



House Republicans Say They're Trying to Reveal Fani Willis Collusion

Description

US : Republicans on a House committee said Monday they are now investigating Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis, who is prosecuting a case against former President Donald Trump, over communications she had with the House Jan. 6 committee that was dissolved last year.

A report Monday largely went into details about details and evidence allegedly omitted by Democrat-controlled House Jan. 6 select committee, but they found that the Jan. 6 committee had communicated with Ms. Willis, a Democrat, before she launched her case against President Trump.

“Although no additional communications between the Select Committee and the Fulton County District Attorney’s Office were archived by the Select Committee, the prospect of the Select Committee sharing video recordings of witness interviews with Willis but not this Subcommittee remains particularly concerning,” the report from the House Administration Committee said.

“The Subcommittee has opened an investigation into the extent of the coordination between Willis and the Select Committee and is committed to uncovering answers to these questions.”

The Jan. 6 committee, which was led by then-Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) and Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.), sharply criticized the former president and effectively blamed him for the breach at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Republicans and the former president say the panel was highly partisan and omitted significant details.

Monday’s report said that the select committee shared records with Ms. Willis and her office, including claims that were made about the former president and his advisers in connection to the 2020 Georgia election results.

In a letter sent by Ms. Willis on Dec. 17, 2021, to the select committee, it was found that she had “requested access to any Select Committee records relevant to her investigation into President Trump’s actions to challenge the 2020 presidential election, including ‘recordings and transcripts of witness interviews and depositions, electronic and print records of communications, and records of

travel.”

The Epoch Times has contacted the Fulton County district attorney’s office for comment.

Aside from the House Administration Committee’s report, other House Republicans have put pressure on Ms. Willis in recent months. Last month, Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said his staff had spoken to a “whistleblower” who had “raised the concern that Ms. Willis was not following the rules of grant dollars in an appropriate manner.”

Mr. Jordan issued a subpoena weeks earlier to Ms. Willis to obtain documents related to a potential misuse of federal funds related to her case against President Trump and more than a dozen other co-defendants.

That letter said she is “required to produce the following items in your possession, custody, or control, from the period of September 1, 2020, to present in unredacted form,” it said.

Previously, the district attorney’s office condemned House Republicans’ requests, claiming they are politically motivated. In a statement last year, she wrote that under the Constitution, Congress has no right to “interfere with a state criminal matter.”

President Trump has been charged with a slew of charges in Georgia as prosecutors have accused him of illegally attempting to subvert the 2020 election results.

The former president has pleaded not guilty, arguing the charges are an attempt to interfere in the 2024 election.

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In the meantime, Ms. Willis and her special prosecutor, Nathan Wade, have been ensnared by allegations that they engaged in an improper relationship and that she financially benefitted from the arrangement.

The two confirmed the relationship but said it started after he was hired by her office in November 2021, contradicting at least one witness who claimed she saw them actively engaged in a relationship in 2019.

Lawyers for President Trump and several other co-defendants say that the findings should result in her disqualification from the case. A Fulton County judge has said he will issue a ruling this week on whether she will be removed from the Trump case.

Before hearings on her disqualification began, Judge Scott McAfee told the court that if it is corroborated that she engaged in a conflict of interest or created the appearance of one, it could result in her removal.

Other than the Willis findings, Monday’s report also challenges official accounts about the Capitol breach and challenged statements made by former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson, who testified before the Jan. 6 panel. Her claims about what happened on Jan. 6 weren’t backed by four other former Trump administration employees, it found.

“The Select Committee, despite knowing that Hutchinson’s testimony changed substantially over time to be more dramatic, rushed into yet another Hollywood hearing even though they were not able to verify the story,” the report stated.

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