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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Hon. Lloyd J. Austin Secretary of Defense U.S. Department of Defense 1000 Defense, Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Austin:

Nearly 100 special forces from Western countries, including more than a dozen Americans, have been operating on the ground in Ukraine, according to leaked classified documents. These classified documents were allegedly leaked by Air National Guardsman Jack Teixeira, a 21-yearold member of the 102nd Intelligence Wing of Massachusetts.

It is apparent that Mr. Teixeira is a whistleblower exposing the corruption of the Biden Administration. From day one, Joe Biden has lied to the American people about the war in Ukraine. His decision to send billions of dollars' worth of weapons and aid to Ukraine has engaged the United States in a proxy war it cannot afford, jeopardized peace efforts, and pushed the United States to the brink of nuclear holocaust. A U.S. Troop presence in Ukraine was never authorized by Congress and demonstrates that Joe Biden is open to pursuing a broader conflict between two nuclear powers.

It is vital for the Department of Defense to provide Congress with answers on the presence of U.S. troops in Ukraine. Therefore, I, as a duly elected Member of Congress, demand direct answers to the following questions:

- (1) What steps are the Department of Defense taking to make U.S. military operations in foreign countries, funded by American taxpayers, more transparent so as not to be humiliated by leaks of classified documents?
- (2) What type of military operations are being conducted by U.S. Special Forces in Ukraine?
- (3) Did President Biden authorize the placing of American troops in Ukraine, without the Constitutional approval needed from Congress?
- (4) How many American servicemembers are currently stationed in Ukraine, aside from the 14 reported in the leaked documents?

I look forward to your expeditious response to this letter concerning transparency and accountability in the Department of Defense.

Sincerely,

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