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Just the News' reporting shows the January 6th Committee withheld crucial evidence and testimony that contradicted the committee's preferred narrative.

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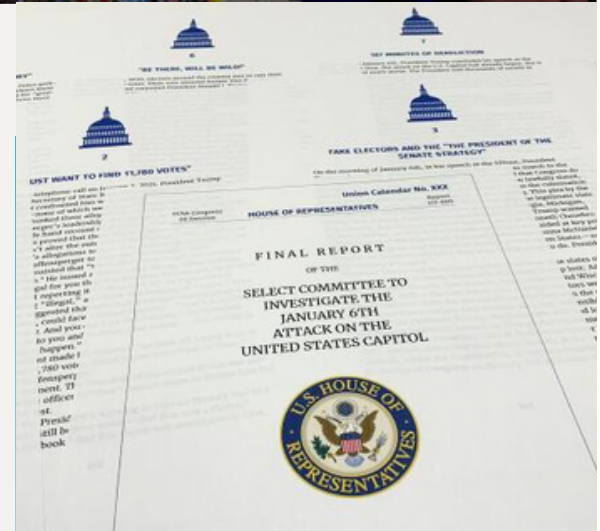
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All presidential trips are highly scripted because of the need for security. **According to internal Secret Service documents, there was no plan for Trump to go to the Capitol**, undercutting the Democratic party's narrative.

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The Jan. 6 congressional committee allegedly falsely claimed it did not have evidence that showed former President Trump's administration requested National Guard assistance. **The former J6 Select Committee appears to have withheld Mr. Ornato's critical witness testimony** from the American people because it contradicted their pre-determined narrative.

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The Select Committee produced a significant amount of digital data, around 4 Terabytes. However, after reviewing this archive file, the Subcommittee received less than three terabytes of digital data from the Select Committee. One terabyte is a substantial amount of missing data.

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January 6: Fact v. Fiction

FICTION: Trump Lunged And Tried To Commandeer The Driver Of The Presidential SUV To Take Him To The U.S. Capitol On January 6.

FACT: The Unnamed Driver's Testimony, Along With That Of Other Secret Service Officers, Contradicted Claims That Trump Tried To Force His Way To The Capitol.

The Jan. 6 Committee Withheld Crucial Evidence And Its Star Witness, Cassidy Hutchinson's Claim That Trump Tried To Go To The Capitol Has Conflicted With Witness Interviews. “The House Democrat-led Jan. 6 committee withheld crucial evidence from the public, including witness interviews that conflicted with the testimony of star witness Cassidy Hutchinson and her claim then-President Donald Trump tried to commandeer his presidential SUV and take it to the U.S. Capitol that day, House Republicans declared in an explosive new report Monday.” (John Solomon and Steven Richards, “Democrats’ Jan. 6 Panel Withheld Crucial Evidence, Including Denial From Trump Driver: New Report,” [JusttheNews](#), 3/11/24)

Multiple Secret Service Employees Disputed Hutchinson's Account That Trump Tried To Force His Detail To Take Him To The Capitol To Join The Rioters. “The report also noted that multiple Secret Service employees, in addition to the driver and Ornato directly disputed Hutchinson's now infamous account that Trump was so enraged after his speech on the Ellipse that he tried to commandeer his presidential SUV – known as the Beast – and force his detail to take him to the Capitol to join the rioters.” (John Solomon and Steven Richards, “Democrats’ Jan. 6 Panel Withheld Crucial Evidence, Including Denial From Trump Driver: New Report,” [JusttheNews](#), 3/11/24)

A New Report From The House Administration Subcommittee On Oversight Showed “Evidence Contradicting Several Claims That Democrats Made In Their Final Report In December 2022.” “The House Administration Subcommittee on Oversight, chaired by Rep. Barry Loudermilk, R-Ga., released its first findings from its year-long probe into Capitol security failures on Jan. 6, 2021, and the initial Democrat effort to investigate the incident. The report provided evidence contradicting several claims that Democrats made in their final report in December 2022.” (John Solomon and Steven Richards, “Democrats’ Jan. 6 Panel Withheld Crucial Evidence, Including Denial From Trump Driver: New Report,” [JusttheNews](#), 3/11/24)

The Secret Service Driver For Trump “Directly Contradicted Hutchinson's Story About Trump Trying To Grab The Wheel Of The Presidential SUV And Take It To The Capitol.” “For the first time, Loudermilk's report released information from the Secret Service driver who took Trump to his Jan. 6, 2021 speech on the Ellipse and back to the White House. The driver, who wasn't identified by name, directly contradicted Hutchinson's story about Trump trying to grab the wheel of the presidential SUV and take it to the Capitol, the report said.” (John Solomon and Steven Richards, “Democrats’ Jan. 6 Panel Withheld Crucial Evidence, Including Denial From Trump Driver: New Report,” [JusttheNews](#), 3/11/24)

- **The Driver Refuted Hutchinson's Version Of Events, Saying Trump Never Grabbed Or Lunged For The Front Seat.** “According to the new report, the driver, who is not named, was interviewed by the previous Jan. 6 committee in November 2022 and ‘testified that he specifically refuted the version of events as recounted by Hutchinson.’ The driver said he “did not see him reach [redacted]. [President Trump] never grabbed the steering wheel. I didn't see him, you know, lunge to try to get into the front seat at all,’ the report states.” (Lauren Peller, Katherine Faulders and Adam Carlson, “Trump's Driver Contradicts Cassidy Hutchinson About Jan. 6 SUV Altercation, GOP Report Says,” [ABC News](#), 3/11/24)

FICTION: Trump Intended To Join Rioters At The U.S. Capitol On January 6.

FACT: According To The Secret Service, There Was No Travel Plan To Take Trump To The Capitol.

The January 6 Committee's Final Report Said Trump Intended To Participate In The Riot At The Capitol. “It has become one of the enduring messages of the House Democrats’ final report on the Jan. 6 riot: Donald Trump had a plan and an intention to go directly to the U.S. Capitol to join those disrupting the certification of the 2020 election results. ‘The Committee's principal

concern was that the President actually intended to participate personally in the January 6th efforts at the Capitol, leading the attempt to overturn the election either from inside the House Chamber, from a stage outside the Capitol, or otherwise,' the committee wrote in its final report in December, 2022." (John Solomon, "Internal Secret Service Records Undercut Another Key J6 Committee Democrat Narrative," [JusttheNews](#), 1/7/24)

According To Internal Secret Service Documents, There Was No Plan For Trump To Go To The Capitol, Undercutting The Democratic Party's Narrative. "The Democratic Party's narrative is further undercut by internal Secret Service documents reviewed by Just the News, which show there was no plan heading into the Jan. 6 event to take Trump to the Capitol." (John Solomon, "Internal Secret Service Records Undercut Another Key J6 Committee Democrat Narrative," [JusttheNews](#), 1/7/24)

The Secret Service Presidential Travel Plan Did Not Have Trump Going To The Capitol. "All presidential trips are highly scripted because of the need for security. The Secret Service places assets at all locations where a president may go. That did not happen at the Capitol, according to the Secret Service records reviewed by Just the News, suggesting Trump's alleged statements to the presidential aides two days earlier did not result in a change of plan. The final Secret Service plan approved at 5:35 a.m. on Jan. 6 for Trump – codenamed 'Mogul' in the document – reads: '1050 - Depart White House via motorcade en route the Ellipse ...1055 - Arrive the Ellipse. 1135 - Depart the Ellipse via motorcade en route White House. 1140 - Arrive White House.'" (John Solomon, "Internal Secret Service Records Undercut Another Key J6 Committee Democrat Narrative," [JusttheNews](#), 1/7/24)

"An Accompanying PowerPoint Created By The Secret Service Laid Out All The Security Provisions For The Event, And It Like The Plan Made No Mention Of A Stop At The Capitol." (John Solomon, "Internal Secret Service Records Undercut Another Key J6 Committee Democrat Narrative," [JusttheNews](#), 1/7/24)

The Schedule And PowerPoint Were Provided To The January 6 Committee. "Secret Service and congressional sources confirmed to Just the News that both the schedule and PowerPoint were provided to the House Democrats' Jan. 6 committee." (John Solomon, "Internal Secret Service Records Undercut Another Key J6 Committee Democrat Narrative," [JusttheNews](#), 1/7/24)

FICTION: The January 6 Select Committee Claimed It Did Not Have Evidence That Trump Requested National Guard Assistance On January 6.

FACT: Trump "Did" Instruct His Cabinet To Offer National Guard Troops To Boost Security At The U.S. Capitol Ahead Of January 6.

The January 6 Committee Had Said It Did Not Have Evidence Showing Trump Requested National Guard Assistance On January 6. "The Jan. 6 congressional committee allegedly falsely claimed it did not have evidence that showed former President Trump's administration requested National Guard assistance, according to a report detailing a 'hidden transcript' that was recently released. 'The former J6 Select Committee apparently withheld Mr. Ornato's critical witness testimony from the American people because it contradicted their pre-determined narrative. Mr. Ornato's testimony proves what Mr. Meadows has said all along: President Trump did in fact offer 10,000 National Guard troops to secure the U.S. Capitol, which was turned down,' Georgia Republican Rep. Barry Loudermilk said in a statement on Friday." (Emma Colton, "Jan 6 Committee Allegedly Suppressed Testimony Showing Trump Admin Pushed For National Guard Presence: Report," [Fox News](#), 3/10/24)

- **Media Outlets, Including *The Washington Post*, Had Found Trump Did Not Request National Guard Assistance.** "Trump has long claimed that he requested the National Guard but that then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., failed to act on the request. Amid and following the congressional committee's investigation, media outlets such as the Washington Post 'debunked' Trump's comments, repeatedly awarding him 'Four Pinocchios.'" (Emma Colton, "Jan 6 Committee Allegedly Suppressed Testimony Showing Trump Admin Pushed For National Guard Presence: Report," [Fox News](#), 3/10/24)

Trump "Did" Instruct His Staff To Offer 10,000 National Guard Troops To The Capitol For Extra Security According To A House Administration Subcommittee Oversight Report. "The report also concludes that Trump did, in fact, instruct his staff ahead of Jan. 6 to offer 10,000 National Guard troops to the Capitol for extra security and that the tragedy could have been

prevented had Capitol Police, Washington D.C. officials and congressional leaders better heeded intelligence suggesting there would be violence that day.” (John Solomon and Steven Richards, “Democrats’ Jan. 6 Panel Withheld Crucial Evidence, Including Denial From Trump Driver: New Report,” [JusttheNews](#), 3/11/24)

FICTION: Cassidy Hutchinson Testified That Trump Made A Comment That Vice President Mike Pence Should Be Hanged.

FACT: A White House Employee Refuted Hutchinson’s Claim, Saying Trump Nor Any Other White House Staff Made Comments About The “Hang Mike Pence” Chants.

During Hutchinson’s Fourth Transcribed Interview With The Jan. 6 Committee, She Testified Overhearing A Conversation Between Trump And Meadows That Trump Though Pence Deserved To Be Hanged. “Hutchinson also revised her testimony with respect to her recollection of statements made related to chants of ‘hang Mike Pence’ on January 6. In Hutchinson’s first transcribed interview on February 23, 2022, Hutchinson was asked what the President was doing after his speech at the Ellipse. However, Hutchinson testified in her fourth transcribed interview that she overheard a conversation where Meadows said President Trump thought Pence deserved to be hanged.” (“Initial Findings Report On The Failures And Politicization Of The January 6th Select Committee And The Activities On And Leading Up To January 6, 2021,” [House Administration Subcommittee On Oversight](#), 3/11/24, pg. 22)

“White House Employee One Directly Refutes Hutchinson’s Testimony.” (“Initial Findings Report On The Failures And Politicization Of The January 6th Select Committee And The Activities On And Leading Up To January 6, 2021,” [House Administration Subcommittee On Oversight](#), 3/11/24, pg. 22)

The Employee Testified That The President Nor Any Other White House Staffer Made Comments About The “Hang Mike Pence” Chants. “One White House employee was asked directly about Hutchinson’s shocking testimony that President Trump made a comment implying Vice President Pence should be hanged. White House Employee One confirmed he heard the chants of hang Mike Pence from his position close to the President on January 6. However, he testified that neither the President nor any other staff made comments about those chants. White House Employee One specifically refuted Hutchinson’s claim that the President said anything at all about the chants.” (“Initial Findings Report On The Failures And Politicization Of The January 6th Select Committee And The Activities On And Leading Up To January 6, 2021,” [House Administration Subcommittee On Oversight](#), 3/11/24, pg. 22)

FICTION: Cassidy Hutchinson, The Democrats’ Star Witness, Was Told By Her First Lawyer To Protect Trump.

FACT: Hutchinson’s Claim Has Been Rejected Outright By Her First Lawyer Stefan Passantino. Texts Show He Wanted Her To Testify Before The Jan. 6 Committee.

Hutchinson Claimed Her First Lawyer, Stefan Passantino Had Pressured Her To Stay “Loyal” To Trump. “Hutchinson claimed that Stefan Passantino, her first lawyer, had pressured her to stay ‘loyal’ to Trump in her testimony and that is why she changed her story. In her subsequent testimonies to the January 6 committee, Hutchinson contented that Passantino had coached her before her first interview.” (Steven Richards, “Ten Revelations That Changed Americans’ Understanding Of Events On Jan. 6,” [JusttheNews](#), 12/12/23)

JusttheNews Headline: “Texts In Lawsuit Undercut Cassidy Hutchinson’s Claim Ex-Lawyer Pressured Her To ‘Protect’ Trump” (Steven Richards, “Texts In Lawsuit Undercut Cassidy Hutchinson’s Claim Ex-Lawyer Pressured Her To ‘Protect’ Trump,” [JusttheNews](#), 12/1/23)

Passantino Rejected Hutchinson’s Claims And Has Filed A Lawsuit Against The House Of Representatives For Damages. “Passantino disputed Hutchinson’s characterization of his legal representation and filed a lawsuit against the House of Representatives for damages to his business and to his reputation.” (Steven Richards, “Ten Revelations That Changed Americans’ Understanding Of Events On Jan. 6,” [JusttheNews](#), 12/12/23)

- **Texts From Hutchinson Show That He Wanted Her To Testify Before The Committee.** “Texts allegedly from Cassidy Hutchinson, which Passantino presented in the defamation suit, show that the former aide to Trump’s chief of staff initially admitted that she did

not want to cooperate with the committee, even though Passantino encouraged her to do so. ‘Like how on earth are they doing this to you,’ an unidentified individual asked Hutchinson. ‘I don’t know. But I don’t want to comply. Stefan wants me to comply,’ Hutchinson responded.” (Steven Richards, “Texts In Lawsuit Undercut Cassidy Hutchinson’s Claim Ex-Lawyer Pressured Her To ‘Protect’ Trump,” [JusttheNews](#), 12/1/23)

In March 2024, Passantino Was Cleared Of Attorney Misconduct By The Board Of Professional Responsibility Of The District Of Columbia Court Of Appeals And The Georgia State Disciplinary Board. “Stefan Passantino, the lawyer who represented Democrats’ Jan. 6 star witness Cassidy Hutchinson in her early interactions with Congress, has been cleared by legal ethics investigators in both Washington, D.C. and Georgia regarding complaints that he engaged in improper conduct in his representation of Hutchinson. In Washington, D.C., allegations of attorney misconduct are reviewed by the Board of Professional Responsibility of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. In Georgia, the practice of law is regulated by a State Disciplinary Board, made up of volunteers who are appointed by the Supreme Court and the State Bar president for three-year terms. The state Supreme Court has final approval of any decision made by the board.” (John Solomon and Steven Richards, “Cassidy Hutchinson’s Ex-Lawyer Cleared By Disciplinary Panels After Jan. 6 Committee Allegations,” [JusttheNews](#), 3/17/24)

FICTION: The Jan. 6 Select Committee Archived Over 4-Terabytes Of Digital Data Related To Its Investigation.

FACT: According To The House Admin. Oversight Committee, It Received Less Than Three Terabytes Of Digital Data From The Jan. 6 Select Committee.

The Jan. 6 Select Committee Provided Three Of Four Terabytes Of Digital Data That It Had To The House Admin. Oversight Committee. “The Select Committee produced a significant amount of digital data. Based on an inventory of this digital data and statements from Chairperson Thompson, the Subcommittee discovered that the Select Committee failed to archive more than an entire terabyte of digital data. In a July 7, 2022, letter to Chairman Loudermilk, Representative Thompson claimed that the Select Committee archived ‘over 4-terabyte[s]’ of digital data. Specifically, Representative Thompson wrote that the Select Committee ‘used an e-discovery platform to manage its investigative records’ and ‘worked with its e-discovery platform contractor to create an archive file.’ Representative Thompson went on to say that permanent records, totaling over four terabytes of data, ‘were electronically archived in that file.’ However, after reviewing this archive file, the Subcommittee received less than three terabytes of digital data from the Select Committee. One terabyte is a substantial amount of missing data. One terabyte of data is equivalent to 6.5 million document pages such as PDFs or office files, 500 hours of high-definition video, or 250,000 photos.” (“Initial Findings Report On The Failures And Politicization Of The January 6th Select Committee And The Activities On And Leading Up To January 6, 2021,” [House Administration Subcommittee On Oversight](#), 3/11/24, pgs. 16-17)