

DRAGONS CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE: ON THE GENEALOGY OF THE CURRENT AND FUTURE MUELLER INVESTIGATION

To understand where the Mueller investigation is going, you need to know where it came from. And most reporting gets that wrong.

AS THE SUMMIT ARRIVES, KEEP IN MIND THAT PUTIN MANAGES TRUMP WITH CARROTS AND STICKS

I think the lever Vladimir Putin holds over Trump is far worse than a pee tape. I think it's a threat to attack the country again.

YESTERDAY, ROGER STONE ANSWERED, THEN BACKTRACKED, ON

A QUESTION MUELLER HAS ALREADY POSED TO TRUMP

Roger Stone's first instinct when seeing himself described in an indictment of those who illegal helped Trump get elected was to say he couldn't be the guy described in the indictment because he only speaks to Trump. Now he's backtracking on that.

THE RUSSIAN HACK

A working thread on the Russian hack indictment.

TODAY IS ROBERT MUELLER'S MERRICK GARLAND DAY

Today is the day when Robert Mueller has been investigating as long as Mitch McConnell kept open Scalia's seat to ensure a conservative ideologue occupied it rather than a respected centrist judge.

JUDGE ELLIS COMPARES

PAUL MANAFORT TO DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN TERRORISTS AND SPIES AND TRAITORS IN PULLING HIS VIP PRIVILEGES

In refusing to let Paul Manafort choose in which jail he awaits trial, Judge TS Ellis invoked the foreign and domestic terrorists, spies and traitors he'll share space with.

PETER STRZOK IS A SIDESHOW TO INFORMATION THAT DIRECTLY IMPLICATES THE PRESIDENT

The House Judiciary Committee will spend all day tomorrow flogging Peter Strzok. But all that flogging cannot change the fact that key evidence in Mueller's possession—evidence that implicates the President directly—has no tie to Strzok.

THE TEXT ABOUT FLYNN

WASN'T THE SUBSTANTIAL ROLE IN THE RUSSIAN ATTACK — IT JUST LINKED THE GRAND BARGAIN TO IT

Contrary to some conclusions drawn from my deliberately oblique post, the text I published in my post on going to the FBI had nothing I understood to do with the primary reason I went to the FBI. Rather, it just seemed to establish a link between the attack on the US and the grand bargain Trump will likely deliver over the next two weeks.

THE PRESIDENT'S LAWYER HAD BETTER REVIEW HIS CONSPIRACY THEORY

Rudy as much as admitted that Don Jr violated ConFraudUs in the June 9 meeting.

TRUMP IS WILLING TO PAY FOR JOINT DEFENSE FOR HOPE HICKS, BUT

NOT FOR FRANCE

Trump's demanding that NATO members all start paying their own way for our mutual defense. But he is willing to make sure that those protecting him get paid (even if he's not willing to pay himself).