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The Honorable Christopher Wray
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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
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Dear Director Wray and Secretary Mayorkas:

We write to request additional information about an illegal Chinese government police station in Manhattan, New York. On April 17, 2023, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) arrested two individuals for operating a Chinese police station in Lower Manhattan and obstructing justice by destroying evidence.¹ In a related case, the FBI charged 40 officers of China's national police for their involvement in transnational repression schemes targeting U.S. residents, which is when foreign governments illegally stalk, intimidate, or assault people in the United States.² These two plots were designed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to harass Chinese nationals residing in the United States and suppress dissidents from speaking out against the CCP's oppressive regime.

The Chinese police station located in Manhattan drew national outrage when the non-governmental organization Safeguard Defenders released a report in September 2022 revealing the presence of 110 Chinese police stations located around the world, including in New York.³ The FBI then indicated it was investigating the Manhattan-based Chinese police station, culminating in the April 17th arrests. Two men, "Harry" Lu Jianwang, 61, of the Bronx, and Chen Jinping, 59, of Manhattan, were charged with conspiring to act as agents of the CCP.⁴ The defendants worked together to establish the first overseas policed station in the U.S. on behalf of

¹ Press Release, U.S. Dep't of Justice, *Two Arrested for Operating Illegal Overseas Police Station of the Chinese Government*, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-arrested-operating-illegal-overseas-police-station-chinese-government> (last visited April 17, 2023).

² Press Release, U.S. Dep't of Justice, *40 Officers of China's National Police Charged in Transnational Repression Schemes Targeting U.S. Residents*, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/40-officers-china-s-national-police-charged-transnational-repression-schemes-targeting-us> (last visited April 17, 2023); Fed. Bureau of Investigation, *Transnational Repression*, <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/counterintelligence/transnational-repression> (last visited April 17, 2023).

³ *110 Overseas Chinese Transnational Policing Gone Wild*, SAFEGUARD DEFENDERS <https://safeguarddefenders.com/sites/default/files/pdf/110%20Overseas%20%28v5%29.pdf> (last visited April 17, 2023).

⁴ Press Release, U.S. Dep't of Justice, *Two Arrested for Operating Illegal Overseas Police Station of the Chinese Government*, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-arrested-operating-illegal-overseas-police-station-chinese-government> (last visited April 17, 2023).

the CCP's Ministry of Public Security (MPS). In the related case, the defendants, including 40 MPS officers and two officials in the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC), allegedly targeted and repressed U.S. residents whose political views and actions are disfavored by the CCP, such as advocating for democracy in the People's Republic of China.⁵ The presence of this police station not only violated U.S. sovereignty, but circumvented both judicial and law enforcement cooperating procedures.⁶

The Committee is examining the persistent threats posed by the CCP to U.S. homeland security, in which the CCP continues to brazenly violate U.S. autonomy.⁷ In February 2023, the CCP flew a surveillance balloon across the majority of the continental United States, collecting intelligence on sensitive military and homeland security sites.⁸ The Committee continues to monitor and take action against Chinese Confucius Institutes and other Chinese entities of concern, which are operated on U.S. college campuses at the behest of the CCP to commit academic espionage. While the New York Chinese police station has been shut down, our work to mitigate CCP threats to the homeland is far from over. Therefore, we request responses to the following questions as soon as possible, but no later than May 8, 2023.

1. When was the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) notified of the Chinese police station operating in Manhattan, New York as well as the Chinese national police officers working to repress U.S. residents?
2. When did the FBI begin its investigation of the Chinese police station operating in Manhattan, New York as well as the Chinese national police officers working to repress U.S. residents?
3. What actions has DHS taken to mitigate the malign impact of the Chinese police station operating in Manhattan, New York as well as the Chinese national police officers working to repress U.S. residents?
4. In addition to the Chinese police station operating in Manhattan, New York, there are allegations of these illegal organizations operating in a separate location in New York, NY, Los Angeles, California, San Francisco, California, Houston, Texas, as well as

⁵ Press Release, U.S. Dep't of Justice, *40 Officers of China's National Police Charged in Transnational Repression Schemes Targeting U.S. Residents*, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/40-officers-china-s-national-police-charged-transnational-repression-schemes-targeting-us> (last visited April 17, 2023)

⁶ Press Release, U.S. Dep't of Justice, *Two Arrested for Operating Illegal Overseas Police Station of the Chinese Government*, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-arrested-operating-illegal-overseas-police-station-chinese-government> (last visited April 17, 2023).

⁷ *Confronting Threats Posed by the Chinese Community Party to the U.S. Homeland: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence of the H. Comm. on Homeland Sec.*, 118th Cong. (Mar. 9, 2023).

⁸ Natasha Bertrand, *Chinese spy balloon was able to transmit information back to Beijing*, CNN <https://www.cnn.com/2023/04/03/politics/chinese-spy-balloon/index.html> (last visited April 17, 2023).

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cities in Nebraska and Minnesota.⁹ What is DHS and the FBI doing to combat the malign influence occurring in these additional locations and across the homeland?

After you have provided this information in writing, we request the FBI and DHS provide Committee staff a briefing about the CCP's malign influence operations within the U.S. homeland, to include but not limited to the activities of a Chinese police station in New York no later than May 22, 2023. Please contact the Committee on Homeland Security Majority staff at (202) 226-8417 with any questions about this request.

Per House Rule X, the Committee on Homeland Security is the principal committee of jurisdiction for overall homeland security policy and has special oversight functions of "all Government activities relating to homeland security, including the interaction of all departments and agencies with the Department of Homeland Security."

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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⁹ Isabel Vincent, *After FBI busts Chinese 'police station' in NYC, six more exposed in US*, New York Post <https://nypost.com/2023/04/18/chinese-police-stations-allegedly-spying-on-nyc-la-more/> (last visited April 17, 2023).