

HOW YEVGENIY NIKULIN MIGHT PLAY INTO THE MUELLER INVESTIGATION

Yevgeniy Nikulin, the Russian hacker who was recently extradited and is already discussing a plea deal with the government, may provide a counter-explanation for the DNC hack-and-leak.

THE LIBBY PARDON: TRUMP'S OBJECT LESSON IN PRESIDENTIAL FIREWALLS

By the time we wake up, Rod Rosenstein may be fired and Scooter Libby pardoned. Here's why I don't think that will fix Trump's problems.

MUELLER WILL LABEL DANGLING PARDONS AS OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE JUST AS HE DROPS MORE

CONSPIRACY CHARGES

Around the same time Mueller will be rolling out conspiracy charges against Trump's spawn, he'll also release a report making it clear that offer of pardons to protect himself amounts to obstruction of justice.

THE ACCESS HOLLYWOOD SEARCH DOESN'T MEAN TRUMP COORDINATED WITH ASSANGE

It's certainly possible that SDNY's raid of Michael Cohen's office for information on Trump's discussions about the Access Hollywood video suggests the campaign coordinated with Wikileaks on the Podesta email release. But we don't yet have evidence for that and there are plenty of other more logical explanations.

OPEN THREAD: ODDMENTS OLIO

Dog's breakfast, hodgepodge, pastiche, olio – some Cohen, some Facebook, some media bias, more – this is a catch-all post with an open thread. Bring it!

BANNON AIMS TO BEST JARED KUSHNER'S BIGGEST MISTAKE IN MODERN POLITICAL HISTORY

In September, Steve Bannon said firing Comey was the dumbest decision in modern political history. Now, as the investigation implicates matters he was known to be involved in, Bannon wants to one-up Jared by firing Rod Rosenstein.

MANAFORT WANTS DOJ TO RETURN SOME OF THE INFORMATION SEIZED IN HIS [CONDO*] SEARCH

Among other things, Paul Manafort's motions to suppress searches show how the investigation mushroomed between May and July 2017.

FACEBOOK, HOT SEAT, DAY TWO — HOUSE ENERGY & COMMERCE

COMMITTEE HEARING

This is a dedicated post to capture your comments about Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg's testimony before the House Energy & Commerce Committee today.

YET MORE PROOF FACEBOOK'S SURVEILLANCE CAPITALISM IS GOOD AT SURVEILLING — EVEN RUSSIAN HACKERS

After Robby Mook tried to fact check Mark Zuckerberg yesterday, Alex Stamos provided more details about what Facebook saw of Russian hacking in real time yesterday.

FACEBOOK ON THE HOT SEAT BEFORE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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