Part Four of the DOJ - National Security Branch Raid of the FBI on Mar-a-Lago September 3, 2022 to September 18, 2022

Joe Biden Delivers the DC Attack Speech Against MAGA Republicans that Mitch McConnell Cannot

September 2, 2022 | sundance | 773 Comments

Everything you need to know about the background construct of Biden's speech against "MAGA republicans," can be found in the silence of the approved republican who is intended to benefit from it.

It is worth noting and emphasizing the specific target of this effort, lest the motive slips by while many are distracted by the outrage.

Joe Biden, together with and in direct coordination with, the two wings of the DC UniParty system, is not focused on 'republicans' as political opposition and domestic enemies. Joe Biden and his various conscripts are focused on a very specific type of republican, the "*MAGA Republican*." The same enemy identified by Mitch McConnell and the GOPe donor class. This is not accidental.

While the institutions target Donald Trump himself, the political apparatus that supports the institutions is targeting Donald Trump supporters. Please pay close attention to this, and please pay even closer attention to the voices you do not hear. Silence can be deafening, but only if you are paying attention to it.

Last night's speech in Philadelphia was a full-frontal assault on MAGA republicans, Donald Trump voters and supporters. There is no parsing or backtracking that can obfuscate the words used and the specific intention of them. Joe Biden would not read the script from the teleprompter if his handlers thought there was no benefit to it. He is saying what he says with purpose, specific intent and motive.

It is in the background of those words, where we should be paying very close attention right now to who remains silent. If you pay attention, you will notice the professional political class, the RNC club and the people who make the decisions about the club agenda, are conspicuously silent. As an example, go look for Ron DeSantis' response to the Philadelphia remarks, you will notice a curious silence, which, hopefully, people will connect to the other moment of curious silence in the aftermath of the Mar-a-Lago raid.

How long does it take to respond?

How long did it take you to formulate an opinion of those disparagements you heard?

It can be uncomfortable to see, and even more uncomfortable to accept, the nature of what exists in silence.... agreement.

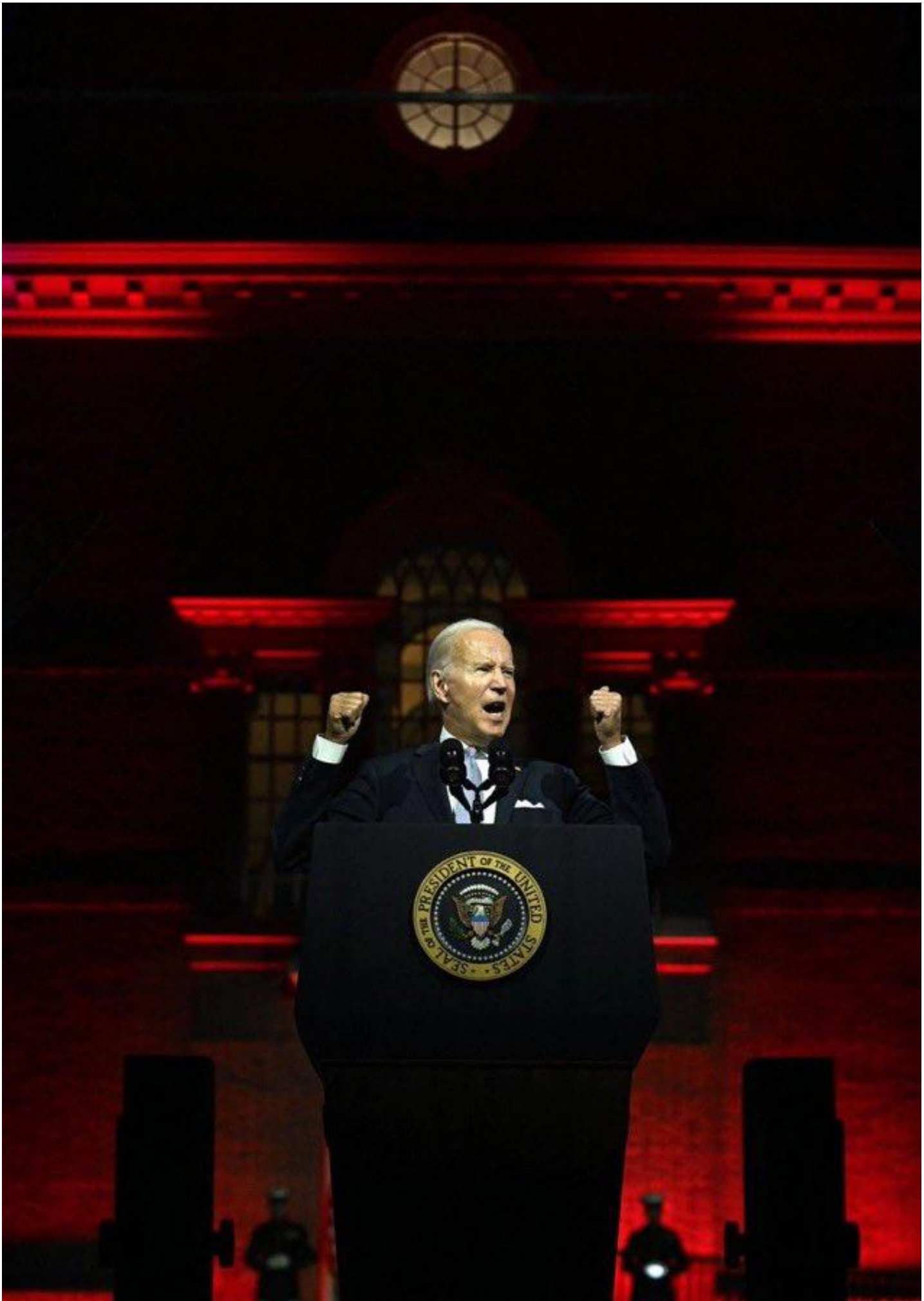
Other than a single rather timid tweet from the personal account of the acceptable republican, there was nothing in the aftermath of the Mar-a-Lago raid. Evaluations were being conducted. Those evaluations are seemingly again being conducted by the management team of the acceptable republican right now. Silence in the face of tyranny is agreement.

Those who have traveled these pages through the years know what it is like to accept discomfort. However, it is in the bigger picture that we can formulate plans to overcome the opposition. You are not the crew who would drag the Trojan Horse into the fortress. You are the crew who would build the kindling underneath it far away from Troy and then watch what happens when lit. You are the people who can see the false constructs.

That said, all is not bad news... In fact, the red speech from Joe Biden is actually awesome news. What this entire effort tells us is that they cannot find a way to get rid of the MAGA uprising, they are getting more desperate. In the background we can be assured the republican brand managers and image consultants are feverously working their polling and focus groups, and discovering they are not making a dent in the effort.

The Republicans are aligned with Left-wing Democrats throwing everything, including the kitchen sink and indictments against Donald Trump, yet his influence over outcomes within the party is unaffected. All of the effort in the world, against the MAGA coalition, is not having the desired effect. This must be making the managers of the approved candidate very frustrated.

That's me, smiling.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Luntz: “Desantis needs response to Biden’s Red Sermon but can’t support Trump or MAGA…

“What do you Never Trumpers think Top Guv should he say?”

Bill Barr Does what Bill Barr Does, The Institutions Must Be Preserved at all Costs – Evidence of DOJ and FBI Misconduct Must Not Be Permitted to Surface

September 2, 2022 | sundance | 270 Comments

Several people have sent requests for opinion on Bill Barr taking a pro-DOJ position against President Trump during media appearances today. {Direct Rumble Link} One of the key aspects to note within the motive of the former AG is his prior position against the release of any information that would have been derogatory to the interests of the justice department.

As noted several years ago, Bill Barr was the bondo application for the covering up of a rusted, corroded and politically weaponized DOJ apparatus. His appointment of John Durham, an investigative stall tactic to create another open investigation and block the release of information averse to the interests of the DOJ, was the spray paint application.

In May of 2019, at the conclusion of the Mueller investigation – a roadblock to document release that was removed, Bill Barr asked President Trump not to declassify and release the evidence of DOJ and FBI misconduct in the Trump-Russia scheme, and instead allow him to have control over the classified documents to include the timing of their release. President Trump placed his trust in the AG, but Bill Barr never released anything because Bill Barr never intended to release anything.

For Bill Barr to speak on the documentary evidence that Trump declassified and then took copies to Mar-a-Lago, is essentially for Bill Barr to reflect anger at the possibility those documents would eventually come out, thereby besmirching his beloved institutions and creating damage. Of course, Bill Barr is going to oppose President Trump, the potential release of those documents, and align himself with the DOJ interests, because that was the entire purpose of Bill Barr during the Trump administration. **WATCH:**

https://theconservativetreehouse.com/blog/2022/09/02/bill-barr-does-what-bill-barr-does-the-institutions-must-be-preserved-at-all-costs-evidence-of-doj-and-fbi-misconduct-must-not-be-permitted-to-surface/

Bill Barr is aligned in ideology with the professional political apparatus. Barr's statements come from a place of personal interest and fit into the larger narrative currently deployed by the UniParty apparatus of the DC state. Donald Trump is not an "acceptable republican" because he is not a controllable republican. This is the narrative construct both wings of the UniParty are drumbeating into the media feeds.

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Statement on Presidential Memorandum signed tonight

STATEMENT FROM THE PRESS SECRETARY

Today, at the request and recommendation of the Attorney General of the United States, President Donald J. Trump directed the intelligence community to quickly and fully cooperate with the Attorney General's investigation into surveillance activities during the 2016 Presidential election. The Attorney General has also been delegated full and complete authority to declassify information pertaining to this investigation, in accordance with the long-established standards for handling classified information. Today's action will help ensure that all Americans learn the truth about the events that occurred, and the actions that were taken, during the last Presidential election and will restore confidence in our public institutions.

8:21 PM · May 23, 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

President Trump Hits Back Against Joe Biden's Evil Red Devil Speech in Philadelphia

September 3, 2022 | Sundance | 180 Comments

During remarks at a campaign rally in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, President Trump called Joe Biden's recent speech against "MAGA Republicans" as the most divisive speech by an American President in history, saying Biden's chosen red background was "like the devil." **WATCH:**

https://theconservativetreehouse.com/blog/2022/09/03/president-trump-hits-back-against-joe-bidens-evil-red-devil-speech-in-philadelphia/


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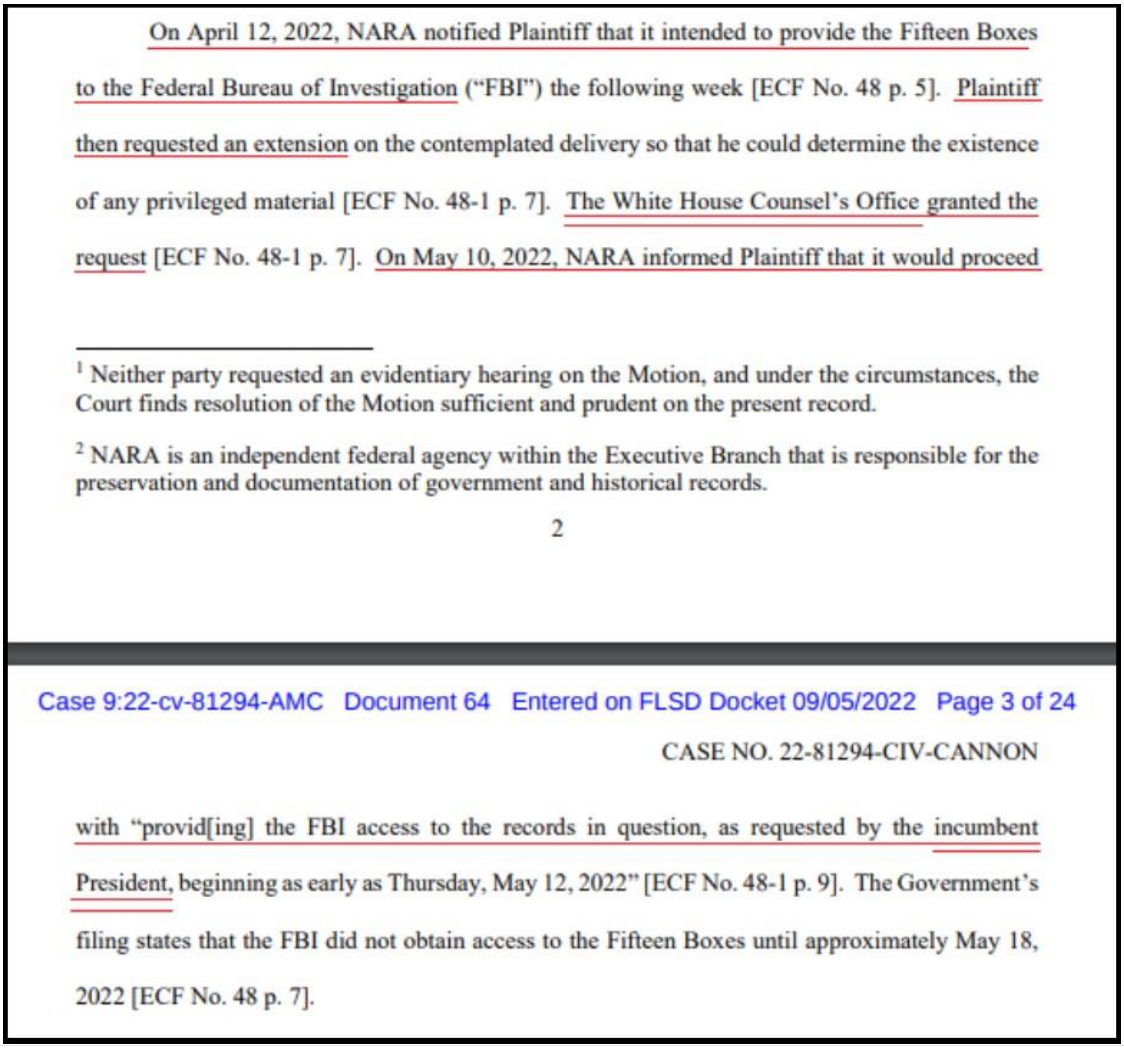
Federal Judge Notes in Special Master Order a Quoted DOJ Citation That Joe Biden Ordered FBI Access to Mar-a-Lago Documents

September 5, 2022 | sundance | 574 Comments

Page #2 and Page #3 of Judge Aileen Cannon's ruling cites a quote from the DOJ own legal filing, dated May 10th, that Joe Biden ordered the National Archives and Records Administration to provide access to the FBI to review the Trump records. Note the quotation marks:

On May 10, 2022, NARA informed Plaintiff that it would proceed with *"provid[ing] the FBI access to the records in question,* ***as requested by the incumbent President****, beginning as early as Thursday, May 12, 2022."* [citation]



On April 12, 2022, NARA notified Plaintiff that it intended to provide the Fifteen Boxes to the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") the following week [ECF No. 48 p. 5]. Plaintiff then requested an extension on the contemplated delivery so that he could determine the existence of any privileged material [ECF No. 48-1 p. 7]. The White House Counsel's Office granted the request [ECF No. 48-1 p. 7]. On May 10, 2022, NARA informed Plaintiff that it would proceed

[1] Neither party requested an evidentiary hearing on the Motion, and under the circumstances, the Court finds resolution of the Motion sufficient and prudent on the present record.

[2] NARA is an independent federal agency within the Executive Branch that is responsible for the preservation and documentation of government and historical records.

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with "provid[ing] the FBI access to the records in question, as requested by the incumbent President, beginning as early as Thursday, May 12, 2022" [ECF No. 48-1 p. 9]. The Government's filing states that the FBI did not obtain access to the Fifteen Boxes until approximately May 18, 2022 [ECF No. 48 p. 7].

August 24, 2022, Joe Biden was questioned about how much notice he had regarding the FBI raid on President Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago in Florida.

Question: "*Mr. President, how much advanced notice did you have of the FBI's plan to search Mar-a-Lago?*"

BIDEN: "*I didn't have any advanced notice. None, zero, not one single bit*."

{Direct Rumble Link} – **WATCH:**

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https://theconservativetreehouse.com/blog/2022/09/05/federal-judge-notes-in-special-master-order-a-quoted-doj-citation-that-joe-biden-ordered-fbi-access-to-mar-a-lago-documents/

Federal Judge Orders Appointment of Special Master to Oversee Documents from FBI Mar-a-Lago Raid

September 5, 2022 | sundance | 295 Comments

U.S. District Judge from the Southern District of Florida, **Aileen M. Cannon**, has ordered a special master to "review the seized property, manage assertions of privilege and make recommendations thereon, and evaluate claims for return of property," related to the FBI raid on Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. [pdf Ruling Here]

There are interesting aspects outlined within the 24-page ruling that deconstruct the position of the Dept of Justice and media, including a footnote [**fn5**] stating Trump lawyers asked for a special master appointment on the morning after the raid.

[5] The exact date of that conversation is unclear, but all agree that the conversation took place soon after the search. Plaintiff references August 11, 2022, in the Motion, three days after the search (and eleven days prior to the filing of the Motion). The Government does not offer a different view in its Response or otherwise challenge the substance of the rejected requests. Counsel for the Government stated during the hearing that Plaintiff's request for a special master was rejected on August 9, 2022, the morning after the search.

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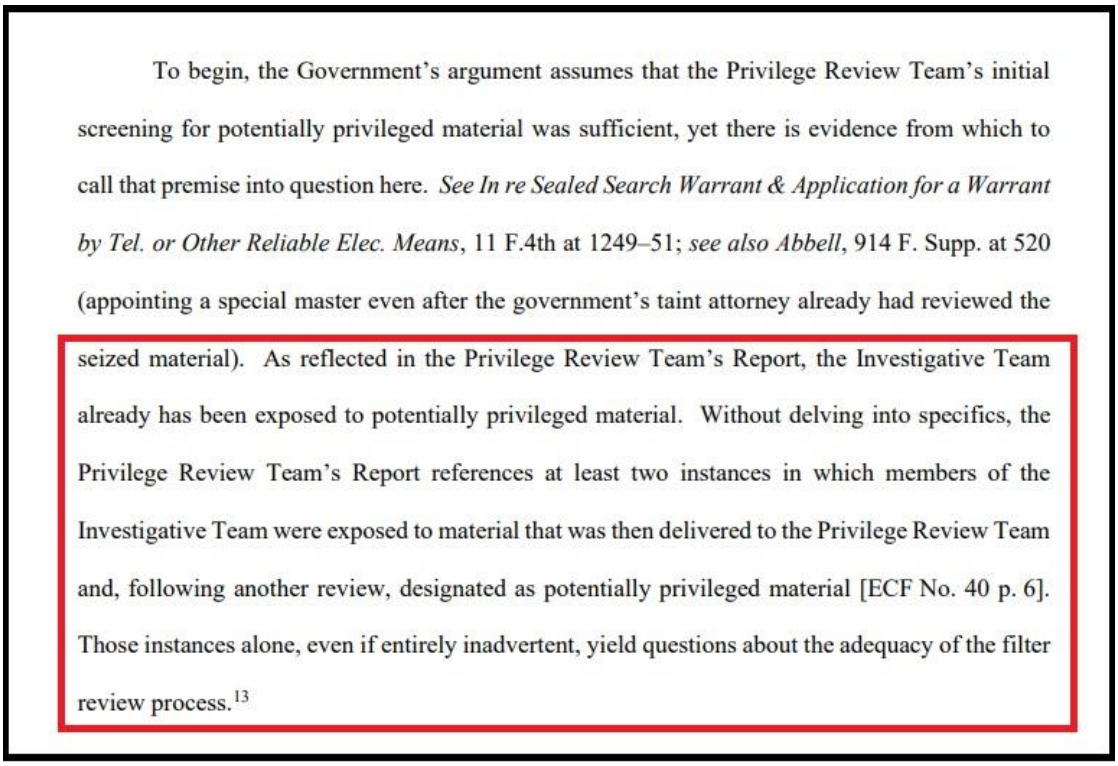
Within the ruling [**pg 9**] Judge Cannon outlines the issues at the heart of the legal matter, including the government taking President Trump's personal medical records which has nothing to do with the nature of the warrant.

"*According to the Privilege Review Team's Report, the seized materials* ***include medical documents****, correspondence related to taxes, and accounting information. … The Government also has acknowledged that it seized some "[p]ersonal effects without evidentiary value" and, by its own estimation, upwards of 500 pages of material potentially subject to attorney-client privilege.*"

The DOJ was previously questioned in court about justice dept leaks to media creating an unfair and prejudicial bias against President Trump. The DOJ lawyers denied leaking yet admitted the media reports were evidence that someone within the organization was leaking information to the media, thereby creating a framework of public opinion the defendant cannot easily refute. Cannon writes:

"the Court takes into account the undeniably unprecedented nature of the search of a former President's residence; Plaintiff's inability to examine the seized materials in formulating his arguments to date; Plaintiff's stated reliance on the customary cooperation between former and incumbent administrations regarding the ownership and exchange of documents; the power imbalance between the parties; the importance of maintaining institutional trust; and the interest in ensuring the integrity of an orderly process amidst swirling allegations of bias and media leaks."

Judge Cannon also cited examples of the DOJ review team failing in their duty to separate attorney-client privilege material.



To begin, the Government's argument assumes that the Privilege Review Team's initial screening for potentially privileged material was sufficient, yet there is evidence from which to call that premise into question here. *See In re Sealed Search Warrant & Application for a Warrant by Tel. or Other Reliable Elec. Means*, 11 F.4th at 1249–51; *see also Abbell*, 914 F. Supp. at 520 (appointing a special master even after the government's taint attorney already had reviewed the seized material). As reflected in the Privilege Review Team's Report, the Investigative Team already has been exposed to potentially privileged material. Without delving into specifics, the Privilege Review Team's Report references at least two instances in which members of the Investigative Team were exposed to material that was then delivered to the Privilege Review Team and, following another review, designated as potentially privileged material [ECF No. 40 p. 6]. Those instances alone, even if entirely inadvertent, yield questions about the adequacy of the filter review process.[13]

In appointing the special master, Judge Cannon pauses the government from continuing to exploit the documents seized, writing, "*Furthermore, in natural conjunction with that appointment, and consistent with the value and sequence of special master procedures, the Court also temporarily enjoins the Government from reviewing and using the seized materials for investigative purposes pending completion of the special master's review or further Court order.*" The order, though, "*shall not impede the classification review and/or intelligence assessment by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence ("ODNI") as described in the Government's Notice of Receipt of Preliminary Order.*"

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

1. A special master shall be **APPOINTED** to review the seized property, manage assertions of privilege and make recommendations thereon, and evaluate claims for return of property. The exact details and mechanics of this review process will be decided expeditiously following receipt of the parties' proposals as described below.
2. The Government is **TEMPORARILY ENJOINED** from further review and use of any of the materials seized from Plaintiff's residence on August 8, 2022, for criminal investigative purposes pending resolution of the special master's review process as determined by this Court. The Government may continue to review and use the materials seized for purposes of intelligence classification and national security assessments.
3. On or before **September 9, 2022**, the parties shall meaningfully confer and submit a joint filing that includes:
    a. a list of proposed special master candidates; and
    b. a detailed proposed order of appointment in accordance with Rule 53(b), outlining, *inter alia*, the special master's duties and limitations consistent with this Order, ex parte communication abilities, schedule for review, and compensation.
4. Any points of substantive disagreement as to 3(a) or (b) should be identified in the forthcoming joint filing.
5. The Court **RESERVES RULING** on Plaintiff's request for return of property pending further review.
6. This Order is subject to modification as appropriate.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Fort Pierce, Florida this 5th day of September 2022.

AILEEN M. CANNON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

[LINK to Pdf of Ruling]

Marco Rubio Opines on Mar-a-Lago Raid Through Election Year Prism

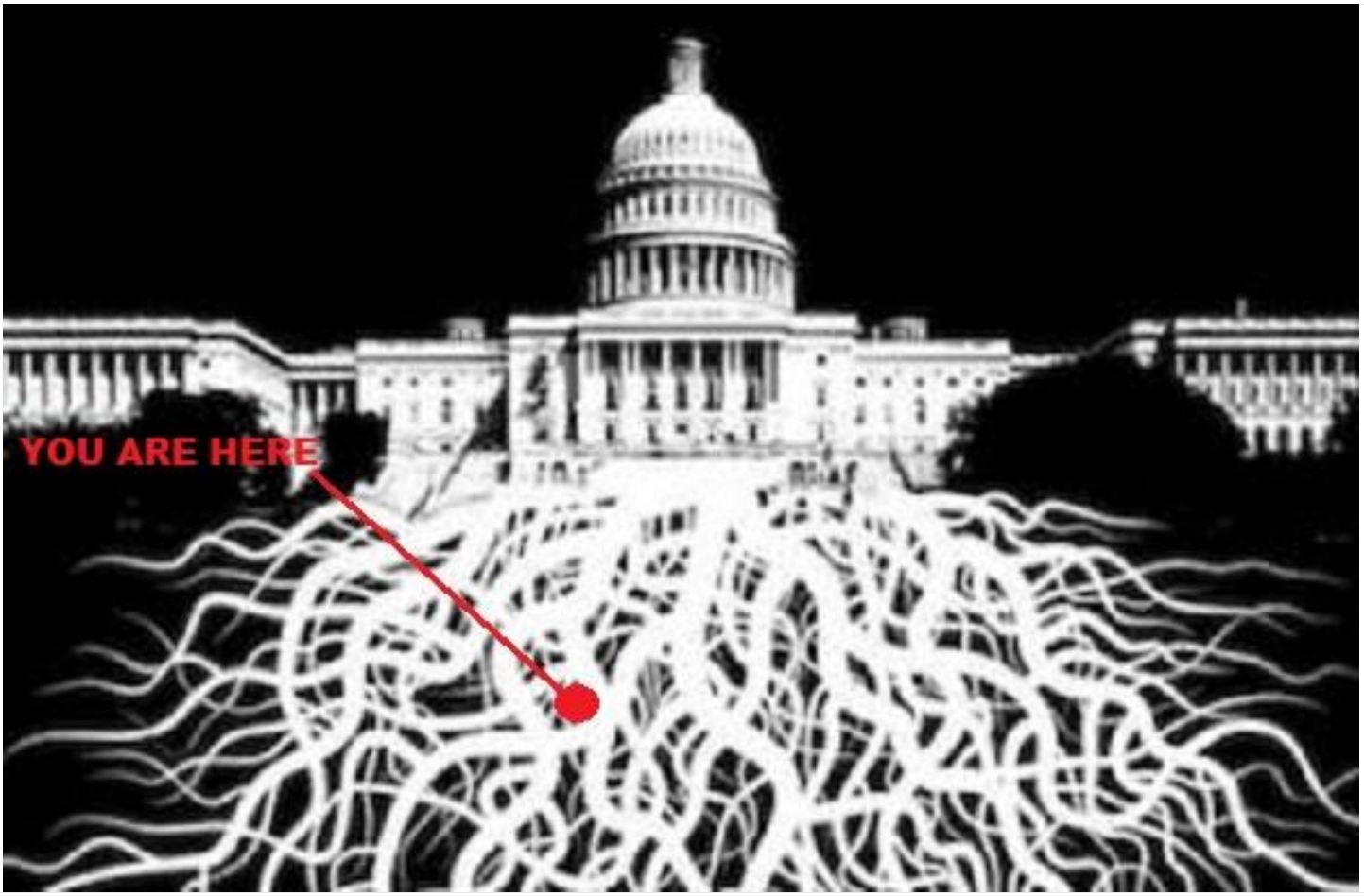
September 7, 2022 | Sundance | 230 Comments

Good grief, the sanctimonious puss spewing by the DC media chattering class exhibiting their alignment with big government is insufferable. The inability of any media outlet to present the reality of the DC interests with levelheaded discussion is frustrating.

The issue of compartmented (siloed) information, specifically as a tool and technique of the aloof DC system to retain control and influence, is a matter we have discussed on these pages for several years. Quite literally anything can be classified as a 'national security interest' in the deep state effort to retain the illusion of power over the proles, ie us. It is the exact reason why congress exempts themselves from laws and regulations written for everyone else.

That said, in this interview from this morning, Senator Marco Rubio does a good job framing the context of the recent Administrative State leaks to media (DOJ-NSD, FBI) to advance a particular narrative. Yes, it's an election year, and Rubio returns to his roots pushing back against some of the nonsense. As noted by the Vice-Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), if the Mar-a-Lago document issues were so vital why was the Gang of Eight never briefed? **WATCH:**

https://theconservativetreehouse.com/blog/2022/09/07/marco-rubio-opines-on-mar-a-lago-raid-through-election-year-prism/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Washington Post Jumps Back onto the Foreign Nation Nuclear Secrets Angle to Mar-a-Lago Documents

September 7, 2022 | Sundance | 451 Comments

The Washington Post goes back to the prior narrative surrounding the Mar-a-Lago documents saying, "*a document describing a foreign government's military defenses, including its nuclear capabilities was found by FBI agents who searched former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence and private club last month.*"…. with Devlin Barrett adding the usual, "*according to people familiar with the matter*" sourcing.

Keeping in mind the traditional relationship that exists between specific media outlets and their deep state sources, the most obvious source for Devlin Barrett is the DOJ National Security Division (DOJ-NSD), FBI Counterintelligence division, or larger intelligence community (IC). However, what is also obvious from the way the documents are described is a narrative framework to make the innocuous seem looming.

PICTURED: Chairman Kim Jong-Un reads a letter from President Donald J Trump

I would be willing to bet the "document" in question is a letter from North Korean Chairman Kim Jong-Un to President Trump about the status of the DPRK military intent and weapons. You might remember Chairman Kim and President Trump developed a good relationship and exchanged letters related to matters of national security between North Korea and the United States.

The Intelligence Community in combination with the U.S. military industrial complex and Senate Foreign Relations Committee, did not like that level of direct diplomatic contact and discussion between President Trump and Chairman Kim. Direct communication between the two leaders subverted the IC's ability to shape the DPRK messaging to support an interventionist and hostile U.S. geopolitical outlook.

The professional bureaucrats in charge of guiding and shaping all United States foreign engagements do not like being cut out of the geopolitical equations. As the former head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chuck Schumer famously said, "*the intelligence community has six ways to Sunday to get back at you*" if the President does not adhere and acquiesce to their power and authorities.

Chairman Kim and President Trump discussing how to get along is not in the interests of the people who run the U.S. government. Therefore, any documents or letters of correspondence that Kim and Trump may have exchanged are now "*vital national security documents*."

Again, if you subtract the narrative engineering and read between the lines of the claims, that type of document exchange is almost certain to be what this is all about.

([Via Washington Post]) – A document ***describing a foreign government's military defenses, including its nuclear capabilities****, was found by FBI agents who searched former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence and private club last month, according to people familiar with the matter, underscoring concerns among U.S. intelligence officials about classified material stashed in the Florida property.*

Some of the seized documents detail top-secret U.S. operations so closely guarded that many senior national security officials are kept in the dark about them. Only the president, some members of his Cabinet or a near-Cabinet-level official could authorize other government officials to know details of

these special-access programs, according to people familiar with the search, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe sensitive details of an ongoing investigation.

Documents about such highly classified operations require special clearances on a need-to-know basis, not just top-secret clearance. Some special-access programs can have as few as a couple dozen government personnel authorized to know of an operation's existence. Records that deal with such programs are kept under lock and key, almost always in a secure compartmented information facility, with a designated control officer to keep careful tabs on their location.

[…] It was in this last batch of government secrets, the people familiar with the matter said, that the information about a ***foreign government's nuclear-defense readiness was found****. These people did not identify the foreign government in question, say where at Mar-a-Lago the document was found or offer additional details about one of the Justice Department's most sensitive national security investigations. (read more)*

Dear Donald, it was great to see you again in Singapore. I like the idea of using seaside property to develop a tourist economy after reunification with our brothers in the south. Don't worry about the stories of my military preparing to be aggressive, most of my generals take orders from Beijing and it is a little challenging to keep them in line. As to nuclear weapons, I am not allowed to have launch access and I'm pretty sure Chairman Xi controls all that stuff. Warmest regards, your friend, Little Rocket Man.


REUTERS

Justice Dept Appeals Order to Appoint Special Master, Threatens Judge to Shop for Friendly Court, Demands No Party Outside DOJ Should Have Right to See or Review Their Identified Classified Documents

September 8, 2022 | Sundance | 715 Comments

A comprehensively corrupt and politically motivated U.S. Justice Department has appealed the part of Judge Cannon's previous order appointing a special master with authority to review documents the FBI collected at Mar-a-Lago last month. [Appeal for 'stay' pdf motion Here]

The corrupt and politically motivated Lawfare prosecutors state they have serious concerns about handing government secrets to a third party and will not allow it.

In essence, the DOJ-NSD, an agency within the justice department created by Eric Holder, is claiming no one outside the DOJ-NSD should be allowed to review the documents they have defined as "national security" interests. Main Justice really, really doesn't want anyone seeing what the DOJ-NSD are defining.

The DOJ lawyers begin by telling the judge she must respond to them on their timeline, or else they will go to the eleventh circuit court of appeals and have them block her ruling. Do as we say, or else...

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION

CASE NO. 22-CV-81294-CANNON

DONALD J. TRUMP,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.
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THE UNITED STATES' MOTION FOR A PARTIAL STAY PENDING APPEAL

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 8(a)(1), the United States respectfully moves for a partial stay pending appeal of the Court's September 5, 2022 Order, Docket Entry ("D.E.") 64. Specifically, the government seeks a stay to the extent the Order (1) enjoins the further review and use for criminal investigative purposes of records bearing classification markings that were recovered pursuant to a court-authorized search warrant and (2) requires the government to disclose those classified records to a special master for review. The government respectfully requests that the Court rule on this motion promptly. If the Court does not grant a stay by Thursday, September 15, the government intends to seek relief from the Eleventh Circuit.

The majority of the rest of the motion for the Judge to stay her own prior ruling, surrounds various claims of national security compromise.

response to the subpoena both undercuts his entitlement to equitable relief and further underscores that no plausible claim can be made now.

II. Without a Stay, the Government and the Public Will Suffer Irreparable Harm

In recognition of the vital importance of assessing potential damage to our national security and intelligence interests, the Court specifically authorized the Office of the Director of National Intelligence ("ODNI") to continue with "the classification review and/or intelligence assessment" it is leading to "assess[] . . . the potential risk to national security that would result from disclosure of the seized materials." D.E. 64 at 1-2, 6 (citing D.E. 39 at 2-3). The Court simultaneously enjoined the government "from further review and use of any of the materials seized from Plaintiff's residence on August 8, 2022, for criminal investigative purposes pending resolution of the special master's review process." *Id.* at 23-24. But the ongoing Intelligence Community ("IC") classification review and assessment are closely interconnected with—and cannot be readily separated from—areas of inquiry of DOJ's and the FBI's ongoing criminal investigation, as further explained in the attached Declaration of Alan E. Kohler, Jr., Assistant Director of the FBI's Counterintelligence Division ("Kohler Decl.").

c. The Government and the Public Would Be Irreparably Harmed by the Unnecessary Dissemination of Classified Records

Finally, the Court's order would irreparably harm the government and the public by unnecessarily requiring the government to share highly classified materials with a special master. The Supreme Court has emphasized that, "[f]or 'reasons . . . too obvious to call for enlarged discussion,' . . . the protection of classified information must be committed to the broad discretion of the agency responsible, and this must include broad discretion to determine who may have access to it." *Egan*, 484 U.S. at 529. The Court has thus recognized that the Executive Branch has a "compelling interest in withholding national security information from unauthorized persons." *Id.* at 527. That interest applies even when an individual has the requisite clearance: Classified information is carefully controlled and shared only with those who have a "need to know it." *United States v. Daoud*, 755 F.3d 479, 484 (7th Cir. 2014); *see* Exec. Order 13526, § 4.1a. Where, as here, there is no valid purpose to be served by a special master's review of classified materials, compelled disclosure of those materials to a special master is itself an irreparable harm.

If the DOJ is forced to let an independent arbiter look at what they are doing, irreparable harm may ensue.

When the agency in power to seize documents, seizes documents that carry evidence of the corruption within the agency by weaponizing tactical lawfare to keep evidence of their corrupt activities from the public, this is what happens.

Our justice system was politically weaponized by Barack Obama and Eric Holder. The aftermath of their compromise has collapsed the credibility and authority of the institution; however, most people just haven't admitted it yet.

Perhaps Judge Cannon will.

Steve Bannon, FBI Raided Homes of 35 Bannon Affiliated MAGA Allies Yesterday

September 9, 2022 | Sundance | 409 Comments

During a podcast interview between Charlie Kirk (Turning Point USA / Club4Growth) and Warroom host Steve Bannon, Mr. Bannon stated the FBI raided 35 homes, offices and residences yesterday in seemingly coordinated activity timed with his arrest in Manhattan. {Direct Rumble Link}

https://theconservativetreehouse.com/blog/2022/09/09/steve-bannon-fbi-raided-homes-of-35-bannon-affiliated-maga-allies-yesterday/

Bannon was arrested under dubious fraud charges in Manhattan Thursday, connected to claims he duped donors who gave money to a *We Build The Wall* nonprofit organization established by Bannon and his partners. The case seems to hinge on statements made by the founders of the organization that "every penny" of the $15 to $25 million raised would be spent on the wall. However, according to New York prosecutors, several hundred thousand was used by Bannon and team to pay their own salaries and expenses.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg gave Steve Bannon the handcuffed perp walk treatment, parading him through the courthouse like a captured political trophy. Mr. Bannon pled not guilty and was released after his arraignment for money laundering, conspiracy, fraud and other charges related to the "We Build the Wall" campaign.

The statement of 35 simultaneous FBI raids is the first mention of something coordinated like this. Perhaps further details will soon surface.

Professor Alan Dershowitz Recommends a Retired Federal Judge Should Hold Special Master Appointment in Mar-a-Lago Raid Document Review

September 9, 2022 | Sundance | 212 Comments

The deadline for both the Trump Team and DOJ-NSD Team to submit their recommendations for a special master to review the Mar-a-Lago documents is tonight at midnight.

During an interview presented by Newsmax, Harvard Professor Emeritus and legal scholar Alan Dershowitz gives his impression on the appointment itself as well as the background issues surrounding the documents at the heart of the conflict.

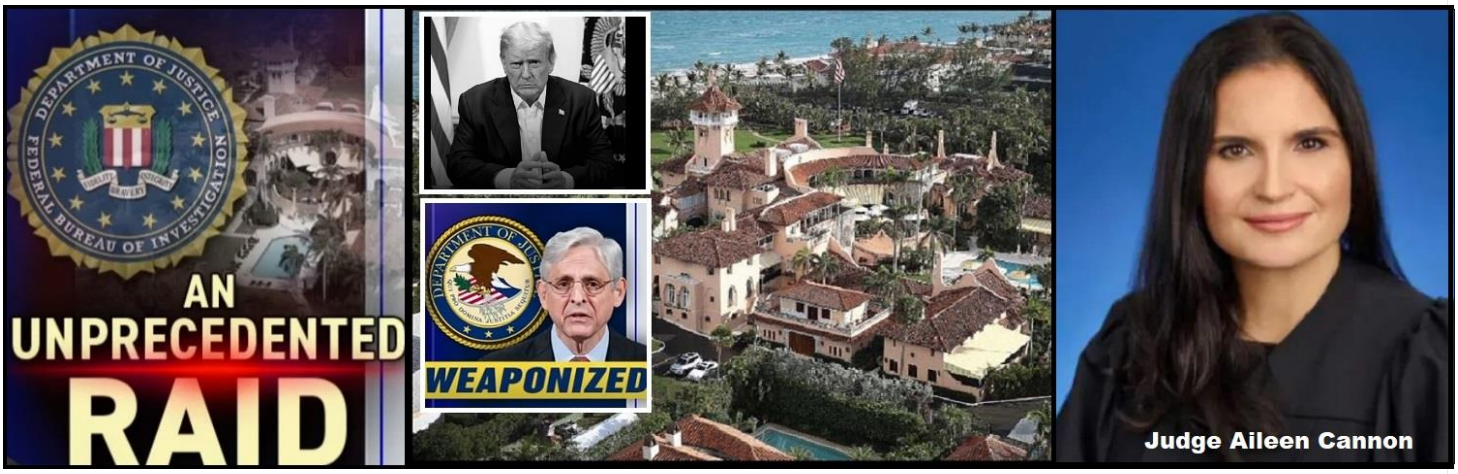
Mr. Dershowitz recommends that a former federal judge would be the best candidate for the role of special master and supports the opinion with his viewpoint. **WATCH:**

https://theconservativetreehouse.com/blog/2022/09/09/professor-alan-dershowitz-recommends-a-retired-federal-judge-should-hold-special-master-appointment-in-mar-a-lago-raid-document-review/

President Trump and DOJ Present Their Selections for Special Master Appointment

September 10, 2022 | Sundance | 510 Comments

Lawyers representing the DOJ National Security Division (DOJ-NSD) and lawyers representing President Trump have presented their list of candidates for Special Master to review documents seized from Mar-a-Lago. [8-page pdf Here]



The DOJ-NSD has listed their candidates including:

♦ The Honorable **Barbara S. Jones** (ret.) – retired judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, partner in Bracewell LLP, and special master in In re: in the Matter of Search Warrants Executed on April 28, 2021 and In the Matter of Search Warrants Executed on April 9, 2018.

♦ The Honorable **Thomas B. Griffith** (ret.) – retired Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, special counsel in Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School.

President Trump lawyers have listed their candidates including:

♦ The Honorable **Raymond J. Dearie** (ret.) – former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, served on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, formerly the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

♦ **Paul Huck, Jr.**—founder, The Huck Law Firm, former Jones Day partner, former General Counsel to the Governor, former Deputy Attorney General for the State of Florida.

The majority of the remaining filing lists the agreements of both the DOJ-NSD and Trump lawyers, as well as points of disagreement for how the special master process should continue. The position of the DOJ-NSD is the special master should not review any documents they deem classified or vital to

national security, regardless of whether they contain markings or not. The DOJ just doesn't want anyone to review what they are calling "classified documents."

President Trump's lawyers contend the special master should review all of the documents, regardless of DOJ-NSD definitions, and make an independent determination as to the validity of the DOJ-NSD claims, as well as consideration for 'executive privilege.'

Plaintiff believes the Government's objection to the Special Master reviewing documents they deem classified is misplaced. First, the Government's position incorrectly presumes the outcome — that their separation of these documents is inviolable. Second, their stance wrongly assumes that if a document has a classification marking, it remains classified in perpetuity. Third, the Government continues to ignore the significance of the Presidential Records Act ("PRA"). If any seized document is a Presidential record, Plaintiff has an absolute right of access to it while access by others, including those in the executive branch, has specified limitations. Thus, President Trump (and/or his designee) cannot be denied access to those documents, which in this matter gives legal authorization to the Special Master to engage in first-hand review. (filing source)

At the heart of the matter, we find ourselves back in the original place we were in 2017, when we first began discussing the relationship between the DOJ-NSD and the FISA Court surrounding the issue of the Carter Page FISA application.

The DOJ-NSD is an agency within the DOJ that views themselves as beyond any apparatus that would conduct oversight. This is the entire reason why the DOJ National Security Division refused to accept any inspector general oversight from formation until 2020. In essence, the DOJ-NSD quantifies everything they do as vital to the interests of national security, and therefore beyond the reach of any outside entity to review or audit their work.

Using the *national security* angle, just as the FISA court is a star chamber within the judicial branch seemingly omnipotent and without a counterbalancing check on their power, so too is the DOJ-NSD a star chamber within the executive branch. The DOJ-NSD makes determinations and then says, as in the example of the Trump documents, these things are what we say they are – and you have no standing to question us.

Both the FISA court and the DOJ-NSD operate in the realm of omnipotent power and internal definitions, and the legislative branch doesn't do anything about it; worse yet, the legislative branch defers to the arbitrary determinations of both.

Within this corrupted and bastardized system, you find the FISC and DOJ-NSD are two of the four pillars that construct the unspoken Fourth Branch of Government. The other two are the Dept of

Homeland Security and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Few people have yet to grasp what takes place, and fewer still will admit it exists. Yet, the outlines of the political operations that take place within this fourth branch surface frequently.

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A Different Take on the Dismissal of the Trump v Clinton Lawsuit

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To accept a bigger picture is often to accept the foundation of what is present is not what it appears.

Recently a Florida judge dismissed the lawsuit brought by President Trump against Hillary Clinton. [65-page Ruling Here] The media have enjoyed ridiculing Trump by using the words of the judge who dismissed the case. As noted by the Washington Times, "*Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks, a Clinton appointee, said Mr. Trump's filing was too lengthy, detailing events that "are implausible because they lack any specific allegations which might provide factual support for the conclusions reached*."

Pay attention to the framework underpinning Middlebooks' opinion. I have been reluctant to write about the decision to dismiss the lawsuit of President Trump against a multitude of conspirators, including Hillary Clinton, for two reasons.

First, because when I originally read the 108-page lawsuit filed in March, it took me a few moments, and then I realized this was not a lawsuit; this was a legal transfer mechanism created by lawyers to establish a proprietary information silo. Second, because I do not want another ridiculous subpoena from DC simply because they can't fathom how any outside entity could solve a puzzle without insider

assistance. As to the former, I have prayed on it and come to the opinion it's worth sharing. As to the latter, it's just another waste of taxpayer funds, but whatever – the truth has no agenda.

So, here's a totally different take on the issues surrounding the Trump -v- Clinton lawsuit, which - from the outset- I always believed was going to be dismissed because suing all of those characters under the auspices of a civil RICO case was never the objective. However, in the aftermath, the silo created by the lawsuit is also grounded upon attorney-client privilege, a legal countermeasure to a predictable DOJ-NSD lawfare maneuver, which unfolded in the Mar-a-Lago raid and ongoing issues.

In March 2022 President Trump filed a civil lawsuit against: Hillary Clinton, Hillary for America Campaign Committee, DNC, DNC Services Corp, Perkins Coie, Michael Sussmann, Marc Elias, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Charles Dolan, Jake Sullivan, John Podesta, Robby Mook, Phillipe Reines as well as Fusion GPS, Glenn Simpson, Peter Fritsch, Nellie Ohr, Bruce Ohr, Orbis Business Intelligence, Christopher Steele, Igor Danchenko, Neustar Inc., Rodney Joffe, James Comey Peter Strzok, Lisa Page, Kevin Clinesmith and Andrew McCabe. [108-Page Lawsuit Here]

When I was about one-third of the way through reading the lawsuit, I initially stopped and said to myself this is going to take a lot of documentary evidence to back up the claims in the assertions. Dozens of attachments would be needed and hundreds of citations to the dozens of attachments would be mandatory. Except, they were not there.

After reading further, while completely understanding the background material that was being described in the filing, I realized this wasn't a lawsuit per se'. The 108-pages I was holding in my hands was more akin to legal transfer mechanism from President Trump to lawyers who *needed* it. The filing was contingent upon a series of documents that would be needed to support the claims within it.

Whoever wrote the lawsuit had obviously reviewed the evidence to support the filing. However, the attachments and citations were missing. That was weird. That's when I realized the purpose of the lawsuit. In hindsight, things became clear when the DOJ-NSD raided the home of Donald Trump, and suddenly the motive to confiscate the documents that would be the missing lawsuit attachments and citations surfaced.

With the manipulative, and I say intentional, "ongoing investigation" angle of the John Durham probe essentially blocking public release of declassified documents showing the efforts of all the lawsuit participants (*Trump-Russia Collusion Hoax*), President Trump needed a legal way to secure and more importantly share the evidence.

Think of it like the people around Trump wanting to show lawyers the evidence in the documents. However, because of the construct of the lawfare being deployed against Trump, any lawyer would need a **reason** to review the evidence. The Trump -v- Clinton et al lawsuit becomes that '*reason*.'

The "documents" (classified or not) are reviewed by lawyers in preparation for the lawsuit. This is their legal justification for reviewing the documents. In essence, the lawsuit is a transfer mechanism permitting the Trump legal team to review the evidence on behalf of their client, former President Donald Trump.

Once the formation of the lawsuit is established, the retainer and acceptance of the lawyers to represent their client cemented, the legal counsel, discussion and information within legal duties/obligations of those who represent the plaintiff (Trump) becomes an information silo. In addition to previous executive privilege established by President Trump himself; outside government there is now another silo to defend against the motives of the Lawfare crew (DOJ), *the attorney-client privilege*.

The lawsuit itself is the transfer mechanism permitting sharing of the documents and providing legal cover for the reviewers (lawyers). The details within the 108-page filing constitute the claims of the plaintiff in the lawsuit, which were established by the evidentiary documents later seized by the DOJ and FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago.

"*Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks, a Clinton appointee, said Mr. Trump's filing was too lengthy, detailing events that "are implausible because **they lack any specific allegations** which might provide **factual support for the conclusions reached**.*"

There were no attachments and/or citations to the documentary evidence in the 108-page filing, because there was a legal risk to citing evidence with a status in dispute by the corrupt people in Main Justice and the FBI. Secondarily, there was an obstruction risk to the President, if his legal team was to publish citations that were part of an ongoing investigation (Durham). However, this doesn't negate the value of constructing the information silo, an attorney-client privilege.

If the documents seized by the FBI were part of the lawsuit established by President Trump and his legal team via Trump -v- Clinton, then the material seized is all attorney client work product. Lawfully obtained, constitutionally declassified and legally protected material.

This is where the 'special master' will play a key role.

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Sunday Talks, Senator Mark Warner Says “People Will Die” if Trump Mar-a-Lago Documents Become Public

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Now you are going to see why it was necessary to write the previous article about the Trump -v- Clinton lawsuit.

We must stop pretending. Everyone, including everyone who reads here and specifically SSCI Chairman Mark Warner, already knows what is in those documents from Mar-a-Lago. Those documents contain the evidence of the collective government effort to target candidate Trump and then effectively remove President Trump. THAT effort included the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Stop pretending.

Senator Mark Warner was at the heart of the legislative branch effort in the aftermath of the failed attempt to stop candidate Trump from winning the 2016 election. Senator Warner specifically instructed Senate Security Director James Wolfe to leak the Carter Page FISA application, with an intent to further the effort to install a special counsel to help cover-up the pre-election activity. Warner is enmeshed in the corruption created by the false Trump-Russia collusion conspiracy nonsense.

With Warner’s instructions to Wolfe in mind, there is a specific statement in this ridiculous effort at narrative construction called an interview, that is just exponentially hubris, [**@6:16**] “*The record of our intelligence committee of keeping secrets secret, that’s why the Intelligence Committee shares information with us*,” Warner claims.

No, the direct ideological alignment between the corrupt intelligence apparatus and the SSCI that is why the Intelligence Committee coordinates with the Senate. **WATCH:**

https://theconservativetreehouse.com/blog/2022/09/11/sunday-talks-senator-mark-warner-says-people-will-die-if-trump-mar-a-lago-documents-become-public/

[Transcript] – MARGARET BRENNAN: For a closer look now at the evolving threats to the homeland, we begin this morning with the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Mark Warner of Virginia. Good morning to you, Senator.

SEN. MARK WARNER: Good morning, Margaret.

MARGARET BRENNAN: You know, 9/11 introduced to many Americans for the very first time, this sense of vulnerability at home, and it launched the global war on terror. I wonder how vulnerable you think America is now, are we paying enough attention to the Middle East and to Afghanistan?

SEN. WARNER: Well, Margaret, I remember, as most Americans do, where they were on 9/11. I was in the middle of a political campaign and suddenly, the differences with my opponent seem very small in comparison and our country came together. And in many ways, we defeated the terrorists because of the resilience of the American public because of our intelligence community, and we are safer, better prepared. The stunning thing to me is here we are 20 years later, and the attack on the symbol of our democracy was not coming from terrorists, but it came from literally insurgents attacking the Capitol on January 6th. So I believe we are stronger. I believe our intelligence community has performed remarkably. I think the threat of terror has diminished. I think we still have new challenges in terms of nation-state challenges, Russia in longer-term, a technology competition with China. But I do worry about some of the activity in this country where the election deniers, the insurgency that took place on January 6th, that is something I hope we could see that same kind of unity of spirit.

MARGARET BRENNAN: As you're pointing out, America came together after 9/11, and we are incredibly divided right now. One thing that is potentially quite explosive is this ongoing investigation of the justice- by the Justice Department of the former president and his handling of classified information. You've asked for a briefing from the intelligence community. Given how sensitive this is, why should anything be shared with Congress, given that this is an ongoing investigation?

SEN. WARNER: Because as the chairman of the Intelligence Committee, and I'm very proud of our committee, or the last functioning, bipartisan committee. I believe in- in the whole Congress. The Vice Chairman and I have asked for a briefing of the damages that could have arisen from mishandling of this information, and I believe it's our congressional duty to have that oversight. Remember, what's at stake here is the fact that if some of these documents involve human intelligence, and that information got out, people's- will die–

MARGARET BRENNAN: We don't know that yet.

SEN. WARNER: If there were penetration of signals intelligence, literally years of work could be destroyed. We talk about the enormous advances our intelligence community has made helping our Ukrainian friends, that comes about because we share intelligence. If there's intelligence that has been shared with us by allies, and that is mishandled, all of that could be in jeopardy. Now, we don't know what's in those documents. But I think it is incumbent, as soon as we get approval, let me be clear, soon as we get approval, my understanding is there is some question because of the Special Master appointment by the judge in- in Florida, whether they can brief at this point, we need clarification on that from that judge as quickly as possible, because it is essential that the intelligence committee leadership at least gets a briefing of the damage assessment.

MARGARET BRENNAN: The damage assessment, it has been paused, as has the classification review, and it will take some time. So, A, I am assuming in your answer there, you're saying there have been no promises of a briefing to be scheduled. Is that right?

SEN. WARNER: I believe we will get a briefing as soon as there is clarification whether this can be performed or not–

MARGARET BRENNAN: But why should that–

SEN. WARNER: In light of the- of the judge in Florida.

MARGARET BRENNAN: Why should that happen? Because I- I want to get to something you said which was the 'last bipartisan committee,' you and Marco Rubio, your partner in- in this request for a briefing put forth this letter, asking for the damage assessment. But lately, your colleague's been making some comments that don't sound quite as bipartisan. He's compared the Justice Department to corrupt regimes in Latin America when it comes to this investigation. He's accused DOJ of leaking sensitive details, and he said the only reason to leak it is to create a narrative for political purpose. When information gets shared with Congress, as you know, the accusation is it will get leaked. So, A, it looks like you're losing that bipartisan- bipartisanship. And B, if you brief Congress, isn't it going to leak further and worse than–

SEN. WARNER: The record of our intelligence committee of keeping secrets secret, that's why the Intelligence Committee shares information with us. Remember this was the committee, bipartisan, that did the Russia investigation.

MARGARET BRENNAN: Because you know that your oversight capability, many would argue, including former heads of counterintelligence, FBI, that the line is drawn when it's an active investigation. They don't owe you a briefing.

SEN. WARNER: We- we don't- I do not want any kind of insight into an active investigation by the Justice Department. I do want the damage assessment of what would happen to our ability to protect the nation. And here we are 21 years after 9/11, if classified secrets, top secret secrets are somehow mishandled, I pointed out earlier, people could die, sources of intelligence could disappear. The willingness of our allies to share intelligence could be undermined. And I think we need that assessment to make sure if on–

MARGARET BRENNAN: Which you will get–

SEN. WARNER: I think we need it sooner rather than later.

MARGARET BRENNAN: But to that point, because it's so sensitive, because the country is so divided, because you already have in many ways a target being put on the back of law enforcement, isn't it more important to get it right, to be deliberate and not to be fast here? I want the details just as much as you do.

SEN. WARNER: I do not think we should have as- as the Intelligence Committee, a briefing on the ongoing investigation. What our responsibility is, is to assess whether there has been damage done to our intelligence collection and maintenance of secrets capacity. That is a damage assessment, that frankly, even the judge in Florida has said, can continue.

MARGARET BRENNAN: Before November?

SEN. WARNER: This- once we get clarification from the judge in Florida, and again, I don't think we can cherry pick what part of the legal system we like or dislike, I have trust in our legal system. I may not agree with the decision of the judge in Florida, but I respect our Department of Justice. I respect the FBI. I think they are trying under extraordinarily difficult circumstances to get it right and we owe them the benefit of the doubt.

MARGARET BRENNAN: Senator, thank you for coming on. And I know we're going to continue to track this, and any potential impact to national security.

SEN. WARNER: Thank you, Margaret.

[Transcript Link]

The legislative oversight group known as the "Gang of Eight" want to see the documents confiscated by the DOJ National Security Division from the FBI raid on Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. The reason and motives are simple.

If Donald Trump has evidence of the corruption in the Trump-Russia collusion fabrication and targeting effort, there would be evidence of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) participating in joint-effort with the DOJ and FBI. When the FBI launched their 2016 targeting operation against candidate Donald Trump, it was the SSCI who coordinated with them.

When the Trump targeting operation began in 2015/2016, Dianne Feinstein was the Vice Chair of the SSCI, and her lead staffer was Dan Jones. You might remember that Jones left the committee to coordinate anti-Trump efforts outside government and work as a liaison back to the committee. The Chair of the SSCI was Richar Burr.

After Trump's surprising 2016 victory, Feinstein stepped down to allow Senator Mark Warner to become Vice-Chair, thereby putting Warner on the Gang-of-Eight in January of 2017.

Senator Warner was then responsible for: (a) continuing the attacks and investigation of Trump; (b) covering up the prior work done by the SSCI to target Trump; and (c) working to appoint a special counsel in order to mitigate the risk, while throwing a bag over the prior activity.

When the FBI came under scrutiny (ex. FISA warrant), the corrupt actors within the DOJ and FBI collaborated *ONLY* with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI). The same DOJ and FBI stonewalled the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) which was then led by Chairman Devin Nunes.

The corrupt entities in the DOJ/FBI would only work with the SSCI not the HPSCI, because it was the SSCI who was working hand in glove with them on the targeting operation. That's why the SSCI, Mark Warner Vice-Chair with Security Director James Wolfe, was given a copy of the Carter Page FISA application on March 17, 2017. At the exact same time the DOJ and FBI were **blocking the House** intelligence committee from seeing it.

Senator Mark Warner wanted the FISA application as a tool to leak to the media as part of the effort to help the DOJ get Andrew Weissmann and Robert Mueller installed as the special counsel. Weissmann/Mueller would be the cover-up and continued targeting group.

Mark Warner and James Wolfe received the FISA on March 17, 2017, from the FBI (carried by agent Brian Dugan). Shortly after 4:00pm on March 17th, Warner and Wolfe then leaked the FISA application to the media (Ali Watkins). Two days later FBI Director James Comey testified before the House committee (March 20) publicly admitting for the first time that President Trump was under investigation.

These days in March 2017 became the narrative opening for the leaked FISA to support the installation of a special counsel a few weeks later. All of it carefully coordinated.

The background collusion and assist motive was also why SSCI vice-chair Mark Warner was covertly in contact with Adam Waldman (2017), the lawyer for Chris Steele, while continuing to operate the parallel Trump targeting and DOJ/FBI cover-up operation from the SSCI. Warner's skill at this process is why Feinstein abdicated her chair to him at the beginning of Trump's term.

If the Gang of Eight is currently trying to see what documents President Trump held in Mar-a-Lago, what they are really trying to see is what evidence President Trump has against them.

Watch carefully now....

Watch how the DOJ-NSD and FBI respond to the Gang of Eight. If they follow the pattern, then Main Justice will likely support legislative oversight ***only*** through the SSCI.

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President Trump Lawyers Dispute Classified Status of Mar-a-Lago Documents, Refutes Arbitrary Definitions by DOJ and Supports Special Master Reviewing Everything

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First, a follow-up. In further support of CTH view of the Trump legal strategy, a bolstering prior media notation is worthy. In regard to the intent of the Trump -v- Clinton lawsuit a lawyer for President Trump told media: "*Habba later said she might appeal the decision, and also that **Trump had told her that the case would ultimately not be a winner and she should just drop it**. "I said no. We have to fight. It's not right what happened. And you know, he was right."* {source} This expressed perspective from Trump -via a member of his legal team- supports our contention that creating the lawsuit as a vehicle to legally share documentary evidence and establish a silo (attny-client privilege) **was the goal**, not the actual outcome of the lawsuit itself.

Remember, the DOJ National Security Division (DOJ-NSD) was created by Barack Obama and Eric Holder to weaponize a relationship between Main Justice (DOJ) and the Intelligence Community (IC). Within this structure, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) now used their newly created agency to monitor domestic political opposition under the guise of domestic threat surveillance. [The Eye of Sauron]

Within the system they created, the DOJ-NSD collaborates with the newly established authorities of the DNI, which includes their unilateral authority to define documents they consider "classified." The intent is to conduct lawfare against the domestic target while both agencies shield their efforts under claims of national security.

That is the encapsulated modern mission and relationship between the DOJ-NSD and the Intelligence Community (ODNI). These are the two main pillars of the corrupt national surveillance state that exist based on collapsed oversight, as a result of ideological support from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. This is the weaponized fourth branch of government.

Now we turn to today. Lawyers for President Trump submit a responsive filing to counter the DOJ effort to stay court order for a 'special master.' [Motion pdf Here].

The position of the DOJ-NSD, a position that should be considered in alignment with the ODNI, is that no outsider should be permitted to review their work product. The DOJ does not want a court appointed *special master* to review what they are unilaterally declaring as "classified national security documents."

DONALD J. TRUMP,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

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DONALD J. TRUMP'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO THE UNITED STATES' MOTION FOR A PARTIAL STAY PENDING APPEAL

I. INTRODUCTION

This investigation of the 45th President of the United States is both unprecedented and misguided. In what at its core is a document storage dispute that has spiraled out of control, the Government wrongfully seeks to criminalize the possession by the 45th President of his own Presidential and personal records. By way of its Motion [ECF No. 69], the Government now seeks to limit the scope of any review of its investigative conduct and presuppose the outcome, at least as regards to what it deems are "classified records." However, the Court's Order [ECF No. 64] is a sensible preliminary step towards restoring order from chaos. The Government should therefore not be permitted to skip the process and proceed straight to a preordained conclusion.

The current legal position of Main Justice aligns with the fundamental precept of their corrupt lawfare creation. In latin it would be "*Lex est quod dico*," the law is what I say it is. In the view of the current DOJ-NSD and intelligence apparatus represented by the ODNI, the classifications of Trump documents are what we say they are. They will accept no outside scrutiny from the courts or others upon their arbitrary evaluation. Yes, Lawfare is that arrogant.

The attorney's representing President Trump dismisses the notion of an omnipotent Main Justice being able to make arbitrary determinations and definitions to suit their Lawfare interests. The people running the DOJ-NSD are not "inviolable", or above reproach.

First, the Government's position incorrectly presumes the outcome—that its separation of these documents is inviolable and not subject to question by this Court or anyone else. Second, the Government's stance assumes that if a document has a classification marking, it remains classified irrespective of any actions taken during President Trump's term in office. Third, as noted above, the Government continues to ignore the significance of the PRA. Indeed, if any seized documents (including any purported "classified records") are Presidential records, President Trump (or his designee, including a neutral designee such as a special master) has an absolute right of access to same under the PRA. 44 U.S.C. § 2205(3). Accordingly, President Trump (and, by extension, a requested special master) cannot be denied access to those documents.

In addition, the Government's claims of "irreparable harm" to the Government "and the public" [ECF No. 69 at 2] appear exaggerated. In seeking the extraordinary relief of this Court staying its own order, the Government once again brushes off any measure of judicial involvement. The Government argues that the Intelligence

As we noted yesterday, in order to protect the documents held at Mar-a-Lago from the corrupt intent of the DOJ to confiscate and bury them, Team Trump built a framework for legal review of the documents as well as silos using attorney-client privilege.

President Trump clearly has an individual interest in and need for the seized property. The record reflects the material seized from President Trump's home includes not just "personal effects without evidentiary value" but also approximately five hundred pages of material that is likely subject to attorney-client privilege, as

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well as medical documents, and tax and accounting information. [ECF Nos. 40-2, 48]. The Government contends that President Trump can have no such interest in the purported "classified records." But, again, the Government has not proven these records remain classified. That issue is to be determined later.

The Government claims this Court cannot enjoin use of the documents ***the Government has determined*** are classified. [ECF No. 69 at 5-8]. Therefore, the argument goes, as President Trump has no right to have the documents returned to him—because the Government has unilaterally determined they are classified—the Government should be permitted to continue to use them, in conjunction with the intelligence communities, to build a criminal case against him.

However, there still remains a disagreement as to the classification status of the documents. The Government's position therefore assumes a fact not yet established. This Court's Order exercising jurisdiction did not make findings as to the classification status of any documents. Further, whether it was lawful for the Government to seize those documents has yet to be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. But that ultimate determination is an issue separate from this Court's Order and whether a stay pending appeal is necessary.[5]

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[5] Despite the Government's attempts to paint the ruling as a finding on the substantive merits of President Trump's claim, this Court noted the limits of its Order:

> The Court pauses briefly to emphasize the limits of this determination. [President Trump] ultimately may not be entitled to return of much of the seized property or to prevail on his

§ 1.3(a)(1). In turn, the Executive Order grants authority to declassify information to either the official who originally classified the information or that individual's supervisors—necessarily including the President. § 3.1(b)(1), (3). Thus, assuming the Executive Order could even apply to constrain a President, *cf.* 50 U.S.C. § 3163, the President enjoys absolute authority under the Executive Order to declassify any information. There is no legitimate contention that the Chief Executive's declassification of documents requires approval of bureaucratic components of the executive branch. Yet, the Government apparently contends that President Trump, who had full authority to declassify documents, "willfully" retained classified information in violation of the law. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 793(e); [ECF No. 69 at 9].[7] Moreover, the Government seeks to preclude any opportunity for consideration of this issue.

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[7] Of course, classified or declassified, the documents remain either Presidential records or personal records under the PRA.

Calling the Lawfare agents and ODNI operatives "bureaucratic components" of the executive branch is likely to make them big mad. From the perspective of the DOJ-NSD ideologues, how dare Donald Trump question the authorities of their power. However, if you peel all the skin from this legal ruse, President Trump's lawyers hold the accurate viewpoint.

[PDF of court motion Here]

(Via Wall Street Journal) – WASHINGTON—Lawyers for former President Donald Trump pressed a federal judge to allow an independent attorney to review all of the documents the FBI seized in its search of Mar-a-Lago, including those marked classified, saying they didn't trust the Justice Department to accurately represent what was in them.

"The Government has not proven these records remain classified. That issue is to be determined later," Mr. Trump's lawyers wrote in a Monday morning filing to U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon, who last week ordered the appointment of a special master in the matter.

They disputed the status of around 100 documents marked as classified, which the Justice Department had signaled were central to a criminal investigation, providing their most specific arguments yet to counter prosecutors' request to continue evaluating the documents for national-security concerns.

"In opposing any neutral review of the seized materials, the Government seeks to block a reasonable first step towards restoring order from chaos and increasing public confidence in the integrity of the process," the Trump legal team said.

Separately, Mr. Trump's lawyers and prosecutors later on Monday are expected to comment on each others' candidates for the special-master role. (more)

Tucker Carlson Discusses the Continued DOJ Targeting of Joe Biden Political Opposition

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During his opening monologue today, Fox News host Tucker Carlson outlined the history of the Biden administration targeting the democrat political opposition by using the Dept of Justice and FBI. [Direct Rumble Link] During one part of the lengthy segment, Carlson outlined the recent subpoenas to people within the MAGA movement. **WATCH:**

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The technique most often deployed, is for the DOJ/FBI to claim an anonymous source has provided information against the subpoena target, and therefore the target must prove their innocence against the "sources" claims.

Having received one of these DC subpoenas directly, my experience with the construct leads me to believe the DOJ is just making up the "anonymous sources." However, if you refuse to participate in the bizarre demand to prove your innocence, the lack of cooperation becomes the Lawfare angle used to entrap the target. The process is something like this: It is unlawful to rob banks. We were told you rob banks. Prove you do not rob banks or be subject to arrest for being unresponsive.

It is not quite impossible to construct an accusatory claim that is grounded in abject absurdity, but it is highly unlikely these absurd claims -factual lies without any basis whatsoever- would organically lead to the origin of DOJ investigations. Yet, this is what Merrick Garland's DOJ would have us believe. Either the DOJ is making this stuff up, or affiliates in ideological alignment are making stuff up in order to feed the DOJ. Regardless, the political weaponization of the DOJ and FBI as described by Mr. Carlson is absolutely accurate.

Carlson Talks with a MAGA Supporter Targeted by the Biden Regime

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In this interview with Tucker Carlson, Lisa Gallagher recalls being woken up by federal law enforcement after voicing her support for former President Trump on Facebook. You do not have to be a high profile American to be targeted by the Biden regime and/or the people who handle him.

In the background of Joe Biden are the domestic Marxist/Communist activists who hate our nation. They generationally flowed from the Weather Underground (Ayers/Dohrn) to Occupy Wall Street, to Black Lives Matter (Obama/Holder), Antifa and now without pretense into the mainstream Democrat party. They are all essentially jackboots orgs. "Swatting" is the activity from those outside government, "FBI targeting" is the activity from those inside government. The intents of both are the same. **WATCH:**

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Comrade Gallagher's experience will become increasingly familiar to a wider audience. The people behind Joe Biden are only doing what the Mitch McConnell, Bill Barr and Bush republican apparatus are willing to let them do. It's a *whole of government* approach.

DOJ-NSD Frantic That Special Master Might Review IC Defined Classified Documents, Even if Trump Declassified, Because Sources and Methods

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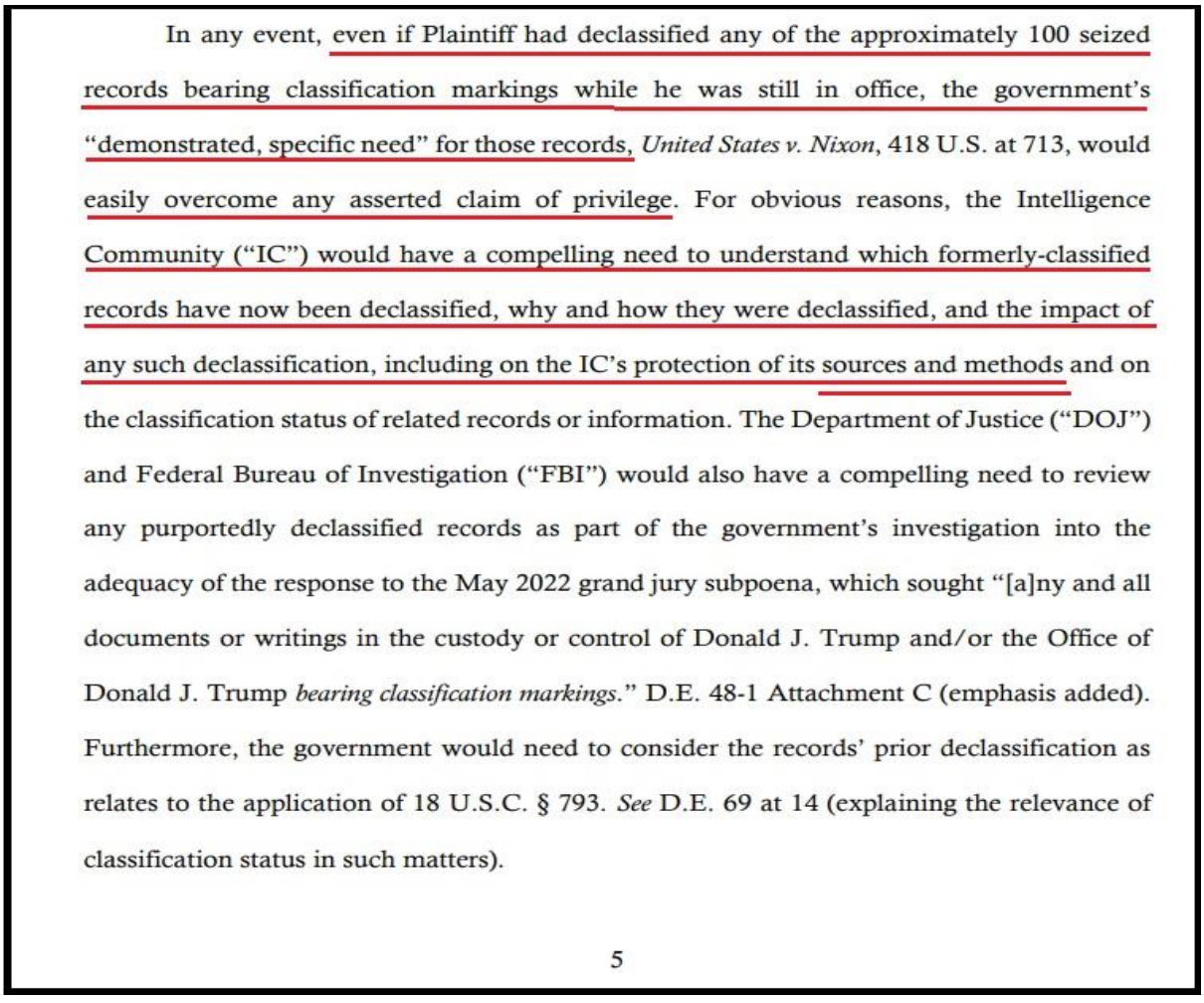
Late yesterday the DOJ National Security Division (DOJ-NSD) filed another motion in federal court urging Judge Cannon not to allow the special master to review documents they alone determine to be "classified." [pdf of motion Here]

The DOJ-NSD, officially the Trump targeting division, is frantic that an outside reviewer would be granted access to oversee the DOJ/IC unilateral determinations of the documents, **even if**.... [*watch the goal posts moving now*]... those documents *were previously declassified* by President Trump.

Yes, even if the documents were declassified (they were), the DOJ is apoplectic that someone would be allowed to see them. Their reason?... "*sources and methods*" might be exposed.



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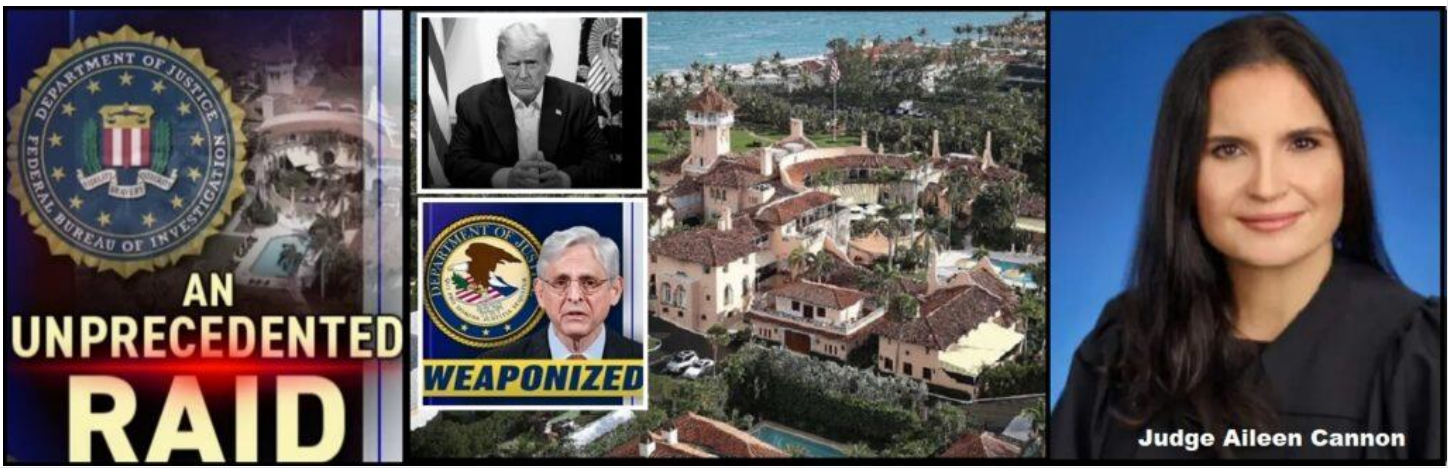

The Machiavellian Intent of John Durham Surfaces inside His Court Filing, Outlining the FBI Hiring of Igor Danchenko as Confidential Informant

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This is sickening to read, and perhaps even more sickening to accept. CTH has long outlined the belief that Bill Barr was the Bondo application to cover the DOJ and FBI institutional rot, and John Durham was the ongoing spray paint application.

The bottom line is an ongoing DC operation to preserve the institutional credibility of the justice system. A credibility, which is – at this point, entirely destroyed – yet the effort continues.

In a court motion today [pdf HERE], special prosecutor John Durham outlines the case against Christopher Steele's primary source, Igor Danchenko. For more granular information about the filing itself, visit Techno Fog [review article HERE].

The basic legal case brought by Durham is predicated on the notion that Christopher Steele's source for his dossier, Igor Danchenko, willfully and intentionally lied to the FBI, and therefore Danchenko is

guilty of purposefully misleading FBI investigators assigned to the Trump-Russia/"crossfire hurricane" investigation.

This is where we must stop pretending. The Durham premise of a "*duped FBI*" is laughable on its face. No one in the FBI or DOJ-NSD was "*duped*" by false information from Igor Danchenko.

The lies, as they were with Clinton lawyer Michael Sussman, were well known to be false, yet materially beneficial to the unspoken intention of the DOJ/FBI, which was to target Donald Trump. The corrupt intent of the DOJ and FBI is the basic rot John Durham was appointed to cover over.

John Durham is running a Deep State cover operation to protect the institutions of the DOJ and FBI from evidence of their prior activity. The *bulls**t* of pretending this is not his motive is, well, quite simply nonsense and needs to stop. Look at today's filing itself, overlay the timeline and you can see the corrupt intention of the FBI and John Durham's clear objective is to cover for them.

The big picture takeaway is right there on the second page. **Pay attention to the dates.**

CONTEXT – From January 2017 through October 2020 the FBI was using Danchenko as part of its investigation. This includes the entire timeline of the Robert Mueller and Andrew Weissmann special counsel operation which took place from May 2017 to April 2019.

Danchenko was Christopher Steele's primary source for information he put into his "dossier". The DOJ-NSD and FBI used the Steele Dossier in lieu of a valid 'wood's file' to support the FISA surveillance and search warrant application against Carter Page. The title-1 warrant gave the DOJ-NSD and FBI the ability to conduct surveillance over Donald Trump as a candidate and as a President. The warrant was issued in October 2016 and renewed thrice in 2017 (Jan, April, June).

The warrant was used to conduct electronic surveillance of President Trump during the time he was in office. Robert Mueller and Andrew Weissmann renewed the warrant to support their targeting of Trump and officials in his orbit. Most of the evidence gathered by Weissmann/Mueller was captured using surveillance legally authorized by the FISA warrant.

Without the Steele Dossier, there wouldn't be evidence to support the FISA application. Without the FISA warrant there wouldn't be legal surveillance of Trump. This is the importance of the Steele Dossier and as a consequence the importance of Igor Danchenko who provided the fabricated material within the dossier.

♦ We already knew from the Inspector General report on the Carter Page FISA application, the FBI had interviewed Danchenko in January of 2017, within days of filing for the first renewal of the Carter Page Title-1 surveillance warrant. However, we learn today -for the first time- the FBI hired Danchenko as a "paid confidential human source" following that interview.

Steele Reports. From January 2017 through October 2020, and as part of its efforts to determine the truth or falsity of specific information in the Steele Reports, the FBI conducted multiple interviews of the defendant regarding, among other things, the information that he had provided to Steele.

In March 2017, the FBI signed the defendant up as a paid confidential human source of the FBI. The FBI terminated its source relationship with the defendant in October 2020. As alleged in further detail below, the defendant lied to FBI agents during several of these interviews.

According to Durham, Danchenko remained a paid informant of the FBI all the way to October 2020. Not coincidentally the same time when John Durham was officially appointed by Bill Barr.

So, let's just stand back and look at this *bulls**t scheme* for what it is....

The FBI interviews and questions Igor Danchenko in January 2017 about the information in the Steele Dossier. Danchenko tells them the material he provided to Chris Steele was all hearsay, word-of-mouth, said in jest, bar talk. Essentially, nonsense [OIG report on those encounters]

The Primary Sub-source was questioned again by the FBI beginning in March 2017 about the election reporting and his/her communications with Steele. The Washington Field Office agent (WFO Agent 1) who conducted that interview and others after it told the OIG that the Primary Sub-source felt that the tenor of Steele's reports was far more "conclusive" than was justified. The Primary Sub-source also stated that he/she never expected Steele to put the Primary Sub-source's statements in reports or present them as facts. According to WFO Agent 1, the Primary Sub-source said he/she made it clear to Steele that he/she had no proof to support the statements from his/her sub-sources and that "it was just talk." WFO Agent 1 said that the Primary Sub-source explained that his/her information came from "word of mouth and hearsay;" "conversation that [he/she] had with friends over beers;" and that some of the information, such as allegations about Trump's sexual activities, were statements he/she heard made in "jest."[341] The Primary Sub-source also told WFO Agent 1 that he/she believed that the other sub-sources exaggerated their access to information and the relevance of that information to his/her requests. The Primary Sub-source told WFO Agent 1 that he/she "takes what [sub-sources] tell [him/her] with 'a grain of salt.'"

In addition, the FBI interviews with the Primary Sub-source revealed that Steele did not have good insight into how many degrees of separation existed between the Primary Sub-source's sub-sources and the persons quoted in the reporting, and that it could have been multiple layers of hearsay upon hearsay. For example, the Primary Sub-source stated to WFO Agent 1 that, in contrast to the impression left from the election reports, his/her sub-sources did not have direct access to the persons they were reporting on. Instead, the Primary Sub-source told WFO Agent 1 that their information was "from someone else who may have had access."

The Primary Sub-source also informed WFO Agent 1 that Steele tasked him/her after the 2016 U.S. elections to find corroboration for the election reporting and that the Primary Sub-source could find none. According to WFO Agent 1, during an interview in May 2017, the Primary Sub-source said the corroboration was "zero." The Primary Sub-source had reported the same conclusion to the Crossfire Hurricane team members who interviewed him/her in January 2017.

Danchenko tells the FBI the material in the dossier was crap. Therefore, the underlying information that supported the FISA application was crap.

The FBI knows the information is crap, yet the FBI still used the dossier to get the *first renewal* of the FISA warrant (January 2017). The original application (Oct. '16) and the first renewal (Jan. '17) are word-for-word and page-for-page identical. The FBI and DOJ added nothing; they simply re-filed the exact same documents for the warrant renewal.

AFTER the January 2017 interview, the FBI hires Igor Danchenko as a paid confidential human source. This move can only be seen for what it was, the DOJ/FBI needed to mitigate the damage Danchenko could bring to their surveillance warrant authority, so the FBI hired him.

AFTER hiring Danchenko the DOJ/FBI then reinterviewed him before refiling the second renewal in April. With Danchenko on their payroll they don't need to worry about him undermining the narrative or speaking the truth about the dossier. This approach protects their warrant. The surveillance warrant is renewed.

AFTER Robert Mueller is appointed special counsel in May 2017, with Danchenko still on the FBI payroll and under control… Special Counsel Robert Mueller and Andrew Weissmann now submit the FISA application for another renewal on June 29, 2017.

The reason to keep Danchenko on the FBI payroll is to mitigate any risk he might present if he were to speak.

As you can see from the Durham filing, Danchenko was kept on the FBI payroll throughout the Robert Mueller investigation and the special counsel also interviewed him several times. When Danchenko is interviewed on June 15, 2017, he is being interviewed as part of the Mueller operation. That interview was before Mueller renewed the FISA application on June 29th.

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So, what happened in **October 2020?**

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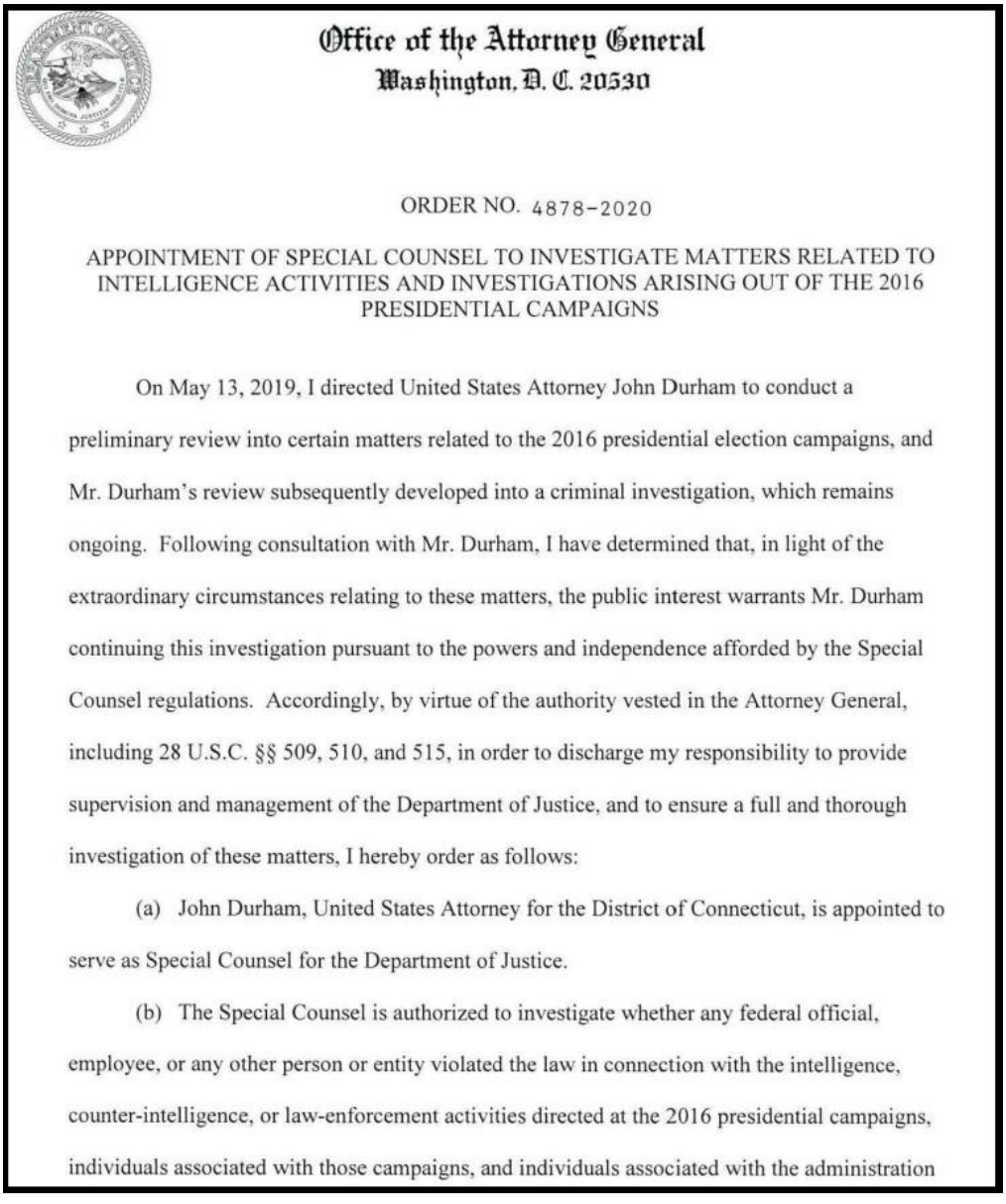

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ORDER NO. 4878-2020

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On May 13, 2019, I directed United States Attorney John Durham to conduct a preliminary review into certain matters related to the 2016 presidential election campaigns, and Mr. Durham's review subsequently developed into a criminal investigation, which remains ongoing. Following consultation with Mr. Durham, I have determined that, in light of the extraordinary circumstances relating to these matters, the public interest warrants Mr. Durham continuing this investigation pursuant to the powers and independence afforded by the Special Counsel regulations. Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in the Attorney General, including 28 U.S.C. §§ 509, 510, and 515, in order to discharge my responsibility to provide supervision and management of the Department of Justice, and to ensure a full and thorough investigation of these matters, I hereby order as follows:

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10/19/20
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Follow the timeline:

Danchenko interviewed by FBI in January 2017. Tells FBI dossier is junk.

FBI hires Danchenko in March 2017 just before renewing the FISA they now know is based on junk.

May 2017 Robert Mueller appointed to cover up all of the DOJ/FBI corruption that existed in the Trump targeting.

June 2017 Mueller interviews Danchenko, then renews the FISA.

February 2019, Bill Barr enters as Attorney General.

April 2019 Robert Mueller completes investigation.

May 2019, Bill Barr appoints Durham just to look into things. Immediately then begs Trump not to declassify any documents. Trump writes executive order giving Bill Barr ability to review and declassify documents.

October 2020, Bill Barr officially (and quietly), makes John Durham a special counsel. We don't find out until December (after the Nov election).

October 2020, FBI drops Igor Danchenko as paid informant.

Put it all together and you see the continuum.

(1) Donald Trump was being targeted by a corrupt DOJ and FBI. (2) Robert Mueller was installed in May 2017 to cover up the targeting. (3) When Mueller is nearing his completion, Bill Barr steps in to mitigate institutional damage from 1 and 2. (4) Barr maintains damage control and installs Durham. (5) Durham takes over the coverup operation from October 2020 (Danchenko safe to exit) through today.

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DOJ-NSD Frantic That Special Master Might Review IC Defined Classified Documents, Even if Trump Declassified, Because Sources and Methods

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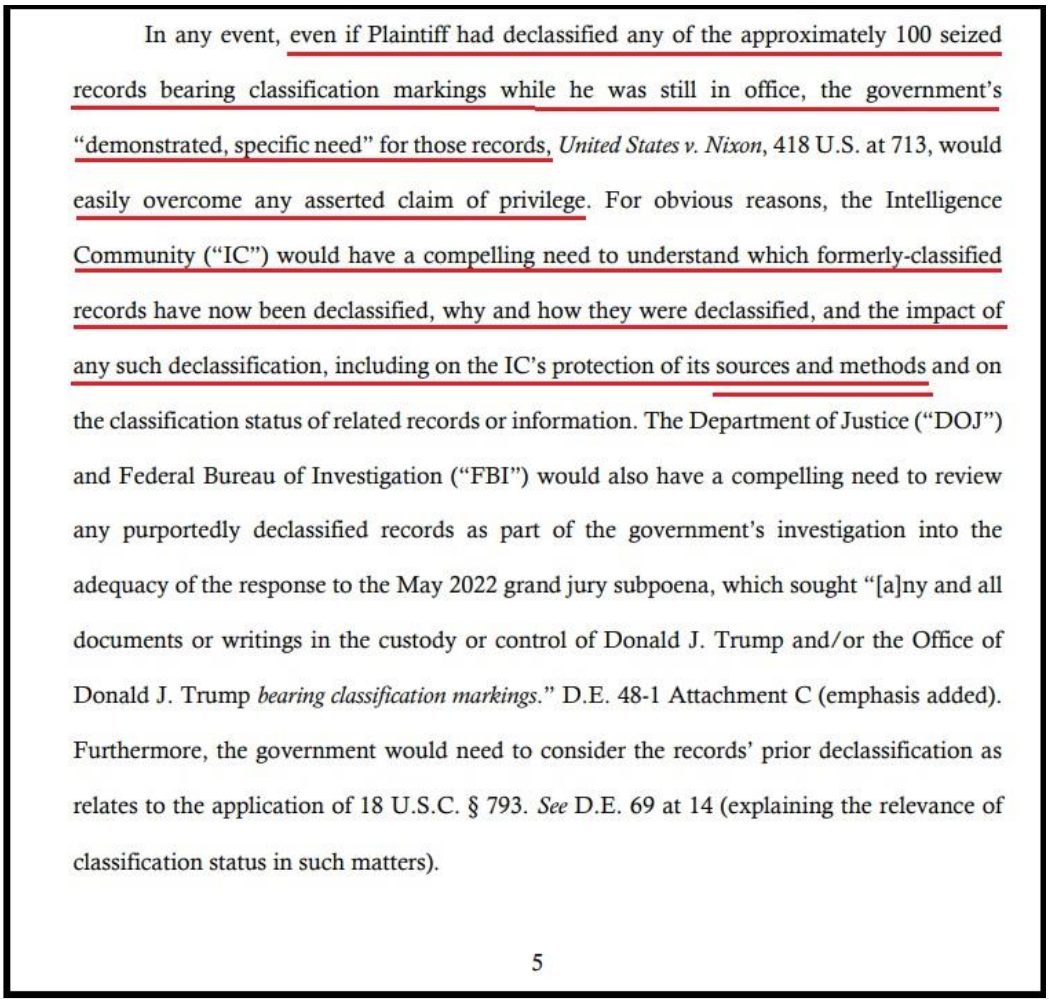

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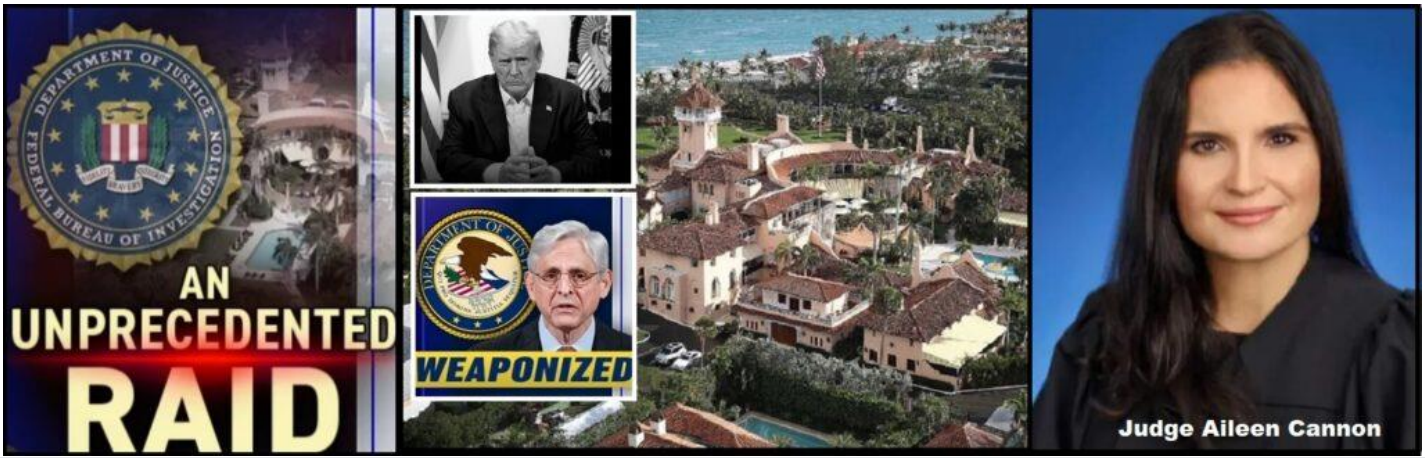

Connections, Facebook Spies on Private Messages and DHS Uses Private Chats Against J6 Detainees

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Two journalists surface today with two different aspects to the same big picture story.

First, Julie Kelly notes the DOJ is using social media chat messages as evidence in court against J6 detainees: "DOJ and Big Tech are working seamlessly to excavate private messages and info from deleted accounts to use as incriminating evidence for J6ers." (link) Second, Miranda Devine is writing in the New York Post about Facebook spying on private messages to identify people who questioned the outcome of the 2020 election (link)

This '*surveillance system*' has been of great interest to CTH for several years, in part because it is a key aspect of the domestic intelligence system now operating as a functioning part of the Fourth Branch of Government. The overwhelming majority of the investigative resources within the Dept of Homeland Security (DHS) are used in this *whole of network* monitoring system.

I cannot emphasize the importance of the connections enough.

Surveillance of domestic communication, to include surveillance of all social media platforms, is now the primary mission of DHS. The information is gathered by social media, funneled by direct portals into the DHS network then distributed to DOJ-NSD and FBI officials as well as the Office of the

Director of National Intelligence. This communication surveillance network is what DHS, created as an outcome of the Patriot Act, is all about.

The four pillars of the Fourth Branch of Government are: DHS, ODNI, DOJ-NSD and the revised/political FBI. All four pillars were created as an outcome of the Patriot Act. These institutions – as specifically named – represent the domestic surveillance state. The subsidiary institutions like TSA etc, exist under their authority. There is no oversight or counterbalance to this system. The Fourth Branch exists using the shield of "national intelligence" to hide their activity. Domestic surveillance is done by the intelligence apparatus under one big connected system, operated by the ODNI and DHS.

New York Post – Facebook has been spying on the private messages and data of American users and reporting them to the FBI if they express anti-government or anti-authority sentiments — or question the 2020 election — according to sources within the Department of Justice.

Under the FBI collaboration operation, somebody at Facebook red-flagged these supposedly subversive private messages over the past 19 months and transmitted them in redacted form to the domestic terrorism operational unit at FBI headquarters in Washington, DC, without a subpoena.

"It was done outside the legal process and without probable cause," alleged one of the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Facebook provides the FBI with private conversations which are protected by the First Amendment without any subpoena."

These private messages then have been farmed out as "leads" to FBI field offices around the country, which subsequently requested subpoenas from the partner US Attorney's Office in their district to officially obtain the private conversations that Facebook already had shown them. (read more)

None of this should be surprising to anyone who has been reading our research about the domestic intelligence apparatus and their connections to the Big Tech platforms. The largest social media networks are fully compromised by this relationship, and that is **exactly why** the legislative branch has not done anything to impede (ie. break up) the tech monopoly system that was created.

♦ **EXAMPLE**: Jack's Magic Coffee Shop (Twitter), essentially a global and public commenting system, could not feasibly exist without the support of the U.S. government providing extreme scale data-processing. Also, specifically because the platform is in a symbiotic relationship with the intelligence apparatus, the IC itself has contracted people working within the platform.

The whole system was admitted in a 2021 Reuters article outlining the networks and their surveillance relationship with DHS.

We have been trying to hammer this issue for a long time, because at the end of this continuum people will eventually be given digital identities. It's just the natural outcome if you follow the arc of how this is operating. Once a digital ID is established, all of your activity is then connected to it and a digital currency system emerges.

♦ **2021, Public-Private Partnership** – The modern Fourth Branch of Government is only possible because of a Public-Private partnership with the intelligence apparatus. You do not have to take my word for it, the partnership is so brazen they have made public admissions.

The biggest names in Big Tech announced in June their partnership with the Five Eyes intelligence network, ultimately controlled by the NSA, to: (1) monitor all activity in their platforms; (2) identify extremist content; (3) look for expressions of Domestic Violent Extremism (DVE); and then, (4) put the content details into a database where the Five Eyes intelligence agencies (U.K., U.S., Australia, Canada, New Zealand) can access it.

Facebook, Twitter, Google and Microsoft are all partnering with the intelligence apparatus. It might be difficult to fathom how openly they admit this, but they do. Look at this sentence in the press release (emphasis mine):

[…] "The Group will use lists from intelligence-sharing group Five Eyes ***adding*** *URLs and PDFs from more groups, including the Proud Boys, the Three Percenters and neo-Nazis."*

Think about that sentence structure very carefully. They are "adding to" the preexisting list…. admitting the group (aka Big Tech) already have access to the the intelligence-sharing database… and also admitting there is a preexisting list created by the Five Eyes consortium.

Obviously, who and what is defined as "extremist content" will be determined by the Big Tech insiders themselves. This provides a gateway, another plausible deniability aspect, to cover the Intelligence Branch from any oversight.

When the Intelligence Branch within government wants to conduct surveillance and monitor American citizens, they run up against problems due to the Constitution of the United States. They get around those legal limitations by sub-contracting the intelligence gathering, the actual data-mining, and allowing outside parties (contractors) to have access to the central database.

The government cannot conduct electronic searches (4th amendment issue) without a warrant; however, private individuals can search and report back as long as they have access. What is being admitted is exactly that preexisting partnership. The difference is that Big Tech will flag the content from within their platforms, and now a secondary database filled with the extracted information will be provided openly for the Intelligence Branch to exploit.

The volume of metadata captured by the NSA has always been a problem because of the filters needed to make the targeting useful. There is a lot of noise in collecting all data that makes the parts you really want to identify more difficult to capture. This new admission puts a new massive filtration system in the metadata that circumvents any privacy protections for individuals.

Previously, the Intelligence Branch worked around the constitutional and unlawful search issue by using resources that were not in the United States. A domestic U.S. agency, working on behalf of the U.S. government, cannot listen on your calls without a warrant. However, if the U.S. agency sub-contracts to say a Canadian group, or foreign ally, the privacy invasion is no longer legally restricted by U.S. law.

What was announced in June 2021 is an alarming admission of a prior relationship along with open intent to define their domestic political opposition as extremists.

July 26, 2021, (Reuters) – A counterterrorism organization formed by some of the biggest U.S. tech companies including Facebook (FB.O) and Microsoft (MSFT.O) is significantly expanding the types of extremist content shared between firms in a key database, aiming to crack down on material from white supremacists and far-right militias, the group told Reuters.

Until now, the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism's (GIFCT) database has focused on videos and images from terrorist groups on a United Nations list and so has largely consisted of content from Islamist extremist organizations such as Islamic State, al Qaeda and the Taliban.

Over the next few months, the group will add attacker manifestos – often shared by sympathizers after white supremacist violence – and other publications and links flagged by U.N. initiative Tech Against Terrorism. ***It will use lists from intelligence-sharing group Five Eyes****, adding URLs and PDFs from more groups, including the Proud Boys, the Three Percenters and neo-Nazis.*

The firms, which include Twitter (TWTR.N) and Alphabet Inc's (GOOGL.O) YouTube, share "hashes," unique numerical representations of original pieces of content that have been removed from their services. Other platforms use these to identify the same content on their own sites in order to review or remove it. (read more)

The influence of the Intelligence Branch now reaches into our lives, our personal lives. In the decades before 9/11/01 the intelligence apparatus intersected with government, influenced government, and undoubtedly controlled many institutions with it. The legislative oversight function was weak and

growing weaker, but it still existed and could have been used to keep the IC in check. However, after the events of 9/11/01, the short-sighted legislative reactions opened the door to allow the surveillance state to weaponize.

After the Patriot Act was triggered, not coincidentally only six weeks after 9/11, a slow and dangerous fuse was lit that ends with the intelligence apparatus being granted a massive amount of power. The problem with assembled power is always what happens when a Machiavellian network takes control over that power and begins the process to weaponize the tools for their own malicious benefit. That is exactly what the installation of Barack Obama was all about.

The Obama network took pre-assembled intelligence weapons we should never have allowed to be created and turned those weapons into tools for his radical and fundamental change. The target was the essential fabric of our nation. Ultimately, this corrupt political process gave power to create the Fourth Branch of Government, the Intelligence Branch. From that perspective the fundamental change was successful.

…It's all Connected Folks, SEE HERE

[…] "The vision was first outlined in the Intelligence Community Information Technology Enterprise plan championed by Director of National Intelligence ***James Clapper*** *and IC Chief Information Officer Al Tarasiuk almost three years ago." … "It is difficult to underestimate the cloud contract's importance. In a recent public appearance, CIA Chief Information Officer Douglas Wolfe called it "one of the most important technology procurements in recent history," with ramifications far outside the realm of technology." (READ MORE)*

One job…. "take the preexisting system and retool it so the weapons of government only targeted one side of the political continuum."

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Judge Cannon Rejects DOJ Motion for Stay, Appoints Special Master Judge Raymond J Dearie

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Judge Aileen Cannon has rejected the DOJ motion to stay her previous order and appointed a special master, Judge Raymond J Dearie, Senior United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, [pdf of Ruling HERE]

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION

CASE NO. 22-81294-CIV-CANNON

DONALD J. TRUMP,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

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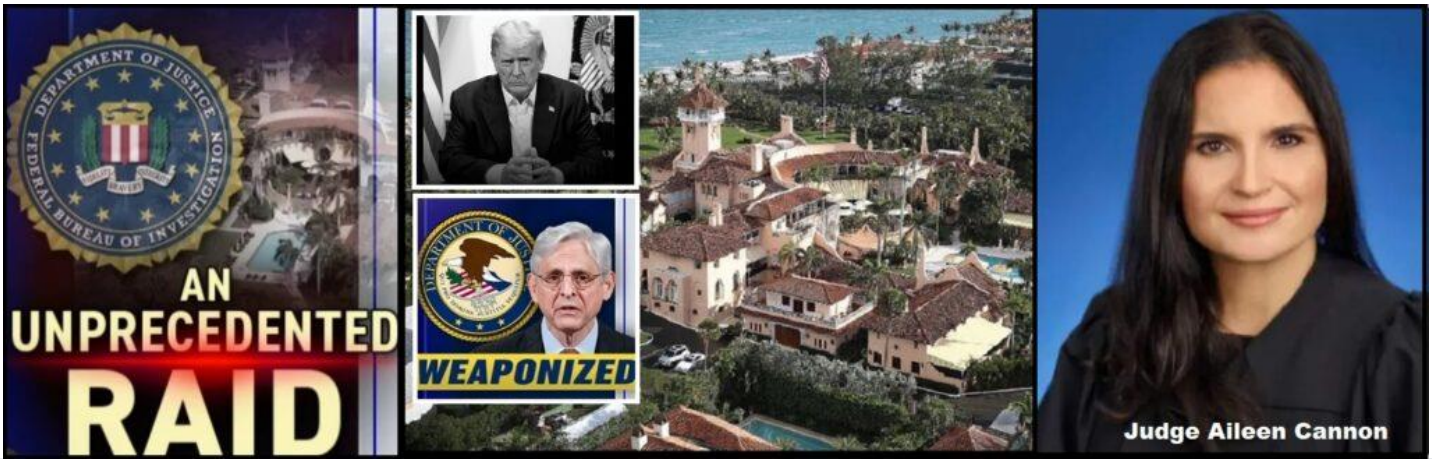
ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR PARTIAL STAY PENDING APPEAL

THIS CAUSE comes before the Court upon the Government's Motion for Partial Stay Pending Appeal (the "Motion") [ECF No. 69], filed on September 8, 2022. The Court has reviewed the Motion, the Response in Opposition [ECF No. 84], the Reply [ECF No. 88], and the full record. For the reasons discussed below, the Government's Motion [ECF No. 69] is **DENIED**. Further, by separate order, and by agreement of the parties as a matter of selection [ECF Nos. 83, 86], the Honorable Raymond J. Dearie, Senior United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, is hereby appointed to serve as Special Master in this case. As further described in that order, the Special Master is directed to prioritize review of the documents at issue in the Motion and to issue interim reports and recommendations as appropriate.

As to the dispute of the 100 "classified" documents, Judge Cannon writes, "the Court does not find it appropriate to accept the Government's conclusions on these important and disputed issues without further review by a neutral third party in an expedited and orderly fashion."

Judge Cannon urged Special Master Raymond Dearie to complete his review by Nov. 30, 2022, more than a month longer than DOJ requested. However, she did say Trump's legal team has to pay the full cost of the special master. [Full Ruling Pdf Here] In a signed filing, Judge Dearie accepted the task.



(Politico) – […] [Cannon] also said that DOJ was free to brief "Congressional leaders with intelligence oversight responsibilities" on the seized materials and from using the seized materials to conduct security assessments.

Cannon's ruling denying the Justice Department's stay makes clear she simply did not buy prosecutors' argument that there was no way to allow an intelligence community review of the national security impact of the presence of the information at Mar-a-Lago to proceed, while temporarily putting the criminal investigation on hold.

"The Government's submissions, read collectively, do not firmly maintain that the described processes are inextricably intertwined, and instead rely heavily on hypothetical scenarios and generalized explanations that do not establish irreparable injury," she wrote.

However, the judge also emphasized that she was giving Justice Department personnel some leeway to participate in the national security assessment even as she maintains her order blocking the use of any of the documents in the criminal probe.

"To the extent that the Security Assessments truly are, in fact, inextricable from criminal investigative use of the seized materials, the Court makes clear that the September 5 Order does not enjoin the Government from taking actions necessary for the Security Assessments," she wrote. (more)

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DOJ Files Appellate Court Motion for Partial Stay Against Judge Cannon Ruling, DOJ Does Not Want Classified Documents Reviewed

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As the DOJ-NSD originally threatened, they have filed an appeal of the ruling by Judge Cannon in the Trump Mar-a-Lago document case. [Pdf Here]

The DOJ is requesting the 11th Circuit Court to intervene and "stay" or block a part of the ruling allowing the Special Master, Judge Raymond J Dearie, to review the "classified documents" and make an independent determination as to the validity of the DOJ-NSD claims.

Having read all the motions in the case, you can get a sense of the authorship from the motion. From my perspective this effort appears to have been written by the Lawfare group and filed by their allies in Main Justice at the DOJ National Security Division (DOJ-NSD). The bottom line is they really don't want any outside party making a determination as to the status of the 100 "classified documents," and/or consider if President Trump had previously declassified them.

The framework of the appeal appears to be built on a false premise. The DOJ argument is **contingent upon** the government not having the original documents, and the claim is made **AS IF** there is only one copy. Even if this appeal is within the framework of a valid issue for an appellate court review (not a guarantee), when you apply commonsense the motion fails on its face.

The original documents are always retained by the originating agency. No one, not even the President, sees original intelligence documents from within any agency creating the product. Everything, including what President Trump would have seen while in office, and including any "read and return" version of the intelligence product, is a copy that stems from the originals. As a result, the executive branch (DOJ) has access to the originals regardless of what copies they may have retrieved from Mar-a-Lago.

Once again, the DOJ -together with the internal intelligence agency, likely the ODNI- is claiming to be the arbiter of the "classification" status of the documents at issue.

If President Trump declassified those documents before leaving office (he did), the "classification" status, another underlying premise, is automatically moot. This reality is the central flaw in the DOJ case and appears to form the basis for Main Justice to be so adamant against anyone else reviewing the documents.

The crux of their position is outlined in this part of the motion, which appears to hold a logical fallacy [pdf link Here]:

First, the government is likely to succeed on the merits. The district court appointed a special master to consider claims for return of property under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41(g) and assertions of attorney-client or executive privilege. All of those rationales are categorically inapplicable to the records bearing classification markings. Plaintiff has no claim for the return of those records, which belong to the government and were seized in a court-authorized search. The records are not subject to any possible claim of personal attorney-client privilege. And neither Plaintiff nor the court has cited any authority suggesting that a former President could successfully invoke executive privilege to prevent the Executive Branch from reviewing its own records. Any possible assertion of executive privilege over these records would be especially untenable and would be overcome by the government's "demonstrated, specific need" for them, *United States v. Nixon*, 418 U.S. 683, 713 (1974), because they are central to its ongoing investigation.

So, there are two structural flaws: (1) There is more than one copy of the documents being argued, and the DOJ has access to the originals; and (2) the classified status of those documents is unknown (hence a special master), and if they were declassified the DOJ-NSD contention around them is automatically moot.

The Special Master appointed by judge Cannon is a former FISA Judge. Judge Raymond J Dearie likely has seen thousands of classified documents over the years, he is not a national security risk by reviewing another set of defined classified documents. Additionally, the documents have been in Mar-a-Lago for almost two years, the urgency claims by Main Justice look silly.

The DOJ-NSD looks desperate and nonsensical in this filing because the arguments being made by the DOJ-NSD are desperate and nonsensical.

The currently presented legal conflict is essentially over a judicial ruling that -if implemented- resolves the legal conflict. Therefore, there is no guarantee the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals will even take the DOJ motion under review. The legal conflict seemingly resolves if the existing judicial ruling is applied.

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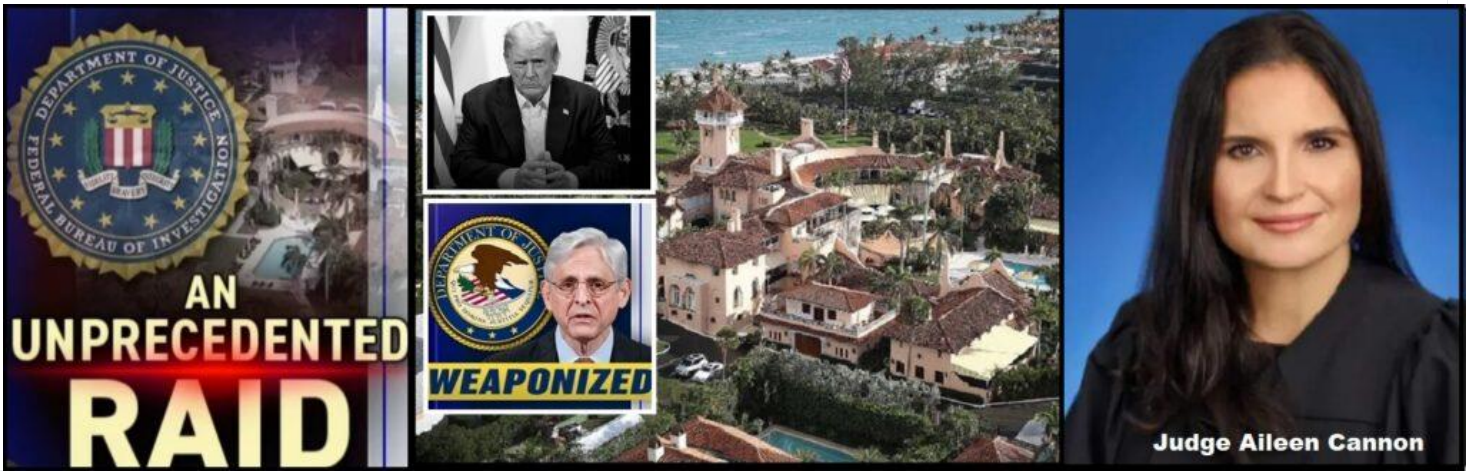

([New York Times) – WASHINGTON — The Justice Department asked an appeals court on Friday to let the F.B.I. regain access to about 100 sensitive documents taken from former President Donald J. Trump's residence in Florida but did not try to block the appointment of an outside arbiter to review other materials.

In a 29-page filing, the department asked the appeals court not to submit the roughly 100 files marked as classified through the vetting process of the arbiter, known as a special master — acquiescing to the review for 11,000 other documents seized from Mr. Trump's home and resort, Mar-a-Lago. The review has frozen the government's access to the material as it investigates Mr. Trump's handling of the documents.

"Although the government believes the district court fundamentally erred in appointing a special master and granting injunctive relief, the government seeks to stay only the portions of the order causing the most serious and immediate harm to the government and the public," wrote lawyers with the department's national security division.

[...] The Justice Department initially asked Judge Cannon to stay the portion of her order that blocked it from full investigative use of the 100 or so files with classification markings, but on Thursday she refused to do so. That prompted law enforcement officials to ask the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, in Atlanta, to issue a stay instead. (read more)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: The Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Privacy Act Review of Certain Declassified Materials Related to the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane Investigation

By Memorandum dated January 19, 2021, the President declassified certain materials related the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Crossfire Hurricane investigation. The President's Memorandum specifically stated: "My decision to declassify materials within the binder is subject to the limits identified above and does not extend to materials that must be protected from disclosure pursuant to orders of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and *does not require the disclosure of certain personally identifiable information or any other materials that must be protected from disclosure under applicable law.*" (emphasis added). Based on directions provided to the Department of Justice and our understanding that a review for protecting privacy interests had been conducted by the Department of Justice and that additional redactions to protect privacy interests had been applied to the materials, the President also stated: "[A]t my direction, the Attorney General has conducted an appropriate review to ensure that materials provided in the binder may be disclosed by the White House in accordance with applicable law."

We understand that the Office of Legal Counsel has advised that the Privacy Act does not apply to the White House and thus would not apply to any disclosure of documents by the White House. Nevertheless, we do not intend to disclose materials that would violate the standards of the Privacy Act and, in particular, materials the disclosure of which would constitute "an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." Accordingly, I am returning the bulk of the binder of declassified documents to the Department of Justice (including all that appear to have a potential to raise privacy concerns) with the instruction that the Department must expeditiously conduct a Privacy Act review under the standards that the Department of Justice would normally apply, redact material appropriately, and release the remaining material with redactions applied.

♦ **IMPORTANT CONTEXTUAL BACKGROUND** – Recently a Florida judge dismissed a lawsuit brought by President Trump against Hillary Clinton. [65-page Ruling Here] The media have enjoyed ridiculing Trump by using the words of the judge who dismissed the case. As noted by the Washington Times, "*Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks, a Clinton appointee, said Mr. Trump's filing was too lengthy, detailing events that "are implausible because they lack any specific allegations which might provide factual support for the conclusions reached*."

In March 2022 President Trump filed a civil lawsuit against: Hillary Clinton, Hillary for America Campaign Committee, DNC, DNC Services Corp, Perkins Coie, Michael Sussmann, Marc Elias, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Charles Dolan, Jake Sullivan, John Podesta, Robby Mook, Phillipe Reines as well as Fusion GPS, Glenn Simpson, Peter Fritsch, Nellie Ohr, Bruce Ohr, Orbis Business Intelligence, Christopher Steele, Igor Danchenko, Neustar Inc., Rodney Joffe, James Comey Peter Strzok, Lisa Page, Kevin Clinesmith and Andrew McCabe. [108-Page Lawsuit Here]

When I was about one-third of the way through reading the lawsuit, I initially stopped and said to myself this is going to take a lot of documentary evidence to back up the claims in the assertions. Dozens of attachments would be needed and hundreds of citations to the dozens of attachments would be mandatory. Except, they were not there.

After reading further, while completely understanding the background material that was being described in the filing, I realized this wasn't a lawsuit per se'. The 108-pages I was holding in my hands was more akin to legal transfer mechanism from President Trump to lawyers

who *needed* it. The filing was contingent upon a series of documents that would be needed to support the claims within it.

Whoever wrote the lawsuit had obviously reviewed the evidence to support the filing. However, the attachments and citations were missing. That was weird. That's when I realized the purpose of the lawsuit. In hindsight, things became clear when the DOJ-NSD raided the home of Donald Trump, and suddenly the motive to confiscate the documents that would be the missing lawsuit attachments and citations surfaced.

With the manipulative, and I say intentional, "ongoing investigation" angle of the John Durham probe essentially blocking public release of declassified documents showing the efforts of all the lawsuit participants (*Trump-Russia Collusion Hoax*), President Trump needed a legal way to secure and more importantly share the evidence.

Think of it like the people around Trump wanting to show lawyers the evidence in the documents. However, because of the construct of the lawfare being deployed against Trump, any lawyer would need a **reason** to review the evidence. The Trump -v- Clinton et al lawsuit becomes that '*reason*.'

The "documents" (classified or not) are reviewed by lawyers in preparation for the lawsuit. This is their legal justification for reviewing the documents. In essence, the lawsuit is a transfer mechanism permitting the Trump legal team to review the evidence on behalf of their client, former President Donald Trump.

Once the formation of the lawsuit is established, the retainer and acceptance of the lawyers to represent their client cemented, the legal counsel, discussion and information within legal duties/obligations of those who represent the plaintiff (Trump) becomes an information silo. In addition to previous executive privilege established by President Trump himself; outside government there is now another silo to defend against the motives of the Lawfare crew (DOJ), *the attorney-client privilege*.

The lawsuit itself is the transfer mechanism permitting sharing of the documents and providing legal cover for the reviewers (lawyers). The details within the 108-page filing constitute the claims of the plaintiff in the lawsuit, which were established by the evidentiary documents later seized by the DOJ and FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago.

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There were no attachments and/or citations to the documentary evidence in the 108-page filing, because there was a legal risk to citing evidence with a status in dispute by the corrupt people in Main Justice and the FBI. Secondarily, there was an obstruction risk to the President, if his legal team was to publish citations that were part of an ongoing investigation (Durham). However, this doesn't negate the value of constructing the information silo, an attorney-client privilege.

If the documents seized by the FBI were part of the lawsuit established by President Trump and his legal team via Trump -v- Clinton, then the material seized is attorney client work product. Lawfully obtained, constitutionally declassified and legally protected material.

This is where the 'special master' will play a key role.

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Sunday Talks, John Ratcliffe Questions the DOJ/FBI Classified Designations in Mar-a-Lago Documents

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In this lengthy interview with John Ratcliffe and Maria Bartiromo, the former Director of National Intelligence, the man who has likely seen every document that may have eventually ended up in Mar-a-Lago, is challenging the nature of the classified status of those documents. Ratcliffe does not believe the Mar-a-Lago documents are true national security documents, but rather documents that outline fraudulent 'sources and methods' used by the DOJ/FBI in their Trump targeting operation.

Keep in mind that as the DNI during 2020, Ratcliffe saw the documents that eventually became the material President Trump declassified and left with the DOJ to release after the Durham investigation was complete. If Ratcliffe's suspicions are correct, and there is more valid reason to support his suspicions than oppose them, then the entire construct of the DOJ-NSD operation to retrieve those documents from Mar-a-Lago is factually one big cover-up operation.

Ratcliffe suspects the documents are essentially the DOJ and FBI work products, including interviews with 'sources' like Igor Danchenko, from their fabricated case against President Trump. If accurate, the objective of the DOJ/FBI would be to avoid sunlight on their political targeting operation. This viewpoint makes sense when you consider the DOJ/FBI position that no one should ever be allowed to look at those documents, including the appointed Special Master in the case, Judge Raymond Dearie. **WATCH:**

https://theconservativetreehouse.com/blog/2022/09/18/sunday-talks-john-ratcliffe-questions-the-doj-fbi-classified-designations-in-mar-a-lago-documents/

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