

LURKING JARED

I'm still working my way through the Jim Comey testimony. But I'm frankly shocked by this detail: In Comey's description of the February 14 Oval Office meeting – after which Trump addressed Comey privately about Mike Flynn's recent firing – he includes this paragraph.

The President signaled the end of the briefing by thanking the group and telling them all that he wanted to speak to me alone. I stayed in my chair. As the participants started to leave the Oval Office, the Attorney General lingered by my chair, but the President thanked him and said he wanted to speak only with me. The last person to leave was Jared Kushner, who also stood by my chair and exchanged pleasantries with me. The President then excused him, saying he wanted to speak with me.

That is, right before Trump started buttering Comey up about the Mike Flynn investigation, both Jeff Sessions and Jared Kushner lurked around. Notably, Comey describes Kushner “exchang[ing] pleasantries” with Comey, perhaps trying to butter him up.

I've written before about the Comey-Kushner connection. Apparently I wasn't the only one to note how creepy Kushner is.