### JOHN MCENTEE'S PREVIOUS WHITE HOUSE EMPLOYMENT

#### **Highlights:**

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McEntee, Trump's Personal Assistant, Was Fired And Escorted From The White House After Being Denied A Security Clearance Over Financial Problems In His Background. According to the Wall Street Journal, "President Donald Trump's personal assistant, John McEntee, was fired and escorted from the White House on Monday after being denied a security clearance over financial problems in his background, according to senior administration officials and people close to the former aide." [Wall Street Journal, 3/13/18]

McEntee Was Removed From The White House Grounds Without Being Allowed To Collect His
Belongings. According to the Wall Street Journal, "Mr. McEntee was removed from the White House grounds on
Monday afternoon without being allowed to collect his belongings, a White House official said. He left without his
jacket, a second White House official said." [Wall Street Journal, 3/13/18]

### McEntee Had Issues Related To Online Gambling, Gambling Debts and Winnings, And Mishandling His Taxes

A Background Check Found McEntee Deposited Suspiciously Large Sums Of Money Into His Bank Account Which Turned Out To Be Money From Gambling Winnings. According to the Atlantic, "In March 2018, it looked for a moment like his Washington career was over. He was fired by then—Chief of Staff John Kelly after a long-delayed FBI background check revealed that he had deposited suspiciously large sums of money into his bank account. It turned out that the money was from gambling winnings." [Atlantic, 11/9/21]

McEntee Was Reportedly Forced From His Job In Over Gambling Debts That Threatened His Security Clearance. According to the New York Times, "Johnny McEntee, the 'body man' who trailed Mr. Trump as a candidate and in the White House, will be elevated to oversee the Presidential Personnel Office, according to four people briefed on the move. Mr. McEntee, who was forced from his job in 2018 over gambling debts that threatened his security clearance, recently returned to his old role as a personal aide to Mr. Trump." [New York Times, 2/13/20]

Sources Close McEntee Said Problems Related To Online Gambling And Mishandling Of His Taxes Prevented Him From Gaining The Clearance Necessary For His Role In The Trump White House. According to the Wall Street Journal, "People close to Mr. McEntee said problems related to online gambling and mishandling of his taxes prevented him from gaining the clearance necessary for the role. The Secret Service is investigating Mr. McEntee for those issues, according to a law enforcement official." [Wall Street Journal, 3/13/18]