TRUMP BREACHED HIS OWN PRIVILEGE BY BLABBING TO SEAN HANNITY

None of these communications are subject to any kind of privilege,

The January 6 Committee is inviting Sean Hannity for a voluntary interview with the committee.

It's unclear whether he'll take them up on that investigation. But it seems the damage has already been done. That's because texts involving Hannity make it clear he knew about the White House Counsel's concerns about Trump's actions.

> The Select Committee is in possession of dozens of text messages you sent to and received from former White House Chief of Staff, Mark Meadows and others related to the 2020 election and President Trump's efforts to contest the outcome of the vote. At this time, we are specifically focused on a series of your communications with President Trump, White House staff and President Trump's legal team between December 31, 2020, and January 20, 2021. For example, on December 31, 2020, you texted Mr. Meadows the following:

> > "We can't lose the entire WH counsels office. I do NOT see January 6 happening the way he is being told. After the 6 th. [sic] He should announce will lead the nationwide effort to reform voting integrity.

> > Go to Fl and watch Joe mess up daily. Stay engaged. When he speaks people will listen."

Among other things, this text suggests that you had knowledge of concerns by President Trump's White House Counsel's Office regarding the legality of the former President's plans for January 6th. These facts are directly relevant to our inquiry.

Similarly, on January 5th, the night before the violent riot, you sent and received a stream of texts. You wrote: "Im very worried about the next 48 hours." With the counting of electoral votes scheduled for January 6th at 1 p.m., why were you concerned about the next 48 hours?

Also, on the evening of January 5th, you texted Mr. Meadows: "Pence pressure. WH counsel will leave." Wha communications or information led you to conclude that White House Counsel would leave? What precisely did you know at that time?

Effectively, Trump breached the privileged advice the White House Counsel gave him by blabbing it to Hannity (or by Meadows doing so). The Committee can't get *that* advice directly. But whatever got shared with a journalist has lost its privileged status.