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March 24, 2017

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate

Dear Senator Warren:

Thank you for your letter, jointly signed by Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Senators Sheldon Whitehouse and Tom Udall, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review security, site-related travel expenses, and other matters related to the President's stays outside the White House at Mar-a-Lago. After receiving your letter GAO representatives discussed the request with your staff.

As a result of these discussions GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. As agreed, GAO will review (1) what measures are used to protect classified information and provide secure communications capabilities when the President is away from the White House; and whether a secure space for classified communications has been established at Mar-a-Lago; (2) the type of security screening measures, if any, the US Secret Service utilize with regard to individuals with access to Mar-a-Lago, including staff and guests; (3) what measures, if any, does the Secret Service and the Department of Defense have in place to ensure charges for travel-related expenses in connection with providing protection for presidential trips to Mar-a-Lago are fair and reasonable, and (4) whether the U.S. Treasury has received payments resulting from profits at the President's hotels.

Your request has been assigned to [redacted] and staff are available to begin the work shortly. [redacted] or a member of her team will contact your staff to further discuss the engagement objectives, scope, and methodology in accordance with GAO's protocols.

If you have any questions, please contact [redacted] at [redacted] or [redacted], or [redacted], on my staff at [redacted] or [redacted].

Sincerely yours,

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