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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
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Secretary Mayorkas:

Vice President Kamala Harris was, in March 2021, tasked by President Joe Biden to be the “border czar.” This was widely reported at the time (*see, e.g.,* BBC, *Biden tasks Harris with tackling migrant influx on US-Mexico border, available at* <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-56516332>). However, Vice President Harris has, weirdly, recently denied this fact.

Please provide the following information to my office by August 30, 2024:

- (1) all communications between the Office of the Vice President and any employee (including detailees) of the Department of Homeland Security, between March 24, 2021 and March 24, 2022, using the term “czar,” “border,” “migration,” or “immigration”;
- (2) any communications of the Department of Homeland Security (including detailees), between March 24, 2021 and March 24, 2022, referring to Vice President Kamala Harris or the Office of the Vice President as “czar” or “lead,” or otherwise in any formal or informal chain-of-command related to border-policy issues; and
- (3) any internal Department of Homeland Security directives or guidance, from 2021 to the present, referring to the Vice President or the Office of the Vice President as having any formal or informal clearance, approval, or stakeholder input on departmental decisions.

Sincerely,



Matt Gaetz  
Member of Congress