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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Turning Up the Heat]

HODA KOTB: Turning up the heat. The growing firestorm over those classified files discovered at President Biden's Delaware home. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle demanding answers.

HOUSE SPEAKER KEVIN MCCARTHY (R-CA): Are these all the documents? Are there more out there?

KOTB: A live report from the White House just ahead.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Growing Fallout Over Biden Documents]

SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: Well, elsewhere in Washington with a special counsel already appointed, Republicans are demanding even more answers from President Biden over his handling of classified material. The White House has acknowledged over the weekend that additional documents were found at his home in Delaware late last week. NBC's chief White House correspondent Kristen Welker's got the latest. Kristen, good morning.

KRISTEN WELKER: Hi, Savannah. Good morning to you. That's right. The calls for answers and information growing louder this morning with Republicans demanding to see the visitor logs from President Biden's Delaware home. That's one of two locations where classified documents was found. The political fallout, Savannah, growing too with key questions lingering, including why it took the White House months to reveal the recovered records. This morning, President Biden is facing growing calls for transparency from Republicans and even some Democrats, amid the special counsel's investigation into his handling of classified documents after he left the Obama administration.

UNIDENTIFIED REPORTER: Mr. President, how do you think the classified documents got into your boxes?

WELKER: The President ignored questions about the inquiry Monday, but pressure is mounting after, this weekend, the White House counsel's office said additional pages of classified documents were discovered inside the President's Delaware home. In response, the chairman of the House Oversight Committee asked the White House for visitor logs of his residence, citing national security concerns. The White House and the Secret Service say they do not maintain

visitor logs for the President's home because it's a private residence. A spokesman for the White House counsel's office saying in a statement, "Like every President across decades of modern history, his personal residence is personal." A Secret Service spokesperson saying the agency does perform background checks on visitors who come into contact with the Bidens at both of their Delaware homes, but that those documents are only kept for a limited time. But Republicans still demanding more answers.

CONGRESSMAN JIM COMER (R-KY) [on FNC's *The Story*, 01/16/23]: The security cameras that — remember, the FBI when they raided Mar-a-Lago — [SCREEN WIPE] — did they do the same with Joe Biden?

MARTHA MACCALLUM [on FNC's *The Story*, 01/16/23]: Yeah, we're going to get into that.

COMER [on FNC's *The Story*, 01/16/23]: And we know he has surveillance cameras there.

HOUSE SPEAKER KEVIN MCCARTHY (R-CA): Look, we want to collect more of the data, more information. Are these all of the documents? Are there more out there?

WELKER: It comes after about a dozen initially discovered at Mr. Biden's private residence, including one marked top secret, according to sources familiar with the matter. That, followed by two batches discovered in Delaware, including inside his garage. What's not yet clear? The total number of classified records recovered. Now, three sources familiar with the matter tell NBC News President Biden is frustrated with the backlash and with his administration's response, which has left key questions unanswered. And just underscoring this point, the attorney general just appointed a special counsel to look into the matter. The White House saying it's fully cooperating. And, of course, a special counsel has been appointed to look into former President Trump's handling of classified documents. As you'll recall, his Mar-a-Lago estate was searched late last year and more than 100 classified documents recovered there, after he refused a request to turn over materials to the National Archives. Now, according to multiple reports, the Justice Department is looking to interview people who searched Mr. Trump's properties last year, Savannah.

GUTHRIE: Alright. Kristen Welker at the White House. Thank you, Kristen.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Growing Fallout Over Biden Documents]

GUTHRIE: Some Democrats are joining Republicans asking President Biden how classified documents from his vice presidency ended up in his home, his garage, and a private office in Washington, D.C. The President ignored questions about that controversy yesterday when asked. One House Republican has asked the White House to turn over visitor logs from Mr. Biden's

house in Delaware to see who could have gained access to that material, but the Secret Service said yesterday it does not maintain visitor logs for the President's private home.