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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Civil Unrest on 6 January 2021 timeline of events for National Guard Activation

1. The following is a timeline of events that occurred on 6 January 2021. This timeline was transcribed from numerous calls, video calls, and audio and visual observations by 1LT Timothy E Nick. Due to the situation being fluid, the timeline was transcribed effectively as possible.

2. Below is the timeline:

- a. 2:13 P.M. – Chief of Capitol Police, Steven A. Sund, (Sund) contacted Commanding General William J Walker (CG Walker) by phone requesting 200 D.C. National Guard (Quick Reaction Force (QRF)) members to support Capitol Police. CG Walker advised QRF could deploy to assist.
- b. 2:14 P.M. – CG Walker told to standby from the Secretary of the Army, Ryan D. McCarthy (McCarthy).
- c. 2:15 P.M. – Reports from media outlets that the Capitol has been breached and police overrun from outer perimeter.
- d. 2:19 P.M. – CG Walker sent email to McCarthy advising Sund's request for assistance.
- e. 2:20 P.M. – CG Walker being advised by the Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA), Dr. Chris Rodriguez, (Dr. Rodriguez) that windows are being broken out from the Capitol.
- f. 2:21 P.M. – CG Walker sent an email to McCarthy updating the situation at the Capitol.
- g. 2:24 P.M. – Metropolitan Police Department District of Columbia (MPDC) Civil Disturbance Units deploy to the Capitol to assist Capitol Police.
- h. MPDC Chief of Police, Robert J. Contee III (Contee), Dr. Rodriguez, and Sund request to speak to McCarthy through CG Walker.

- i. 2:31 P.M. – Parties called bridge number to speak with McCarthy but General Flynn and Col. Lubose were on the call. Those on the call were: Contee, Sund, CG Walker, United States Secret Service Uniformed Division Chief of Police, Thomas J. Sullivan (Sullivan)
- j. 2: 35 P.M. – General Flynn, and Gen Pyatt, and office of Deputy Mayor District of Columbia (D.C.) join call.
- k. 2:36 P.M. – Sund requests National Guard support again by verbal request.
- l. 2:37 P.M. – Gen Flynn and Gen Pyatt recommended for DC Guard to standby and start drafting a plan for courses of action (COA). Recommended plan that the DC Guard can take over more points and help relieve Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) to go to the Capitol to assist Capitol Police.
- m. 2:39 P.M. – Sund advised physical force used on LEOs by protesters.
- n. 2:40 P.M. – Sund is requesting National Guard assistance again by verbal request.
- o. 2:41 P.M. – Gen Flynn advised D.C. National Guard to standby until the request has been routed to the McCarthy and Acting Secretary of Defense, Mr. Christopher C. Miller (Miller).
- p. 2:42 P.M. – Contee advised over the phone that it sounded like the Department of Defense (DoD) was denying the request to assist Sund's request for assistance.
- q. 2:43 P.M. – Gen Flynn advised that National Guard did not deny request just standby for an action plan and approval.
- r. 2:44 P.M. – Sund reporting shots fired inside the Capitol but not confirmed.
- s. 2:47 P.M. – Office of the Deputy Mayor advised the Mayor of DC requested assistance from the Virginia National Guard and Maryland National Guard.
- t. 2:50 P.M. – The Mayor of DC issued a city wide curfew that went into effect at 6 P.M. until 6 A.M. the next day.
- u. 2:51 P.M. – Sund advised again that shots were fired but no confirmation.
- v. 2:52 P.M. – Sullivan advised he was dispatching Secret Service Uniformed Division Officers to the Capitol to assist.

- w. 2:53 P.M. – Gen Flynn advised to start coordinating a response.
- x. 3:05 P.M. – CG Walker joined a joint call with Gen Flynn, Gen Pyatt, Chief, G33 OD Director via VCT.
- y. 3:10 P.M. – CG Walker advised he authorized D.C. National Guard members were manning traffic control points (TCP) that didn't feel safe due to MPDC being pulled to assist the Capitol to group together for safety and leave certain points.
- z. 3:11 P.M. – Miller directed CG Walker to mobilize and encamp the DC National Guard.
- aa. 3:12 P.M. – Continuity of Operations plan in place for members of Congress.
- bb. 3:13 P.M. – Congress being evacuated and going to Fort McNair due to safety concerns but some members of Congress still barricaded in the House Chamber
- cc. 3:18 P.M. – Gen Flynn advised to make a plan to start sending Guard units over to assist to but not to the Capitol grounds.
- dd. 3:20 P.M. – CG Walker advised that the Mayor of DC reached out to the Governors of Maryland and Virginia
- ee. 3:22 P.M. – DoD has release authority for this event.
- ff. 3:25 P.M. – Department of Homeland Security to send a liaison officer to Operations Center.
- gg. 3:27 P.M. – CG Walker requested QRF be recalled to the D.C. Armory for faster deployment.
- hh. 3:28 P.M. – CG Walker requested to use QRF to support Capitol Police again.
- ii. 3:29 P.M. – Over 100 Congress and staff have been relocated to Roselle Hall at Ft. McNair
- jj. 3:31 P.M. – REDCON1 recommended by Gen Flynn.
- kk. 3:34 P.M. – CG Walker was advised by Chief that the Miller told DC Guard to standby on deployment.

- ll. 3:35 P.M. – NOC established
- mm. 3:39 P.M. – McCarthy heading to Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Washington Field Office (WFO).
- nn. 3:40 P.M. – Chief advised Capitol cleared by Federal LEOs.
- oo. 3:42 P.M. – North Command Title 10 members not to be used.
- pp. 3:46 P.M. – Advised Congress going to Ft. McNier for COOP plan.
- qq. 3:50 P.M. – McCarthy arrived at FBI WFO.
- rr. 3:52 P.M. – CG Walker advised 650 VANG under State Active Duty (SAD) heading to Capitol.
- ss. 3:55 P.M. – All Federal LEOs are recalled to their agencies.
- tt. 3:56 P.M. – DoD released statement.
- uu. 3:57 P.M. – McCarthy heading to MPDC Headquarters.
- vv. 4:20 P.M. – Gen Pryatt advising CG Walker to plan and prepare to transition from TCPs and be placed around other federal building and monuments. Also, to create an outer perimeter around other federal places.
- ww. 4:23 P.M. – Inspector General Smith advised to start getting written orders prepared.
- xx. 4:26 P.M. – G3 OD Director – advised that Maryland and Virginia National Guard on standby and getting spun up, also confirmed 6 people injured including one LEO.
- yy. 4:29 P.M. – Gen Fylnn advised to possibly set up an outer cordon at the Capitol. CG Walker asked to collapse TCPs and reiterated that 150 D.C. National Guardsmen were at the Armory ready to support the Capitol.
- zz. 4:32 P.M. – Gen Pyatt advised about WARNO order.
- aaa. 4:37 P.M. – Advised possible to send 150 Guardsmen to D ST and 1st St to establish outer perimeter.

- bbb. 4:38 P.M. – McCarthy and Mayor of D.C., Muriel Bowser (Bowser), planning to conduct a press conference.
- ccc. 4:39 P.M. – Governor of Virginia, Ralph Northham (Northham), sending 200 State Troopers to assist.
- ddd. 4:42 P.M. – Police left to Capitol and D.C. National Guardsmen collapsed three TCPs due to safety.
- eee. 4:46 P.M. – CG Walker checking if Metro will close.
- fff. 4:47 P.M - Press Conference
- ggg. 4:52 P.M. – McCarthy advised D.C. National Guard was mobilized at 3 P.M.
- hhh. 5:09 P.M. – Orders received to deploy QRF and CG Walker heads to Capitol Police to meet with Sund.

3. BLUF:

- a. Based on the timeframe from the initial call from Sund for assistance and the final approval to receive approval from McCarthy and Miller was ***two hours and fifty-six minutes (2 hours and 56 minutes)***.
- b. Sund requested assistance at least three times verbally, if not more for National Guard support once Capitol Police lost control of the situation.
- c. CG Walker requested to deploy QRF at least three times, if not more before getting approval at 5:09 P.M. All of the times CG Walker requested until 5:09 P.M., He was advised to standby until further ordered.
- d. Based on audio and visual observations, senior leaders at the Pentagon were hesitate to deploy National Guardsmen to the Capitol due to “optics” of how that would look. Senior leaders expressed their desire for LEOs to clear out the Capitol and for LEOs to do law enforcement functional duties. Eventually after two hours, National Guardsmen were deployed to the Capitol guards.
- e. Originally, Maryland National Guard and Virginia National Guard were advising about send National Guardsmen on SAD orders to assist but that did not happen and instead arrived on 7 January 2021 under Title 32, Section 502 (f).
- f.

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