shootings to pharmaceutical drugs.



By Reid J. Epstein, Alyce McFadden and Linda Qiu

June 5, 2023

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a scion of one of the country's most famous Democratic families, on Monday dived into the full embrace of a host of conservative figures who eagerly promoted his long-shot primary challenge to President Biden.

For more than two hours, Mr. Kennedy participated in an online audio chat on Twitter with the platform's increasingly rightward-leaning chief executive, Elon Musk. They engaged in a friendly back-and-forth with the likes of Tulsi Gabbard, the former Democratic congresswoman turned right-wing commentator; a top donor to Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida; and a professional surfer who became a prominent voice casting doubt on coronavirus vaccines.

Mr. Kennedy, who announced his 2024 presidential campaign in April, is himself a leading vaccine skeptic, and has promoted other conspiracy theories. Yet he has consistently hovered around 20 percent in polling of the Democratic primary, which the party has otherwise ceded to Mr. Biden.

On Monday, he sounded like a candidate far more at ease in the mushrooming Republican presidential contest.

He said he planned to travel to the Mexican border this week to "try to formulate policies that will seal the border permanently," called for the federal government to consider the war in Ukraine from the perspective of Russians and said pharmaceutical drugs were responsible for the rise of mass shootings in America.

"Prior to the introduction of Prozac, we had almost none of these events in our country and we've never seen them in human history, where people walk into a schoolroom of children or strangers and start shooting people," said Mr. Kennedy, who noted that both his father and uncle were killed by guns.

Mr. Kennedy said he now had "about 50 people" working for his campaign. Unlike Marianne Williamson, the other announced Democratic challenger to Mr. Biden, he does not appear to be aiming to appeal to Democrats who are ideologically opposed to the moderate president or are otherwise uneasy with renominating him. Instead, he has used his campaign platform — and his famous name — to promote misinformation and ideas that have little traction in his party.

Asked during the discussion by David Sacks, a top DeSantis donor who is also close to Mr. Musk, "what happened to the Democratic Party," Mr. Kennedy spent nine uninterrupted minutes attacking Mr. Biden as a warmonger and claimed that their party was under the control of the pharmaceutical industry.

"I think the Democratic Party became the party of war," Mr. Kennedy said. "I attribute that directly to President Biden." He added, "He has always been in favor of very bellicose, pugnacious and aggressive foreign policy, and he believes that violence is a legitimate political tool for achieving America's objectives abroad."

The Democratic National Committee and Mr. Biden's campaign declined to comment about Mr. Kennedy.

The event, which at its peak had more than 60,000 listeners, according to Twitter, at times felt as if Mr. Kennedy were interviewing Mr. Musk about his stewardship of Twitter, a platform that has lost more than half of its advertising revenue since the billionaire acquired it in October. For more than 30 minutes at the event's start, the presidential candidate interrogated the tech mogul about releasing the so-called Twitter files, self-driving cars and artificial intelligence.

"These are really interesting topics for people, but I think a lot of the public would like to hear about your presidential run," Mr. Musk said to Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy, 69, is a longtime amplifier and propagator of baseless theories, beginning nearly two decades ago with his skepticism about the result of the 2004 presidential election as well as common childhood vaccines. His audience for such misinformation ballooned during the coronavirus pandemic.

On Monday, Mr. Kennedy repeated a host of false statements, among them:

- He said that after the Affordable Care Act of 2010, “Democrats were getting more money from pharma than Republicans.” An analysis by STAT News found that political action committees with ties to pharmaceutical companies gave more money to Republicans than Democrats in 14 out of 16 election years since 1990.
- He claimed, without evidence, that “Covid was clearly a bioweapons problem.” American intelligence agencies do not believe there is any evidence indicating that is the case.
- And as he blamed psychiatric drug use for the rise of gun violence in the United States, he contended that the gun ownership rate in the U.S. was similar to that of Switzerland. The United States had the highest civilian gun ownership rate in the world, at an estimated 120.5 firearms per 100 people, according the latest international Small Arms Survey. That was more than double the rate of the second-highest country, Yemen at 52.8, and much higher than Switzerland’s 27.6.

Reid J. Epstein covers campaigns and elections from Washington. Before joining The Times in 2019, he worked at The Wall Street Journal, Politico, Newsday and The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Linda Qiu is a fact-check reporter, based in Washington. She came to The Times in 2017 from the fact-checking service PolitiFact. @ylindaqiu

A version of this article appears in print on , Section A, Page 15 of the New York edition with the headline: In Chat With Musk, Kennedy Pushes Right-Wing Ideas and Misinformation

Appendix 3

Polling Data						
Poll	Date	Sample	Biden *	Kennedy	Williamson	Spread
RCP Average	5/17 - 6/9	--	62.0	15.8	6.5	Biden +46.2
USA Today/Suffolk	6/5 - 6/9	293 RV	58	15	6	Biden +43
I&I/TIPP	5/31 - 6/2	638 RV	68	12	4	Biden +56
FOX News	5/19 - 5/22	RV	62	16	8	Biden +46
CNN	5/17 - 5/20	RV	60	20	8	Biden +40
Marquette	5/8 - 5/18	344 RV	53	12	7	Biden +41
Rasmussen Reports	5/3 - 5/7	LV	62	19	4	Biden +43
FOX News	4/21 - 4/24	RV	62	19	9	Biden +43
Emerson	4/24 - 4/25	448 RV	70	21	8	Biden +49

From: KYLE NORTON (DIR)
Sent: Mon, 12 Jun 2023 20:54:00 +0000
To: External (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @hq.dhs.gov
Cc: KYLE NORTON (DIR); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL); THOMAS HUSE (LEG); WILLIAM GLADY (OPO)
Subject: Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Documents
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Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Kyle Norton

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Attachments:

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Guidelines for Authorizing Secret Service Protection to U.S. Presidential Candidates:

-Details the process and would be an attachment to the individual letters sent to the House and Senate leaders

Draft letters to the House and Senate leaders:

- Kevin McCarthy: Speaker of the House
- Hakeem Jeffries: Minority Leader, House of Representatives
- Chuck Schumer: Majority Leader, Senate
- Mitch McConnell: Minority Leader, Senate

AS1 Signed CPAC McCarthy Letter:

-Example of the letter that was sent to Kevin McCarthy on 10/28/19.

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL)
Sent: Fri, 9 Jun 2023 19:42:35 +0000
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (OPO); WILLIAM GLADY (OPO); VINCENT TUTONI (IGL); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mccconnell.senate.gov; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (McConnell); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mail.house.gov; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mail.house.gov; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mail.house.gov; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mail.house.gov; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @schumer.senate.gov; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mail.house.gov; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mccconnell.senate.gov; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @schumer.senate.gov
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject: US Secret Service briefing - Request for Protection from Presidential Candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr
Attachments: Flow Chart - Candidate Protection Request.pptx

Good afternoon everyone

Please find the date and time for the Secret Service briefing regarding the request for protection made by Presidential Candidate Robert F. Kennedy.

We have also attached a document which provides the timeline and sequence of actions associated with this and future requests by candidates, requesting protection.

The Secret Service has named Chief Operating Officer Cynthia Sjoberg Radway as the Recording Secretary.

Please contact me at any time with issues or questions.

Thank you very much.

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From: VINCENT TUTONI (IGL)
Sent: Fri, 16 Jun 2023 15:41:26 +0000
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (LIA); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (LIA); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (LIA)
Cc: cafhq (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (IGL); KYLE NORTON (DIR)
Subject: FW: Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Material
Attachments: KENNEDY CPAC Criteria Analysis .pdf, KENNEDY Robert F JR - 2024 Presidential Candidate - Initial - May 2023.pdf, RFK Jr. Risk Assessment Declaration May 24 2023.pdf, 23-4250 S1 SIGNED CPAC Letter Jeffries 06142023.pdf, 23-4250 S1 SIGNED CPAC Letter McCarthy 06142023.pdf, 23-4250 S1 SIGNED CPAC Letter McConnell 06142023.pdf, 23-4250 S1 SIGNED CPAC Letter Schumer 06142023.pdf, Candidate Protection Message.pdf

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RFK Jr. has requested USSS protection and as part of the process of determining such, the Candidate Protective Advisory Committee (CPAC) needs to be stood up. We had a MS teams call w/ OPO and the below "to" line folks the other day (Staff Members of ...Schumer, Jeffries, McConnell and McCarthy) to provide "process" information (b)(5)

(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The COO is the *Recording Secretary* and will email future documents as noted below. That said we also would like hard copies delivered to each respective office by LIA as soon as possible (Could be the front desk if the "to" line individual is not present). Each of the aforementioned 4 staffers/members, should receive:

1. Signed CPAC letter (**Addressed to them only**)
2. Kennedy CPAC Criteria
3. RFK Risk Assessment
4. Candidate Protection Message
5. RFK Presidential Candidate Initial

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

will be the COO's right hand person for "recording" delivery dates for this and future correspondence (Kindly advise him once the items have been delivered since he will need to record). Thanks for printing and delivering.

From: CYNTHIA SJOBERG-RADWAY (COO) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @uss.s.dhs.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 12:46 PM

To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @schumer.senate.gov; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mail.house.gov; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @mail.house.gov;

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Subject: Candidate Protection Advisory Committee Material

Dear Advisory Committee Members:

As the Recording Secretary for the Candidate Protection Advisory Committee, I write to provide you with the materials compiled by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service) to assist in your review of the request for Secret Service protection submitted on behalf of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. As set out in the Department of Homeland Security "Guidelines for Authorizing Secret Service Protection to U.S. Presidential Candidates," the Secret Service has prepared an analysis of the factors listed in Section II. The analysis and relevant supporting documents as well as the request for protection are attached.

Please contact my office should you have any questions regarding these materials.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Sjoberg Radway
Chief Operating Officer
United States Secret Service