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September 11, 2023

Austin Evers

Sent via email: foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 11, 2021. Your matter is now in litigation in *American Oversight v. DOD, et al.*, 21-cv-624 (D.D.C.).

Your January 11, 2021, FOIA request is for all responsive records from December 31, 2020, through January 7, 2021:

1. All communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, text messages (or messages on similar applications such as Signal or WhatsApp) and calendar invitations) sent or received by the officials listed below regarding events at the U.S. Capitol, U.S. National Mall, or surrounding grounds in Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021, including but not limited to the potential or actual deployment of law enforcement officers and/or National Guard troops, requests for assistance from members of Congress or Congressional staff, protests or armed activity at the Capitol, President Trump's rally, or concerns about security.

2. All orders, directives, protocols, or guidance prepared, written, approved, or signed by the officials listed below, regarding events at the U.S. Capitol, U.S. National Mall, or surrounding grounds in Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021, including but not limited to the potential or actual deployment of law enforcement officers and/or National Guard troops, requests for assistance from members of Congress or Congressional staff, protests or armed activity at the Capitol, President Trump's rally, or concerns about security.

Our search yielded the attached responsive records.

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We have redacted material under Exemption (b)6.

Exemption 6 of the FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)

Exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA protects from mandatory disclosure “personnel and medical files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (2011). To qualify for protection under Exemption (b)(6), records must meet two criteria: (1) they must be “personnel and medical files and similar files,” (2) the disclosure of which “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” *Id.*; *United States Dep’t of State v. Washington Post Co.*, 456 U.S. 595, 599-603 (1982). The first prong is met if the information “appl[ies] to a particular individual” and is “personal” in nature. *New York Times Co. v. NASA*, 852 F.2d 602, 606 (D.C. Cir. 1988). The second prong requires courts to strike a “balance between the protection of an individual’s right to privacy and the preservation of the public’s right to government information.” *United States Dep’t of State v. Washington Post Co.*, 456 U.S. 595, 599 (1982). The “public interest” in the analysis is limited to the “core purpose” for which Congress enacted the FOIA: to “shed . . . light on an agency’s performance of its statutory duties.” *United States Dep’t of Justice v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749, 773 (1989).

We are withholding telephone numbers and other contact information for all Army personnel (e.g., e-mail addresses, telephone-line numbers) and third-party information under Exemption 6. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). See *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. United States*, No. 03-1160, 2004 WL 26736, at *4 (4th Cir. Jan. 6, 2004). Under the Exemption (b)(6) balancing test, the Supreme Court held in a similar case that disclosure of employee addresses “would not appreciably further the citizens’ right to be informed about what their Government is up to and, indeed, would reveal little or nothing about the employing agencies or their activities.” *United States Dep’t of Defense v. Fed. Labor Relations Auth.*, 510 U.S. 487 (1994). The same is true here regarding telephone numbers. Disclosure of the names, contact, and personal information of government employees would contribute little to the public’s understanding of government activities. By contrast, such disclosure would constitute a “non-trivial” and “not insubstantial” invasion of government employees’ privacy interests. *Id.* at 500, 501.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the information furnished, please contact Lee Reeves at (202) 616-0773 or Lee.Reeves2@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Paul V. DeAgostino

Paul V. DeAgostino
Senior Counsel

Message

From: [REDACTED] COL USARMY HQDA OCPA (USA) [/O=EASF/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP
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Sent: 1/7/2021 2:09:29 AM

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[REDACTED] Smith, Matthew D BG USARMY HQDA DCS G-3-5-7 (USA)
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[REDACTED]

Subject: UPDATE: News Clips and Social media assessment of DC NG deployment

Attachments: smime.p7m

Mr. Secretary and Chief:

Highlights of news and social media reporting from this afternoon: there were about 570,000 digital media mentions of the National Guard's deployment in DC. Mentions peaked around 1500 and have fallen off since then. Sentiment was primarily neutral – Twitter was the main source of posts. All major news outlets posted articles about the events at the Capitol and coverage included statements from the SecDef, Mr. Hoffman and quotes from your press briefing with the mayor, Mr. Secretary. Most news media were critical of the rioters' actions. Full text of articles and sample social media posts are attached.

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DCARNG (USA) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: DCNG SECARMY Update (Unclassified)
Attachments: 7 January 2021 SECARMY Routine Report (0100).docx

The Honorable Ryan D. McCarthy,
Secretary of the Army
The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Secretary,

Sir,

Attached is the latest update.

- This report reflects that the Law Enforcement and the D.C. National Guard continue to support a steady state perimeter around the U.S. Capitol grounds and coordination for further National Guard support and EOD cleared a previously reported suspicious device near the Rayburn building. Coordination is ongoing for tomorrow's support.
- The next report will be sent at 0800.

Very respectfully,

COL [REDACTED]

B6

Multi-Agency Augmentation Command
District of Columbia National Guard

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Very respectfully,

COL [B6]
J3, Director of Operations, JFHQ-DC
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Subject: RE: DCNG SECARMY Update (Unclassified)
Attachments: 6 January 2021 SECARMY Routine Report (2300).docx

The Honorable Ryan D. McCarthy,
Secretary of the Army
The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

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The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Secretary,

Sir,

Attached is the latest update.

- This report reflects Congressional movement back to the U.S. Capitol and completion of the CST support to the USSS. Less than 1,000 demonstrators continue to protest on the National Mall in front of a Law Enforcement line.
- The next report will be sent at 2300.

Very respectfully,

COL [REDACTED]
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Sent: 1/6/2021 6:16:32 PM
To: McConville, James C GEN USARMY HQDA CSA (USA) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 1200 Phone Call with MPD Chief Contee
Attachments: smime.p7m

Importance: High

Sir,
I'm sure you will see the info in the report below in updates but wanted you to see ASAP.

Vr,
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COL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Chief-of-Staff of the Army
O [REDACTED]
C [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] COL USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA) [REDACTED]
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(USA) [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] COL USARMY HQDA CSA (USA) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COL USARMY HQDA VCSA (USA) [REDACTED]
Subject: 1200 Phone Call with MPD Chief Contee
Importance: High

Gentlemen,
The Secretary spoke with Chief Contee at 1200 today. The MPD Chief reports:

- Metro ridership up 8,000
- Currently approximately 25,000 at the Eclipse (this exceeds the 20,000 threshold referenced by A/SD in LTG Fenton's email).
- Approximately 300 Proud Boys at the US Capital
- Thousands IVO the Washington Monument/Mall (could not provide a reliable estimate)

Chief Contee anticipates large numbers remaining throughout the final vote count late tonight/tomorrow.

He has no requests for additional support ATT.

Next phone call between the SA and MPD will occur around 1900.

v/r;

COL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Secretary of the Army

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Message

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Sent: 1/1/2021 11:14:51 PM
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CC: [REDACTED] COL USARMY HQDA CSA (USA); [REDACTED] MAJ
USARMY HQDA CSA (USA); [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Conference Call Tomorrow w/SA
Attachments: smime.p7m

On the way sir ... thanks ...

VR~

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CW5, GS

[REDACTED]

201 Army Pentagon, Room [REDACTED]

Washington, DC 20310-0200

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From: "McConville, James C GEN USARMY HQDA CSA (USA)"

[REDACTED]

Date: Friday, January 1, 2021 at 6:11:27 PM

To: [REDACTED] CW5 USARMY HQDA CSA (USA)"

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] COL USARMY HQDA CSA (USA)"

[REDACTED] MAJ USARMY HQDA CSA (USA)"

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Conference Call Tomorrow w/SA

DC

I will be available; please send me the info.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

GEN James C. McConville

40th Chief of Staff of the Army

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PEOPLE FIRST! WINNING MATTERS!

From: "[redacted] B6" CW5 USARMY HQDA CSA (USA)"

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Date: Friday, January 1, 2021 at 4:51:19 PM

To: "McConville, James C GEN USARMY HQDA CSA (USA)"

[redacted] B6

Cc: [redacted] B6" COL USARMY HQDA CSA (USA)"

[redacted] B6" MAJ USARMY HQDA CSA (USA)"

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Subject: Conference Call Tomorrow w/SA

Happy New Year Sir!

SA would like to conduct a conference call tomorrow at 1130EST to discuss DCNG support 5-6 Jan. He understands you may be traveling and may be unavailable. Attendees are VCSA, DAS, MG Walker and BG LaNeve.

Sir, pending your response I will send the dial-in info to you via text. Thanks!.

VR~

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CW5, GS

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201 Army Pentagon, Room [redacted] B6

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Subject: ---SLCR---CIVIL UNREST UPDATE 06 1435 JAN 21

Leaders,

BLUF: Mayor Muriel Bowser (Mayor, DC) has ordered a citywide curfew for the District of Columbia from 06 1800 EST thru 07 0600 EST JAN 21. Additionally, Acting Deputy Secretary of DHS has authorized federal law enforcement to assist Capitol Hill Police immediately.

DATE/TIME INCIDENT: 06 1939Z (06 1439 EST) JAN 21

LOCATION: Washington, DC

WAY FORWARD:

- The AOC will continue to monitor and provide updates as necessary.

Respectfully ,

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DCS G-3-5-7 (USA) [REDACTED] Swindell, Sean P MG USARMY HQDA (USA)
[REDACTED]
Subject: --SLCR--CIVIL UNREST UPDATE 06 1420 JAN 21

Leaders,

BLUF: Open source reports that VPOTUS has been ushered from the US Capitol as protesters breach the Capitol Building. Additional open source reports indicate the US Senate is in recess due to a warning of an external threat.

DATE/TIME INCIDENT: 06 1919Z (06 1419 EST) JAN 21

LOCATION: Washington, DC

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Respectfully ,

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Subject: Uniform Requirements for Civil Disturbance support

Attachments: smime.p7m

Gentlemen,

Per the CSA discussion on uniforms, Sec 1064 of the NDAA:

“Whenever a member of the armed forces (including the National Guard) or Federal law enforcement personnel provide support to Federal authorities to respond to a civil disturbance, each individual employed in the capacity of providing such support shall visibly display— “(1) the individual’s name or other individual identifier that is unique to that individual; and “(2) the name of the armed force, Federal entity, or other organization by which such individual is employed. “(b) EXCEPTION.—The requirement under subsection (a) shall not apply to individuals referred to in such subsection who— “(1) do not wear a uniform or other distinguishing clothing or equipment in the regular performance of their official duties; or “(2) are engaged in undercover operations in the regular performance of their official duties.”

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Sir,

Below is the initial coverage of the DC NG support over the next several days. Coverage seems to be factual and balanced. No politicizing of the specific use of the NG use this time by the media this point.

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1. Urging calm, DC mayor calls in National Guard for protests
(The Associated Press, Jan. 4, Ashraf Khalil and Lolita C. Baldor)
Caution-<https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-donald-trump-politics-electoral-college-muriel-bowser-1634bf71a27de48efef3cd1e6ed4abe4>

Washington, D.C.'s mayor urged calm Monday as some 340 National Guard troops were being activated while the city prepared for potentially violent protests surrounding Congress' expected vote to affirm President-elect Joe Biden's victory.

According to a U.S. defense official, Mayor Muriel Bowser put in a request on New Year's Eve to have Guard members on the streets from Jan. 5-7th, to help with the protests. The official said the D.C. National Guard members will be used for traffic control and other assistance but they will not be armed or wearing body armor. Congress is meeting this week to certify the Electoral College results, and President Donald Trump has refused to concede while whipping up support for protests.

During a press conference on Monday, Bowser asked that people stay away from downtown D.C., and avoid confrontations with anyone who is "looking for a fight." But, she warned, "we will not allow people to incite violence, intimidate our residents or cause destruction in our city."

There will be about 115 Guard troops on duty at any one time in the city, said the defense official, who provided details on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. The official said Guard members will be used to set up traffic control points around the city and to stand with district police officers at all the city's Metro stops. Acting Police Chief Robert Contee said Guard troops will also be used for some crowd management.

"Some of our intelligence certainly suggests there will be increased crowd sizes," said Contee, adding, "There are people intent on coming to our city armed."

Because D.C. does not have a governor, the designated commander of the city's National Guard is Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy. Any D.C. requests for Guard deployments have to be approved by him.

The defense official said that there will be no active duty military troops in the city, and the U.S. military will not be providing any aircraft or intelligence. The D.C. Guard will provide specialized teams that will be prepared to respond to any chemical or biological incident. But the official said there will be no D.C. Guard members on the National Mall or at the U.S. Capitol.

2. National Guard activated for D.C. protests, with more restraints than in June, officials say
(The Washington Post, Jan. 4, Julie Zauzmer, Marissa J. Lang and Dan Lamothe)

Caution-https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-national-guard-protests-bowser/2021/01/04/220ced16-4e8d-11eb-83e3-322644d82356_story.html

The District has mobilized the National Guard and will have every city police officer on duty Tuesday and Wednesday to handle protests of the November presidential election, which Mayor Muriel E. Bowser said may include people looking to instigate violence.

Bowser (D) has asked D.C. residents to stay away from downtown Washington on both days while members of far-right groups, including the Proud Boys, amass to falsely claim President Trump was reelected.

Trump — who lost both the popular and electoral-college vote to President-elect Joe Biden — has continued to dispute the results, without evidence, and is encouraging his supporters to attend the rallies.

He has said he might appear at Wednesday's demonstration at the Ellipse, just outside the White House, which is timed to coincide with Congress's vote to certify the election results — a formality that this year will be a fraught and divisive process.

"People are allowed to come into our city to participate in First Amendment activities," Bowser said Monday. "We will not allow people to incite violence, intimidate our residents, or cause destruction in our city."

Pro-Trump protests in November and December which included some of the same groups, ended violently, with multiple people stabbed and several Black churches vandalized. This time, members of right-wing groups have discussed how to bring guns into the District despite laws banning open carry throughout the city and prohibiting guns on federal lands like the Mall and Freedom Plaza or anywhere within 1,000 feet of a protest.

Bowser said that the National Guard members, who will not carry guns, will help enforce street closures and otherwise assist with crowd management so that D.C.'s police department can focus on law enforcement, including arresting anyone who is unlawfully carrying a gun.

Defense officials said the Pentagon approved the activation of more than 300 members of the District of Columbia National Guard, but limited the size and scope of the mission after a deployment in June raised questions about whether the Trump administration was trying to use the military as a political club.

Two defense officials familiar with the plans, speaking on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the issue, said the guardsmen are not expected to use armored vehicles, including Humvees, relying instead on civilian vans owned by the government. The military also has not approved the use of its helicopters, which were deployed over racial justice protesters in June in an apparent show of force, prompting a military investigation whose results still have not been released.

No National Guard members from other states are expected to be called into D.C., the officials said — again, in contrast to June.

The smaller military presence comes as current and former defense officials warn against relying on the Armed Forces for election-related activities. The military, with its nonpartisan tradition, should not be dragged into politics, they have said.

On Sunday, all 10 living former defense secretaries combined to publish an op-ed in The Washington Post warning that the time has come to stop contesting presidential election results, and that the military should have no role in overturning them.

Women for America First — a group behind a pro-Trump march in November and another on Dec. 12 that ended in a night of chaos on D.C. streets — was granted a permit to host about 5,000 people on the southern half of the Ellipse on Wednesday morning. A list of potential speakers includes longtime Trump ally Roger Stone, whose sentence for seeking to impede a congressional probe into Russian election interference was commuted by Trump in July before being upgraded to a full pardon, and Rudolph W. Giuliani, Trump’s campaign attorney, who has waged a roundly unsuccessful legal fight to overturn the election results.

Groups questioning the election outcome will also hold protests at Freedom Plaza, on Pennsylvania Avenue NW, on Tuesday afternoon and outside the Capitol at 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

Though no organized march between the Wednesday rallies has been planned, organizers said they expect a large number of attendees to make their way from the Ellipse to the Capitol at the conclusion of the morning event.

Pro-Trump protesters have also frequently visited the stretch of 16th Street NW north of the White House that Bowser renamed Black Lives Matter Plaza during the summer demonstrations, where they have torn down signs honoring Black leaders and victims of violence and demanding racial justice.

Acting D.C. police chief Robert J. Contee III, who assumed the position just this week, said Monday that police might close off the plaza to all pedestrians if conditions warrant.

The organization Black Lives Matter DC put out a statement Monday asking Bowser to go further than she has so far in her denunciation of far-right demonstrators.

The statement included three specific demands: that businesses in the District refuse to do business with “white supremacists and hate groups who incite violence”; that D.C. officials do more to enforce mask and social distancing protocol among rally goers; and that D.C. lawmakers do more to “protect our sacred Black spaces.”

“The authorities have no problem keeping the White House — and the white man inside — safe; Black people expect and demand no less for our sacred Black spaces, including Black churches and Black Lives Matter Plaza,” the group wrote.

Bowser said Monday that police would focus on enforcing gun laws and addressing any potential violence, and would not arrest or fine people for violating the city’s masking and social distancing requirements.

She said she would consider imposing a curfew if needed, as she did during racial justice protests in June.

3. D.C. National Guard to activate hundreds of troops for pro-Trump demonstration

(CBS News, Jan. 4, David Martin, Kathryn Watson and Melissa Quinn)

Caution-<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/dc-national-guard-activating-hundreds-of-troops-for-pro-trump-demonstration/>

The District of Columbia National Guard will activate 340 troops to provide support to D.C. Metropolitan Police for the pro-Trump demonstrations expected on January 5 and January 6, according to a senior defense official.

Thousands are expected to descend on D.C. streets to protest the election results this week, as President Trump continues to baselessly claim that he — and not President-elect Joe Biden — won the presidential election.

"The BIG Protest Rally in Washington, D.C. will take place at 11.00 A.M. on January 6th... StopTheSteal!" Mr. Trump tweeted on Friday. He's said the rally "will be wild."

The D.C. National Guard is part of the U.S. National Guard, composed of both D.C. Army National Guard and D.C. Air National Guard. As president, Mr. Trump is the commander-in-chief of the D.C. National Guard.

The demonstrations expected this week come as Congress is prepared to conduct the official count of Electoral College votes on Wednesday.

During another pro-Trump "Stop the Steal" rally in D.C. in December, several people were stabbed and more than 30 were arrested in clashes between protesters and counter-protesters at a "Stop the Steal."

This week's demonstrations come after an explosive tape emerged in which Mr. Trump told Georgia's secretary of state to "find" him votes. The president lost in the Peach State. On the hour-long phone call with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger on Saturday, Mr. Trump pressured him and other officials to "find" enough votes in the state's presidential election to make him the winner, according to audio of the call obtained by CBS News.

During the call, which Mr. Trump mentioned in a tweet Sunday, the president told Raffensperger, "All I want to do is this. I just want to find 11,780 votes, which is one more than we have. Because we won the state."

Mr. Trump heads to Georgia Monday night for a rally ahead of special elections in the state Tuesday that will determine whether Republicans or Democrats control the Senate.

4. Pentagon approves DC mayor's request to deploy National Guard for upcoming demonstrations

By Alex Marquardt, Barbara Starr, Alison Main and Devan Cole, CNN

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/04/politics/muriel-bowser-dc-national-guard-protests/index.html>

Washington (CNN) - Acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller on Monday approved a request from the mayor of Washington to deploy DC National Guard forces to the city to support local authorities during demonstrations scheduled here this week, a defense official told CNN.

Mayor Muriel Bowser made the request Thursday in a letter addressed to Maj. Gen. William J. Walker, the commanding general of the DC National Guard, in which she referenced protests in the city in November and December that "resulted in a large influx of participants, violence and criminal activity."

"No DCNG personnel shall be armed during this mission, and at no time, will DCNG personnel or assets be engaged in domestic surveillance, searches, or seizures of US persons," Bowser, a Democrat, wrote in the letter.

DC Police Chief Robert Contee told reporters on Monday that the National Guard will assist with "crowd management" and traffic control, freeing the city's police officers to focus on potential acts of violence and other security issues.

This week's planned protests will occur as two significant political events take place: Tuesday's US Senate runoff elections in Georgia, which will determine the balance of power in the chamber, and Wednesday's congressional meeting to certify President-elect Joe Biden's victory over President Donald Trump.

Speaking during a news conference on Monday, Bowser asked protesters to refrain from violence, regardless of their political views, and again urged residents to avoid the downtown area this week, as well as "people who are coming here to look for confrontations." The mayor also said that a potential curfew for the city was not off the table, saying it will be "a tool that we will evaluate during the week."

Bowser's office told CNN that the plan includes the activation of 340 guardsmen, while the total deployment at any given time will be 114. The defense official said the personnel will be deployed to a few dozen points on the streets, accompanied by a DC police officer at each one. Guardsmen will also be deployed to Metro subway stations in the city alongside local officers. Their focus will primarily be on the Metro and traffic, a spokesperson for Bowser said.

A chemical-biological response team will be on standby if needed, the defense official said, which is a standard practice for any large event. Finally, some guardsmen will be activated but on standby should civilian law enforcement be pulled away to respond to a situation.

At this point, guardsmen will not be conducting direct law enforcement missions, the official said.

The request from Bowser is notable given the city's recent history with unruly protests and law enforcement. Last summer, amid unrest sparked by the death of George Floyd, the Pentagon moved about 1,600 active-duty troops to the Washington area after Democratic governors in Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware turned down requests from then-Defense Secretary Mark Esper to offer National Guard troops to help with security in Washington.

Bowser said at the time that her office did not request any assistance from other states.

Demonstrations in Washington late last year saw a number of skirmishes between anti-Trump protesters and supporters of the President, with at least 20 people arrested during a demonstration in mid-November in which two officers with the DC Metropolitan Police were injured.

During a pro-Trump rally in December, Black Lives Matter signs at two historic Black churches in DC were torn down and set on fire. Contee said on Monday that local police will be "increasing our visibility" around churches in the area this week.

The police chief also said he is not sure whether Trump will be in the streets with protesters this week. On Sunday, the President shared a message on Twitter about a demonstration planned for Wednesday outside the White House, saying, "I will be there."

5. DC National Guard to Respond to Pro-Trump Protests This Week (NBC News)

Members of the D.C. National Guard will respond as supporters of President Donald Trump protest the 2020 election results in downtown D.C. this week.

The D.C. National Guard will assist the Metropolitan Police Department with crowd management and traffic control, MPD's acting chief, Robert Contee, said at a news conference Monday morning. The department is expecting a crowd larger than at two pro-Trump events in D.C. last year.

Anyone who carries a gun at a protest or within 1,000 feet of a protest will be arrested, in line with D.C. law, the acting police chief said. Police posted signs this weekend in Freedom Plaza, where protests are expected, warning about the law.

Law enforcement will work to maintain order at the demonstrations, Mayor Muriel Bowser said.

"We will not allow people to incite violence, intimidate our residents or cause destruction in our city," she said.

Officials will evaluate whether a curfew will be needed, Bowser said.

Police will increase their presence around churches after demonstrators previously destroyed Black Lives Matter signs outside.

In a message Sunday, the mayor asked people to stay away from the demonstrations and downtown area.

"I am asking Washingtonians and those who live in the region to stay out of the downtown area on Tuesday and Wednesday and not to engage with demonstrators who come to our city seeking confrontation, and we will do what we must to ensure all who attend remain peaceful," Bowser said in a statement.

Federal law bars guns from being carried on U.S. Capitol grounds and in National Park Service areas such as Freedom Plaza, the Ellipse and the National Mall, Bowser's office said Sunday. It's illegal to open carry firearms in D.C., and D.C. does not have reciprocity with other states' concealed pistol licenses.

"Unless a person has been issued a concealed pistol license by the District of Columbia, they cannot conceal carry a firearm in the city," the mayor's office said.

The president said on Twitter on Sunday that he plans to attend the demonstration. Contee said Monday that he did not have additional information.

Many streets downtown will be closed to parking Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Street closures also will be in place.

6. D.C. National Guard activated to respond to pro-Trump protests (Politico PRO, Jan. 4, Jacqueline Feldscher) <https://subscriber.politicopro.com/defense/whiteboard/2021/01/dc-national-guard-activated-to-respond-to-pro-trump-protests-3986133>

The D.C. National Guard has been activated to respond to protests expected this week in the capital when Congress certifies that President-elect Joe Biden has defeated President Donald Trump, city officials said at a news conference on Monday.

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser requested that city's National Guard support local police in handling the influx of people expected in D.C. on Tuesday and Wednesday. D.C. Police Chief Robert Contee III said the National Guard has committed to helping law enforcement "through the life cycle of this event." Bowser said about 100 members are being called up.

"We will not allow people to incite violence, intimidate our residents or cause destruction in our city," Bowser said.

Context: Weeks of protests erupted in the capital this summer following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. While some of the early protests did include looting and damages to local businesses, Bowser never called in the National Guard.

Against the mayor's wishes, Trump ordered Guard personnel to the city, where the military faced backlash for using overly aggressive crowd control tactics against peaceful protesters, including flying helicopters low over the city to create rotor wash, an action used in overseas conflicts.

This week: Congress on Wednesday will certify Biden's Electoral College win, though several Republican lawmakers have said they plan to object to the results in their states after the president falsely claimed that he lost the election because of widespread fraud. The efforts on Capitol Hill are unlikely to change the outcome of the election.

Protests coming: Four rallies are planned throughout the city on Wednesday and online chatter has indicated that the protests could turn violent, NPR reported.

Trump tweeted that he "will be there" for at least one of the rallies in the White House Ellipse set to begin Wednesday at 9 a.m. Other gatherings are expected at the Washington Monument, Freedom Plaza and the Capitol, CNBC reported. Permit requests to the National Park Service predict thousands of people will attend, according to USA Today.

No guns: Bowser ordered that the National Guard personnel not be armed when responding to the protests and that they will not perform surveillance, searches or seizures of protesters.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Happy New Year Sir!

SA would like to conduct a conference call tomorrow at 1130EST to discuss DCNG support 5-6 Jan. He understands you may be traveling and may be unavailable. Attendees are VCSA, DAS, MG Walker and BG LaNeve.

Sir, pending your response I will send the dial-in info to you via text. Thanks!.

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