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Dear Mr. Evers:

Archivist of the United States David Ferriero asked me to respond to your letter of January 18, 2018, in which you raised concerns about “the potential alienation and risk of destruction of presidential records” relating to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. We appreciate your interest in supporting the proper management and preservation of government records.

In your letter, you ask the National Archives to take steps to ensure the return of any records of the Commission that may remain in the sole possession of individual commissioners, including by requesting that the Attorney General institute immediate legal action to require such return.

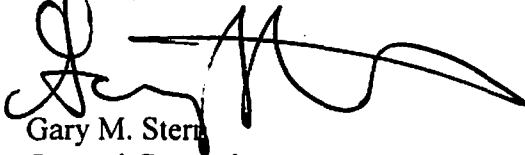
As you are aware, the Director of the White House Office of Records Management, Philip Droege, has already asked the former commissioners to return any such records. In a declaration that was attached to the January 16, 2018, Department of Justice filing that is cited in footnote 5 of your letter, Mr. Droege stated that he is “sending a letter to all former Commissioners instructing them to forward to my office any documents that they created or received regarding Commission work that they have not already sent to the White House, to include text messages noted above.”

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We have confirmed that Mr. Droege has contacted the former commissioners to this end, and we have also been informed by the White House and the Department of Justice that they are taking all appropriate steps to ensure that the records of the Commission are being properly captured and preserved in accordance with the Presidential Records Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary M. Stern", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary M. Stern  
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Cc: David Ferriero, Archivist of the United States  
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