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Former President Donald Trump speaks in Manchester, N.H.

Former President Donald Trump speaks in Manchester, N.H., on April 27, 2023.

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Justice Department via AP

This image, contained in the indictment against former President Donald Trump, shows boxes of records being stored on the stage in the White and Gold Ballroom at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Fla. Trump is facing 37 felony charges related to the mishandling of classified documents according to an indictment unsealed Friday, June 9, 2023. (Justice Department via AP)

A photo of the boxes of documents found in a Mar-a-Lago ballroom that was released with the federal indictment of former President Donald Trump.

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Jack Smith speaks at the Department of Justice

Special counsel Jack Smith, speaking about the indictment in Washington on Friday, said: "We have one set of laws in this country, and they apply to everyone."

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