

# Trump's classified documents case

■ **Jan 20, 2021:** Former President **Donald Trump** departs White House with boxes containing both personal documents and more than 325 classified documents.

Boxes transported to **Mar-a-Lago Club** in Palm Beach, Florida

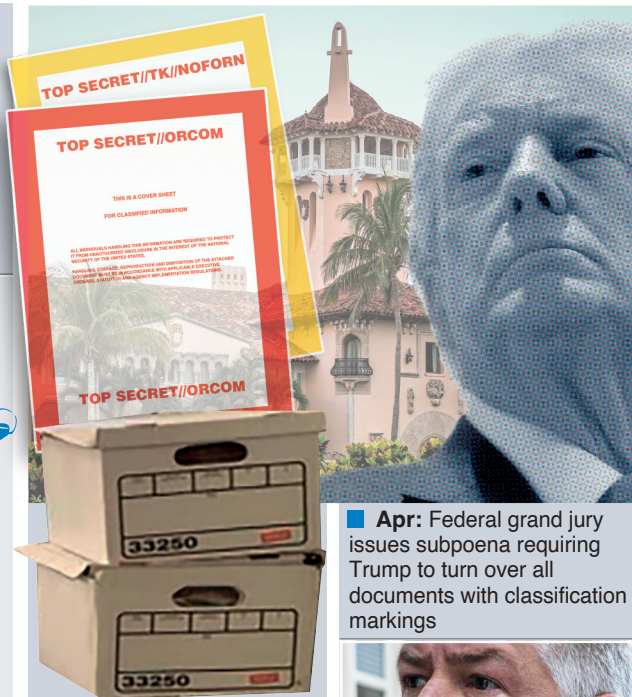


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■ **May:** Official at **National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)** realises several classified documents – including Trump's correspondence with North Korean leader **Kim Jong Un** – are missing from archive

■ **NARA:** Spends most of 2021 trying to compel Trump to return presidential papers. Under **Presidential Records Act (PRA)**, documents are property of federal government

■ **Dec:** Trump advisers and lawyers agree to return boxes of documents to NARA



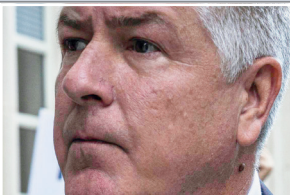
■ **Jan 17, 2022:** 15 boxes returned to NARA.

**Archive officials discover 197 individual classified documents**

■ **Feb 9:** NARA asks **Department of Justice (DOJ)** to investigate whether Trump violated PRA

■ **Mar 30:** FBI opens criminal investigation into unlawful retention of classified documents at Mar-a-Lago Club

■ **Apr:** Federal grand jury issues subpoena requiring Trump to turn over all documents with classification markings



■ **Jun:** Top DOJ officials visit Mar-a-Lago. Trump's lawyers **Evan Corcoran** (above) and **Christina Bobb** hand over folder containing 38 Top Secret documents and signed letter claiming that folder represents all classified material at Trump's property

■ **Aug 8:** FBI executes court-approved search warrant at Mar-a-Lago.



**FBI recovers 102 additional documents with Top Secret classification markings**



■ **Nov 18:** Attorney General **Merrick Garland** appoints **Jack Smith** (above) as special counsel to oversee criminal investigations into Trump

■ **Jun 13, 2023:** Trump pleads not guilty to 37 federal crimes, including illegally retaining national security documents and conspiring to obstruct justice.

Experts say it could be a year or more before trial takes place