

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF FIONA HILL'S TESTIMONY: “WHATEVER DRUG DEAL SONDLAND AND MULVANEY ARE COOKING UP”

Among the things yesterday's Fiona Hill testimony will do is force John Bolton to shit or get off the pot.

THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INTO PAUL MANAFORT WAS (AND MAY STILL BE) ONGOING-AND LIKELY PERTAINS TO TRUMP'S UKRAINE EXTORTION

Documents from the filings and hearings on Manafort's breach of his plea deal suggest a real continuity between his efforts to implement a plan Konstantin Kilimnik presented to him on August 2, 2016 and the influence operations of Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman.

THE PRESIDENT'S JOINT DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE RUSSIAN MOB

John Dowd's desperate attempt to make the Ukraine scandal go away the same way he made the Russia scandal go away involved admitting, in a letter to Congress, that his former client and his current not-yet-but-soon-to-be-indicted clients are in a Joint Defense Agreement with the Russian mob.

THE PROBLEM WITH LETTING THE CLIENT-IN- CHIEF REWRITE IMPEACHMENT STRATEGY MID-WEEK

On Tuesday morning, DOJ argued that HJC can't have grand jury materials because it wasn't pursuing impeachment. Yesterday, DOJ argued that HJC can't have grand jury materials because it is pursuing impeachment.

CONSIDER HOW PAUL MANAFORT'S FATE MAY HAVE AFFECTED MARIE

YOVANOVITCH

Trump's efforts to push out Marie Yovanovitch definitely overlap with the period that grifters Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman were cultivating him and his "free" lawyer. But they also started during the period when Paul Manafort's fortunes started to go south.

JUDICIAL WATCH REVEALS REZA ZARRAB'S LAWYER MAY HAVE PITCHED ROSENSTEIN ON SPECIAL COUNSEL PICK

As Rod Rosenstein contemplated whom to appoint as Special Counsel, one of Reza Zarrab's lawyers weighed in.

DOJ CONFIRMS THAT TRUMP'S ANTI-BIDEN PROPAGANDISTS WERE IN THE EMPLOY OF A RUSSIAN

The indictment of Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman implicates Trump in a conspiracy with an as yet unnamed Russian donor.

DOJ SUDDENLY DECIDES IT CAN SHARE THE MCCABE, COMEY 302S WITH CONGRESS

It's funny how having the Chief Judge ask DOJ why DOJ was hiding the 302s implicating top DOJ officials led DOJ to decide to release those 302s.

THE PRESS GETS UTTERLY SNOOKERED ON THE WHITE HOUSE REBRANDING OF THE SAME OLD UNRELENTING OBSTRUCTION OF CONGRESSIONAL PREROGATIVES

Yesterday's intransigent letter refusing to cooperate with the impeachment inquiry is nothing more than a rebranding of the same intransigence Trump has been pursuing for nine months.

BILL BARR RISKS BECOMING GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS' COFFEE BOY

It's crazy enough that Bill Barr treats George Papadopoulos' hoaxes seriously. It's crazier still that those hoaxes derive not from Papadopoulos' first hand knowledge, but from what he read, often in propaganda sites. Craziest of all, even George Papadopoulos tells us not to believe the main source for one of those hoaxes.