

IRS memo says only 'executive privilege' can stop Congress from obtaining tax returns



Washington, May 24 (RHC)-- The Washington Post is reporting a confidential memo from the Internal Revenue Service, the IRS, states that Congress has the right to request tax returns and that only an intervention by the president using executive privilege can stop it.

This contradicts the reasoning given by the Trump administration for refusing to hand over his tax returns to Congress, as Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin has argued the refusal was based on the lack of legislative justification for requesting them.

The IRS said the unsigned draft memo was written by a lawyer in the Office of Chief Counsel and did not represent the agency's "official position."



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