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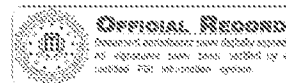
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Richard Gates was interviewed at 395 E Street SW, Washington, D.C. in the presence of his attorney, Tom Green. Present for the interview were Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) [Redacted] Special Agent (SA) [Redacted] Senior Assistant Special Counsel (SASC) Andrew Goldstein, and SASC Greg Andres. After being advised of the official identities of the interviewing parties and the nature of the interview, Gates provided the following information:

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After the 2016 Presidential election, Gates spent November 10 - November 13, 2016 at Trump Tower. On November 13, Gates became the Deputy Chairman for the Inauguration and went to Washington, D.C. to work on the presidential inauguration.

In the transition period, Gates had less contact with Flynn than he had during the campaign period. Gates estimated he had a handful of calls with Flynn and that they discussed potential cabinet officials, special assistant positions, how many people Flynn wanted to invite to the inauguration, and other logistics matters.

Gates had a little more contact with KT McFarland than he did with Flynn. He had gotten to know her on the campaign and thought they had good chemistry. Gates thought of McFarland as one of a few people capable of breaking down things so that [then-candidate] Donald Trump could understand. McFarland sat through a lot of personnel decisions and interviews.

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Gates did not recall hearing about a November 20, 2016 meeting involving Kushner, Flynn, and Kislyak.

Gates was not aware of a December 13, 2016 meeting between Kushner and Gorkov.

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Gates did not talk about Russia with Flynn. Gates did not hear about Flynn's communications with Kislyak until after the fact.

Gates was surprised when Flynn was fired. He thought Flynn had a good relationship with Trump and that Trump had not wanted to fire Flynn but felt like he had no choice. The National Security Advisor cannot lie to the Vice President and not have anything happen to him because of it. Gates said Pence went to Trump about firing Flynn and he thought it was one of the few times Pence pushed Trump hard like that.

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Gates heard that after Sessions recused himself from the Russia investigation, Trump was "on the warpath" and said he would fire Sessions, but that Trump did not follow through. Gates heard was that the recusal had been done by Don McGahn and Sessions and Trump had not been consulted. Gates heard about Trump's reaction from [Redacted] Rick Dearborn, and [Redacted] Gates said some people thought Trump would have been okay with the recusal if he had been notified in advance.

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Prior to Sessions' recusal, Gates had not had conversations with anyone about recusal issues. After the recusal, he recalled conversations where people offered their opinion that had Rudy Giuliani been Attorney General, he would not have recused himself. Gates knew Giuliani had been the first choice for Attorney General, but turned it down because he wanted to be Secretary of State instead.

Gates had no firsthand awareness of Trump's views on James Comey. Neither Gates [Redacted] had conversations with Trump about Comey's termination. Gates was surprised Trump actually fired Comey, since Gates did not think Trump followed through with firing people. Gates thought Trump was frustrated with a lot of agencies, not just the Department of Justice and FBI. [Redacted] told Gates he heard from [Redacted] and Priebus that Trump said things needed to be fair and equal and it was not fair no one was looking at Hillary Clinton.

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In general, Trump's view of the Russia investigation was that it attacked the legitimacy of his win.

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Discussions of Pardons:

The possibility of pardons came up a couple of months after Gates' indictment. There were stories about the FBI and DOJ being corrupt and Manafort said he was having conversations with [then Counsel to the President] John Dowd, as was Manafort's lawyer.

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In October or November of 2017, Gates and Manafort had a conversation in which Manafort indicated they would "get through it," that the charges were trumped up and "BS" and they would figure it out and there was more to come. Gates had the sense Manafort was saying to Gates not to plead. Manafort told Gates the Nunes report would come out soon and there would be some bombshells in it. Manafort said he talked to Dowd and they had talked about starting a legal defense fund. Manafort did not say whether Dowd brought up Nunes.

In January 2018, CNN leaked that a plea agreement had been reached, and Manafort told Gates people were worried it was true. Gates called Manafort and told him it was not true. Manafort told Gates that he (Manafort) had called Dowd and also told Dowd it was not true that Gates had reached a plea agreement. Manafort said something like, "I talked to Dowd. I've covered you at the White House" and added that a legal defense fund was coming and they were going to "take care of us." Manafort told Gates there were two funds out there. The first was called "Patriot Defense Funds" and it covered White House staff. The other fund would cover anyone outside of the White House and Manafort and Gates would be "#1 and #2 on that list."

Manafort told Gates it was stupid to plead and that he would get a better deal down the road. Manafort said he had been in touch with Dowd and repeated they should "sit tight" and "we'll be taken care of." Manafort never explicitly mentioned pardons. Gates asked Manafort outright if anyone mentioned pardons and Manafort said no one used that word.

In February 2018, the day before Gates entered his plea, Manafort called Gates and and his tone was that Gates should "stick to your guns, we'll get through this." Manafort told Gates that he had been on the phone with Dowd and his attorney when Trump apparently walked into the room with Dowd and said to Manafort words to the effect of "stay strong." Manafort told Gates that Kushner had sent him emails of support and that he could show the emails to Gates if they were together. Gates had the sense the emails Manafort mentioned were recent. Gates had no basis to trust Manafort and thought the conversation was designed to convince Gates not to plead guilty. By then, Gates had already made his decision. Gates added that Manafort talked a big game, but Gates had no confidence what he said was true. Gates thought [REDACTED] [REDACTED] listened to the telephone call between Manafort and Gates. Gates did not tell Manafort others listened to the call.

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The day of Gates' plea, Manafort called again and went through a last minute appeal that Gates not plea. Manafort mentioned the legal defense fund in that call as well. That was the last time Gates spoke to Manafort, but they have communicated by text; Manafort sent Gates a text message congratulating him for getting rid of his GPS monitor at one point.

In one of the calls with Manafort, Manafort told Gates that Trump was "watching their case." Gates also noted that the media asked Trump about Gates at one point and Trump had no response. Gates thought that was surprising and that Trump would have gone after him.

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Gates was not sure the source of the reporting on his plea arrangements. Gates had told [REDACTED] about it. Manafort did not know; Gates got no indication from Manafort that Manafort knew Gates planned to plead when he did. Gates knew [REDACTED] had a friend at CNN, but [REDACTED] did not have enough detail to be the source.

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April 18, 2018

RICK GATES

Tom Green - atty

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transition - role.

11/10 - 11/13 @ Trump Tower

11/13 - dep. Chairman for inauguration. went to DC to work on inauguration.

Mike Flynn - less contact than during campaign. handful of calls. cabinet-rank, special assistants, how many ppl @ inauguration. logistics.

KT McFarland - a little more contact. got to know on campaign. good chemistry b/c one of few ppl that could break things down for Trump. general convos. sat through a lot of personnel decisions/interviews.

foreign leader meetings? no during transition.

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Kushner, Flynn, Kislyak mtg, Nov 30. don't recall hearing about it. [redacted]

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12/13/19 Kushner, Gorkov. Aware @ time or after?
No. Was in DC.

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Flynn - didn't talk about Russia. 3-4 times, just about inaugural issues.

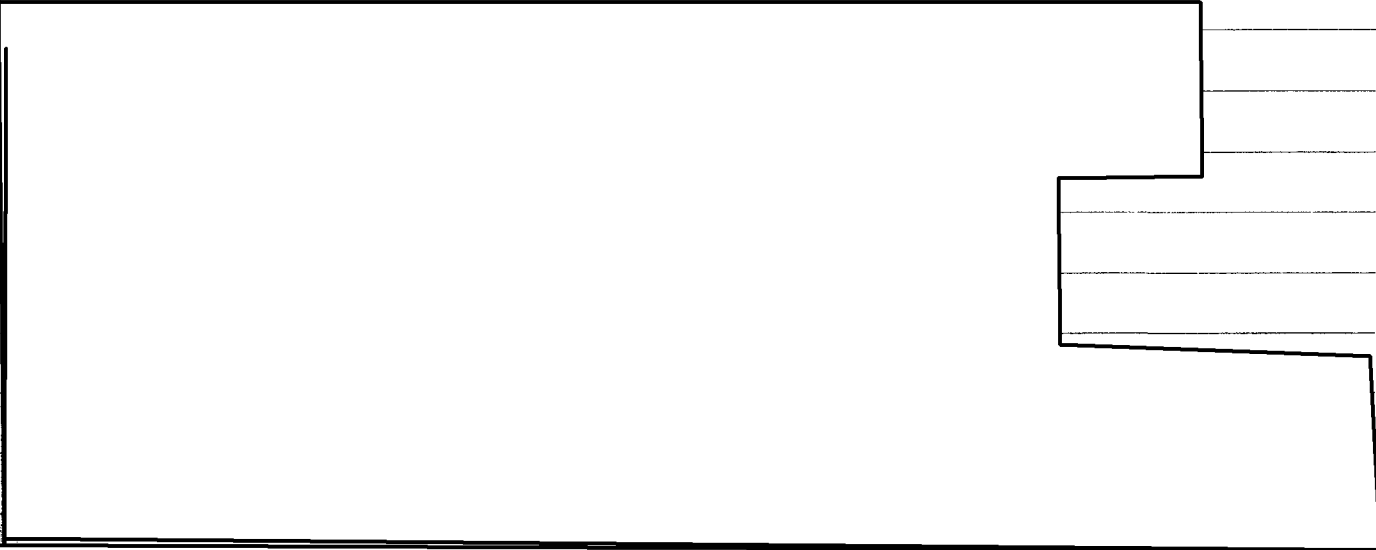
surprised to hear Flynn fired? yes. good re'nsHIP w/
POTUS. POTUS didn't want to fire, but no choice.
NSA can't ~~see~~ lie to VP and not do anything.
Pence → Trump. ~~as~~ one of few times Pence went to
Trump and said Flynn had to go.

Rick Darborn,
Kevin Priebus

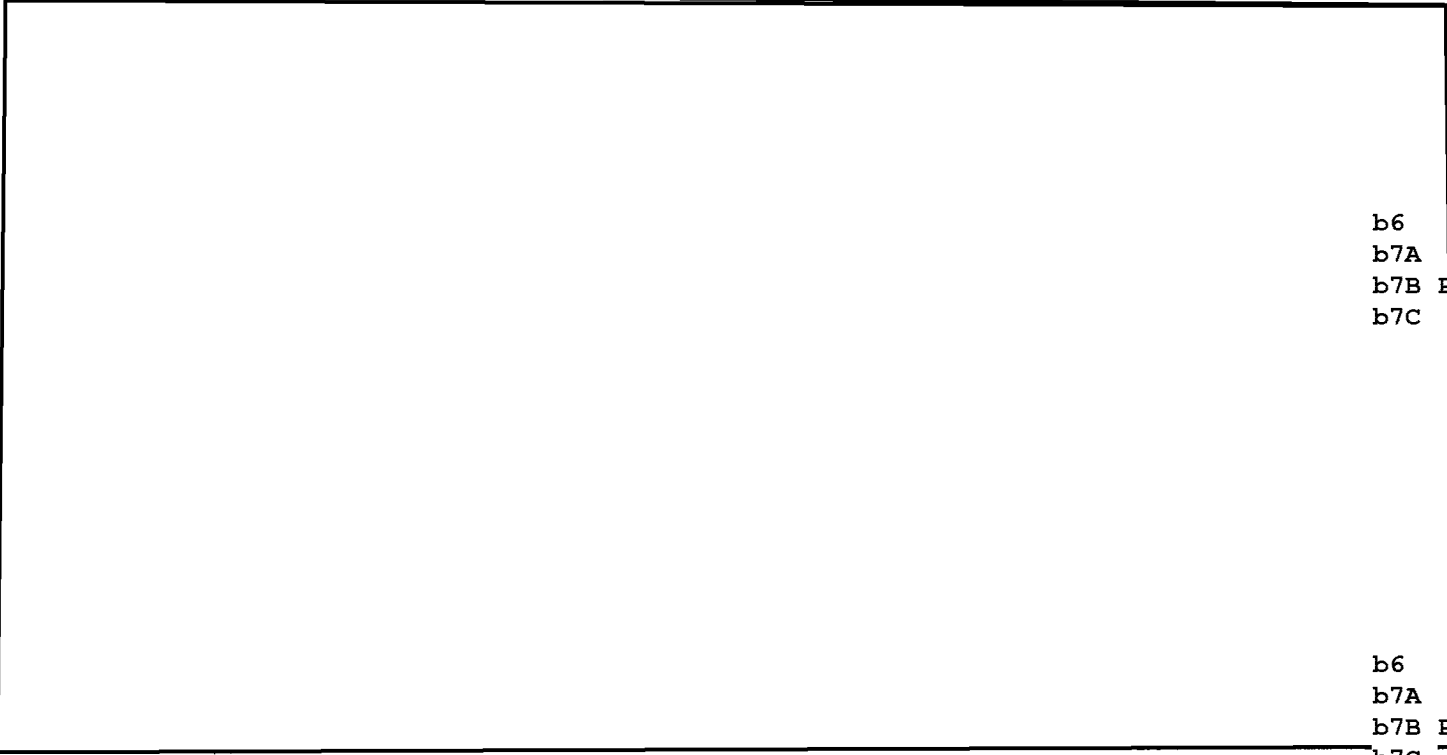
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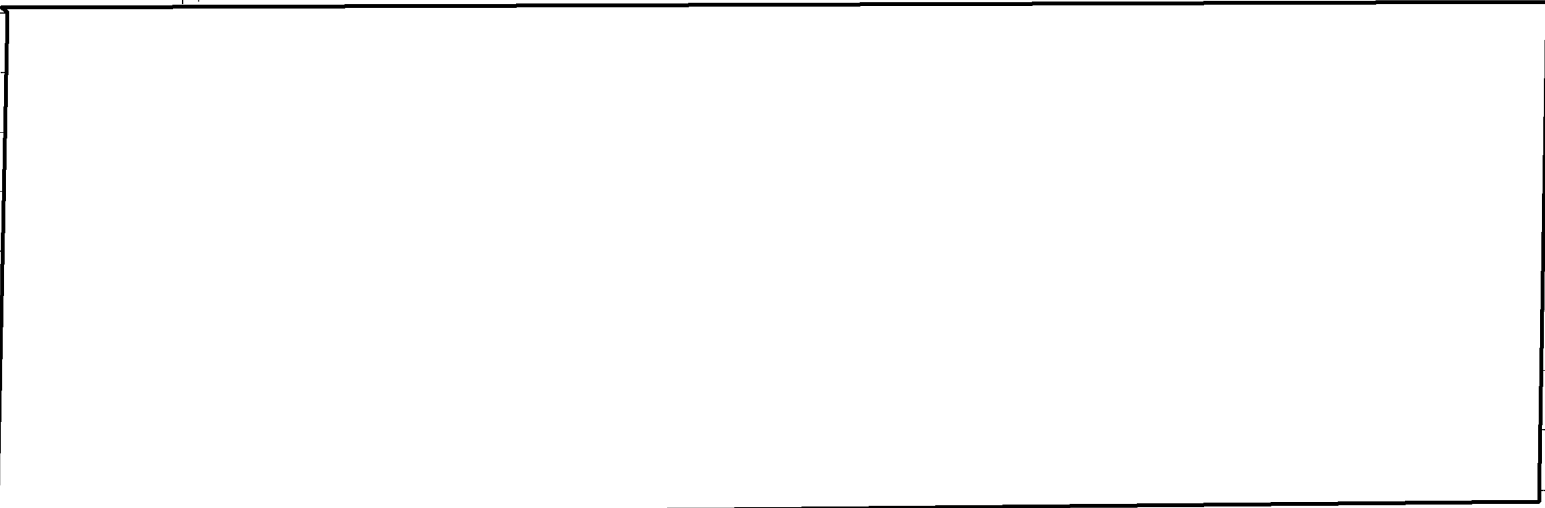
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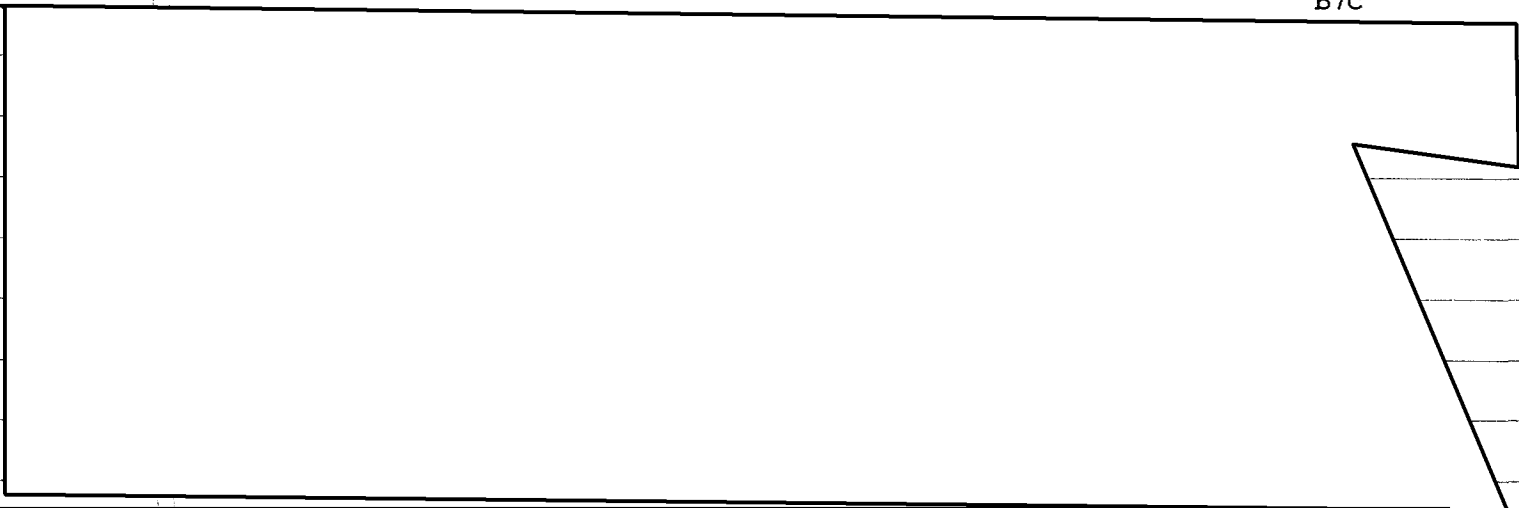


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ppl starting to get nervous b/c whole Russia thing.
scrutiny on Sessions, Dearborn.



RG

POTUS-Loney: no awareness from P direction.
~~he~~ wondered if POTUS would really come in
and clean up agencies, not spec. to Comey.
not enough Trump loyalists to fill positions.

not out of convos on keeping Comey ~~in~~.

[redacted] either. surprised he actually fired Comey.
POTUS doesn't actually fire ppl.

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Sessions refusal. POTUS ^{heard} ~~wasn't~~ ^{heard} P wasn't consulted. done by McAbahn & Sessions. Heard from [redacted] Dearborn. Not sure if [redacted] Gates. People.

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POTUS angry, because not consulted. Thought would have been okay if had been asked or notified first.

discussions on ppl needing to recuse before? no.
Convos after the fact that Giuliani wouldn't have made same decision.

AG not supposed to be AG / ^{AG} was pick, but wanted Sec State instead.

Heard from:

[redacted] Dearborn, Parscale

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adv. knowledge of POTUS unhappy w/ Comey?

lack of relationship w/ Comey.

sensed something would happen.

[redacted]
Thought P was frustrated w/ a # of agencies, not just DOJ. Some tiff in the press. still harping on Clinton email thing.

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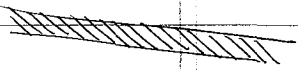
POTUS: got to be fair, got to be equal.

not fair no one looking at Clinton.

heard from [redacted] Reince

POTUS new or:

Russia inv. attack legitimacy of wln. V, frustrated



talk to anyone in wlt re: fermentation?

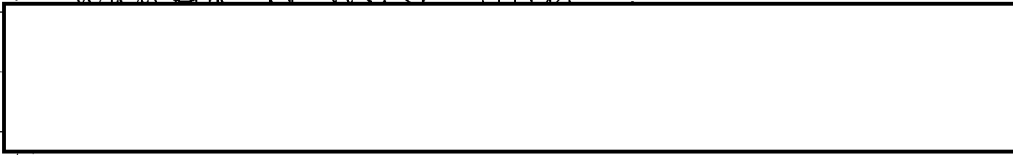
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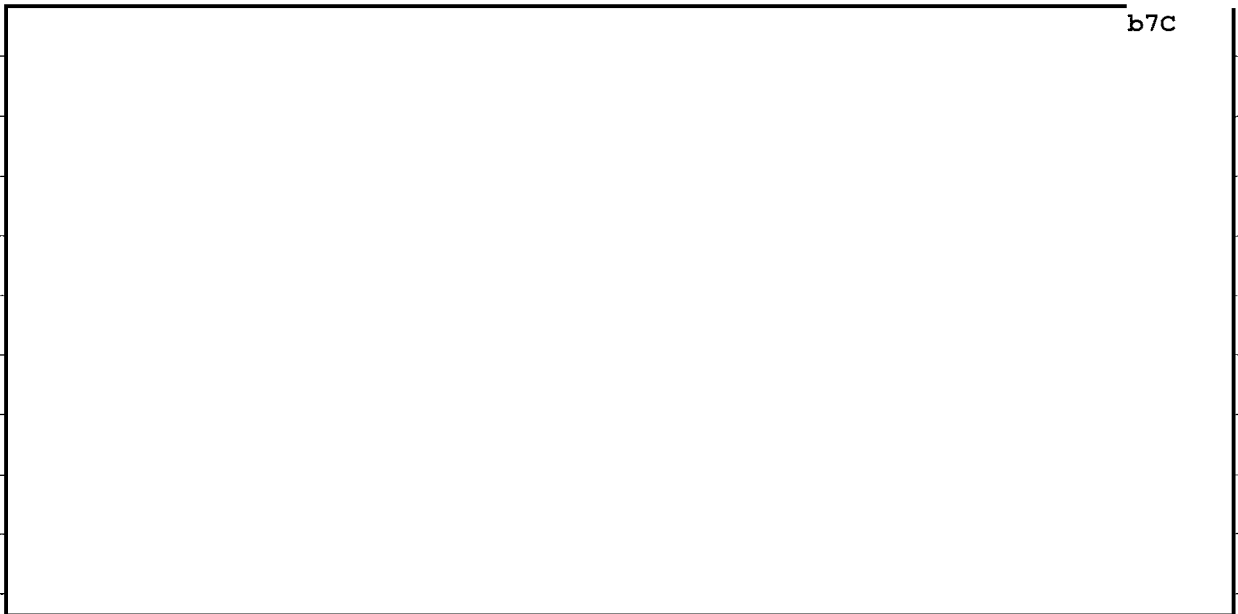
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- no convos leading up.
- V. few ppl aware of it when someone was actually fired.
- humorous that Schulte delivered letter how Trump operates.
- aware there were questions about talk. thought DOJ needed to write letter, Trump had some input in letter. some question of whether RR wanted to write letter.

one time to sent Stephen Miller across room to work with lawyers to see RNC.



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Comey -

on news. Trump Hotel.

mtgs that evening? No... maybe a dinner.

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1 1/2 days in town.

after the fact - convos based on news.

more info came out,

Lester Holt

not surprised.

Russia thing e its height.

Sessions being picked on

Why isn't Hillary being investigated.

POTUS express frustration to [redacted] - you.

but dont remember discussing Comey

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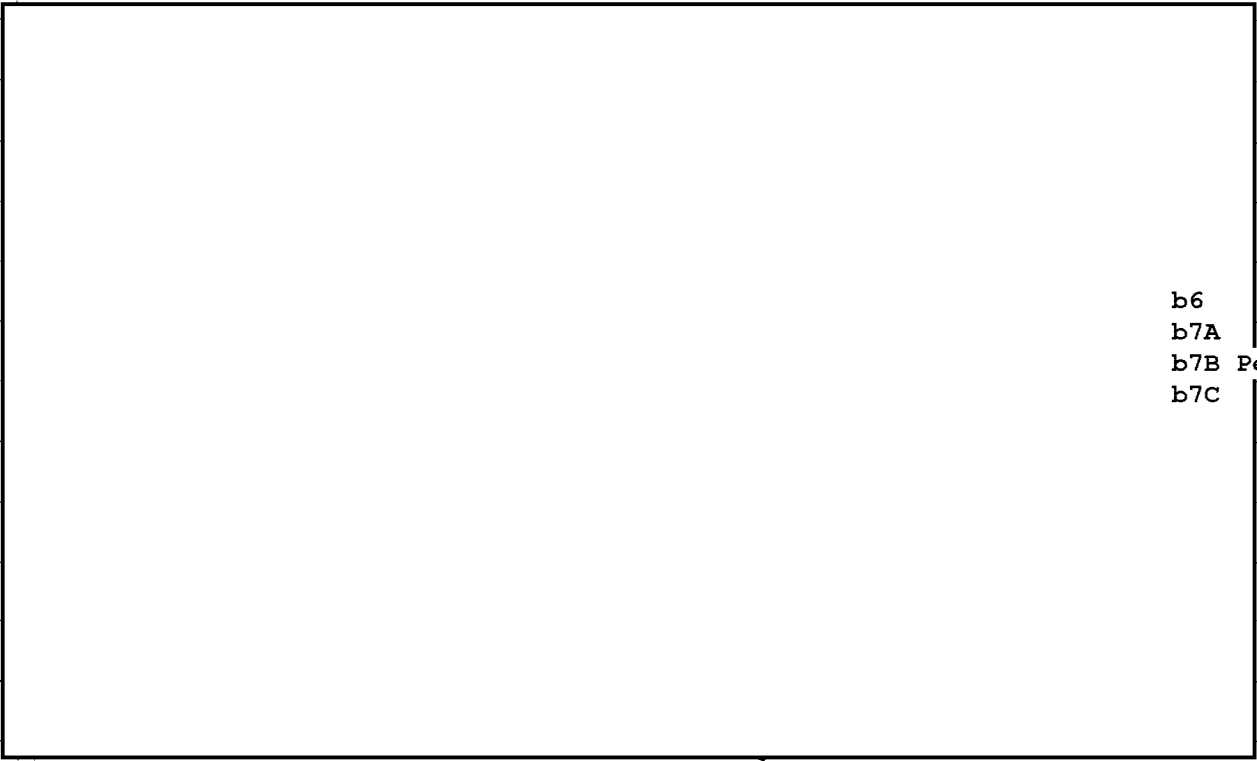
Sessions? dont remember convos [redacted] related

but frustrated w/ Sessions after refusal

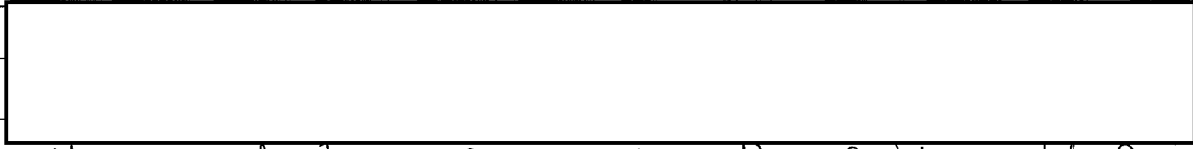
Turning pt in relationship.

Should have talked to POTUS about it.

Rumor mill: Comey would be fired. Like Reince & Bannon,
Reporters, rumor mill



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after refusal, Trump on a warpath, said would fire, didn't follow through.

2 or 3 layers of haggling

~~Trump~~ picked back up again fall.

after indictment, most people I talked to kept their distance.

talk to Dearborn? no. not as much comms when Paul left

around March, article out, less frequent

Pardons -

heard from

aware of efforts to float poss. of pardon?

no direct overture by anyone inside

Manafort alluded to convos w/Dowd.
PM clear may not happen soon, but "hang tough"
we'll get through this.

Right before plea. Plea from Paul to dissuade
conversation, cooperation.
didn't believe he was talking to who he said he was.

From PM:

Poss. of pardon came up couple months after indictment.
Stories re: corrupt FBI, DOJ.
PM said having convos w/Dowd.
PM's atty having convos w/Dowd.

2 convos, PM rep info from Kenn^{pm}, Dowd. Jan 2018
Paul, & said he and Kenn talked to Dowd.
↳ January, February 2018 week of plea.

JPA? No.

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Oct/Nov

Sep/Oct.

RG → PM convo.

Broad, PM indicated we'd get through it, trumped up
charges, BS, we'll figure it out, more to come
sense PM was saying - don't plead.

Nunes report is coming, going to be some bombshells.
PM said had talked to Dowd, start a legal defense
fund, didn't say if talk. Dowd mentioned Nunes

Jan 2018, CNN leaked plea agreement reached mid-Jan 2018.
Paul told RG ppl were worried it was true. (RG called proactively.)
RG called Paul and said was not true.
Paul told RG that PM told Dowd it was NOT true.
Info was inaccurate.

I talked to Dowd. I've covered you at the WH.
legl defense fund is coming. Going to take care
of us.

2 funds - Patriot defense funds - WH ppl.

② anyone out of WH, PM & RG #1 & #2 on
list.

PM: stupid to plea now. get a better deal down
the road.

PM in contact w/ Dowd. "sit tight" "we'll be taken
care of." Never mentioned pardon. RG asked, PM
said no one said the word.

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week of
Feb 28

day before plea. (Thurs.)

LEF:

PM called RG. Tone - stick to your guns we'll get
through this.

On phone w/ Dowd. POTUS walked into room
while they were on the phone & said "stay
strong." we'll get through this.

Jared sent emails of support. sense they were recent.
"if I was with you, I could show you"
no basis to trust Paul.

Support.
support for
"us"

designed to get RG not to plea.

RG. had already made decision.

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Knowing Paul, seemed like a Mack. Talks big game, no confidence info was true.

[redacted]

→ listened on call Friday.

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no notes. PM did not know that others were listening.

Texts from PM re: bail; making sure RG cleaned up articles re plea,

day of plea, PM called, went through last minute appeal not to plea. legal defense fund.

Last time talked to PM.

Text from PM: congrats on getting rid of GPS.

PM said
on one of the calls (earlier) Potvs said he was 'watching their case'

Potvs asked about RG in press & had no response. Surprised. Thought P would have gone after him.

No indication PM knew RG was going to plead that day.

Source of info for reporting re: detail on RG going back & forth on plea?

[redacted] ? RG told him about his indecision
RG didn't talk to press about it.

Manafort didn't know.

CNN reporter friend of [redacted] but [redacted] didn't have detail.

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@ any time, hear from WH info re: DJT firing Mueller?
No. Nothing behind the scenes.

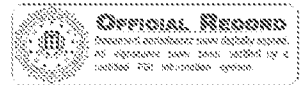
Always more about Sessions than Mueller.

Not even Manafort saying he talked to anyone about it.

Sessions → shift convo. In an article.
Sessions fire Rod, then replace. In an article,

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Michael Dean Cohen, date of birth [Redacted] was telephonically interviewed in the presence of his attorneys Guy Petrillo and Amy Lester from the law offices of Petrillo Klein & Boxer LLP, 655 Third Avenue, New York, NY. Participating in the interview were FBI Special Agent (SA) [Redacted] Senior Counselor to the Special Counsel James L. Quarles, and Senior Assistant Special Counsel (SASC) Andrew D. Goldstein. Also present from the Special Counsel's Office were SASC Jeannie S. Rhee and Assistant Special Counsel L. Rush Atkinson. The interview was conducted under the same proffer agreement as previous interviews. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent, Cohen provided the following information:

The concept of the "party line" and staying "on message" existed within the Trump Organization during the campaign. During the campaign, when it was reported that [then-Candidate] Donald Trump had ties to Russia, the party line was that Trump had no business in Russia. Trump created the message when he stated had no business in Russia and no relationships in Russia. Trump created that party line when he said he had nothing to do with Russia and had no deals. It became the talking point for others to follow.

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Investigation on 11/20/2018 at Washington, District Of Columbia, United States (Phone)

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[Redacted] he should stay on message [Redacted]
[Redacted] and everything would be fine.

In January 2017, after the dossier was made public, [Redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP

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[Redacted] Cohen told Trump he had never been to Prague [Redacted]

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[Redacted] the JDA was working well together and that things
would end soon.

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When Cohen first received letters from Congress [Redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP

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[Redacted] The initial focus of Congress'
inquiry was the dossier. Cohen did not have any concern about the dossier

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[Redacted] Cohen had never been to Prague or

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if they stayed on message, the investigation had to come to an end soon,

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that as a part of the JDA, Cohen was protected, which he would not be if he "went rogue." At that time, Cohen's legal bills were being paid by the Trump Organization.

Trump Tower Moscow first came up when a couple of reporters sent questions about it to Cohen. Cohen's concern when the questions came in was that the answers may not be consistent with the message.

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Cohen said the statement that Trump never considered traveling was false and he put it in the letter to be consistent with the message. He was sensitive to the idea of Trump traveling to Russia because he wanted to say there was no connection between Trump and Russia. He was protecting Trump and did not want to contradict anything Trump said. Cohen was being loyal.

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Cohen did not remove from the letter the line that said he had "limited contact with Russian officials" and he did not know who did. He thought it had to be someone from the JDA team.

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it was the

decision of the JDA to take it out, and Cohen did not push back.

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[Redacted] Cohen did tell Sekulow that he would not contest a decision of the JDA.

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Sekulow and Cohen spoke on the telephone extensively on August 27, 2017, the day before the Trump Tower Moscow letter was submitted to Congress. Cohen told Sekulow there was more detail on Trump Tower Moscow, and Sekulow told him to keep it short and tight and the matter would soon come to an end. Sekulow told Cohen that "his client," referring to Trump, wanted Cohen to cooperate and appreciated him.

Cohen told Sekulow there were details out there that weren't in the letter [Redacted] Cohen said there were more b5 per DOJ/OIP communications with Russia and more communications with Trump than were reflected and Sekulow responded that it was not necessary to elaborate or include those details because the transaction did not take place. Sekulow said there was no need to muddy the water. Sekulow said to stay on message and to not over elaborate. Sekulow said it did not matter and Cohen should not contradict Trump and that it was time to move on. Cohen agreed, because it was what he was expected to do.

Cohen vaguely recalled telling Sekulow that he had a call with a woman from the Kremlin, but he did not tell him specifically the length of the conversation or the sum and substance of her questions. Sekulow's response was in line with "so what" and the deal never happened.

Cohen recalled specifically speaking to Trump about the call with Peskov's office, close in time to when the call happened in early 2016. Cohen told Trump he spoke with a woman from the Kremlin who had asked specific and great questions about Trump Tower Moscow, and that he wished Trump Organization had assistants that were that good and competent. [Redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP

[Redacted] described her as "someone from the Kremlin." After that call, and a subsequent call with Felix Sater, Cohen recalled he told Trump he was waiting to hear back from them.

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Cohen attempted to follow the example set by Jared Kushner by publicly releasing the letter during his Congressional testimony, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Sekulow had also commented to Cohen that Trump was happy with how things had gone with Kushner.

Cohen and Sekulow spoke on the telephone on September 20, 2017 [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Sekulow mentioned that Trump was pleased with the Trump Tower Moscow statement that had gone out.

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Cohen asked Sekulow about pardons after the news reported those discussions were happening at the White House. He was not sure of the timing, but it was after the raids at his home and office.

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] Cohen said he'd been a loyal lawyer and servant and all of a sudden he was the subject of search and seizure. Cohen said it was an uncomfortable position to be in and wanted to know what was in it for him.

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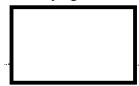
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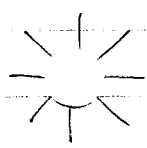
proffer agreement in effect.

ADG: be truthful.

distinguish between memory and think you remember.

Cohen: understood

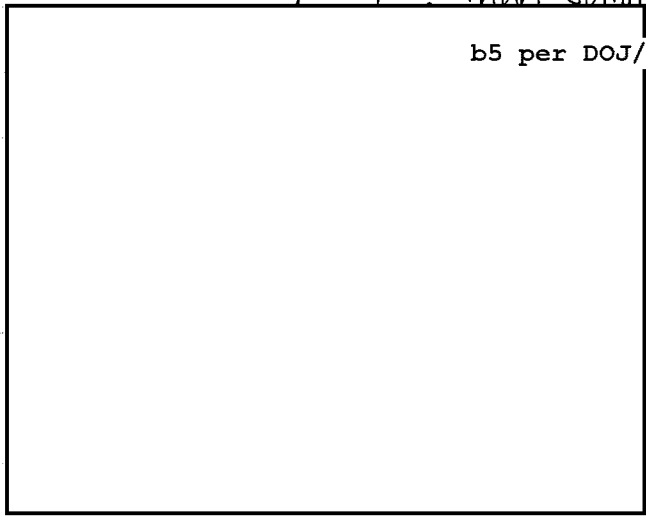
party line. staying on message. when did it first come up, become subject of discussion?



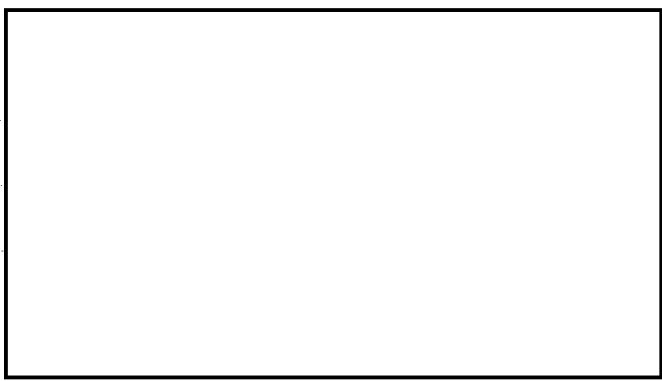
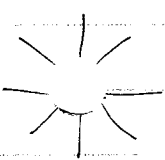
A: msg existed prior to atty conversations. Rec'd notice to appear before House/Senate, decided would read statement, release before hearing, message during JDA: don't elaborate, stay on message, everything fine.

ph. JDA
when did msg first come up, before det. issues w/ Trump. Russia he said he had no business, no relationship that was when msg was first created. ~~Summer 2016?~~ substantially later than summer

no relationship to Russia, etc goes back to campaign.



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party line created by Mr. Trump. Many mos. before election. Internets, rallies. "I have nothing to do w/Russia, no deals, etc" Became the talking point, narrative that was put out by Mr. Trump.

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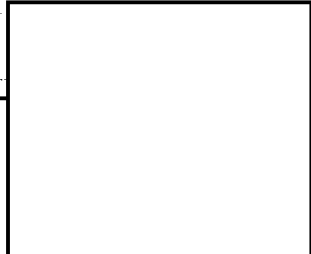
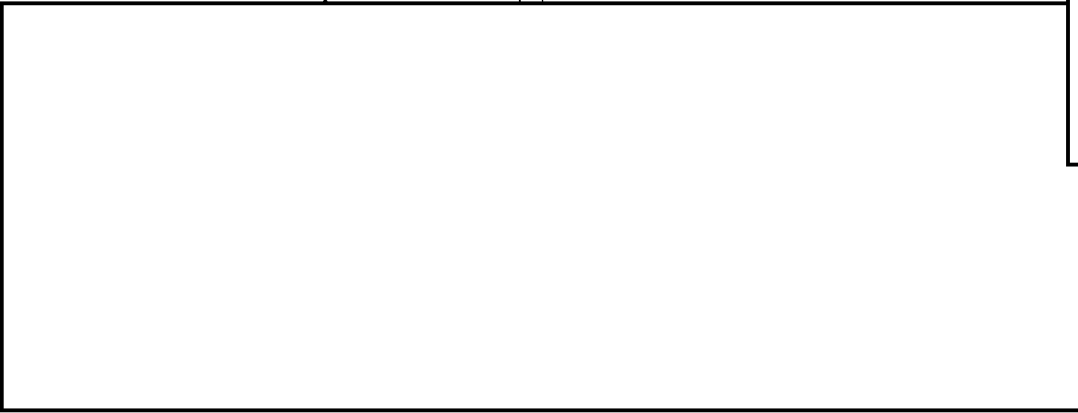
P loves you. Has your back.

JDA working well together. This will end soon. things like that.



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May 9, May 12. Congress letters.



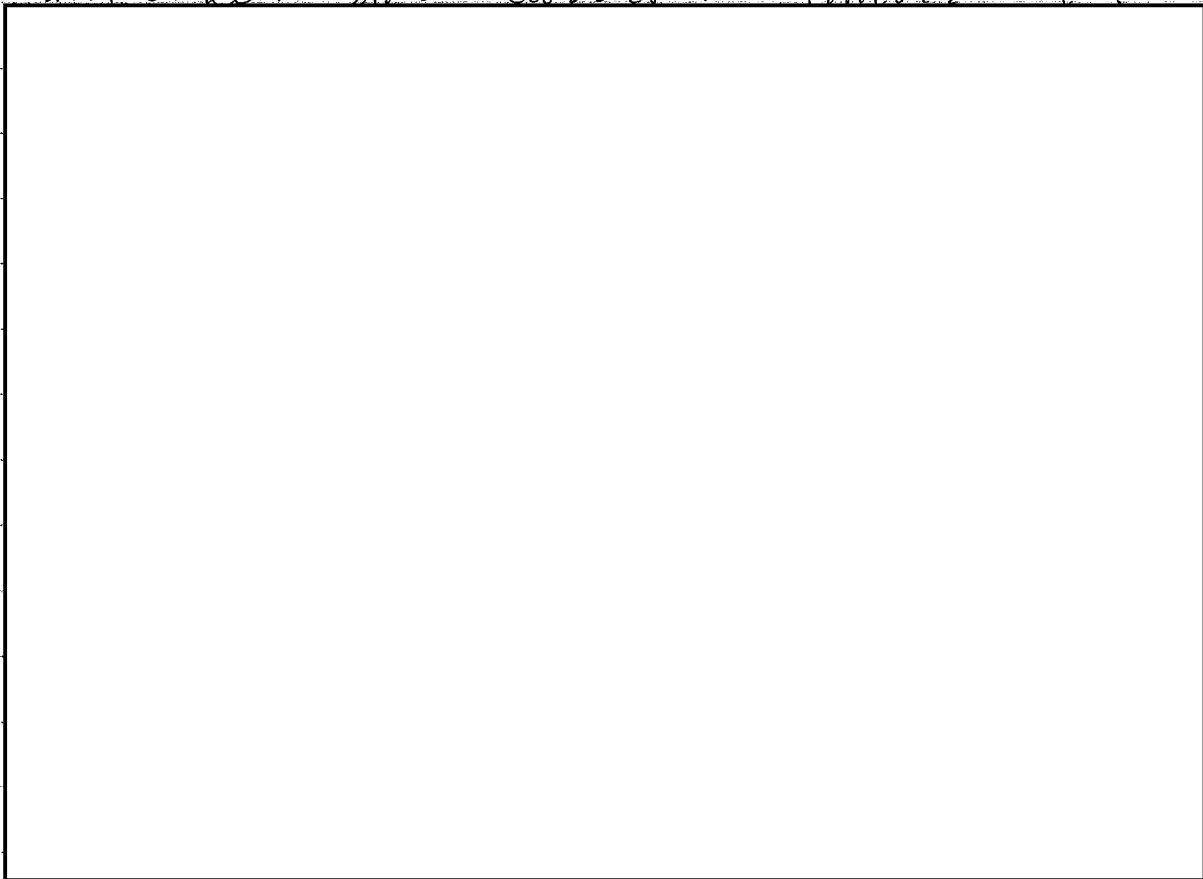
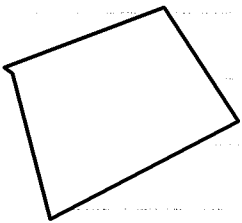
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focus of their inquiry? dossier.

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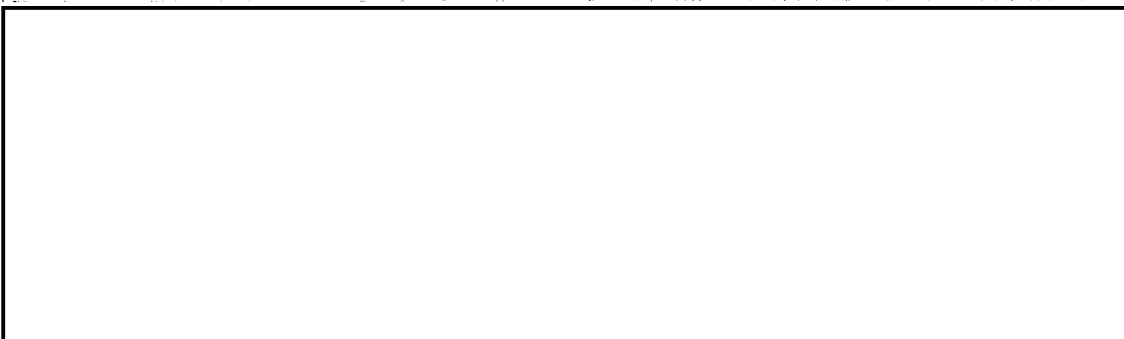
any concern about dossier allegations? No.



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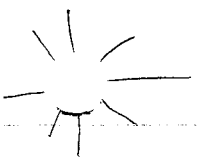
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Part of JDA

You're protected, vs. going rogue.

legal bills paid by Trump Org.

Jay: as we stay on message, this has to come to an end, there's nothing here Report will show that.

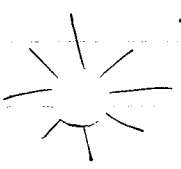


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TRM comes up. what put TRM on the ~~radar~~^{ra} radar?
Think there was a couple of reporters,
~~asking~~ asking Qs about it. Had sent
Qs to get answered. When you
started getting questions, to Cohen.
did you have concerns? worried it would
not be consistent w/message.



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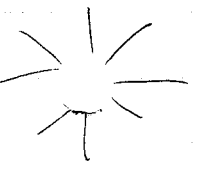
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when does the TRM letter come up? in connection w/
press inquiries.



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"Trump never considered traveling." False.
where did statement come from? Me. left it
out to be consistent with message.
why sensitive about travel? trying to distance

POTUS, no Russian connection. To protect P. didn't want to contradict. Being loyal.

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"Limited contact w Russian officials" did not remove it, don't know who did. JDA team. don't know who

Talk about it?

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Decision

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of JDA to take it out. Push back? No.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Did tell

Jay - if that's the decision of the JDA, not going to contest it.

[Redacted]

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day before letter submitted, lots of calls w/ Sekulow.

[Redacted]

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Cohen told Jay there was more detail, but Jay said to keep it short, tight, matter coming to an end. Client wants you to cooperate & appreciate it.

back/forth w/Jay. There are details out there that aren't in the letter.

^{express} Concern about leaving them out? yes, told him there were more details, comms w/Russia, comms w/POTUS. Jay: just not necessary, no point in elaborating, no need to include b/c xaction did not take place, why muddy the water

↳ more contacts w/Russia.

↳ not just 3 comms, there were more

Jay: just stay on msg don't over-elaborate. it doesn't matter.

don't contradict the President. Time to move on.

"D'Kay" what I was expected to say.

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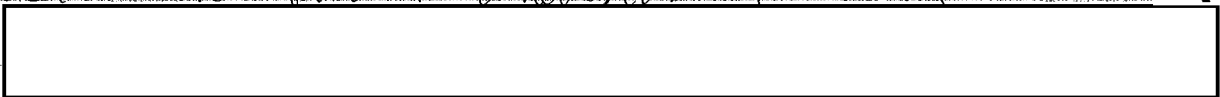


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public statement. in adv. of statement, discussions? I was following what Kushner had done, release statement prior to conclusion of hearing.

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Jay also commented P was happy w/ how
it went w/ Kushner.

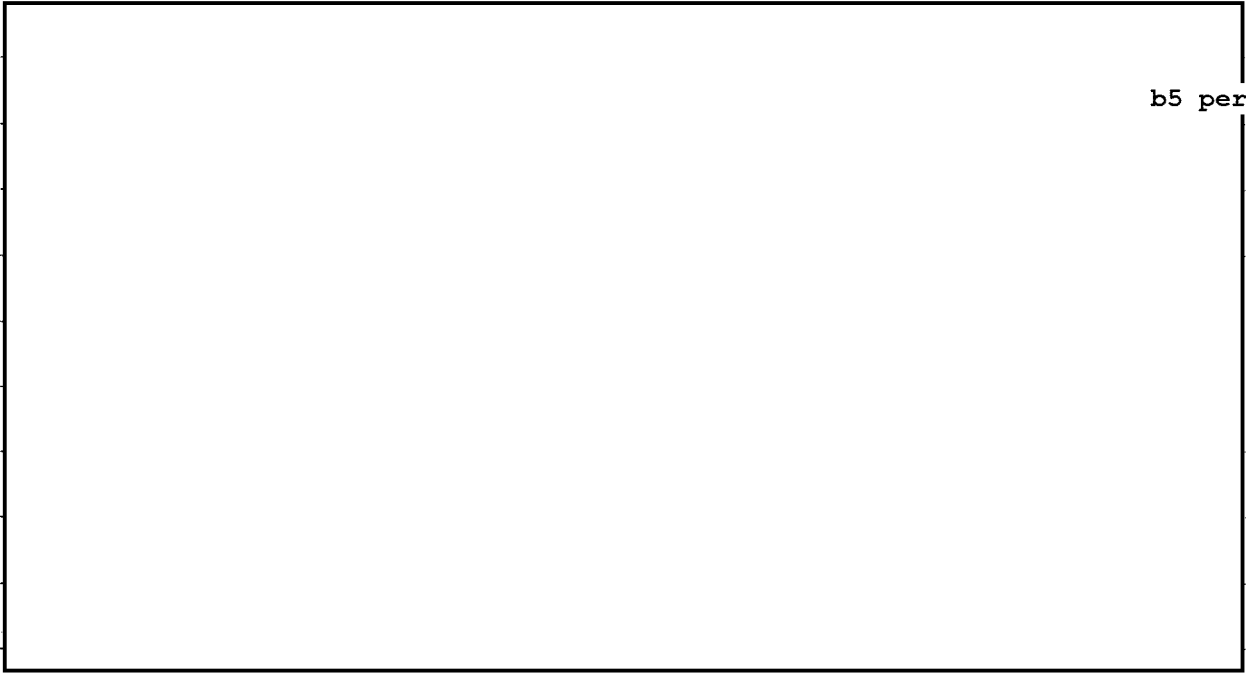
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- told Sekulow ^{there were} other details. ~~Some~~ did you tell him anything specific about call w/ Peskov's office? vaguely recall telling him about call w/ woman from Kremlin. no specifics on length of convo, sum/substance of Qs. Response: so what? deal never happened...

talk to POTUS? ~~don't recall~~. yeah, actually I did much earlier. said I spoke to this woman who asked specific / great questions. wish we had assts that good, competent. timing? close in time to call. describe her? not in title or name, but "someone from Kremlin".

after that, call w/Saker, waiting to see who would call back...

talking to DJT at the time → say waiting to hear back? yes.

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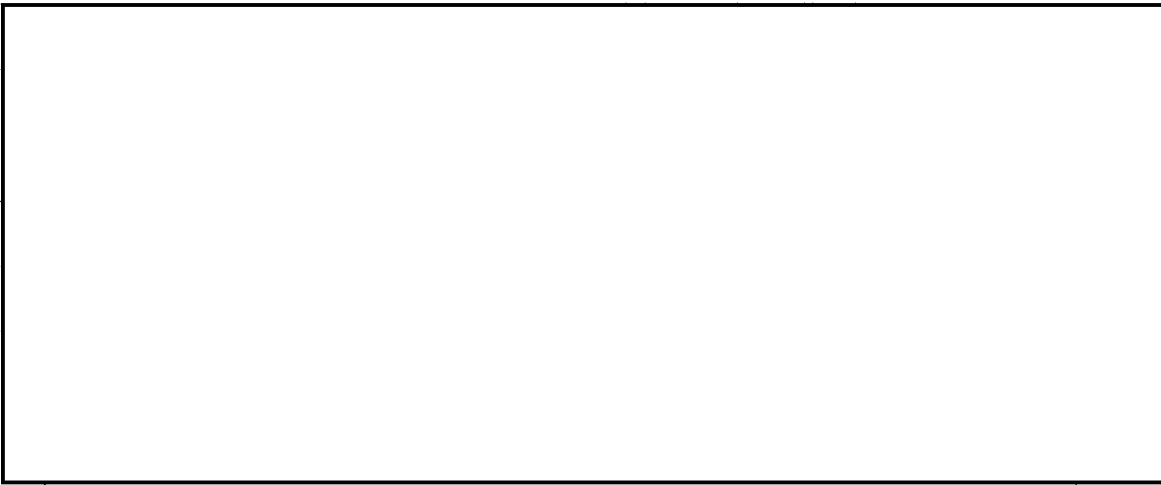
pardons / pre-pardons.

Mc. asked b/c news orgs referred to it,

"what about me?"

when? after the raid.

convo before were about testimony, etc.



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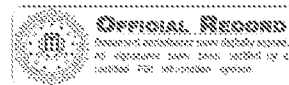
Here I've been this loyal lawyer smart
all of a sudden I'm subject of search &
seizure. uncomfortable pos'n to be in.
What's in it for me?



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Date of entry 08/14/2018

General (Ret) John Kelly, White House Chief of Staff, was interviewed at the Special Counsel's Office, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC.

Participating in the interview were FBI Special Agent (SA) [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Senior Counselor to the Special Counsel James L. Quarles III, and Senior Assistant Special Counsel Andrew Goldstein. Also present for the interview was Emmet T. Flood, Special Counsel to the President. Kelly inquired as to whether he was a subject, target, or witness in the Special Counsel's Office investigation and was informed he was a witness. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, Kelly provided the following information:

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Kelly did not speak to anyone about the article [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] Kelly did not speak to Don McGahn about the article when it came out, and he did not tell anyone he had done so.

Kelly recalled a conversation with the President and McGahn in the Oval Office where they discussed the article. [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

In the Oval Office meeting, the President asked if McGahn had seen and read the article and told McGahn that he did not recall any discussion about firing Mueller. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Kelly described the conversation as "a little tense." [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] The President may have asked McGahn to correct the record, but McGahn was insistent that it had happened the way he remembered. The President said it was not the way he remembered it. Kelly assumed "correct the record" meant for McGahn to call the New York Times to correct the story.

[Redacted]

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After the meeting in the Oval Office, McGahn and Kelly went to Kelly's office [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] but knew McGahn was insistent that he and the President "did have that conversation." [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Kelly and the President did not discuss the Oval Office meeting after the fact. [Redacted]

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Kelly reviewed a copy of his notes bearing Bates stamp WH000017684, dated Monday, 5 Feb 2018.

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The notes read in part: "POTUS - Don McGahn letter - Mueller + resigning."

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

He did not recall what the notes meant. Kelly did not recall whether the President asked McGahn to write a letter. He thought the President may have "mused" about it.

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Lewandowski and the President still spoke and were close. Kelly described Lewandowski as a "devotee" of the President.

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Kelly tried not to be there when the President had meetings with friends. Kelly tried to push meetings with friends and with the President's legal team to the Residence to create distance from the West Wing.

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had not talked to anyone about article

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tell anyone you talked to DM? NO. DON'T THINK SO.

[Redacted]

POTUS asked
1st time in Oval office - not in Oval office
to specifically about this

don't recall convo. (not that it didn't happen)

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What did P say.

- had DM seen/read article? don't recall any discussion re: Aring RSM.

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

a little tense

Don pushed back

P ask DM to do anything? May have asked Don to correct record. But Don said if had happened.

JK: assume correct record meant call NYT

POTUS said was not the way I remember it.

DM & JK finished mtg. went to CDS office.

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didn't talk to P about exchange after.

[Redacted]

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"we did have that conversation."

told [Redacted] in his office after the meeting

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did P ask you to ask Don to write a letter?

no recollection of it. may have mused about it.

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devotee of

POTUS.

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try not to be

there when POTUS has meetings w/ friends.

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try to push friends meetings to Residence.

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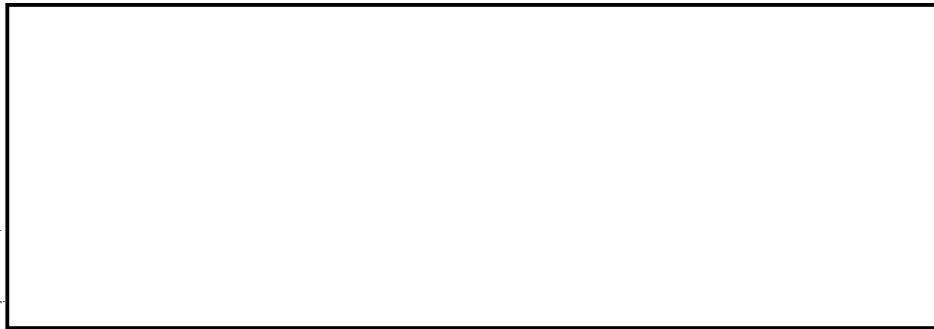
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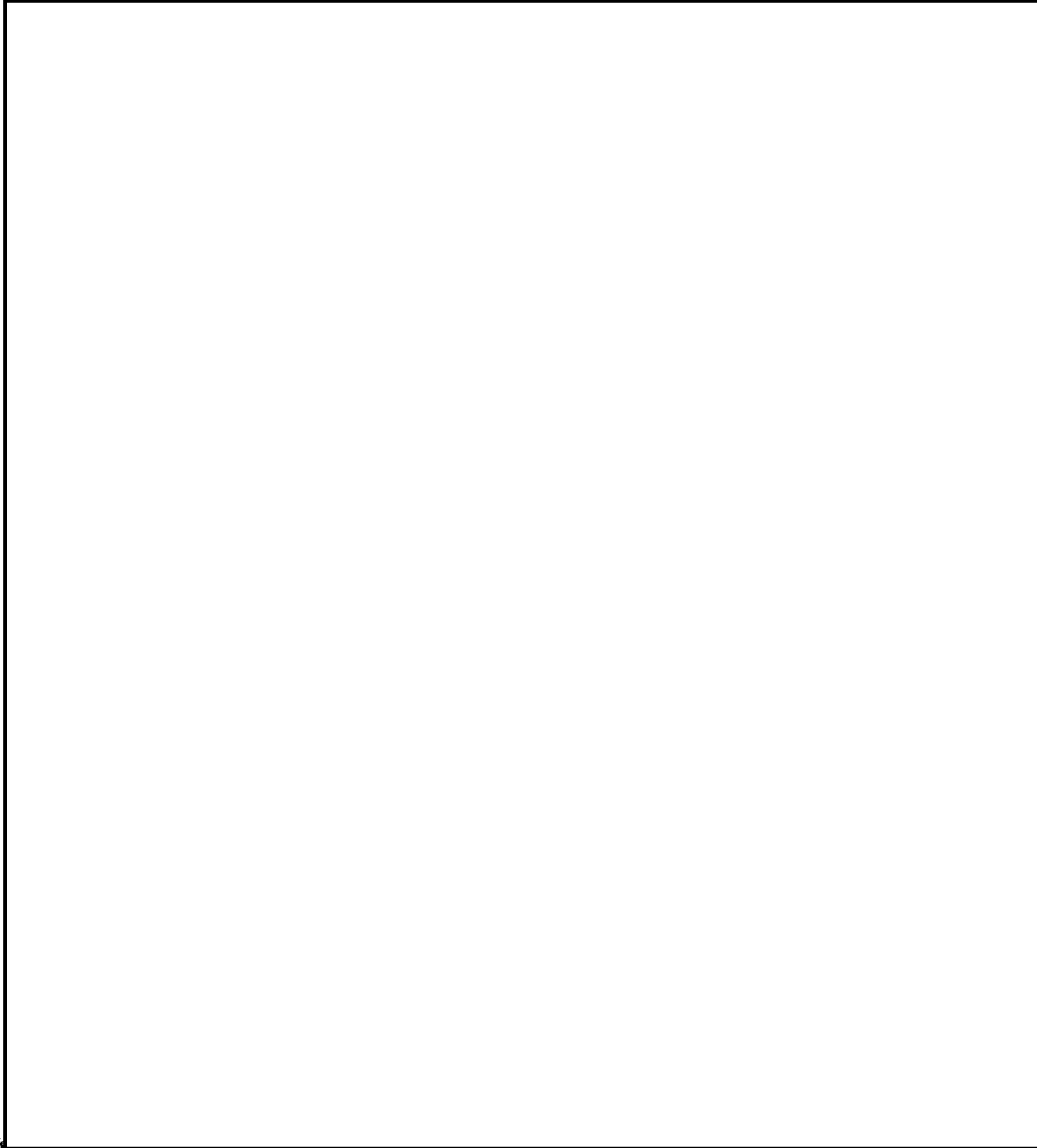
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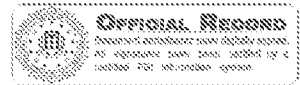


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Date of entry 06/11/2018

HOPE CHARLOTTE HICKS was interviewed at the Special Counsel's Office, located at 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC. Hicks was accompanied by her attorneys, [redacted] Present for the interview were Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) [redacted] Special Agent (SA) [redacted] FBI Intelligence Analyst [redacted] [redacted] James L. Quarles, Senior Counselor to the Special Counsel; Andrew Goldstein, Senior Assistant Special Counsel; Michael Dreeben, Counselor to the Special Counsel; and Elizabeth Prelogar, Assistant Special Counsel. Hicks was advised it is a crime to lie to the FBI in the course of an investigation, which she acknowledged. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, Hicks provided the following information:

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Press Reporting Regarding June 9, 2016 Meeting in Trump Tower:

The morning of Thursday, June 22, 2017, Hicks joined a meeting between President Donald Trump, Jared Kushner, and Ivanka Trump (hereinafter Ivanka) in the White House Residence. [redacted]

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[redacted] Kushner had a manila folder with documents with him and said to the President that they had found one thing that the President should know about, but it was not a big deal. Kushner said he, Donald Trump, Jr (hereinafter Junior) and Paul Manafort had attended a meeting during the campaign and started to open the folder when the President stopped him and said he did not want to know about it. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Hicks speculated Kushner's folder had emails in it regarding the referenced meeting Junior, Kushner, and Manafort participated in, [redacted]

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The following Wednesday, June 28, 2017, Kushner asked Hicks and Josh Raffel to go to the offices of [redacted] to review

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documents [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Hicks was shocked by the emails concerning the meeting she and Raffel reviewed in [Redacted] office. She thought they looked really bad.

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On June 29, 2017, Hicks, Kushner, and Ivanka met with the President in his dining room to talk about the emails. Hicks' initial reaction was that they should get in front of the emails. She wanted Junior to do an interview with "softball questions" to get the emails out there. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Kushner responded it was not a big deal, just a meeting about Russian adoption. Kushner reminded the President he had previously mentioned a meeting, and the President said he did not want to

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know about it. The President said they should not do anything, asked why so many people had the emails, and said they needed to let the lawyers deal with it. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Hicks told the President "this is going to be a massive story." She was not sure if she told him the emails were "really bad" in that meeting. The President did not want to talk about it and did not want details. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

When Hicks told the President the story would be "massive", he asked Kushner when his (Kushner) document production was due. Kushner told him it would be a couple of weeks. The President said, "then leave it alone."

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On July 7, 2017, Hicks was in her hotel room in Germany having a discussion with Kushner and Ivanka about a story the New York Times (NYT) was working on related to the [June 9, 2016] meeting [Redacted]

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The following day, July 8, 2017, while at the G-20 summit, Hicks told Trump about the NYT story related to the meeting. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] The President said not to comment. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Hicks and the President had a follow on conversation later that day, after a session in the G-20. [Redacted]

[Redacted] The President b5 Per DOJ/OIP asked what the meeting was about. Hicks told him Kushner and Junior had told her the meeting was about Russian adoption. The President said words to the effect of, "then just say that" and dictated what she should say.

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When they got on the airplane, Hicks called Garten to get an update. He texted Hicks the statement Junior wanted to provide to the media. She took that to the President's cabin and read him Junior's statement. He told her they should not respond. Hicks advocated for providing the whole story. The President did not say what was wrong with Junior's statement, but just felt they were giving the media too much [Redacted]

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After meeting with Trump about Junior's statement, Hicks returned to a seat and started texting with Junior. They worked on the statement for a period and ultimately settled on the statement that went to the press.

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[Redacted] Priebus already knew about the emails. They decided they should let Trump know that Priebus knew about the emails, so Hicks went to Trump's cabin and notified him. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] She went upstairs to Trump's cabin and when she got there, he was already on the phone with Kasowitz. [Redacted]

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Almost immediately after Hicks entered Trump's cabin, Trump handed the phone to Hicks. Kasowitz asked her what she was doing and told her his team was working with Circa News on a story that would blow the Russia investigation wide open. [Redacted]

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He told Hicks not to talk to the NYT. [Redacted]

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The plane landed and Hicks went back to the White House. When she arrived, she called Corallo to tell him she was upset about the Circa News article.

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[Redacted] She told him Trump had not approved the statement. [Redacted]

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Throughout Hicks' conversations with Trump, it was clear to her Trump did not think the emails would get out. Hicks' impression was Trump meant the emails would not get out to the press, but he did not say that explicitly.

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Hicks did not believe the emails would never get out, nor did she express that to anyone. She knew Trump thought the emails would not get out to the press. On the call with Corallo, if Corallo thought she said otherwise, it was because she either expressed Trump's belief or that Corallo was confused and Trump, rather than Hicks, said the emails would not get out to the press. However, Hicks had no recollection of such a discussion with Corallo.

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[Redacted] Trump thought Sessions' recusal from the Russia investigation was an act of disloyalty to Trump.

On July 19, 2017, Hicks had a conversation with Corey Lewandowski about a NYT interview Trump had done that day. [Redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP conversation that Trump had asked him to go see Sessions and tell him to resign, and that he needed to do the right thing and step aside. At that point, the Senate was about to go into recess, so it was possible Trump could get a new Attorney General through a recess appointment. [Redacted]

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January 25, 2018 New York Times article:

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[Redacted] Then Trump spoke on the phone with [Chief of Staff John] Kelly, who said that McGahn totally refuted the story and was going to put out a statement. [Redacted]

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The day after the article came out, January 26, 2018, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] He asked Sanders to call McGahn, [Redacted]

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Trump said something along the lines of Gates needing to keep an eye on Manafort. [Redacted]

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IC Findings on Election Interference

Trump thought the fact that the intelligence community assessed the Russians had interfered in the 2016 election was his Achilles heel. Even if it had no impact on the election, Trump thought that was what people would think. He thought the assessment took away from what he did.

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FBI - [redacted]

SCO - Andrew Goldstein, Jim Quarles, Michael Dreeben,

Elizabeth Prelogar

Attorneys - [redacted]

- June 22nd meeting at Residence (Thursday morning)

- JK ~~→ says~~

[redacted]

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- JK - manilla folder of documents

- one thing we found that should know about, not a big deal
- Don, Paul and I meeting

→ DJT → didn't want to know about it

went to open his manilla folder

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- speculating what folder contained emails

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- following Wed

- asked to go to

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office

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being checked by emails just recovered

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- 29th

- Jared, Ivanka, HH w/ DJT

- initial reaction to emails → get in front of → Don Jr.
do ~~an~~ interview w/ softball questions

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- remember (JK) told you about meeting → DJT
said didn't want to know about it

- DJT said don't do anything → why do
some people have emails → let lawyers
deal w/

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- told DT → "this is going to be a massive story"

- not sure said "these emails are really bad"
during this meeting

- DT didn't want to talk about it, didn't want
to know

- let lawyers take care of it

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- DT → in response to HH being big story

- asked JK when his document production was

- couple weeks

- then leave it alone

- meeting in dining room

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- next convo w/ DT → in Germany

- on 7/7

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- convo w/ JK and Ivanka

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- G20 Summit (7/8)

- told DT about NYT story

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- DT → no comment

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- after next sessia

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- talked to DT again

- DT asked what was meeting about

- took meeting to discuss Russian adoption → what JH told (H)

and Don Jr. b5 per DOJ/OIP

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- then just say that

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- second meeting

- told him -> and said to just say that (DT)

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- get on plane
- called Alan Garten → looking for update
- texted HH statement of what Jn wanted to give
- walked into DT's cabin
- what Jn planned to say as DT → just don't respond
- HH said should give full story
- DT didn't say what was wrong w/ statement
- just felt like giving media too much

don't have original



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- knew what emails said on 6/28

- on 6/29

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in dining room

- DT → what are you talking about

- JK → it's not a big deal, it was just a meeting about Russian adoption

- don't remember DT responding or having a discussion about it

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- after meeting w/ Trump → started texting w/ Jr.
- ~~statements~~ statement from Jr. [Redacted]

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- meeting (brief) → Jr. asked Paul and TK to attend → Russian adoption

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- statements were submitted

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- Reince ~~knows~~ knows about emails

- needed to tell DT

- went back to DT's cabin

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Reince ^{knows of} ~~knows~~ the emails,

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- went upstairs to DT's cabin

- already on phone w/ Kasowitz

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- gave phone to Kasowitz -> asked HH what she was doing -> his team working with Circa news on a story -> blow Russia invest wide open
- told her not to talk to NYT

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- gave phone to HH almost immediately
- hung up w/ Kasowitz

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rafter landed → talked to Corallo

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- flight landed

- cars back to WH

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- get back to WH

- called ~~Kasowitz~~ ^{Cornillo} → very upset

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- DT didn't approve statement

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- throughout convo's → clear DT didn't think ~~press would~~
~~know content of~~ emails ^{→ would get out} or would see emails

~~DT~~ DT said many times → in context of press (HHS impression)
- DT didn't say that explicitly

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- emails aren't going to get out
 - didn't believe or express to anyone
 - knew DT believed wouldn't get out to press
 - on call w/ Corallo
 - either HHA expressing DT's belief or DT said emails wouldn't get out to press
 - but no recollection of it

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- recusal from Russia invest was an act of disloyalty

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- convo w/ Corey Lewandski -> laughing about NYT article (7/19) - that night

- [Redacted] DT asked him to go see Sessions

← and tell him he should resign

do right thing and step aside

- Senate recess was approaching, so could get a recess appointment

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- DT on phone w/ Chief Kelly
- McGahn totally refutes story, going to put out a statement

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- asked Stuchabee to call McGahn → said she would

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- Gates

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- DT said something like i got to keep an eye on Paul, make sure

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- IC ~~bindings~~ bindings

- public facing → DT thinks its an achilles heel
for him

- even if had no impact on election, he knows
that's what ~~the~~ people will think
-- takes away from what he did

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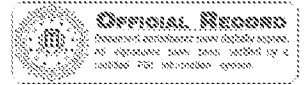
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Omarosa Manigault Newman, DOB: [Redacted] was interviewed telephonically. Present for the telephonic interview were Senior Assistant Special Counsel (SASC) Andrew Goldstein, Assistant Special Counsel (ASC) Aaron Zelinsky, and Special Agents [Redacted] [Redacted] Newman's attorney, John Phillips, was also present on the call. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, Newman provided the following information:

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[Redacted] everyone on the campaign was "ecstatic" [Redacted]

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John Phillips

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Everyone was asleep,

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January 18, 2019

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Re: Stephen Bannon

Dear Counsel:

You have indicated that your client, Stephen Bannon (hereinafter "Client"), is interested in providing information to the government.

With respect to the meeting between the government, Client, and yourself on January 18, 2019 and testimony before the Grand Jury on January 18, 2019 (hereinafter "the meeting"), the government will be represented by individuals from the Special Counsel's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The terms of this letter do not bind any office or component of the U.S. Department of Justice other than those identified in the preceding sentence. The following terms and conditions apply to the meeting:

(1) **THIS IS NOT A COOPERATION AGREEMENT.** Client has agreed to provide information to the government, and to respond to questions truthfully and completely. By receiving Client's proffer, the government does not agree to make any motion on Client's behalf or to enter into a cooperation agreement, plea agreement, immunity agreement or non-prosecution agreement with Client. The government makes no representation about the likelihood that any such agreement will be reached in connection with this meeting.

(2) Should Client be prosecuted, no statements made by Client during the meeting will be used against Client in the government's case-in-chief at trial or for purposes of sentencing, except as provided below.

(3) The government may use any statement made or information provided by Client, or on Client's behalf, in a prosecution for false statements, perjury, or obstruction of justice, premised on statements or actions during the meeting. The government may also use any such statement or information at sentencing in support of an argument that Client failed to provide truthful or complete information during the meeting, and, accordingly: (a) that under the United States Sentencing Guidelines, Client is not entitled to a downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility pursuant to Section 3E1.1, or should receive an upward adjustment for obstruction

of justice pursuant to Section 3C1.1; and (b) that Client's conduct at the meeting is a relevant factor under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

(4) The government may make derivative use of any statements made or other information provided by Client during the meeting. Therefore, the government may pursue any investigative leads obtained directly or indirectly from such statements and information and may use the evidence or information subsequently obtained therefrom against Client in any manner and in any proceeding.

(5) In any proceeding, including sentencing, the government may use Client's statements and any information provided by Client during or in connection with the meeting to cross-examine Client, to rebut any evidence or arguments offered on Client's behalf, or to address any issues or questions raised by a court on its own initiative.

(6) Neither this agreement nor the meeting constitutes a plea discussion or an attempt to initiate plea discussions. In the event this agreement or the meeting is later construed to constitute a plea discussion or an attempt to initiate plea discussions, Client knowingly and voluntarily waives any right Client might have under Fed. R. Evid. 410, Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(f), or otherwise, to prohibit the use against Client of statements made or information provided during the meeting.

(7) The government reserves the right to argue that neither this agreement nor the meeting constitutes the timely provision of complete information to the government concerning Client's involvement in an offense, within the meaning of Section 3E1.1(b) of the Sentencing Guidelines.

(8) If and when required to do so by a court, the government may disclose to the Probation Office or the court any statements and information provided by Client during the meeting.

(9) The government may disclose the fact of the meeting or the information provided by Client during the meeting to the extent the government determines in its sole discretion that disclosure would be in furtherance of its discharge of its duties and responsibilities or is otherwise required by law. Such disclosure includes disclosure to a local, state, federal, or foreign government office or agency, including but not limited to another prosecutor's office, if the recipient of the information agrees to abide by the relevant terms of this agreement.

(10) The terms and conditions set forth in this agreement extend, if applicable, to the continuation of the meeting on the dates that appear below.

(11) It is understood that this agreement is limited to the statements made by Client at the meeting and does not apply to any oral, written or recorded statements made by Client at any other time.

(12) This document embodies the entirety of the agreement between the government and Client to provide information and evidence. No other promises, agreements or understandings

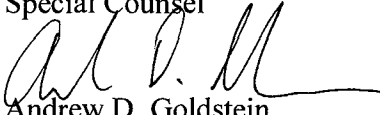
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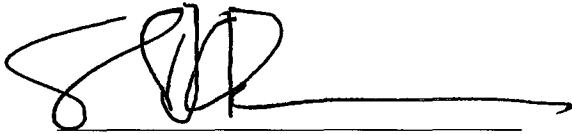
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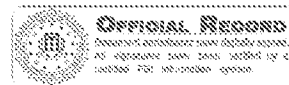


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Date of entry 05/30/2017

Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein, residing at [Redacted] Maryland, government mobile [Redacted] [Redacted] main office telephone [Redacted] was interviewed at the U. S. Department of Justice's Robert F. Kennedy Building, located at 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Present for this interview was Scott N. Schools, Associate Deputy Attorney General, direct office telephone [Redacted] government mobile [Redacted] [Redacted] serving as Rosenstein's counsel. Having provided him with the identities of the interviewing agents and the reason for the interview, Rosenstein provided the following information:

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Rosenstein prefaced his interview with a caveat that attorneys of the Department of Justice have advised him not to discuss the content of any conversations with the President until the issue of privilege has been resolved.

The Events of May 8, 2017

On May 8, Rosenstein was summoned to a meeting at the White House Counsel's Office attended by Attorney General Jeff Sessions and White House Counsel Donald McGahn. The meeting was placed on his calendar and scheduled by Rosenstein's assistants. Rosenstein was not informed of the purpose of the meeting. Rosenstein held up a typed document he described as his written recollection of the details of the meeting and expressed his desire to share that recollection with interviewing agents. Rosenstein also referenced a stack of documents on the table beside him and indicated his interest in providing interviewing agents with copies.

Rosenstein was advised by Schools that neither the written materials, nor Rosenstein's recitation of what was discussed with any White House staff, should be provided to interviewing agents until the issue of privilege is resolved. Rosenstein's preference was to wait for Robert Mueller III, in his role as newly appointed Special Counsel, to engage the White House on the issue of

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privilege, then determine whether the documents, and his oral recounting of any meetings with the White House, should be provided to the FBI.

The May 8 meeting at the White House Counsel's Office started at noon and initially included only Rosenstein and McGahn. They were later joined by Attorney General Sessions and Sessions' Chief of Staff, Jody Hunt. At some point during the meeting, White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus came into the room. This was the first time Rosenstein and Priebus had met. During this meeting the parties ordered lunch and ate in McGahn's office. Rosenstein authorized interviewing agents to consult his protection detail, staffed by the U.S. Marshals Service, in order to collect the exact time of the meeting. Rosenstein opined the meeting may have ended before 2:00 pm.

Rosenstein returned to the White House around 5:00 pm for a meeting at the Oval Office. This meeting was not scheduled on his calendar. This meeting "lasted probably less than an hour." Also present at the meeting were President Donald Trump, Uttam Dhillon, Sessions, McGahn, Priebus, Hunt, and a man he believed was John Eisenberg. At some point during the meeting, Vice President Michael Pence joined the meeting.

The Oval Office furniture was arranged with chairs in a semi-circle around the President's desk. Rosenstein was in one of those chairs. Behind the chairs was a couch, so Rosenstein cannot be certain whether others attended or departed.

Rosenstein said "I knew when I left Director Comey would be fired." During this meeting, Rosenstein was tasked to write a memorandum summarizing his concerns about former FBI Director Jim Comey, and was given a deadline of the following morning. When he left the meeting he felt tense because he did not have a lot of time to complete the memorandum, and he felt uncertain because he did not know its ultimate disposition. The memorandum had to be 100% accurate so he "could stand behind it." At the conclusion of this meeting, Rosenstein returned to his office and began to write his memorandum. Rosenstein remained at his office late and did not get much sleep that night.

When Rosenstein returned to his office, he informed his staff he had been tasked with writing the memorandum. Contemporaneously with Rosenstein's drafting of his memorandum, his staff drafted their own version. His staff included Chief of Staff and acting Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General James Crowell and Deputy Chief of

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Staff Zachary Terwilliger. Crowell and Terwilliger were the only individuals who saw Rosenstein's memorandum until the next morning (May 9) when he provided a copy to Schools.

When Crowell and Terwilliger completed their draft memorandum, they provided it to Rosenstein, who may have incorporated some of their language.

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On March 2, 2017, Rosenstein had lunch with [Redacted] at [Redacted]'s request. [Redacted] was [Redacted] in the 1970s under President Gerald Ford. Rosenstein shared Comey's public statements regarding the Clinton investigation with [Redacted] and they discussed [Redacted]

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[Redacted] was "disappointed" in Comey's public statements and thought they were damaging to the Bureau and the Department of Justice.

Rosenstein remained in his office working on his memorandum until very late on May 8.

Events of May 9, 2017

Rosenstein returned to his office early on May 9 to finish the memorandum. On the morning of May 9, Rosenstein received two telephone calls from McGahn. Rosenstein did not do anything after either phone call as a result of whatever was discussed.

Around 10:00 or 10:30 am, Rosenstein provided a copy of his draft memorandum to Scott Schools, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Around noon, Crowell took a copy of Rosenstein's memorandum to Sessions. Crowell returned later that day with Rosenstein's memorandum bearing minor edits, (presumably made by Sessions), [Redacted]

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No one from outside the Department of Justice tried to influence Rosenstein's drafting of his memorandum.

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Sessions did not see Rosenstein's memorandum until after 12:00 pm on May 9. Rosenstein was unsure whether Sessions wrote his memorandum before or after seeing Rosenstein's. Rosenstein did not see Sessions' memorandum until the following day.

Rosenstein and Sessions did not discuss whether Sessions should participate in Comey's termination. Rosenstein explained Sessions was recused from "the matter," not from managing the component.

Rosenstein was not sure how the White House would react to his memorandum because it was "not consistent with the President's comments" made during his campaign. According to Rosenstein, the President commended Comey about his handling of the Clinton e-mail investigation.

Rosenstein assumed and expected the President or Attorney General, or possibly Rosenstein himself as Deputy Attorney General, would contact former Director Comey to schedule a meeting to inform him of his removal. Rosenstein expected it to happen soon because the termination was imminent.

Rosenstein contemplated his memorandum would one day be released to the public but had not expected it to be released immediately. Department of Justice Public Affairs Specialist Sarah Flores opined to Rosenstein the issue of the release of the memorandum may have been previously discussed by Department officials, but Rosenstein could not recall the exact exchange with Flores because he was very busy with meetings on May 9 between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

At some point on the afternoon of May 9, Rosenstein telephoned McGahn and learned when Jody Hunt delivered Rosenstein's memorandum (and presumably Sessions'), Hunt remained in the Oval Office for two hours. Hunt later acknowledged he had been there for two hours.

Later that afternoon, Rosenstein demanded Crowell ask Jim Rybicki to locate Comey to "bring him in" to inform him of the looming termination. Rosenstein exclaimed Comey "was a friend of mine and the FBI Director, we need to find out where he is." At that time, he had formed the mistaken impression Comey was on his way to Los Angeles. He later discovered Comey had already arrived.

When Rosenstein learned Comey was informed of the termination by e-mail, he was "angry, ashamed, horrified, and embarrassed." It was also humiliating for Comey. Rosenstein was not copied on the e-mail to Comey, and was surprised the media portrayed the termination as Rosenstein's idea. At some point that evening, Sarah Flores told

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Rosenstein something she had heard from a contact at the White House. (Schools advised Rosenstein not to discuss the content of the conversation.) Based on the exchange with Flores, Rosenstein told her the Department of Justice "cannot participate in putting out a false story." Rosenstein opined Flores's White House contact was someone from the White House Chief of Staff's Office or Public Affairs. Flores informed Rosenstein the White House requested he attend a press conference on the termination but Rosenstein refused.

Later that evening, Rosenstein received a short telephone call in his office from the President. Crowell was in Rosenstein's office at the time. After the telephone call, Rosenstein visited Sessions' office (not as a result of the call). Flores was in the secretary's vestibule outside Sessions' office on a phone call. Once the call terminated, she informed Rosenstein it was a call from a "high-ranking official at the White House." Sessions was not part of that conversation, and nothing significant was discussed between Rosenstein and Sessions at that time.

By the evening of May 9, it was clear White House officials had been telling the story about the Comey termination in a manner "inconsistent with my experience and personal knowledge."

Events of May 10, 2017

Rosenstein first contacted Mueller on May 10 at 7:34 am, but "of course" he was thinking about the issue of appointing a special counsel before that time.

Then, at 11:30 am, Rosenstein attended a previously scheduled meeting with the prosecutors assigned to the FBI's Russia investigation. This was the first regularly scheduled meeting on the matter. During this first meeting, and in light of all the controversy surrounding the investigation, Rosenstein declared, "In my acting capacity as the Attorney General, leave no stone unturned" or words to that effect. However, those assigned to the case are career prosecutors, so in his personal opinion, telling them to do so was unnecessary because he knew they would do the right thing.

During his May 10 briefing, the team confirmed for Rosenstein the President was not a suspect. This was also Rosenstein's impression from his initial April 28 briefing he received from then Director Comey. Carl Ghattas may have attended this briefing, as well as several prosecutors.

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Rosenstein elaborated that based on his May 10 briefing, "there appeared to be no evidence the President was involved personally." Rosenstein inquired whether they needed additional resources, and was informed there was no such need.

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Several times throughout the day on May 10, Sarah Flores gave Rosenstein "tick tock" summaries of news events related to Comey's termination, which Rosenstein explained was not a time line, but a sequence of events. Sometime later that evening, Flores showed him a tick tock summary he believed was reasonable, and authorized its release. Rosenstein and McGahn spoke later that evening on the subject (and before the summary's release). Both were stressed over the situation.

Rosenstein's main reason for appointing a special counsel was due to public perception of the process. It did not reflect a lack of confidence. Rosenstein was inclined to appoint a special counsel immediately the morning of May 10. Rosenstein was concerned about his position at the Department of Justice and it caused him stress, but it did not influence his decision.

Rosenstein was not present at the White House on May 10 when President Trump referred to Comey as a "nut job," does not know who else was present, and knows only what he read in the newspaper.

Rosenstein's Opinion of Jim Comey

Rosenstein's opinion of Comey's handling of the Hillary Clinton investigation began to form the previous fall, and was also informed by others, whose opinions he read in the newspaper. Rosenstein interjected "I've always liked Jim Comey," but he disagreed with his decisions "in that case." Rosenstein paused a moment, appearing to have been overcome by emotion, but quickly recovered and apologized.

Rosenstein recalled inviting Comey to speak at a Department of Justice training conference in October 2016. After he made his

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remarks, he solicited questions, and attorney [REDACTED] raised his hand and asked Comey about his handling of the Clinton press conference. Comey described his state of mind at the time and acknowledged it was inconsistent with Department of Justice practice but stated "we acted in good faith." Rosenstein "fundamentally disagreed with his reasoning," and discussed the issue "with several attorneys" who all agreed "we would never do anything like that."

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Rosenstein also recalled being invited late 2016 or early 2017 to Sessions' senatorial office for coffee. During this conversation, Rosenstein told Sessions he was friends with Comey but believed there should be a change in FBI management because the FBI's reputation had been damaged "because of 2016." Rosenstein agreed with Sessions it would be "appropriate to have a fresh start."

On May 1, 2017, Rosenstein attended a "component meeting" and afterwards, Rosenstein asked Comey to remain, and they met privately in Comey's old office during his tenure as Deputy Attorney General. It was his first and only meeting with Comey in the role of Deputy Attorney General, which directly supervises the position of FBI Director. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During this meeting, Comey discussed a dinner he attended at the White House with the President. Rosenstein described Comey as not an "alarmist" but Comey described the dinner as "strange" and "awkward." The President did all the talking during this dinner.

Rosenstein reiterated his goal in drafting his memorandum was not to "fire Comey." It never occurred to him he "would be responsible for determining whether to remove him." It never crossed his mind the removal of Comey would impact the Russia investigation. Rosenstein "doesn't know what the White House was thinking." The notion that removing Comey would impact the FBI's Russia investigation never crossed his mind.

Rosenstein was comfortable with Comey either being fired or not fired. Rosenstein did not believe staffing decisions were his to make; the deputy attorney general was only to make recommendations. If the decision was made not to fire Comey, Rosenstein intended to inform him "we didn't make public statements."

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Rosenstein's Selection as Deputy Attorney General

Senator Sessions telephoned Rosenstein on November 28, 2016, and invited him to his office to "talk about the Department." A few days later, Rosenstein visited Sessions. Rosenstein did not know for which position he was being considered. It was clear only that he was being considered for "a position." [Redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP

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[Redacted] Sessions summoned him to his office several times for meetings. Before one such meeting, he waited with Rachel Brand and they discussed personnel matters, after which Brand commented the fact they had both been summoned meant they were both going to be offered positions in the new administration under Sessions. This was important because Brand was supposed to start a new job the following day and needed to know whether to withdraw from the position.

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[Redacted] All of his meetings during the hiring phase were between Rosenstein and either Sessions or Sessions' aides. Rosenstein recalled [Redacted] who was a close friend of Sessions, was present during some of the early meetings, as were other employees of Sessions, including [Redacted] who served as then-Senator Sessions' aide before coming to the Department of Justice.

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Rosenstein was never certain for what position he had been nominated, but assumed it was either the deputy attorney general or associate attorney general position. In fact, he was nominated to be deputy, and Brand was nominated to be associate. [Redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP

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Sessions and Rosenstein never discussed the Russia investigation during this time period. Rosenstein only knew about the Russia

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investigation what he read in the newspaper. During his confirmation hearing, Rosenstein thought it "almost preposterous" that he would have any involvement with the investigation. Only after discussing the matter with Comey did Rosenstein know anything about the investigation.

The Russia investigation had been monitored by acting Principal Deputy Attorney General Crowell and Dana Boente until Rosenstein was sworn in as Deputy Attorney General. Rosenstein's first briefing on the matter was provided by Comey on April 28, 2017. Terwilliger was excluded from these briefings.

Interviews of Potential Director Candidates

In January 2017, Rosenstein called "a few people" to see if they would be interested in the position of FBI Director but when he heard the President had given his public support to Comey, Rosenstein stopped asking around.

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Rosenstein and Sessions conducted several interviews "a week ago Saturday," more on last Sunday, then engaged in several telephone calls with individuals "offering advice" or with prospective candidates. Rosenstein telephoned "a lot" of former Justice Department and Bureau officials looking for good candidates. There were two former deputy attorneys general Rosenstein hoped would consider the position, but neither was willing to apply.

Rosenstein participated in several interviews for the position of FBI Director. Those interviews were conducted by Rosenstein, Jody Hunt, [REDACTED] and Sessions. Sessions and Rosenstein asked most of the questions.

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The first candidate to be interviewed at the White House was b5 per DOJ/OIP Mueller. [Redacted]

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Rosenstein Appoints Mueller as Special Counsel

Rosenstein's first conversation with Mueller for the position of Special Counsel was during a telephone call on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 7:34 am. On Friday, May 12, Rosenstein met with Mueller in person. Later that evening, Jody Hunt telephoned Mueller.

Rosenstein and Sessions spoke with Mueller on Saturday, May 13. Mueller informed them he did not want to be interviewed for the FBI Director position. Rosenstein instead convinced Mueller to share with Sessions Mueller's views about "what should be done with the FBI." Sessions thought Mueller's comments were "brilliant." Rosenstein did not want to interview Mueller and then reject him, so they made it clear they only sought his opinion.

Nevertheless, Mueller was placed on the White House's list of potential candidates for FBI Director. Jody Hunt was the Department of Justice's primary contact with the White House and may have got him on the list for an interview. Mueller was interviewed for the position of FBI Director, but later decided to withdraw from consideration.

Mueller interviewed for the Director position on Tuesday, May 16. Rosenstein did not coordinate Mueller's interview for the position of Director.

When Rosenstein appeared before Congress on Thursday, May 18, he did not discuss anything related to communications with the White House because he believed such matters were within the scope of the Special Counsel's investigation. Although Rosenstein assigned a special counsel, he did not dictate exactly what the Special Counsel would include in its investigation. He had considered several candidates for Special Counsel, including Jim Coles.

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May 8 of this year, summoned to meeting at WH with McGan and AG, at WHC office. he didn't speak to him, assistants schedules it. Found out thorough DOJ staff AG would be there. He didn't know purpose of meeting.

He wrote down his thoughts on the meeting but doesn't want to give it over yet. Wants Mueller to talk to WH for approval before discussing contents. Started at noon, at first just him and McGahn, then AG and chief of staff Jody Hunt arrived. At one point Reince Priebus came into room, first time they met. He ordered lunch, they ate in McGHns office. His protection detail would have exact times, probably got back between 1 and 2. Detail can give us times. Marshalls.

Returned for meeting at oval office at 5pm, not on his calendar though. That white house meeting lasted probably less than an hour. Present at the meeting was P, Uttam Dhillon, him, the AG, initially Donald McGhan, Reince Priebus, Jody Hunt, and a man he believes to be John Eisenberg. At some point the VP came into the meeting. Returned to DOJ, then started writing memo. I knew when I left D Comey would be fired and told the below staffers and that he was tasked to write memo summarizing his concerns about Comey. He left tense because he didn't have a lot of time and uncertain because he didn't know the ultimate disposition of the memo. Had to be 100% accurate so he could stand behind it.

They drafted their own memo too. They did it at the same time he worked on his then he might have incorporated some of their comments. One thing they did is draft a memo, then collected public criticisms of Comey's comments and gave him a page of it. Printed all those comments and articles criticizing Comey's stuff. Also got transcript of Comey May 3 congressional testimony.

His opinion on Comey dated back to last fall. Opinion was also informed by opinions of others he read in papers etc. Had lunch with [redacted] at [redacted] request. He's a former [redacted] in 70's under Ford. He wanted to share with DAG those public statements and [redacted] was disappointed in Comey's public statements and how damaging they were to Bu and Dept.

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I've always liked Jim Comey. Disagreed with his decisions in that case.

Spoke to two staffers, James Crowell who is chief of staff and acting principal associate deputy attorney general, and Zachary Terwilliger, who is deputy chief of staff. They assisted him in writing the memo. They were the only ones who saw memo until the next morning when he showed memo to Scott May 9 morning.

Was in office until very late May 8, came home, came back May 9, got 2 phone calls from McGhan. b5 per DOJ/OIP
Morning, Scott reviewed memo around 10am [redacted]

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Around noon, Crowell took copy of memo to AG, Crowell returned later with edits [redacted]

[redacted] He signed it.

He knew AG was working on his memo but never saw it until the next day. Next thing he recalled – asnt sure what WH would think of his memo because not consistent with P’s comments on campaign. He assumed P or AG and possibly DAG would have to contact Comey to schedule a meeting to inform of removal. He expected that. He knew it was imminent and figured he’d be called in for a meeeing.

Sarah Flores, PAU recalled convo about DONJ releasing memos. Doesn’t remember either way. Not involved in AG’s memo. He contemplated memo would one day be reeleased . didn’t know it would be done immediately, although Sarah thought that might have been discussed. He had several meetings between 1 and 5 so busy day.

At some point he called McGhan that afternoon and learned Jody Hunt spent two hours in oval office. He took memos over from DOJ. Hunt said he was there. Later that afternoon, Comey was a friend of mine and FBI D, we need to find out where he is. Told Jim Crowell to tell Jim Rybicki to find Comey to bring him in to give him news. He formed mistaken impression Cmoey was on his way to LA, later learned he was already there.

When he found out how he was fired, he was angry, ashamed, horrigied, embarrassed, it was humiliating for Comey. At some point that evening, PAO Sarah Flores told DAG something she heard from WH. And DAG told her the DOJ cannot participate in putting out afalse story. Sarah said WH wanted him to attend press conferecnce and he refused.

Received phone call from P later that evening. Crowell was in DAG’s office. Short call. Shortly alater he was in AG’s office, which is normal, Sarah was on phone with high ranking WH person, and after that, Sarah said it was call from WH. Sarah and DAG was in secretary’s office having exchange with Sarah while she was on phone. AG not part of that convo. No significant convo with AG at that time.

Evening of May 9 it was clear WH officials was telling story about firing d that was inconsistent with DAG’s experience and personal knowledge.

He called Mueller at 734am on may 9m but was of course thinking about it before. He “realized immediatly the problem.”

April 28- first briefing on Russia led by comey. Some of ghattis might have been there and prosecurtosr.

May 10- called Mueller on 734am on may 10th (corrected previous mistake). May 10 previously scheduled meetingh with prosecutors on Russia investigation.

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Confirmed president was not suspect. That was also his impression on april 28 when comey told him that. Based on his briefing there appeared to be no evidence P was involved personally. They saw no b5 per DOJ/OIP need for additional resources (DAG asked) and [REDACTED]

[redacted] On May 10 several times throughout the day, Sarah gave him a "tick tock summary" of news events ... not a time line but sequence of events. Some time early evening she shoed him one he thought was a reasonable summary of events. It was reeleased later that evening. He and McGhan spoje later that evening about that. McGhan called him BEFORE they released the sequence of events. They were both stressed over the situation.

Public perception of process, so he decided to appoint sp4ecial counsel. No lack of confidence, purely an issue of public perception. He was inclined to appoint SC immediately that morning. He was concerned about his poisitoin here but it stressed him but did not influence his decision.

No information about the nut job comments.

He invited Comey to speak at rteh October training conreernce. [redacted] raised his hand and asked about the Clinton press conference. He told entire story about his state of mind and knows it was inconsisntent with DOJ practice but we acted in good faith. DAG fundamentally disagreed with his reasoning, discussed with several attorneys, we would never do anything like that.

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AG didn'[t see DAG's memo until after noon on that day. So perhaps AG wrote his aready. So AG

His opinion is AG;s recusal from a matter doesnot mean he is recused from "managing the component."

He reminded in his statement he and AG discussed Comey, was invited to AG to talk have coffee in Sessions office. He told AG he was friends with comeyn but that there should be change ni FBI management because reputation was damaged and he agreed with AG it would be appropriate to hav a fresh start. AG knew DAG liked Comey.

DAG was ok firing or not firing, his view was it is not his decision to fire or not fire. He only makes recommendations.

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May 1- component meeting

One meeting he had with comey as DAG was- [redacted]

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His goal WAS NOT to fire Comey. It never occurred to him he would be responsible for determining whether to remove him. The notion removing Comey would impact the Russia thing never crossed his mind. He never believed the terminaton had anything to do with Russia. He doesn't know what WH was thiking.

Comey told him after their one meeting he had an awkward dinner with president, his demeanor was odd, he didn't know it would just be the 2 of them, P did all the talking. But in his mind, P is not subject of this (collusion) investigation.

In congress he would not discuss anything related to communications with WH because within scope of Muelle's investigation. He assigned the matter but didn't dictate what so he didn't know exactly what he was investigating.

Sessions (then senator) November 28 called and said let's talk about department. Came in few days later, didn't know what he was being considered for. It was clear he was being considered for "a b5 per DOJ/OIP position." [redacted]

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This led to sessions calling him to his office a few times for meetings. At one meeting Rachel Brand and he were talking about personnel and Rachel said I guess the fact we were here means we were getting the jobs. Apparently Rachel needed to know whether to withdraw from another job she was supposed to start the next day. [redacted] His only meetings were with AG and AG's aides. Never with WH. [redacted] close friend of AG was in some of those early meetings. Others too, ee's of senator. [redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP

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Never certain when he was nominated but began to assume it was DAG or associate AG (Rachel got that job). [redacted]

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They never talked about Russian thing. Only what he knew in paper. Then during confirmation hearing he found it almost preposterous that he would have involvement with Russian piece. Only after talking to comey did he know anything about Russian piece.

Boente and crowell as acting PDAG were only ones monitoring Russia case until DAG sworn in. got his first briefing on april 28. APDAG been acting since january 20.

In January he called a few people to see if they would be interested in FBI D but then Trump said he supported comey so he stopped asking.

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AG and DAG conducted a lot of interviews a week ago Saturday, then last Sunday, then several phone calls with people offering advice or prospective candidates and DAG was calling a lot of former DOJ officials and Bu friends looking for good candidates. There were 2 DAG hoped would take the job. Neither was willing to apply.

The interviews he participated in was Jody Hunt, [redacted] AG and Dag. AG and DAG asked most of the questions [redacted]

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DAG's first conversation with Mueller was May 10 at 7:34 am. Met with him Friday. Later, Jody reached out to him Friday night about FBI D and he interviewed Tuesday. Over the weekend on Saturday they talked. They talked to Mueller by phone along with AG. He briefly shared his views about what should be done with FBI, AG thought it was brilliant. He somehow got on WH list. Jody Hunt was primary POC with WH and he probably got him on the list at WH for an interview. He said on phone he didn't want to be interviewed for FBI D, DAG convinced him to share with AG what he should be looking for for D. AG thought he was spot on. DAG didn't want to interview then reject him, so they made it clear they just wanted his opinion... "I know you're not applying for the job but please share what we should be looking for but...." Then later somehow he got on the WH list for potential candidates.

Mueller interviewed but later decided to withdraw from position of FBI D.

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Stawls, Scott

Rosenstein, Rod

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W. cell -

w phone

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8 May mtg w/ McGovern + AG At WH. could office
learned AG would be there

went to prep

Rosenstein
will give

wrote down a statement

started @ noon

back before 2 but unsure

alone w/ Mc

J.D. Hunt car arrived

at one point Pence Priebus arrived (first
time he met
Priebus)

ordered lunch

conversation covered by privilege

returned to oval office @ 5 pm

less than an hour

Pres. / w/ Don Dhillon, DAG AG

John Eisenberg look to DAG but later told
at sum. part VP entered

2/10

know that Dir Comoy was going to be fired
returned to DOJ, started to write the memo
spoke to Jim Crowell PADAG
to Zachary Terwilliger DCOS
2 ~~staff~~

bootride
w/ memo

Aids told about task to write a memo about
Dir Comoy

Assigned ~~to~~ DAC in writing the memo

only for who saw that day

should + start on 9 May

felt sense b/c limited for
uncertainty as to the disposition
had to be 100%

they drafted their memo - DAC incorporated
two

Zach collected public criticism of asked about Lynch
congressional hearings, articles

Didn't consult w/ any one
opinion formed prior

March 2

scheduled lunch w/ DAC
he wanted to share an - how
disappointed he was about Dir Comoy's
handling

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Draft completed on 9 May

3/8/10

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9 May 2 calls from McGahan
didn't do anything different

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DAG knew AG was working on his own memos
DAG not involved w/ AG's memos

My reasons were not consistent w/ what the
Pres. said on campaign - namely ^{Pres} ~~Carey~~ commended
~~the~~ Carey about official investigator

DAG assumed a mtg would be scheduled that
day to terminate Dir Carey

Sarah Flores Public Affairs recalled
DOJ making s statement

afternoon called Mr. McGahan

AG's COI Hunt spent 2 hours at the oval
office

Hunt took AG and DAG's letters to WH.
believed Hunt told her

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4/10

DAG told counsel to reach out to Rybick;

when told Coney was to be fired
that evening

Search Flores PA heard from W.H. ^{wk} Cos or PA
told

evening DOT can't participate in putting out a false
story

W.H. wants a press conference

* later evening received a phone call
Didn't do anything

after DAG was in the AG's office
Flores on the phone w/ ~~AG~~ a high
ranking w.H. official
outside AG's office

* AG not w/ DAG and Flores

W.H. officials telling a story of Coney's
was diff. than DAG's knowledge
part from Flores and part from News

surprised

- 1.) done by email
- 2.) all Postmaster's idea

not copied on email

5/10

Special Council

7:34a called Mueller on 10th May

11:20 reg. scheduled w/ Justice ~~investigator~~,
prosecutor

at April - Comey briefed Justice invest
Guthrie and prosecutor
DAG in charge

1st of Registry was 11:20 on 10
I am acting AG continuation
have no stone unturned. If Russian's involved
prosecutor

Confirmed sup Not a suspect
in evidence President was invol
[redacted]

No Need for add'l records
[redacted]

[redacted]

Flower gave Tic Toc of firing
they put out

* Donald Gher from with. called ^{DAG} before
the sequence released
both stored

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public perception of process
not reflective of prosecutor and Agents
inclined to appoint a special council that means
were you
concerned about your position - yes but ^{bl. m. sta.}

not present out dual office on 10 May
only what he saw

9 May

unsure if AG drafted his before of after
DAG showed to AG after noon

No discussion if AG should be involved
DOJ ~~has~~ are recused from the matter
not from managing the component

MOU 2/16 - ^{first} meeting

told him Jim Conroy was a friend
there should be a change b/c of
2016

DAG doesn't make staffing decisions only
recommendations

DAG okay w/ ~~as~~ or what Conroy
Component had 12 May w/ Conroy At DOJ
what's our policy on public statements
Back in DAG office

7/10

Impact of removing Comey from FBI would
not impact the Russia investigation
DAC never thought that - didn't cross his mind

Comey said to DAC Acknow dinner w/ the prez
only Comey and President
it was bizarre

TO Congress - I don't know what his invitation
Give Mueller the opportunity to investigate

Nov 28 Senator Sessions called

interviewed several days later

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Sessions called DAC to his office a couple times
Rachel Brand at the meeting

Never interviewed at WH

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and is now
close friend of AG

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only section

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- AG's view we need new leadership of the
FBI

[redacted]

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Never discussed the Position race during ~~the~~ DAG's
hiring interview

Not until after DAG met w/ Comey,
Cruz,
Donoghue

excluded each from the Position matter
until after, in person or
briefed on 21 April

Selection of next FBI Director

- stressed initially b/c FBI is most
important law enforcement in the country

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Monday, then Thursday - but slowed

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How many

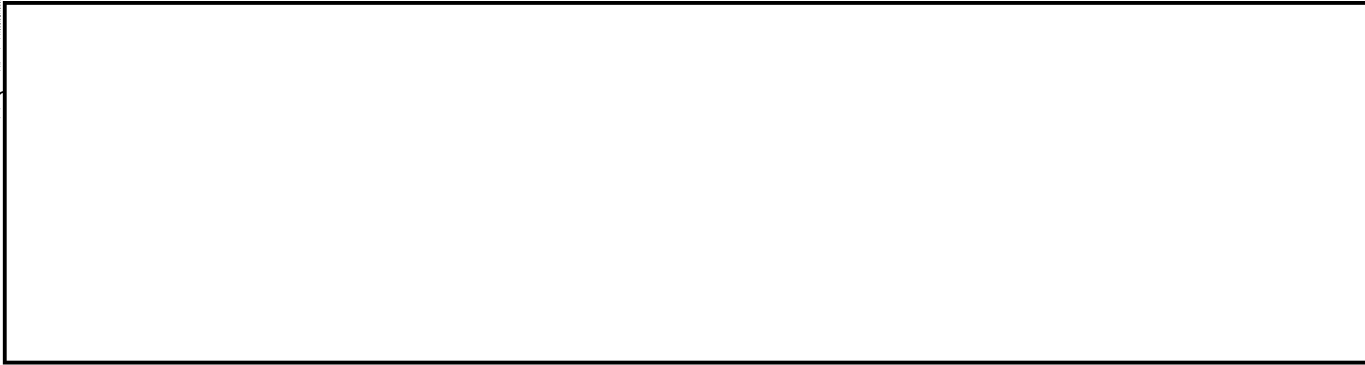
AG and DAG next 9/10 Sat
AG + DAG asked get the one on Sunday

entire + that

Several by phone, - either off-duty schedule
or confidante

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DAG



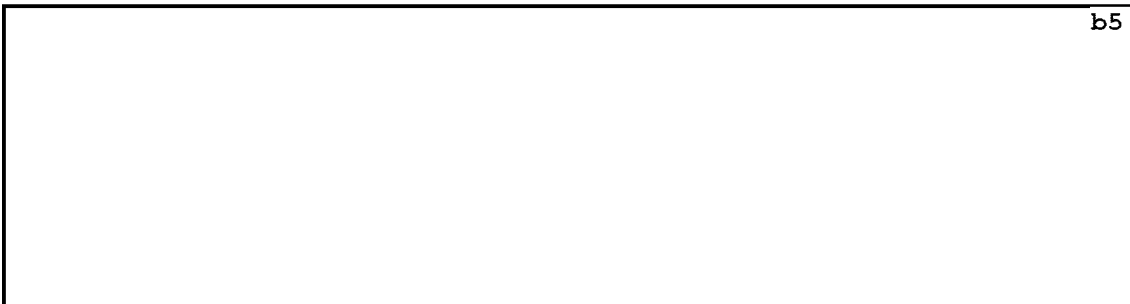
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Friday AG and DAG w/ Mueller via phone
DAG called Mueller Day after the firing for special
DAG made conflicts w/ AG's office w/ special
prosecutor
etc.

* They will not answer questions re: priv comm until

Scott Schels present

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3 pages of notes

5/23 @ 2:30 pm

R. Rosenstein →

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call office

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- Discuss problem priv comm w/ WH + SC?
- Documents requested from Hill and FBI
- 5/8 meeting w/ Don McGahn → ≈ 12pm (protected detail would have time)
 - learned AG would be there as well
 - did not know purpose of meeting
 - alone w/ McGahn at first
 - Jody Hunt + AG arrived next
 - Renee Preibus came in at some point
 - Returned to office at 5pm
 - President, Utan Pillay, AG, Don McGahn, Jody Hunt, Renee Preibus, Possible Eisenberg VP came in at some point
 - Memo written that evening

Chief: James Crowell
 Deputy Chief: Zachary T. Terwilliger } space to both re: memo

5/9 - Finished memo

- After meeting at WH → told Crowell/Zach about pending firing
- Was told he had to write the memo and finish by next morning
- They (Z/I) drafted their own versions as well
- R.R. used pieces of their memos in his

3/2 - Lunch w/ [redacted] - Frances [redacted]

- Discussed Comey comments in public re: Clinton

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* Has written notes going back to last fall *
→ Wants to give

② Morning 5/9

- 2 telephone calls McGahn → nothing changed
- late morning Schools reviewed memo

Late morning

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- [redacted]
- Knew AG was working on memo, but no foreknowledge of content
- His memo reflects his own views not anyone else
- He thought Potus, AG, or DAG would call Comey and ^{terminate} in-person
- Contemplated memo would be released, but did not think so soon
- That afternoon he learned ^{possibly from Hunt himself} Hunt took letters over to WH and spent 2 hours there
- Asked Crowell to reach to Ryzicki to get Comey
- He then learned how Comey was ^{via email} ~~fined~~ → RR became emotional

Evening 5/9 • Flores → RR says he will not be part of a false story → refused to attend press conference

• WH Council

• Then received phone call from Potus

• Meeting w/ Pres

• Short call

• Phone calls WH

(Sarah) • Later received another phone call

• Sarah's phone calls

from WH → RR was up in AG's outer office

• He assesses WH press stories were inconsistent w/ his personal view/knowledge → ^{then} saying it was all his idea

• Believes may have heard from J. Hunt about email

Mueller

~~Was~~ Made final decision to not go for Director and leave law firm to become Special Counsel

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7:34 am 5/10 → called Mueller (official offer)

→

5/10 → 11:30 met w/ Russia Prosecutors (First brief 4/28 by Comey re: Russia)

↳ scheduled, Russia → leave no stone unturned

Russia Prosecutors → "Confirmed President was not a suspect @ this meeting"
→ "No need for [redacted] additional resources" b5 per DOJ/OIP

- Flores (Tic Tac Summary) of finding first pattern → media
- Don McGahn called that evening re: release of sequence of events
- RR qualifies as call as "stressed"
- Special Counsel → out of a need to address public perception of the investigation
- Was concerned about his position if he appointed counsel, but did not change his decision
- 5/10 meet w/ Lavrov + Kislyak → no awareness of this meeting

• RR not sure when AG drafted his → he believes AG does not receive his until afternoon (RR)

• Nov 28, 2016 first meeting w/ AG

• Had a leadership discussion re: FBI

• He made a recommendation → staffing decision up to WH

• He would be okay if fired or if kept

• Comey + RR had public statement discussion (first meeting as DAG) ^{one of}

• He believed Comey was getting fired regardless of his memo ^{5/12 component} _{Head mtg}

→ Did not anticipate it would all be put on him

• Never thought removal of Comey would impact Russia investigation

↳ Just his opinion of his career

Can't speak to anyone else

• Was aware ^{one} of Comey meeting Potus ~~and~~ that was strange

- WH Docs
- Crowell through drafts
- DAU Memo

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Congress

• Would not discuss communication w/ WH until discussions w/ SC

11/28/16
 • 1st ~~DAU~~ call 1st call from AG though did not know was an interview

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AG friend

• Then met w/ AG a couple more times, no interviews w/ WH

• After inauguration first contact with WH

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AG Rachel

• Initially reached out to two folks per FBI Director prior to end January

• No prior discussion w/ AG re: Russia leading up to his appointment outside of media

• Crowell/^{Dave}Boente ran Russia until after sworn in and 4/28 brief by Comey

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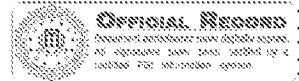
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Date of entry 08/10/2017

(U) MARY McCORD, date of birth [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Office of the Special Counsel, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC. Participating in the interview were Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and Office of the Special Counsel attorneys Andrew Goldstein and Elizabeth Prelogar. SA [redacted] advised McCord that it is a violation of criminal law to lie to the FBI in the course of an investigation, which McCord acknowledged. After being advised of the purpose of the interview, McCord provided the following information:

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(U) Employment History

(U) After law school, McCord clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Hogan for two years, and then spent two years at the Department of Treasury Office of Legal Counsel. In 1994, she joined the District of Columbia United States Attorney's Office (DC-USAO). [redacted] she went back to the DC-USAO. In 2001, McCord [redacted] McCord again went back to the DC-USAO. In [redacted]

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2012, McCord became the Criminal Chief, where she remained until May 2014, when she left to go to Main Justice.

(U) McCord started at DOJ as the acting Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the National Security Division (NSD). In August 2014, she became the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, where she remained until October 2016. In October 2016, after John Carlin's departure, McCord served as acting Assistant Attorney General (AAG) for NSD. McCord's last day at DOJ was May 12, 2017. She currently works at the Georgetown University Law Center.

(U) During the time McCord served as the acting AAG, there was no Principal Deputy in place, so she performed the duties of both positions simultaneously. Her duties included assisting in running NSD's various components, which include the Office of Law and Policy, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, the Appellate Section, and the CFIUS Unit. On occasion, McCord would attend Deputies Committees (DCs) and Principals Committees (PCs) at the White House when Yates was unavailable.

(U//FOUO) The FBI Investigation on LTG Mike Flynn

(S) [Redacted] the FBI's investigation into Mike Flynn [Redacted] b5 Per DOJ/OIP

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[Redacted] the lack of Russian reaction to the U.S.'s December 2016 sanctions. There was a lot of speculation regarding the minimal response from the Russians which was not "what was expected"

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(U//FOUO) On January 26, 2017, McCord accompanied Yates to the White House, where they met with White House Counsel Don McGahn and another attorney from his office, James Burnham. The four of them were the only ones at the meeting.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) McGahn asked if Flynn had been interviewed by the FBI and Yates told him that he had been interviewed [redacted] b5 Per DOJ/OIP

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[redacted] McGahn asked "how'd he do?" and Yates declined to answer. [redacted]

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Mary McLeod

7/17/2017

date of birth: [redacted]

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Address: [redacted]

SA [redacted]
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current employment: Georgetown Univ.

Andrew Goldstein
Elizabeth Prelogar

previous employment:

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5/2014 - acting PD Asst. Atty Gen.

8/2014 - ~~acting~~ PD Asst Atty Gen *1 no princ. deputy when she was acting*

10/2016 - acting AAG for NSD

last 2 weeks - AAG for NSD

last day - 5/12/2017

clerked Judge Hogan 2 yrs

Treasury OLC 2 yrs

1994 - OUSA / DC (Holder was USA)

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Year Dep Chief

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2012-2014 ~~Year~~ Criminal Chief

acting AAG & prin. deputy AAG simultaneously.

responsibilities - running division, various components.

law & policy, CES, DCs, PCs, appellate section, etc.

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lack of reaction to sanctions

there was speculation about why the response was not what was expected

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go to WHCO
met McGahn

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James
& Burnham

Meeting: McGahn, Yates, McLeod, Burnham

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McGahn: Has FBI interviewed him?

DM: yes, by FBI

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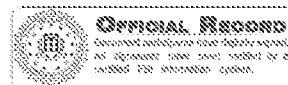
DM: how'd he do?

DM: [demurred] can't comment

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Date of entry 02/15/2019

Chris Christie was interviewed at the Special Counsel's Office, 395 E St SW, Washington, D.C., in the presence of his attorney, [Redacted] from the law firm Lowenstein Sandler LLP. Participating in the interview were Special Agent (SA) [Redacted] Senior Counselor to the Special Counsel James Quarles, and Senior Assistant Special Counsel Andrew Goldstein. Also present were Counselor to the Special Counsel Michael Dreeben and Assistant Special Counsel Elizabeth Prelogar. After acknowledging that it is a potential violation of Title 18 USC 1001 to lie to federal law enforcement in the course of an investigation and being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, Christie provided the following information:

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Investigation on 02/13/2019 at Washington, District Of Columbia, United States (In Person)

File # [Redacted] Date drafted 02/14/2019

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February 14, 2017 White House lunch:

Christie [Redacted] invited to lunch at the White House [Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b5 per DOJ/OIP

As they watched the TV, Spicer said something about Flynn. Shortly after, Kushner's phone rang, and it was Flynn on the line. Christie could tell from observing Kushner's half of the conversation that it was not going well and Flynn did not like something Spicer said. Christie heard Kushner say something like, "You know the President respects you. The President cares about you. I'll get the President to send out a positive tweet about you later." Kushner looked at Trump when he said the last part, and Trump nodded his assent.

[REDACTED] b5 per DOJ/OIP

[REDACTED] Trump said, "Now that we fired Flynn, the Russia thing is over," and Christie laughed. Christie told Trump, "No way. We'll be here on Valentine's Day 2018 talking about this." [REDACTED] and Christie responded that he had been through both sides of investigations and there was no way to make it shorter, but there were a lot of ways to make it longer. Trump asked Christie what he meant, and Christie told him not to talk about the investigation and to keep his mouth shut even though it would be frustrating at times. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Christie told Trump that if you get near a guy like Flynn, he's like gum on the bottom of your shoe, and you can't get rid of him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

At one point during the lunch, Donald said to me, "This Russia thing is all over now, because I fired Flynn."

I started to laugh.

"What are you laughing about?" he asked.

"Sir," I said, "this Russia thing is far from over."

"What do you mean?" he said. Flynn met with Russians. That was the problem. I fired Flynn. It's over."

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Christie thought when Trump said "the Russia thing," he referred to the Russia problem in general, not the investigations specifically. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Christie thought the more important thing was that there was an investigation, not that there was coverage of it. [Redacted]

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Toward the end of the February 14, 2017 lunch, Trump asked Christie if he was still friendly with [then FBI Director James] Comey, and Christie said that he was. Trump told Christie to call Comey and tell him "I really like

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him. Tell him he's part of the team. I really like him." At the end of the lunch, Trump repeated that Christie should talk to Comey.

Christie thought the request was "nonsensical" and that he was never going to do it. Christie just sat there when Trump made the request. He would not put Comey in the position of having to receive that telephone call.

[Redacted]

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Christie said it would have been uncomfortable to pass on that message [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Termination of FBI Director Jim Comey

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] Trump called and said, "What should I do? I'm getting killed. I'm getting murdered." Christie asked, "Did you fire him because of what Rod wrote in the memo?" Trump said yes, so Christie told him to "get Rod out there" and have him defend it. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Trump told Christie it was a "good idea" and he was going to call Rosenstein right then. [Redacted]

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Special Counsel:

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Christie recalled a telephone call with Trump in which Trump asked Christie what he thought about Trump firing Mueller. Christie told him that there were two issues he saw. The first was that Mueller had given Trump no substantive reason to fire him. The second was that it would be political suicide and Trump would lose the Republicans in Congress if he did so. Christie advised him not to fire Mueller. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Christie did not recall the precise timing of the

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telephone call, but thought it was in the summer of 2017, probably after Chris Wray had been nominated to be the next FBI Director.

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Chris Christie

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ULQ:

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2/14/17 lunch.

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Spicer mention Flynn. Jared's phone rang. Told POTUS it was Flynn. Could tell from JK that it was not going well. Flynn did not like what Spicer said.

You know POTUS respects you. POTUS cares about you. I'll get the Pres. to send out a positive tweet about you later.

POTUS nodded

briefing call induced Flynn convo

Now that we fired Flynn, the Russia thing is over.

Cenkshi laughed. no way. will be here Valentines 18

[Redacted]

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cc - I've done this. I've been inv.

There's no way you can make this shorter, lots of ways to make it longer.

P. What do you mean?

cc: Don't talk. Keep your mouth shut. It will be frustrating.

cc. you get near a guy like this, like gum on bottom of your shoe.

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[Redacted]

Russia thing? The Russia problem. The issue.
Not the univ. specifically.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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To Christie, important thing is info, not coverage
tell him. investigation

[Redacted]

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[gum off your shoe - after UK, MTF call.]

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[Redacted]

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Comey / lunch:
near end of lunch. Are you still friendly
w/ Comey? yes

Call him and tell him I really like him.
Tell him his part of the team, I really like him.

said it again - talk to Comey, okay
at end.

Nonsensical request. was never going to do
it. Just sat there wouldn't put Jim in
that position to receive that call.



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[Redacted] Phone rang. [Redacted]

It's the Prez"

What should I do? I'm getting killed, I'm getting murdered."

C - Did you fire him bc what Rod wrote in memo?

P - Yes

C - then ^{get Rod out there} have Rod defend it.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

P - [Redacted] good idea. I'm going to call Rod now.

[Redacted]

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May 17, 17. Special Counsel.

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Run him

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asking. what do you think about me firing Mueller.

- ① No substantive reason, to fire him.
- ② Political suicide. Lose Rs in Congress.

Do not do that.

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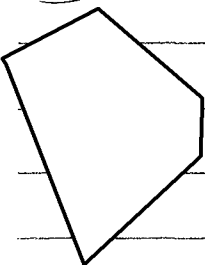
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when? Summer of 2017
probable after Chris ^{named} Wray as director

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phone call



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Timing on phone convs.

After way named, us...

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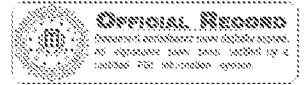
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Date of entry 05/17/2018

COREY LEWANDOWSKI was interviewed at the Special Counsel's Office, located at 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC, in the presence of his attorney, [Redacted]. Present for the interview were Special Agent (SA) [Redacted] SA [Redacted] Intelligence Analyst [Redacted] Senior Assistant Special Counsel (SASC) Andrew Goldstein, Senior Counselor to the Special Counsel James L. Quarles, Counselor to the Special Counsel Michael Dreeben, and Assistant Special Counsel Elizabeth Prelogar. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, Lewandowski provided the following information:

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Investigation on 04/06/2018 at Washington, District Of Columbia, United States (In Person)

File # [Redacted] Date drafted 04/08/2018

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Meeting with President Trump regarding Attorney General Jeff Sessions:

In mid-June 2017, Lewandowski had a meeting alone with the President in the Oval Office. [REDACTED] b5 per DOJ/OIP

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jeff Sessions. The President expressed criticism of Sessions' recusal from the Russia investigation and said if he had known in advance Sessions would recuse, he would not have selected him as Attorney General. The President said Sessions was weak [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and the President asked him if he would deliver a message to Sessions. Lewandowski said he would, and the President said, "write this down" and began to dictate a message he said he wanted Sessions to deliver in a public speech. The President thought if Sessions made the remarks he provided, Sessions would get back on track in the eyes of the public and would be viewed favorably.

Lewandowski wrote down what the President dictated on notecards he carried in his pocket. [Agent note: Lewandowski provided the interviewing agents the original copy of the notes he took during the meeting with the President. The notes will be maintained in the 1A section of the case file.] Lewandowski confirmed his notes stated as follows: "I know that I recused myself from certain things having to do with specific areas. But our POTUS [REDACTED] b5 per DOJ/OIP

[REDACTED] is being treated very unfairly. He shouldn't have

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a Special Prosecutor/Counsel because he hasn't done anything wrong. I was on the campaign with him for nine months, there were no Russians involved with him. I know it for a fact because I was there. He didn't do anything wrong except he ran the greatest campaign in American history. [Redacted]

b5 per DOJ/OIP

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Now a group of people want to subvert the Constitution of the United States. I am going to meet with the Special Prosecutor to explain this is very unfair to let the Special Prosecutor move forward with investigating election meddling for future elections so that nothing can happen in future elections. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

b5 per DOJ/OIP

The President did not provide additional instructions to Lewandowski other than to say he wanted Lewandowski to deliver the message to Sessions, and for Sessions to make the statement publicly. Lewandowski said he understood. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] He wrote as fast as possible to make sure he got the content correct. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Lewandowski's efforts to pass the message to Attorney General Sessions:

[Redacted]

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Lewandowski contacted Sessions' office to schedule a meeting with him.

[Redacted]

Lewandowski thought the message to Sessions should be delivered in person, not over the phone. [Redacted]

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He did not want to meet at the Department of Justice because he did not want Sessions to have an advantage over him, since that was Sessions' turf.

[Redacted]

He did not want there to be a public log of his visit.

[Redacted]

they decided to meet at Lewandowski's office

[Redacted]

They set a meeting for the following evening, but before the meeting the next day, Lewandowski received word Sessions had a conflict and had to cancel their meeting. They did not re-schedule the meeting, and Lewandowski left Washington, DC

[Redacted]

Lewandowski maintained the notes in a safe at his home, which was his standard operating procedure with documents and sensitive items,

b5 per DOJ/OIP

[Redacted]

Sometime in the first week of July, Lewandowski called [then White House Deputy Chief of Staff] Rick Dearborn to ask if he would be meeting with Sessions in the near future and if so, if he could pass a message. Dearborn had a longstanding relationship with Sessions, so Lewandowski thought he would be an appropriate person to deliver the message in his place. Dearborn agreed and Lewandowski said he would pass the message intended for Sessions in person.

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[Redacted]

Lewandowski knew the White House was busy dealing with the messaging regarding a meeting that had happened during the campaign.

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so he reached out to Dearborn again to see when he

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would be meeting with Sessions. Dearborn told him they had a dinner scheduled that week and Lewandowski renewed the request for him to pass a message. Lewandowski contacted Dearborn [Redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP [Redacted] in mid-July 2017 and learned Dearborn was scheduled to have dinner with Sessions the following night.

On July 19, 2017, Lewandowski and the President met alone in the Oval Office. [Redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP

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In the meeting, the President asked him if he had talked to Sessions, and Lewandowski said the message would be delivered soon.

At the conclusion of his meeting with the President, Lewandowski left the Oval Office and went to the anteroom just outside, where he saw Dearborn. Lewandowski handed Dearborn the typed copy of his notes and said something to the effect of, "this is the message we talked about."

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Lewandowski met with Hicks at around 6:30 pm that day.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] While Lewandowski and Hicks were together, the President called Hicks to talk about the interview and expressed that he was happy with how it was playing out.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Lewandowski told Hicks about the President's request and joked about the idea of firing Sessions as a private citizen. He thought he told Hicks that the President had said if Sessions did not meet with Lewandowski, to tell Sessions he was fired.

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Discussions about Recess Appointments

The same day as the New York Times interview, Lewandowski conducted research on recess appointments on his own.

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] Lewandowski did not share the results of his research with the President.

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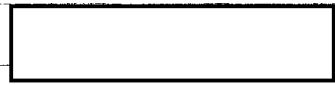
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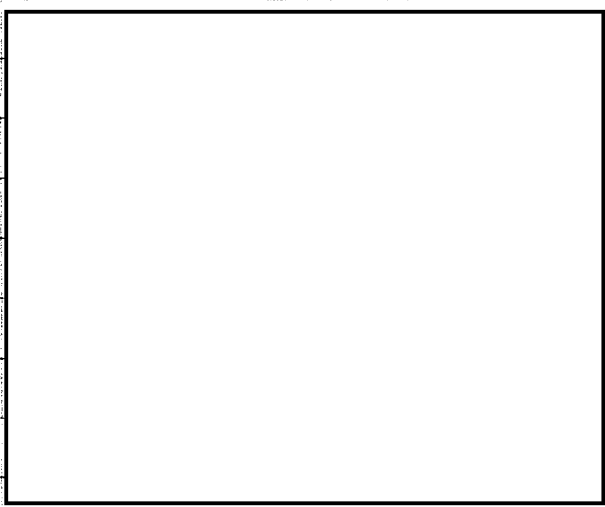
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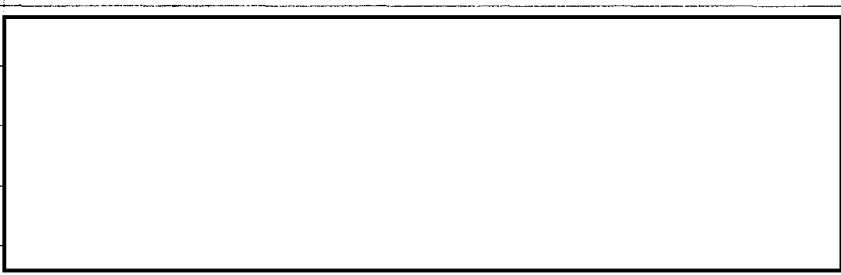
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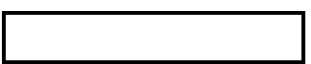
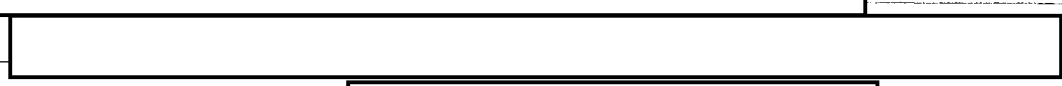
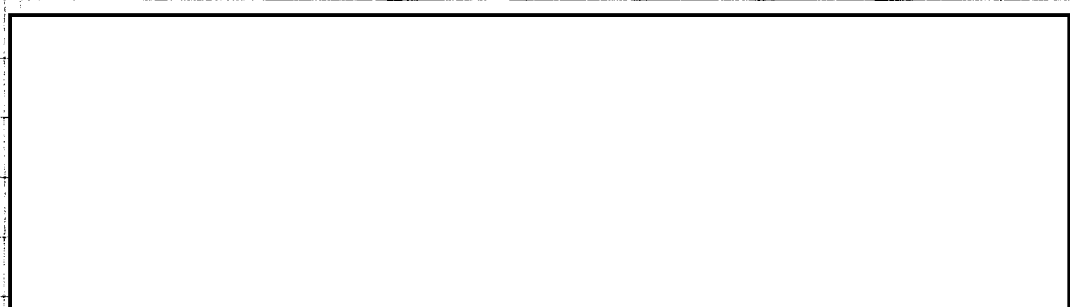
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Notes - mid June 2017 - Moore also there -

- Oval Office - Just two [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

- Leave about 5.5. lack of moral
- Pres critical - wanted to have known before

[Redacted]

- Pres asked to deliver message
- write this down

- Dictated to him from Pres.

[Redacted]

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- You know Jeff Sessions?

[Redacted]

- Never would've appointed weak

- Can you go talk to him?

- He wanted GL to have JS make a speech

- Dictated exactly what to say.

- Wanted to put AG back on track / favorable in public.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

- Post-poned the meeting
- Never met or deliver the message
- Didn't want DOJ aware

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

b5 per DOJ/OIP

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

- Alz Postponed - we'll set up another time
- Rick Garbman - Reached out
- see if meeting w/ any time in near future

b5 per DOJ/OIP

[Redacted]

- Spoke to R.D. to have him deliver message
 - R.D. has long standing relationship.
 - In-person message - worked in person meeting
 - Didn't think would have that relayed → landing from President
- over the phone

[Redacted]

b5 per DOJ/OIP

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

- See President again - R.D. there also see JS?
- when next time [have dinner w/ J.S. next day]
 - Following evening w/ Atz -
 - wanted to make sure have copy of message
 - Message being deleted when asked

2/2012 - meeting in oval office

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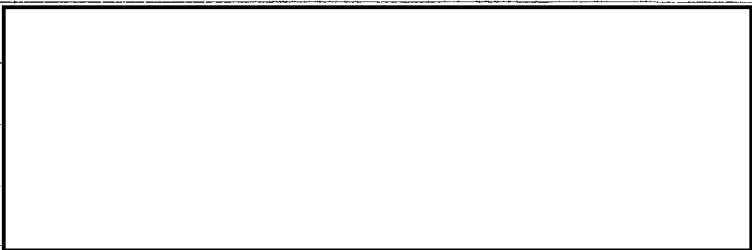
- R.D. anti-room outside of oval - have copy of notes
- R.D. aware of message to deliver to President

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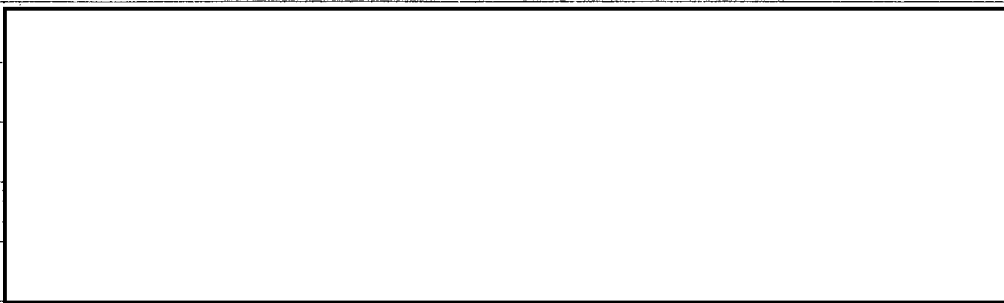
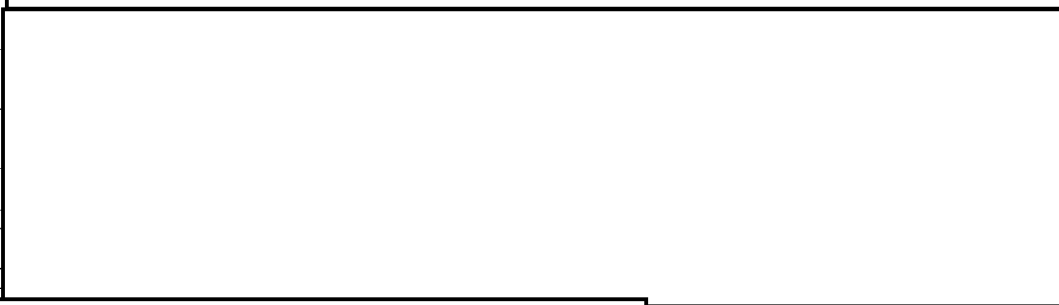
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- said message was going to be delivered soon.



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Why not just phone? He could've



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- Didn't want to deliver on phone or @ DOJ
- Wanted to discuss in person
- Didn't want S.C. to have an advantage of DOJ office.
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Left Oval - wanted to deliver as quick as possible

- Didn't know what follow-up would happen

Reached out, was unable

- Didn't stay in town -

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May have also been on
of country

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Reached out to R.D.

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7/19 Oval Office

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- RD much w/ prior - have notes

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

- Meeting dinner w/ sessions next day

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- R.D. knew ^{5.9.} for a long time.

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Drafted - No thought process on content

- Said take this down

[Redacted]

- Took out note cards wrote up best as possible

[Redacted]

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- Shortly after contacted J.G.

[Redacted]

Street view

[Redacted]

- Meeting on following day, planned on reviewing/reading notes
didn't get to that point because postponed

- Notes in safe at home - S.O.P.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

- [Redacted] typed up - didn't get one word, said that's alright

- R.D. - Filled up notebook said this is the message to give.

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Recess Appointment

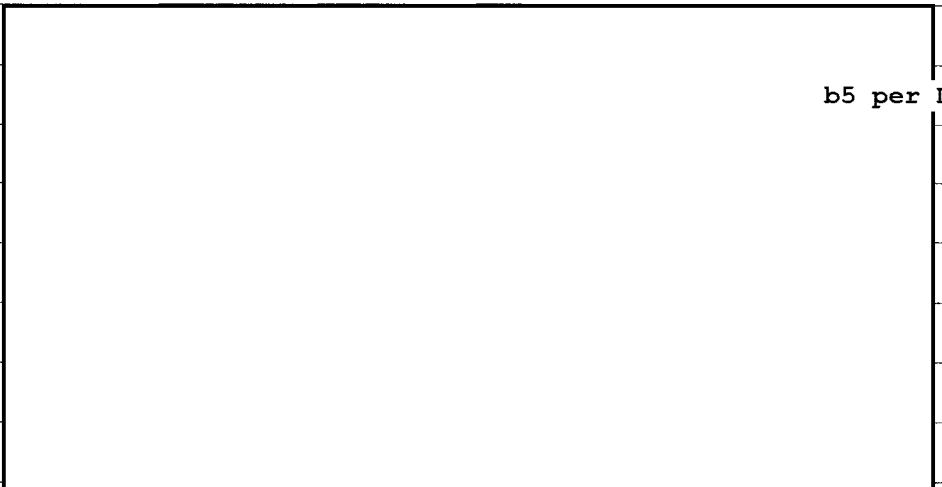


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- Answer shared w/ Press.

- Recess appointment research conducted after Thurs article/interview



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certain things having to
do w/ specific Areas.
But our POTUS

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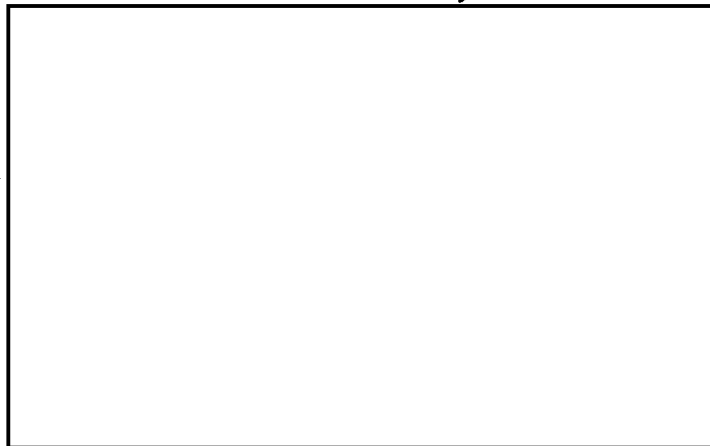
is being treated

VERY UNFAIRLY. HE
SHOULDN'T HAVE A SPECIAL
PROSECUTOR / COUNSEL.
B/C HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING
WRONG.

I WAS ON THE CAMPAIGN
WHEN 9 MONTHS,
THERE WERE NO RUSSIANS
INVOLVED WITH HIM.

I KNOW IT FOR A FACT
B/C I WAS THERE. HE
DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WERE
EXCEPT HE RAN THE
GRAND CAMPAIGN IN
AMERICAN HISTORY.

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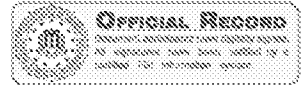


Corey R. Lewandowski

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Now A group of people
want to submit the
Constitution of the U.S.
I am going to meet w/
the Special Prosecutor
to explain this is very
unfair + let the
Special Prosecutor move
forward w/ investigating
election meddling for
future elections so that
nothing can happen in
future elections.

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HOPE CHARLOTTE HICKS was interviewed at the Special Counsel's Office, located at 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC. Hicks was accompanied by her attorneys [Redacted] Present for the interview were Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) [Redacted] Special Agent (SA) [Redacted] James L. Quarles, Senior Counselor to the Special Counsel, Jeannie S. Rhee, Senior Assistant Special Counsel, and Andrew Goldstein, Senior Assistant Special Counsel. Hicks was advised it is a crime to lie to the FBI in the course of an investigation, which she acknowledged. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, Hicks provided the following information:

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It was about 3:00 am

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She received a call from a telephone

number with a 202 area code, and a foreign person was on the other end of the line. Hicks had a hard time understanding the person but she could make out the words "Putin call."

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

She asked the caller to send her an email, which he did. Once she received it, she forwarded it to Kushner.

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The Russians sent a letter, which she gave to transition officials. She had some back and

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forth exchanges with Sergey Kuznetsov, [Redacted]

[Redacted] She remembered their first call and that they exchanged emails, [Redacted]

Hicks reviewed an email (labelled "Exhibit 40") and confirmed she received it after the phone call. She was not sure if the situation was legitimate, which is why she sent it to Kushner to verify. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] quoted Hicks as saying the campaign had "no contact with Russian officials." She had received press inquiries about it, because someone had said the campaign was in constant contact with the Russian government. Nothing Hicks had seen led her to believe that was true. She acknowledged her answer to the newspaper was overbroad, but she checked in with a few people after the fact to validate it. She recalled she talked to Kellyanne Conway and Stephen Miller. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] She asked Jason Miller and probably asked Kushner. She thought she reached out to Conway and Bannon. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Hicks told that group she was planning to respond to the press and there was no hesitation or pushback from any of them. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Trump told Hicks Obama told him to watch out for Flynn. Hicks thought the comment sat with Trump more than she expected.

[Redacted] Flynn's and his son's tweets [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Trump thought Flynn had bad judgment. Hicks thought the tweets bothered Trump [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] It bothered Trump that both Flynn and his son sent bad tweets. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Flynn was "sort of on thin ice already" at that point. [Redacted]
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Trump said he never held Comey back or kept him in his office. Hicks thought Trump meant that he had not asked Comey to stay,

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[Redacted] Trump "scolded" Sessions in her presence but she was not sure exactly what they said or when exactly it happened. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Trump was very angry. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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In the interview, Trump responded to a question about whether it was too late to fire Comey by saying it was not too late, he had confidence in Comey, and "we'll see what happens." [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] Hicks suggested they also edit out the answer about Comey, but Trump wanted to keep it in, which she thought was unusual. [Redacted]

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After the news of Comey's termination broke, [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] He asked Hicks to get someone out there to defend him. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Trump was frustrated with the coverage.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] Trump wanted Spicer, Conway, and Hicks all to get on television and defend him. [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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[Redacted] Trump's meeting with [Russian Foreign Minister Sergey] Lavrov and Kislyak on May 10, 2017. [Redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP

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[Redacted] The day prior (May 18, 2018), Trump and Hicks had an off the record lunch with news anchors to discuss his foreign trip and had said similar things about Comey to that group. He said Comey was a "nut job" and was "crazy." [Redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP

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[Redacted] Trump [Redacted] did not seem concerned, and said, "he is crazy."

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[Redacted] He never said he did not say the things the media said he did.

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When the Special Counsel was appointed on May 17, 2017, Trump was angry, surprised, and frustrated. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] she saw shortly afterward that Sessions [Redacted] in his office. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] The only other time she had seen Trump like that was when the Access Hollywood tape came out during the campaign. [Redacted]

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A day later, on the flight from Saudi Arabia to Tel Aviv, Israel, Trump took out Sessions' resignation letter and asked a group of people what he should do.

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[Redacted] in that interview, she was "throwing herself between the reporters and Trump to try to table some of it." Trump loved the interview [Redacted]

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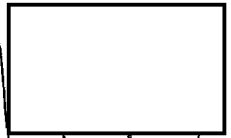
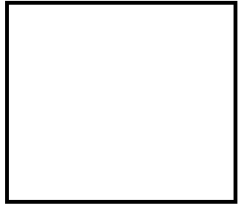
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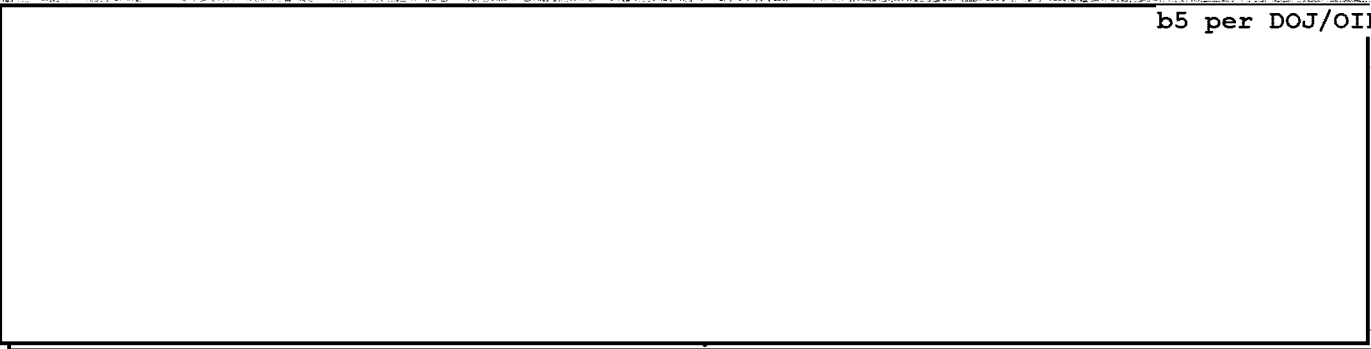
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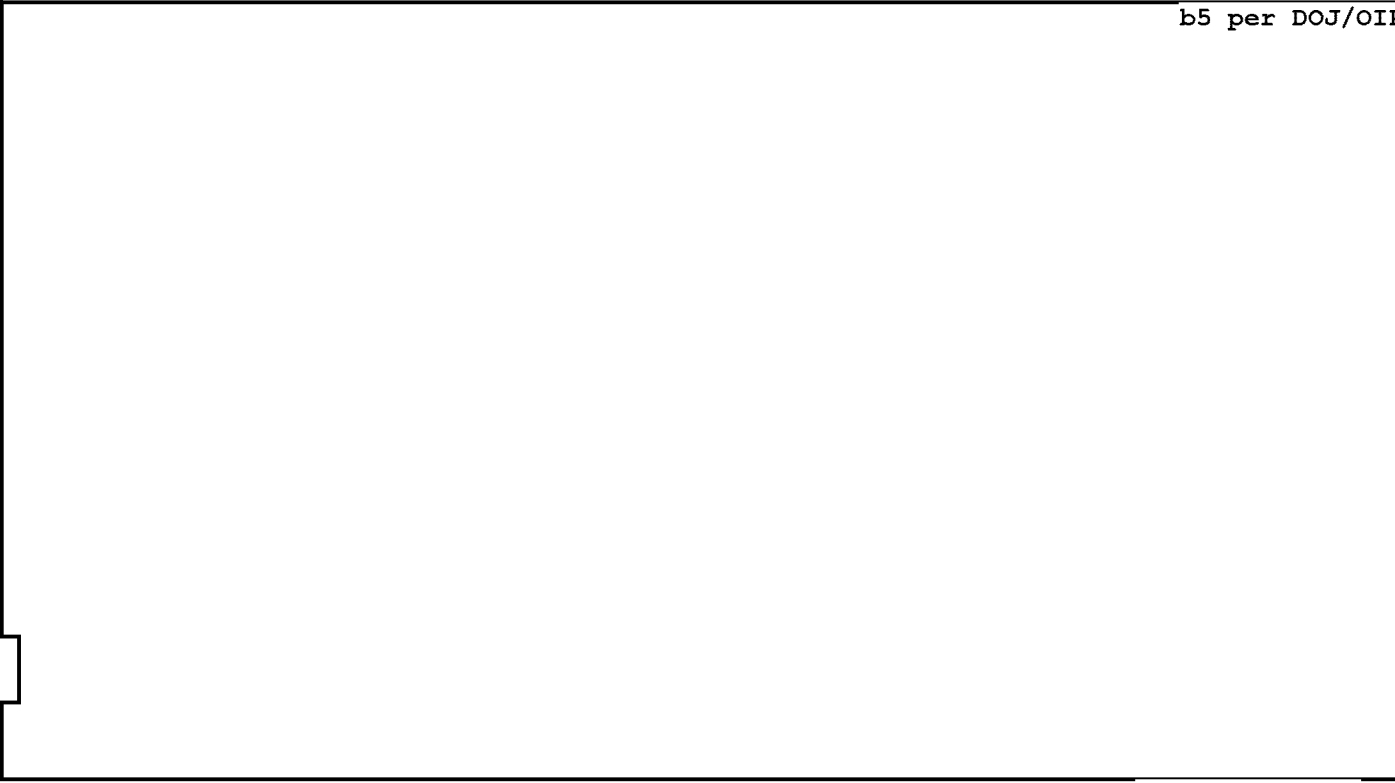
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Election day. Russian reach out After speech
3am, [Redacted] b5 per DOJ/OIP
000 #. Picked up and person on end was Phone rang.

Foreign, hard to understand could make out
"Putin call" [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] . Asked

caller to send her an email. GOT Email forwarded
to JK [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Asked JK who it was. Russian ambo?

11/9/16 next day.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

sent letter initially HH gave to transition officials. had some back/forth w/ Sergey Kuznetsov.

calls w/ Kuznetsov? don't know other than 1st one.

Remember emails.

[Redacted]

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did you think was legit? had no idea sent it to Jared, so he could verify.

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post-election quote [Redacted] "no contact
w/ Russian officials" Getting press inquiries.
someone (Russian) said they were in constant
contact w/ Russian about it. Press asked
about it [Redacted]

[Redacted]

did a touch base w/ couple people: KAC, SM

[Redacted]

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Called Jason Miller - Jared was with us. Prob asked him.
Prob reached out to RB, KAC.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

told them planned to respond to press? yes.
no hesitation or pushback from them.

[Redacted]

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MF was sent

of on this is already not

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*Document told
DJT*

mentioned to watch out for gen. Flynn
HH surprised. Seemed to be sitting w/
DJT more than HH expected.

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[Redacted]

Flynn's tweets - really bothered DJT
[Redacted] they both tweeted
bad things. Son thing bothered him -

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

MF + son's tweets [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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DJT thought P had judgment on MF
bothered DJT [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

DJT doesn't think Comey pulled him aside or held him back

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[Redacted]

DJT sd he never held anybody bk or kept in office. Thinks DJT meant it wasn't like DJT asked him to stay

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3 AG refusal - DJT not happy

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Pres scolded AG when Hot there but not sure what was sd.

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Pres very angry

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

HH sd they

shld prob also edit answer re: Comey bc
- good intvw, wil' make news - DJT was OK
w/ it which is unusual

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, asked H11 to get someone to defend

[Redacted]

pres

frustrated w/ coverage

[Redacted]

told them to find someone to put on TV.

DJT wanted SS, KC, HH all to go on TV.

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[Redacted]

Day after Conroy firing - meet w/ Luvrov / Kishyak

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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(30)

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(they had

5/18 Thurs

lunch day b4 - off-record lunch w/ news anchors on foreign trip. DJT sd similar things in lunch)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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- Comedy specific - "nut job" - pres. told reporter he was crazy,

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[Redacted]

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- told DJT

this is what is says you said in notes
DJT looked for a minute, didnt seem concerned
sd "he is crazy"

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[Redacted]

never sd he didnt say those things

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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Special Counsel - DJT reaction: "Anger, surprise, frustration"

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[Redacted]

she saw shortly after

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JS

in office.

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only other time was like when tape came out during camp -

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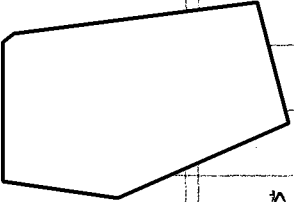
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Days later on trip DIT took out resign. letter from JS + asked what he should do

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Saudi Arabia →
Tel Aviv

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

HH throwing herself b/w reporters + DJT
to try + fabricate some of it
DJT loved the intvw, [redacted]

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12/8/17 H.H.

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Russian congrats
- 4th call from 202 # (maybe) - foreign - personal cell

[redacted]

[redacted]

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4/9 -

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sent letter first

Kutznetsov was the one arranging call

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(City and State)

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From: sergey kuznetsov [redacted]
To: hope hicks [redacted]
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Extremely urgent message from president Putin
Date: Wed Nov 09 2016 04:06:00 EST
Attachments:

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From : Sergey Kuznetsov [redacted]
Sent : 11/9/2016 4:06:55 AM
To : Hope Hicks [redacted]
Subject : Extremely urgent message from president Putin

Dear Hope,
I have a very important message from President Putin congratulating Mr. Donald Trump on his election.
Please let me know how to best convey it.
Thank you.

Best regards,
Sergey Kuznetsov
Congressional liaison
Embassy of Russia to the USA
202-298-5700

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