117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. RES. 1240

Requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of State, to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents in their possession referring or relating to certain aspects of the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 20, 2022

Mr. McCaul (for himself, Ms. Tenney, Mr. Perry, Mr. Meuser, Mr. Kinzinger, Mr. Meijer, Mr. Zeldin, Mr. Chabot, Ms. Malliotakis, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Buck, Mr. Burchett, Ms. Salazar, and Mr. Smith of New Jersey) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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- 1 Resolved, That the House of Representatives requests
- 2 the President, and directs the Secretary of State, to trans-
- 3 mit to the House of Representatives, not later than 14
- 4 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, cop-
- 5 ies of all documents (including all records, communica-
- 6 tions, correspondence (including email), messages (includ-

- 1 ing text and instant messages), transcripts, summaries,
- 2 agendas, written agreements, notes, memoranda, diplo-
- 3 matic cables, reports, legal opinions, analytical products,
- 4 briefing materials, intelligence assessments, white papers,
- 5 non-papers, meeting readouts, and other materials, re-
- 6 gardless of electronic or physical format), both classified
- 7 and unclassified, in the possession of the President or the
- 8 Secretary of State, respectively, as of the date of adoption
- 9 of this resolution that refer or relate to—
- 10 (1) any consultations with NATO allies and
- partners since January 20, 2021, regarding the
- 12 United States withdrawal from Afghanistan, includ-
- ing any reactions, concerns, or objections expressed
- by such allies and partners;
- 15 (2) the release of violent extremists (including
- Taliban, al-Qaida, and ISIS-K) from prisons in Af-
- ghanistan during the Taliban's 2021 offensive;
- 18 (3) numbers of United States citizens, lawful
- permanent residents, or Afghan SIV program appli-
- cants in contact with the Department of State to re-
- quest evacuation assistance from Afghanistan, from
- July 30, 2021, to the present;
- 23 (4) any agreement, commitment, or under-
- standing reached with the Taliban related to the
- evacuation of United States citizens, lawful perma-

- nent residents, Afghan SIV program applicants, and other at-risk Afghans by the United States Government or private entities;
 - (5) any information provided to the Taliban, or to any Taliban forces, from August 13, 2021, to the present regarding United States citizens, lawful permanent residents, Afghan SIV program applicants, or other at-risk Afghans attempting to depart Afghanistan, including any information provided to assist the clearance of individuals through Taliban checkpoints;
 - (6) the Taliban's compliance with the agreement signed with the United States at Doha, Qatar, on February 29, 2020, including its counterterrorism guarantees to prevent any cooperation, recruiting, training, plotting, and fundraising in Afghanistan by al-Qaida and other groups that threaten the United States and our allies;
 - (7) the relationship between the Taliban and al-Qaida since February 29, 2020, including any relationship between the Taliban and the Haqqani Network, and any relationship between the Haqqani Network and al-Qaida, and any al-Qaida members returning to Afghanistan following the Taliban's capture of Kabul;

- (8) any funding provided or assets transferred by, or at the request of, the United States from Jan-uary 20, 2021, to the present, either directly or indi-rectly through a third party or foreign government, with the knowledge or expectation that the Taliban would receive the benefit of such funding or assets, to include paying for seats on aircraft operated by commercial airliners controlled by the Taliban;
 - (9) Department of State F-77 reports (identifying numbers of potential evacuees) for Afghanistan from January 2020 to the present;
 - (10) Embassy Kabul Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) and Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) plans and operations in Afghanistan from January 20, 2021, to the present;
 - (11) assistance to, coordination with, or policies or directives regarding private and nongovernmental groups, including those run by American veterans of the Afghanistan conflict, working to evacuate Afghans at risk because of their previous work with the United States;
 - (12) any official views or objections proffered by Administrator Samantha Power of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to the Department of State or the White

- 1 House from April 2021 to the present regarding the
- 2 Afghanistan withdrawal, including any views regard-
- ing impacts on USAID program implementers left
- 4 behind;

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- 5 (13) any agreement, commitment, or under-6 standing reached with the Taliban regarding even-7 tual United States recognition of the Taliban as the
- 8 lawful government of Afghanistan;
 - (14) the August 15, 2021, offer made by the Taliban to allow the United States military to have responsibility for security in Kabul and for the Taliban to stay out of the city during the evacuation, and the United States Government decision to reject that offer;
 - (15) any agreement with a foreign government to grant the United States basing, runway, or airspace access, and logistical supply that would support the extension of United States intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) or counterterrorism strike capabilities into Afghanistan;
 - (16) any agreement with a foreign government to allow the continued presence in its territory of Afghan SIV applicants and their family members while their applications are processed and considered by the United States;

- 1 (17) any agreement or understanding with a 2 foreign government regarding commitments or obli-3 gations of the United States toward Afghan citizens 4 transported into that country's territory on a United 5 States Government-chartered or military flight from 6 Afghanistan;
 - (18) any agreement or understanding with a foreign government regarding that government's willingness to permit entry or continued presence by Afghan evacuees who fail United States security or refugee screening processes;
 - (19) Afghans evacuated on United States Government-chartered or military flights from Afghanistan who have failed initial screening or have otherwise been determined to be inadmissible to the United States, including any information regarding the number and current location of such individuals;
 - (20) any role or procedures of the Department of State or another United States Government agency in approving or disapproving privately chartered flights intended to evacuate persons from Afghanistan, including review or approval of passenger manifests, flight plans, or landing approval in foreign countries;

1	(21) passenger manifests for United States
2	Government-chartered and military flights with civil-
3	ian passengers aboard, departing Afghanistan from
4	July 30, 2021, to the present, including any infor-
5	mation regarding the accuracy or completeness of
6	such manifests, and any comparisons or disparities
7	between passenger lists at departure and upon ar-
8	rival;
9	(22) information regarding civilian passengers
10	aboard United States Government-chartered and
11	military flights departing Afghanistan from July 30,
12	2021, to the present, including the numbers of—
13	(A) United States citizens;
14	(B) lawful permanent residents of the
15	United States;
16	(C) Afghan SIV program applicants and
17	their immediate family members;
18	(D) Afghan P1 and P2 refugee program
19	applicants; and
20	(E) other at-risk Afghans not eligible for
21	the SIV program, P1 refugee program referral,
22	or P2 refugee program referral, to include
23	members of the Afghan security forces;
24	(23) efforts and processes to identify and
25	screen Afghan passengers aboard United States

- Government-chartered and military flights departing
 Afghanistan from July 30, 2021, to the present, including any assessments, criticisms, or complaints
 regarding the adequacy of such security screening
 processes;
 - (24) communications with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, from July 23, 2021, to the present;
 - (25) any discussions, assessments, or opinions regarding United States Government decisions to cease support to members of the internationally recognized Afghan government and security forces continuing to fight the Taliban;
 - (26) communication with members of the Afghan security forces from August 10, 2021, to the present regarding cessation of United States support to members of the internationally recognized Afghan government and security forces;
 - (27) the destruction at United States consular facilities in Afghanistan of documentation regarding Afghan visa applicants and recipients, including information regarding documentation not digitized or archived prior to destruction;
 - (28) the disposition of United States-origin defense articles provided to the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces, including those delivered

to Afghanistan after April 14, 2021, whether in the
Taliban's possession or transferred to third parties;
and

(29) documents, reports, and original findings,
even if in draft form, produced by the internal State
Department review of the Afghanistan withdrawal
led by Ambassador Dan Smith, including transcribed

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interviews.