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Dear Attorney General Blanche and Secretary Rubio:

As you may know, Andrew and Tristan Tate, who have long expressed support for President Donald Trump, currently face serious charges related to human trafficking, including trafficking minors, rape, and money laundering, in both Romania and the United Kingdom (U.K.).[1] More than a year ago, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Jamie Raskin sent a letter to Secretary Marco Rubio, then-Attorney General Pam Bondi, and Special Presidential Envoy Richard Grenell, requesting documents and information regarding the Trump Administration's reported efforts to pressure Romanian authorities to lift court-imposed travel restrictions on the brothers. Rather than send a written response as requested, Mr. Grenell called House Judiciary Committee Minority staff to complain about the letter, which spotlighted the fact that he reportedly raised the Tate brothers' case with Romanian officials during the Munich Security Conference.[2]

After that letter was sent, additional reporting has revealed additional ties between the Tate brothers and the Trump Administration. When the Tates returned to the United States in February 2025, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials seized their electronic devices.[3] An investigation by ProPublica revealed that a White House official, Paul Ingrassia, intervened on the brothers' behalf, telling senior officials at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to return the devices.[4] Mr. Ingrassia previously represented the Tates as a member of their legal team before joining the Administration in numerous roles, including White House liaison to DHS, but he denies that he intervened in this particular instance.[5] Andrew Tate also reportedly

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[1] Press Release, *Ranking Member Raskin Demands Answers on Trump Administration's Role in Helping Tate Bros. Leave Romania Despite Facing Rape and Trafficking Charges*, H. COMM. ON THE JUDICIARY, DEMOCRATS (Apr. 3, 2025), https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/ranking-member-raskin-demands-answers-on-trump-administration-s-role-in-helping-tate-bros-leave-romania-despite-facing-rape-and-trafficking-charges.

[2] Reese Gorman, *Ric Grenell Calls House Judiciary Staffer to 'Berate' Them over Jamie Raskin Letter*, WASH. SUN (Apr. 3, 2025), https://www.washingtonsun.com/whitehouse/ric-grenell-calls-house-judiciary-staffer.

[3] Robert Faturechi & Avi Asher-Schapiro, *The White House Intervened on Behalf of Accused Sex Trafficker Andrew Tate During a Federal Investigation*, PROPUBLICA (Nov. 18, 2025), https://www.propublica.org/article/andrew-tate-investigation-dhs-paul-ingrassia.

[4] *Id.*

[5] *Id.*; Ali Breland, *Another Edgelord Comes to Power*, THE ATLANTIC (Feb. 8, 2025), https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2025/02/trump-ingrassia-online-reactionary/681608/.

cultivated a relationship with President Trump's son, Barron. The two allegedly connected over Zoom and agreed that the Romanian criminal case against the brothers was nothing more than an attempt to silence them.[6] And this past July, the Tate brothers visited Washington, D.C., where they posed for a photo with Trump ally and current nominee for an ambassadorship, Congressman Wesley Hunt, and were spotted at a party with Paolo Zampolli, who was until recently President Trump's Special Representative for Global Partnerships.[7]

Despite the looming prosecutions, the Tate brothers have continued to accumulate new criminal accusations and charges since returning to the U.S. Less than two weeks after they landed, Andrew Tate allegedly assaulted his girlfriend, Bri Stern, in Los Angeles.[8] Text messages reportedly between Ms. Stern and Mr. Tate revealed that he repeatedly told her that he wanted to hit and beat her, saying she deserved it.[9] A few months later, in July 2025, Lauren Southern, a former right-wing influencer, accused Andrew Tate of choking and assaulting her in a hotel room in Bucharest, Romania, in 2018.[10]

On July 18, 2026, the Tates were arrested in Miami, Florida, after British authorities issued 38 new charges against them, including new allegations of rape and sex trafficking, bringing the total number of criminal charges between the brothers in the U.K. to an astonishing 59 counts.[11] Andrew faces seven additional counts of rape and three counts of arranging or facilitating trafficking for sexual exploitation, and Tristan faces two additional counts of rape and three counts of sex trafficking.[12] The United Kingdom's Crown Prosecution Service has requested the brothers' extradition to the U.K.[13] Romanian prosecutors also announced a second indictment against the brothers—Andrew for trafficking minors, money laundering, sex with a minor, and witness tampering, and Tristan for complicity in these alleged crimes.[14] The Tates

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[6] Megan Twohey & Isabella Kwai, *How a Manosphere Star Accused of Rape and Trafficking Was Freed*, N.Y. TIMES (Dec. 11, 2025), https://nytimes.com/2025/12/10/us/andrew-tate-barron-trump-romania.html.

[7] Bill Chappell, *Andrew Tate's Extradition Fight Tests His Influence with Trump's America*, NPR (Aug. 12, 2026), https://www.npr.org/2026/08/12/nx-s1-5902974/andrew-tate-tristan-extradition-maga-trump-political-ties.

[8] David Propper, *Andrew Tate's Girlfriend Bri Stern Says Accused Sex Trafficker Nearly Choked Her Unconscious During Violent Sexual Encounter: Report*, N.Y. POST (Mar. 26, 2025), https://nypost.com/2025/03/26/us-news/andrew-tates-girlfriend-bri-stern-says-accused-sex-trafficker-nearly-choked-her-unconscious-during-violent-sexual-encounter-report/.

[9] *Id.*

[10] Isabella Kwai, *Lauren Southern, Former Right-Wing Commentator, Says Andrew Tate Assaulted Her*, N.Y. TIMES (updated July 22, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/17/world/europe/lauren-southern-andrew-tate-sexual-assault.html.

[11] Robbie Griffiths, *Andrew and Tristan Tate Arrested in Florida on Charges of Rape and Sex Trafficking*, NPR (July 19, 2026), https://www.npr.org/2026/07/18/g-s1-134475/tate-brothers-arrested-miami.

[12] *Id.*

[13] *Id.*

[14] *Romanian Prosecutors Indict Andrew Tate for Trafficking Minors, Money Laundering*, REUTERS (Sept. 4, 2026), https://www.reuters.com/world/romanian-prosecutors-indict-andrew-tate-trafficking-minors-money-laundering-2026-09-04/.

have been denied bail in federal district court and will remain in federal custody as the extradition proceedings progress.[15]

According to a less-than-assuring statement issued by then-White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt, the White House does not intend to intervene in the case.[16] However, given the Trump Administration's reported willingness to intervene both internationally and domestically on the Tate brothers' behalf as they face serious criminal charges involving violent crimes and given the failure of any official to provide substantive responses to Ranking Member Raskin's previous correspondence, we remain skeptical that the Administration will sit on the sidelines rather than jump into the game to help the Tates. In order to fully understand the Trump Administration's involvement with the Tate brothers' ongoing criminal cases and alleviate public anxiety that the Administration will intervene, we once again request written responses to the following questions as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2026:

1. What was the extent of the U.S. government's involvement in Romanian officials' decision to the lift the travel restrictions on Andrew and Tristan Tate?

2. Which U.S. officials communicated with Romanian officials, or through intermediaries, regarding Andrew and Tristan Tate, whether verbally or in writing, other than U.S. Special Envoy Richard Grenell? To that end, please provide an accounting of all meetings between U.S. officials and Romanian officials in which Andrew and Tristan Tate were discussed.

3. What was the basis for the U.S. government's involvement in encouraging Romania to lift the travel restrictions on Andrew and Tristan Tate?

4. Did Andrew and Tristan Tate's support of President Trump play a role in the decision to expend Administration resources to secure lifting of the travel restrictions?

5. Will the Administration comply with the U.K.'s extradition requests received for Andrew and Tristan Tate?

6. Has the current or former Attorney General, or any other official at Main Justice, been consulted regarding the extradition proceedings of Andrew and Tristan Tate?

7. Has the Attorney General or any other official at Main Justice had any communication with the prosecutors handling the extradition of Andrew and Tristan Tate, including with the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida?

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[15] Bill Chappell, *Andrew Tate Will Stay in Jail After Judge Delays Decision on Bail in Extradition Fight*, NPR (Aug. 27, 2026), https://www.npr.org/2026/08/27/nx-s1-5918058/andrew-tate-extradition.

[16] *Id.*

8. Has the Attorney General or any other official at Main Justice issued any directives regarding the extradition proceedings of Andrew and Tristan Tate?

In addition, we request that you provide the following documents, covering the period from January 20, 2025, to present, as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2026:

1. All documents, including memoranda and communications, regarding the U.S. government's engagement with Romanian officials regarding Andrew and Tristan Tate.

2. All documents, including memoranda and communications, regarding the U.S. government's engagement with U.K. officials regarding Andrew and Tristan Tate. Please include all documents, including memoranda and communications, specifically related to the U.K.'s extradition request of Andrew and Tristan Tate.

3. All documents, including memoranda and communications, regarding the U.S. government's engagement with attorneys for Andrew and Tristan Tate.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Ranking Member
House Committee on the Judiciary

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cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman
House Committee on the Judiciary