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## FBI Searched China-linked Penn Biden Center After Classified Docs Found

President Joe Biden's "classified documents" scandal deepened just a little when it was revealed that FBI agents searched the China-linked Penn Biden Center in November, after Biden's legal team found 10 classified documents there.

Sources divulged the search to CBS News. Biden and his torpedoes, apparently, weren't going to disclose the search.

The latest on the classified documents scandal comes after the disclosure that Biden was hiding them at his home in Delaware.



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At this writing, more than two dozen classified documents have been found at Biden's home and Penn Biden Center office.

Where else Biden might be storing documents — perhaps at his playhouse at Rehoboth Beach on the First State's coast — is unknown. They could be anywhere.

FIRST ON CBS NEWS: The FBI searched the Penn Biden Center in mid-November.

<https://t.co/2PH8nJ5bHk>

— CBS News (@CBSNews) [January 31, 2023](#)

### **“Unclear” Whether More Classified Docs Found**

The latest FBI look into the matter came just after Biden's attorney found the 10 documents from his years as vice president at the Penn Biden Center, a joint venture between the president and the University of Pennsylvania.

That marriage opened the possibility of yet another link between the Biden Mafia and Red China. After the center opened in Washington, D.C., almost [\\$55 million went](#) from the Reds to the Ivy League university.

Anyway, “it is not clear whether FBI personnel found any additional classified or presidential material during the mid-November sweep,” [CBS reported](#):

Two sources told CBS News the search was conducted with the cooperation of Mr. Biden's representatives. A search warrant was not sought.

Mr. Biden used the 6th-floor office space near the Capitol periodically between 2017 and 2019. The Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement opened its doors in 2018.

The FBI search of the think tank was not previously disclosed by the White House, Mr.



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Biden's personal attorneys, or the Department of Justice. A Jan. 14 statement from the president's personal attorney Bob Bauer referred to the government conducting "its inquiry, including taking possession of any documents and reviewing any surrounding material for further review and context."

When the FBI conducted a consensual search of Mr. Biden's home in Wilmington on Jan. 20, Bauer and the White House announced it the following day.

[That search](#) was another blow to Biden's credibility, particularly after he called former President Trump "irresponsible" for keeping documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate.

As the Associated Press reported about the FBI search, agents combed Biden's massive home for 13 hours, and "took six items that contained documents with classified markings, said Bob Bauer, the president's personal lawyer."

Before that haul and after the Penn Biden Center search, Biden's staffers found classified documents in his garage. They were stored next to his 1967 Corvette Stingray.

Joe Biden may have Tweeted out a picture of the classified documents "securely" stored in his garage beside his corvette. [pic.twitter.com/puI4SE0NKk](https://pic.twitter.com/puI4SE0NKk)

— Clay Travis (@ClayTravis) [January 12, 2023](#)

Asked about the unique storage arrangement for national secrets, Biden had this [to say](#):

I'm gonna get a chance to speak on all of this, God-willing soon ... by the way my Corvette's in a locked garage, okay? So, it's not like they're sitting in the street."

The documents at Mar-a-Lago were behind locked doors as well, but that didn't stop Biden from roasting Trump on *60 Minutes*.

## **No Comment**

"Personal attorneys for Mr. Biden declined to comment," [CBS continued](#):

The Justice Department and FBI also declined comment. White House Communications Director Kate Bedingfield responded to questions about the FBI search in an appearance on CNN and referred questions to the Justice Department.

"That's not something I can comment on from here," she said. "That's something you'll need to ask the Justice Department. What I can say is that we have been cooperative and transparent from the outset. We put out multiple statements from the president's personal attorney describing the process and being clear that the president takes this seriously, and that he cooperated and will continue to cooperate with the Justice Department in full."

In all, federal authorities have recovered between 25 and 30 documents marked classified from the office space and Mr. Biden's Wilmington home. The material includes classified items and other records from Mr. Biden's vice presidential and Senate days. Some documents found at the Penn Biden Center were labeled top secret.

Lawyers for Mr. Biden and Justice Department officials agreed on the parameters of the Jan.



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20 search at Mr. Biden's Wilmington home in writing, so investigators did not seek a warrant. The FBI had full access to the president's personal residence, including "personally handwritten notes, files, papers, binders, memorabilia, to-do lists, schedules, and reminders going back decades," according to Bauer. After nearly 13 hours at the house, the FBI took possession of 6 items marked classified, in addition to other materials and handwritten notes.

CBS hastened to note the difference between Biden's taking documents and storing them in his garage, and Trump's taking documents and storing them in his home.

"There are substantial differences between the Biden matter and former President Donald Trump's handling of classified material," the [pro-Biden network continued](#):

Federal authorities recovered more than 300 documents marked classified from Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate and a South Florida storage unit. More than 100 of those were seized when the FBI executed a search warrant at Trump's home after Trump resisted multiple attempts by the government to obtain the documents.

Mr. Biden says he is fully cooperating with the Justice Department. Trump has claimed that he declassified the material found in his possession.

Last week, a lawyer for Trump's Vice President Mike Pence found "about a dozen" classified documents at his home, [CNN reported](#).

All the discoveries raise the question of just how many classified documents are stored at private homes.

Former presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Hussein Obama [say they](#) turned over all classified documents in the White House to the proper authorities.

As for Biden, given [his connection](#) to China, questions about such documents and where he is hiding them are troubling.

As the *New York Post's* [Miranda Devine reported](#), an email on Hunter Biden's laptop appears to show that he sold classified information. Asked GOP Sen. Ron Johnson, "does that have anything to do with some of the classified documents Vice President Biden was squirreling away in his residence? I don't know, but it looks incredibly suspicious."



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