



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

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Thomas F. Huse (Thomas.huse@usss.dhs.gov)
Chief Counsel
U.S. Secret Service

RE: U.S. Secret Service Request for Road Closures, Town of Palm Beach

Dear Mr. Huse:

Last Thursday, the Town of Palm Beach Police Department was informed by the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) that USSS needed to close South Ocean Boulevard in the Town from its intersection with South County Road in the north to the traffic circle where South Ocean Boulevard connects with Southern Boulevard in the south. The Town of Palm Beach is a barrier island with limited ingress and egress points (four bridges and one causeway to the south); South Ocean Boulevard/SR A1A is a two-lane, two-way, undivided major collector that runs north to south through a significant portion of the Town. The closure, which took effect Saturday morning, effectively cuts the Town in two. USSS has advised that it must keep the road closed through at least November 5, 2024 and regardless of whether protected person(s) are in residence.

Please confirm that USSS has, in fact, directed the closure of South Ocean Boulevard as described. Please also provide the legal authority authorizing USSS to implement this road closure for the specified duration and even when protectee(s) are not in residence in the Town. The latter represents a significant departure from prior actions by the USSS.

I am available at your convenience to discuss and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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