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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, The Oversight Project and the Heritage Foundation secured a hard fought legal victory for transparency with the release of the official and authentic audio recording of President Joe Biden's interview with Special Counsel Robert Hur. For over a year, The Oversight Project has led the charge in federal court to procure the release of the Biden-Hur audio recording. The Justice Department has told the court that there are actually two recordings of President Biden's Interview with Special Counsel Hur. The Oversight Project received one recording and is actively fighting for the other one.

The Oversight Project is releasing the official audio obtained through litigation following the publication of a leaked audio by the left-wing publication, *Axios* on Friday, May 16. As The Oversight Project pointed out in an [emergency court filing](#) in the early morning of May 17, the original clips posted by *Axios* were edited and *did not match the official transcript previously released* to The Oversight Project in our lawsuit:

Department in ECF No. 34-4. The portion of the transcript highlighted in yellow is omitted in the Axios YouTube post without any apparent interruption or notation of omission:

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DRAFT 21

1 [0:06:22.2]
2 PRESIDENT BIDEN: Yeah, I had the original and I
3 just put it in the book and that was it.
4 MR. KRICKBAUM: Okay. Did -- were you aware that
5 you had kept it after your term as Vice President? Did you
6 know that you had it?
7 PRESIDENT BIDEN: I, I, I, I don't know that I
8 knew, but it wouldn't have -- it wasn't something I would
9 have stopped to think about.
10 MR. KRICKBAUM: The reason I ask is it's been
11 written about. Bob Woodward wrote about it in one of his
12 books. Jules Witcover wrote about it in his biography of
13 you. So that's the reason I ask is if it was something that
14 you wanted to hang onto because it was going to be the
15 subject of reporting or history.
16 PRESIDENT BIDEN: I don't know if it was going to
17 be the subject of reporting, but I wanted to hang -- I guess
18 I wanted to hang onto it just for posterity's sake. I mean,
19 this was my position on Afghanistan. And it later became
20 discussed, unrelated to my discussion. It became discussed
21 inside the foreign policy establishment that I was
22 recommending and -- anyway.
23 MR. KRICKBAUM: I mentioned a couple of books.
24 Yesterday you mentioned that there was a book you were
25 thinking about writing before you decided to run for --

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DRAFT 22

1 [0:07:35.0]
2 MR. KRICKBAUM: -- president. Did you ever
3 consider writing a book, a memoir or anything else, where
4 you discussed the Afghanistan debate in 2009 and your
5 position on it? Did you ever think about writing about
6 that?
7 PRESIDENT BIDEN: No, I give you my word, I never
8 thought about that.
9 MR. KRICKBAUM: Okay.
10 MR. MAZUR: I'm sorry --
11 PRESIDENT BIDEN: When I was talking about writing
12 the book, I -- I've been of the view, from a historical
13 standpoint, that there are certain points in history, world
14 history, where fundamental things change, usually
15 technology. For example, without Gutenberg's printing
16 press, Europe would be a very different place. Literally a
17 different place, because the country would not have known
18 what was happening in other countries -- other parts of the
19 country. You know, think about a stupid idea, a notion.
20 Nixon probably would have been President where he used the
21 television (verbatim) where he's sweating -- I mean,
22 sincerely. He was sweating so profusely in that debate, a
23 lot of people thought he won the debate, but he lost the
24 debate because of his demeanor. The -- so there's a lot of
25 things that I think are fundamentally changing how --

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4. How Axios obtained audio that, on the record in this case may well be classified (and taking Axios at their word that they have the "the audio", is classified), and in any event is still subject to a formal claim of privilege is a mystery. The apparent splicing without notation

Mike Howell, President of The Oversight Project offered the following statement:

“Joe Biden should have never been in the White House. He was completely mentally unfit for the office. Everyone in the entire world knew this open secret and the result was a complete embarrassment to our proud Nation's constitutional Republic and system of government. The People are supposed to elect the Executive that they entrust with awesome powers.

Instead, through a highly questionable election fraught with serious defects, they instead received a conspiracy to give power away to unknown and unelected elites. The media and Biden Administration embarrassed themselves trying to deceive the public about Biden's health. The illegal withholding of this audio tape was election interference meant to protect a failing Biden and then Harris campaign. While we are happy we have fulfilled our promise to deliver the tape to the American People, they deserved it long ago. They know deserve accountability and to answer the fundamental question of who was the President the last four years.

The Oversight Project won't rest until this question is answered.

The Friday night and Saturday morning news dump of the tapes by Axios was by design. It was a controlled demolition to maximize profit for an upcoming book by one of their “journalists” but minimize the political damage to the Bidens and the Democrats. Likely that is why Axios spliced the tapes without notation in a manner that was easily detected.

This whole exercise is one of the ugliest things in the history of journalism. People who for years carried water for the Bidens and gaslit the American people about President Biden's obvious failing mental state are now set to make boatloads of money off the scandal they helped cover up.

The Oversight Project will always stand for the truth. We correctly called out how the Hur investigation was a limited hangout. We've unearthed the bombshell that the Biden White House was run via autopilot. The autopenned pardons must be investigated. And we must know who was asserting Presidential authority without being the President.

Transparency and accountability are how our Nation will heal. There is no other path."

Listen to the full audio of President Biden's interview with Special Counsel Robert Hur here:

Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCI7vsTIQFw>

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JX7hWKajMho>

Background

Special Counsel Robert Hur investigated President Biden for the mishandling of classified information. From the beginning we made clear to the American People that a comprehensive investigation required delving into the Biden Family burner phones and pseudonym email accounts. Obviously, such an investigation would have revealed the depths of the Biden Crime Family's corruption.



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Dear Special Counsel Hur,

I write to bring to your attention evidence indicating that then-Vice President Biden used multiple pseudonyms and non-government email domains during his time as an elected official and potentially beyond. Then-Vice President Biden appears to have used pseudonyms and commercial email in communications that included his son Hunter—who was not a government employee—and addressed matters including conversations with foreign leaders, Presidential statements, and other government business. These communications raise significant concerns about compliance with federal records laws and whether any classified materials were transmitted over unsecure, non-government channels.

Such materials are clearly relevant to your investigation. Attorney General Garland appointed you Special Counsel on January 13, 2023. The order outlining your appointment reads:

The Special Counsel is authorized to conduct the investigation of matters that are the subject of the initial investigation, pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 600.2(b), led by United States Attorney John R. Lausch, Jr., including possible unauthorized removal and retention of classified documents or other records discovered at the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement and the Wilmington, Delaware, private residence of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., as well as any matters that arose from the initial investigation or may arise directly from the Special Counsel's investigation or that are within the scope of 28 C.F.R. § 600.4(a).

The concerns about President Biden's use of pseudonyms and commercial email while Vice President are compounded by the mounting public evidence indicating that Hunter Biden potentially committed federal crimes and, at a minimum, ran an improper international influence peddling scheme that traded on his connections to his father.

The Hunter Biden investigation has now implicated the President. Public news reporting indicates that Hunter Biden's lawyers threatened to call President Biden as a witness in any

Hur's Report was deeply flawed because despite our warning he never obtained the relevant burner phone and pseudonym emails. Hur ultimately declined prosecution because he believed a jury would find President Biden to be a "well meaning elderly man with a poor memory." The Oversight Project filed multiple lawsuits to obtain additional records about the Hur investigation, including a lawsuit to compel the production of the audio recording of President Biden's interview with Special Counsel Hur.

The audio of the interview—which occurred in October 2023—shows clear indications of President Biden's mental decline at a time where the Biden Administration and their allies in the corporate media and government assured the American people he was fit for the job. Today's release further shows he was not.

The release of the Biden-Hur audio is the latest development in The Oversight Project's work uncovering President Biden's mental decline and its implications for the Nation. Read more about The Oversight Project's work on this issue below:

- [Letter to Special Counsel Hur Urging Investigation into Biden Pseudonym Emails](#)
- [Biden Substitution and Withdrawal Memo](#)
- [Autopen 1 - Pardons and Commutations](#)
- [Autopen 2 - Executive Orders](#)

- [Transcript of SC Hur's Interview with President Biden's ghostwriter, Mark Zwonitzer](#)