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THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

In the Matter of
Tara Reade,
Citizen of the United States of America

v.

The United States of America

REQUEST FOR URGENT APPEAL UNDER THE UN SPECIAL PROCEDURES

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This is an urgent appeal on behalf of Tara Reade, a U.S. citizen currently seeking temporary asylum in Russia. Ms. Reade is a public interest whistleblower, podcaster and author, who is being unlawfully and politically persecuted by elements of the United States government aligned with President Joseph Biden and the Democratic Party. Her right to the freedom of opinion and expression has been and is being interdicted by politically weaponized law enforcement surveillance bolstered by a coordinated social media campaign, personal threats, and false accusations of treason, perjury and espionage in the media.

The United States' persecution of Tara Reade is based upon fabricated allegations of espionage, criminal perjury and treason and violates her rights under international law, punishes her for seeking to report and expose the truth about a sexual assault and cover up by President Joseph Biden, and is designed to intimidate, discredit, and silence all American whistleblowers who report sexual abuse by politicians and government officials.

Ms. Reade has also fallen victim to the *Russian Collusion Syndrome*, in which domestic law enforcement, the intelligence community, the courts and media have been weaponized to publicly denounce, persecute, and if possible, deprive of liberty, targeted individuals who are thought to have any connection at all to Russia, either real or fabricated.

This matter is of urgent concern for the United Nations, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Free Expression and Opinion as it calls into question Freedom of Expression in the United States. The persecution and now imminent threat to the liberty of Tara Reade is the latest chapter in the cynical anti-Russian hysteria that has plagued the United States since 2016 and was created in order to promote and serve the agendas of the Democratic Party and Biden Administration.

Tara Reade has endured years of physical targeting and threats on her life. Based on the emergence of a new international threat of detention and past physical threats, Tara made her fateful decision to remain in Moscow, Russia under the United Nations Special Procedures for asylees. We therefore respectfully request that you make an urgent appeal to the United States government, in order to inquire and elicit their position on this case, the details of which are reproduced below.

II. Factual Background

Tara Reade is a U.S. citizen, born in the United States. She holds a law degree (Juris Doctor 2004) from the University of Seattle and has worked in government employ and for nonprofit organizations. She has worked as a domestic violence advocate on behalf of battered and abused women. She is a published author, podcaster, and geo-political commentator.

In 1992-1993 Ms. Reade was employed as a staff assistant by then Senator Joseph Biden in Washington DC. She previously worked as an intern for Congressman Leon Panetta. The employment with Senator Biden culminated in a violent sexual assault of Ms. Reade by Senator Biden which was timely reported to the Congressional personnel office by Ms. Reade, she also told her mother and a friend of the assault. Her mother contacted well known news personality Larry King during a call in segment (<https://youtu.be/bBTwwOHV6vQ>) Ms. Reade also alluded to the assault several times over the years.

In April 2019 Tara Reade and at least six other women came forward with allegations of sexual abuse and inappropriate behavior by then presidential candidate Joseph Biden. Ms. Reade's allegations were the only allegations of sexual abuse against Mr. Biden corroborated by a contemporaneous reporting event.

Almost immediately Ms. Reade came under attack by the New York Times, the Atlantic Magazine and a host of other media aligned with candidate Biden's political party. She was falsely accused of perjury and subject to a criminal investigation because of an alleged minor discrepancy in her resume involving her undergraduate college degree. The seeds of the "Russian Collusion Syndrome" were also planted because of a blog post from 2018 in which Ms. Reade expressed dismay at the Russian xenophobia displayed by the US government.¹

As a result of the campaign to discredit Ms. Reade's credibility, her story of sexual assault was sidelined by the Democratic Party controlled press as not verifiable. In 2020, she discovered that she was under investigation by the FBI and a federal grand jury in Sacramento, California. She learned of the investigation through a subpoena dated July 9, 2020 supplied to her by Twitter (see attached). The subpoena sought that Twitter supply all her data, contacts, and content since April 1, 2019 to the FBI and Grand Jury. Naturally, Ms. Reade was intimidated though not completely silenced when she learned the FBI and a federal grand jury was actively investigating her. This led her to conclude that not only her Twitter account but all her social media, phone, Internet, and financial accounts had been similarly subpoenaed.

Unknown to Ms. Reade in 2020, the FBI maintained a direct liaison and close working relationship with Twitter as was revealed by Elon Musk upon his acquisition of that entity in December 2022. According to Twitter files released by Mr. Musk and developed by

¹ Russian Collusion Syndrome refers to allegations that the target of persecution or "the witch hunt" is somehow "colluding" with the Russian government or its agents against the interests of the faction of the US government aligned with the Democratic Party. The term "collusion" carries no legal significance. See Jennifer Earl, "What is 'collusion,' and is it a crime? Russia investigation's buzzword explained." Fox News (July 24, 2019) <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/what-is-collusion-and-is-it-a-crime-russia-investigations-buzzword-explained>. Collusion allegations have included such innocuous acts such as shaking hands with the Russian ambassador to the United States, being photographed in same room as Russian officials, conducting business in Russia or one of the former republics of the USSR, or even expressing any admiration for the accomplishments of the Russian people or government. Targets of Russian Collusion allegations since 2016 have been harassed, held out for public ridicule, blacklisted, subject to abuse of legal process, and incarcerated. The victims include individuals associated with the former Trump Administration or those who have publicly opposed the Democratic Party or its operatives.

muckraking journalist Matt Taibbi, it was clear that Twitter and the FBI and possibly CIA closely coordinated with one another to suppress content on the Twitter social media platform. The release of the subpoena to Ms. Reade in 2020 therefore was not a serendipitous event as originally thought by her but was a cunningly engineered act calculated to chill her speech. The subpoena did indeed cause additional stress to Ms. Reade who had already endured numerous false allegations in the Democratic Party controlled press of being a Russian asset and perjurer.

Ms. Reade completed writing a book about her sexual assault by Mr. Biden which was published in 2020: Left Out: When the Truth Doesn't Fit In. (<https://a.co/d/bVyLmF5>). She also continued to podcast and write articles. The media largely ignored her in the United States.

On January 10, 2023, The United States House Judiciary Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government was established by the now Republican controlled Congress.² The subcommittee was established to investigate alleged abuses of federal authority, including collusion between federal agencies and private sector entities to suppress conservative viewpoints. Ms. Reade was queried by a subcommittee member about her availability to testify before the subcommittee and there was renewed interest by members of Congress in locating the still unreleased personnel records from her employment with Senator Biden; the records that would have further vindicated her status as a whistleblower and provided a further possibility of testifying about the 1993 incident and its cover up.

Ironically, Ms. Reade who had no preexisting relationship with the Russian media before she began her journey as a public interest whistleblower in 2019, had found herself well received in the Russian press while at the same time being reviled by the American media. She was invited by Russia Today to write several fact based opinion articles on various topics. In

² Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government.

May 2023 just as she was getting ready to attempt yet again attempt to retrieve her Congressional personnel files, she boarded a plane for Russia to finalize a book related deal.

While in Moscow, Ms. Reade was tipped by reliable and well connected acquaintances that she would be subject to arrest or detention upon her return to the United States or that she could be held in a third country based on an Interpol Red Notice. While Ms. Reade at first dismissed this warning as alarmist she soon began to wonder if a continuing series of seemingly small but disturbing events and encounters with persons believed to be undercover agents indicated she was under still under surveillance. She was still receiving death threats too. Additionally, the United States government had become quite active and had begun arresting numerous people for alleged Russia sanctions related violations. While in Moscow Ms. Reade unsuccessfully attempted to discover if her relationship with the Russian media would subject her to such a predicament. A member of Congress advised her that her safety could not be guaranteed in the United States. Other experts told her of the possibility of being picked up and detained indefinitely in a third country under an Interpol Red Notice. She then made the fateful decision to remain in Russia and leave behind her home, possessions, pets, and family.

On May 30, 2023, Ms. Reade announced she was seeking Russian citizenship due to the perceived personal danger of returning to the United States. Present at the announcement were members of the Russian government and media including sanctioned individuals. A media frenzy ensued claiming Ms. Reade was a “traitor” and had “defected.”³ She has also applied for temporary asylum under the United Nations process.

³ In politics, a defector is a person who gives up allegiance to one state in exchange for allegiance to another, changing sides in a way which is considered illegitimate by the first state. Ms. Reade has not given up her US citizenship nor violated any duty to the United States in seeking temporary asylum in Russia. The United States is obviously not at war with Russia and there are millions of dual citizens of the two countries.

Ms. Reade's motivations however were prompted by simple necessity, she did not desire to be arrested or held incommunicado and become a potential trading card for the United States in prisoner swap deals with Russia. Ms. Reade is currently obtaining temporary asylum in Russia, as she is well aware that Russia Collusion Syndrome remains a fixture of the Democratic Party controlled US government. Nonetheless, now that she is currently safe, she will continue to speak out and hopes to provide testimony remotely to the US Congress.

III. The United States' Violations of Reade's Rights

Article 19(2) of the ICCPR states that “[e]veryone shall have the right to freedom of expression.”⁴ This right “include[s] freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of his choice.”⁵ The First Amendment of the United States Constitution states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

Ms. Reade's revelations about the Biden sexual attack and ensuing cover up were of public interest. It was one of seven such allegations. As an advocate for the rights of victims of sexual and physical violence, Ms. Reade believed it was her public duty to come forward. When the Democratic Party controlled media and weaponized elements of the government came after her; she did not hide but instead wrote and published a book on her experiences as a whistleblower. When Ms. Reade was falsely accused of being a Russian asset as part of the Russian Collusion Syndrome; she then developed a relationship with the Russian press and

⁴ ICCPR, art. 19(2); *see also* UDHR, art. 19.

⁵ ICCPR, art. 19(2).

media. In particular, under ICCPR Article 19, the right to freedom of expression may be restricted “only” as “provided by law and [where] necessary,” as relevant here, “[f]or the protection of national security or of public order (ordre public)...”²⁹ False allegations amplified in a captive Democratic Party press and then presented as facts to courts and grand juries by agents of the Biden Administration and Democratic Party are the very sort of weaponization the Republican Party controlled Congress is investigating and which Ms. Reade would testify about. However, in Ms. Reade’s case the weaponization never really stopped and has left her vulnerable.

The United States has also interfered with Ms. Reade’s right to free association. The UDHR provides that “[e]veryone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association,”⁶ and the ICCPR likewise safeguards the “freedom of association with others”⁷—a freedom that cannot be restricted unless “prescribed by law” and “necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security or public safety....”⁸ Ms. Reade has chosen by necessity to associate herself with her supporters in Russia and with Russian news organizations. By persecuting Ms. Reade under the guise of Russian Collusion her freedom of association as an author, podcaster, and commentator has been restricted. The First Amendment to the United States Constitution states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” This has been interpreted by the US Supreme Court to include the right to associate with others.⁹

⁶ UDHR, art. 20(1).

⁷ ICCPR, art. 22(1).

⁸ ICCPR, art. 22(2).

⁹ *National Association for the Advancement of Colored People v. Alabama*, 357 U.S. 449 (1958).

“No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.” (Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 9) Yet the United States in grips of a seven year bout of Russian Collusion Syndrome is in danger of sliding into the abyss. According to Radio Free Europe, a US government controlled media outlet, the recent indictment and arrests of African People's Socialist Party activists in Florida was warranted because they made statements of solidarity with the Russian government regarding the Ukraine crisis.¹⁰ Against such a backdrop of anti-Russian hysteria, Ms. Reade who was already the target of the FBI and a Grand Jury in California and was tipped that her arrest was imminent. She was also advised by a member of Congress that her safety could not guaranteed in the United States therefore facing the reality of arrest both in the United States and third countries, she had no choice but seek temporary asylum in Russia under the United Nations process.

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Right (ICCPR) safeguards: “The right to liberty and security of person.” It also provides that “[n]o one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest or detention” and “[n]o one shall be deprived of his liberty except on such grounds and in accordance with such procedure as are established by law.”¹¹

As you recently stated on April 6, 2023, “[w]hen journalists are labelled as foreign agents, traitors or enemies of the State, it undermines public trust in the media, increases the likelihood of attacks against journalists and chills media freedom and democratic debate.”¹²

Since the 2016 the United States government under the malign influence of the Democratic Party has pushed an unprecedented agenda of labeling political enemies and

¹⁰ Radio Free Europe. “Three Russians Among Seven People Indicted By U.S. Grand Jury Over Alleged Election Influence Campaign.” April 18, 2023.

¹¹ ICCPR, art. 9(1).

¹² Press Release, United Nations, *Serbia: UN Expert Calls for Political Will to Translate Laws into Concrete Action to Protect Freedom of Expression* (Apr. 6, 2023), <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/04/serbia-unexpert-calls-political-will-translate-laws-concrete-action-protect>.

anyone else caught in the crossfire as Russian assets, agents, traitors, and spies. The captive US press is used as an echo chamber and news stories cut from whole cloth are utilized to obtain wire taps from secret courts, launch FBI investigations and as grounds to empanel grand juries. Ms. Reade has become one of many such targets that include of course former US President Donald Trump. Since the outbreak of the most recent iteration of the Ukraine crisis, the situation has become far more serious, within hours of announcing her decision not to return to the United States, Ms. Reade was dubbed a traitor by the press and was publicly derided and ridiculed.

Such attacks in the Democratic Party aligned media have often presaged criminal indictments, midnight knocks on the door by armed federal officers executing arrest or search warrants and made for television court proceedings. Ms. Reade has much to fear having had her allegations dismissed as untrue by President Joseph Biden and his entourage and recently singled out by John Kirby, the National Security Council's Coordinator for Strategic Communications. Kirby said he'd "be loath to comment on the musings of a potential Russian citizen" and that her motivations and intentions for asking for Russian citizenship were for her to describe. "The one thing I will say is that the allegations that her life is at risk by the United States government—absolutely false."

This escalation of Russian Collision Syndrome to block the testimony of Ms. Reade to Congress calls for a strong international inquiry—both to protect Ms. Reade's rights and to take a stand against weaponization of the media and government against whistleblowers. The United States of course denies Ms. Reade's life is in danger but has not ruled out that her liberty may be forfeit if she returns.

Nonetheless the threat to whistleblowers who express a controversial view in the United States is very real. A recent Tweet by Congressperson Anna Paulina Luna, regarding an informant on corruption by the Biden family sums the dilemma:



Rep. Anna Paulina Luna ✓
@RepLuna

...

Just left meeting for House Oversight. The [@FBI](#) is afraid their informant will be killed if unmasked, based on the info he has brought forward about the Biden family.

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Ms. Reade however is not under the protection of the FBI. She is a target of the weaponized government and Biden Administration. It therefore is no wonder she is seeking protection wherever she may find it; even if the choice may seem unusual to some who have never walked in the shoes of a whistleblower assailed by law enforcement, the press, and ruling party.

We therefore respectfully request that you make an urgent appeal to protest the United States' ongoing persecution of Ms. Reade and to end the infringement of her internationally recognized right to the freedom of opinion. We urge you to confront the United States government and demand an explanation for their excesses under the cover of Russian Collusion against their citizens who like Ms. Reade expose sexual violence against women, corruption and cover ups.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Eastern District of California
SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY

To: Twitter, Inc.
c/o Trust & Safety - Legal Policy
1355 Market Street, Suite 900
San Francisco, CA 94103
Email: [REDACTED]

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in this United States district court at the time, date, and place shown below to testify before the court's grand jury. When you arrive, you must remain at the court until the judge or a court officer allows you to leave.

Table with 2 columns: Place (Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse, United States Attorney's Office, 501 I Street, Suite 10-100, Sacramento, CA 95814) and Date and Time (July 9, 2020)

YOU MUST also bring with you the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects (blank if not applicable): See Attachment

Date: June 22, 2020



Keith Holland, CLERK OF COURT

[Handwritten signature of Keith Holland]

Keith Holland
Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

The name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the United States Attorney, or Assistant United States Attorney, who requests this subpoena, are:

Brian A. Fogerty
U.S. Attorney's Office 501 I Street, Suite 10-100 Sacramento, CA 95814

[REDACTED]

ATTACHMENT TO GRAND JURY SUBPOENA

Twitter, Inc.
c/o Trust & Safety - Legal Policy
1355 Market Street, Suite 900
San Francisco, CA 94103
Email: [REDACTED]

For the Twitter accounts identified below and the date range April 1, 2019 to present:

- @ReadeAlexandra
- @TaraMcCabe

Produce all subscriber information, including:

1. Subscriber name;
2. Address;
3. Records of session times and durations, to include attempted/failed/unauthenticated logins;
4. Length of service (including start date) and types of service utilized;
5. Telephone or instrument number or other subscriber number or identity, including any temporarily assigned network address; and
6. Means and source of payment for such service (including any credit card or bank account number),

Record Format: Records are requested in electronic/digital format (i.e., data contained on a CD-ROM or DVD), however, when this is not possible paper documents can be provided.

Compliance with this subpoena can be accomplished by mailing records to:

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian A. Fogerty
United States Attorney's Office
501 I Street, Suite 10-100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Any questions regarding this subpoena should be directed to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent [REDACTED]

TRANSMISSION LETTER

For documents requested by
Grand Jury Subpoena

June 26, 2020

United States Attorney's Office
501 I Street, Ste 10-100
Sacramento, California 95814
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Attn: Terrie Dixon

Re: *GJ Subpoena* # 2020R00417 - 006
AUSA BRIAN A. FOGERTY

Materials requested pursuant to the above grand jury subpoena:

- Are attached hereto;
- Were mailed under separate cover to the U.S. Attorney's Office on _____(date);
- Were picked up by special agent on _____(date);
- Were mailed under separate cover to a special agent on _____ (date);
- No record found;
- Other:

By: CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS

Twitter, Inc.
c/o Trust & Safety - Legal Policy
1355 Market Street, Suite 900
San Francisco, CA 94103
Email: [REDACTED]

RULE 902(11) CERTIFICATE OF RECORDS OF REGULARLY CONDUCTED ACTIVITY

1. I am an employee of

My Title is _____.

In the course of my employment, I have access to customer-related records of my employer, and I am authorized to certify these records as a custodian of records.

2. Pursuant to federal Grand Jury Subpoena # 2020R00417 - 006, my employer has produced records to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California, consisting of documents relating to the account(s) or person(s) listed below.

3. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 902(11), I certify that the records produced in response to Grand Jury Subpoena # 2020R00417 - 006 :

(A) Were made at or near the time of the occurrence of the matters set forth by, or from information transmitted by, a person with knowledge of those matters; and

(B) Were kept in the course of my employer's regularly conducted activity; and

(C) Were made by the regularly conducted activity as a regular practice.

Under the penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States, I certify that the above is true and correct, and if called as a witness, I could competently testify thereto.

Executed on _____, at _____.

Name:
Title:

Account name(s) or number(s) for documents provided: _____

CERTIFICATE PROVIDED TO:
ATTN: BRIAN A. FOGERTY
The United States Attorney's Office
Eastern District of California
501 "I" Street, Suite 10-100
Sacramento, CA 95814

PROOF OF SERVICE

This subpoena for *(name of individual or organization)* Twitter Inc
was received by me on *(date)* _____ .

I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named person as follows: _____

_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I returned the subpoena unexecuted because: _____
_____ .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc: