

NOT MENTIONED IN ROGER STONE'S STRAW RAT-FUCKER STATEMENT: THE PETER SMITH RAT-FUCK

Earlier today, legendary rat-fucker Roger Stone had a three hour interview before the House Intelligence Committee. Before the interview, he leaked his testimony, as all of the most implicated Trump officials – save Paul Manafort – have.

The testimony is telling for multiple reasons. Given the recent trouble I got in for saying “rat-fucker” on TV, I’m particularly invested in the way he avoided calling himself one.

While some may label me a **dirty trickster**, the members of this Committee could not point to any tactic that is outside the accepted norms of what political strategists and consultants do today. I do not engage in any illegal activities

As to the substance of the report, it is delightfully, tellingly, squirrely in two different ways. First, his generalized denial is very specific to colluding with the Russian state to affect the outcome of the 2016 election; this is a point Renato Mariotti makes here.

I have no involvement in the alleged activities that are within the publicly stated scope of this Committee’s investigation – collusion with the Russian state to affect the outcome of the 2016 election.

I’m even more interested in how he depicts what he claims are the three allegations made against him.

Members of this Committee have made three basic assertions against me which must be rebutted here today. The charge that I knew in advance about, and predicted, the hacking of the Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta's email, that I had advanced knowledge of the source or actual content of the WikiLeaks disclosures regarding Hillary Clinton or that, my now public exchange with a persona that our intelligence agencies claim, but cannot prove, is a Russian asset, is anything but innocuous and are entirely false.

In point of fact, this tripartite accusation is actually a misstatement of the allegations against him (though in his rebuttal of them, he is helped immensely by the sloppiness of public statements made by Democrats, especially those on the panel, which I've criticized myself). Generally, the accusation is more direct: that in conversing with both Julian Assange (though a cut-out) and Guccifer 2.0, Stone was facilitating or in some way helping the Trump campaign maximally exploit the Russian releases that were coming.

Which is why I find one other silence quite interesting: Stone makes no mention of the Peter Smith operation to find the emails, purportedly related to the Clinton Foundation, deleted from Hillary's server. As I noted here, along with reaching out to multiple suspected Russian hackers and advising those with emails that might be Foundation emails to share them with WikiLeaks, rat-fucker Smith also pushed GOP operatives like rat-fucker Stone to reach out to Guccifer 2.0.

Instead, Johnson said, he put the word out to a "hidden oppo network" of right-leaning opposition researchers to notify them of the effort. Johnson declined to provide the names of any of the members of this "network," but he praised Smith's ambition.

“The magnitude of what he was trying to do was kind of impressive,” Johnson said. “He had people running around Europe, had people talking to Guccifer.” (U.S. intelligence agencies have linked the materials provided by “Guccifer 2.0”—an alias that has taken credit for hacking the Democratic National Committee and communicated with Republican operatives, including Trump confidant Roger Stone—to Russian government hackers.)

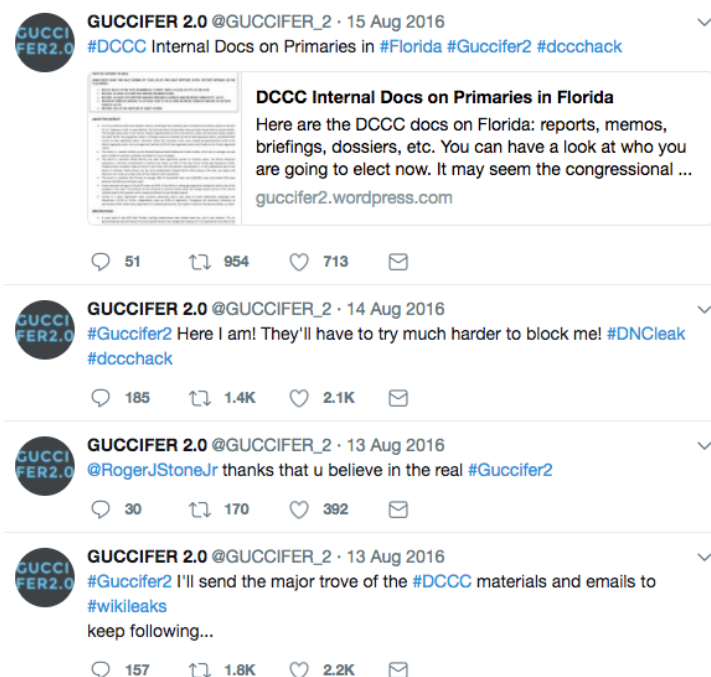
As I noted, there is much about the events from August to October that suggest Republicans may have believed WikiLeaks had obtained, and might be leaking, the Clinton Foundation emails, only to have the John Podesta ones released in their stead.

If I’m right, it would mean that by pitching everything as pertaining to Podesta, and not to other emails, Stone can more successfully deny his involvement.

And Stone’s timeline obscures some of the key details here, notably leaving out his incorrect predictions not just of an October 5 release, but that they’d be the Foundation emails.

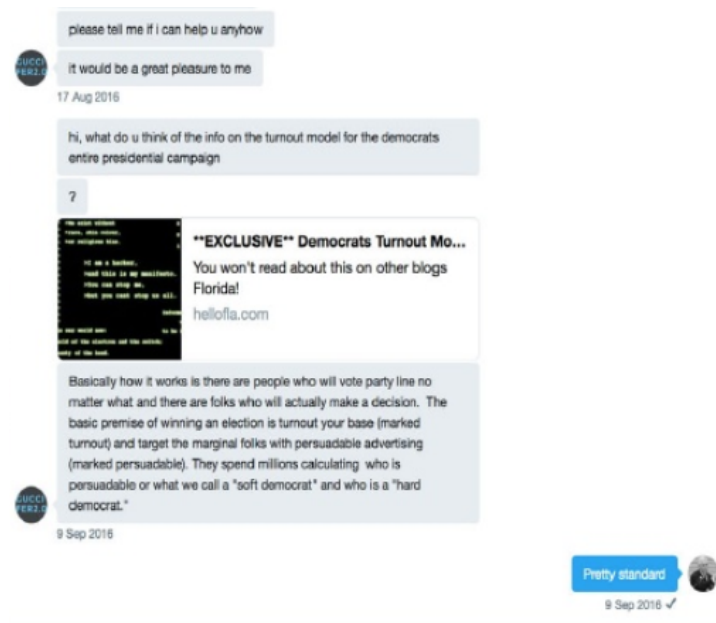
Date	Event
August 8, 2015	Stone leaves campaign - no longer a paid consultant - Paid August 2015.
March 19, 2016	Date reported that Podesta email hacked
March 28, 2016	Manafort hired by campaign
June 7, 2016	Candidate Trump announces that in the following week he would make a major speech about all things that have taken place with the Clintons
June 9, 2016	Trump Jr. has meeting with Russian lawyer
June 12, 2016	Assange announces WikiLeaks has obtained Clinton email
June 14, 2016	Washington Post reports that Russian hackers had been in the DNC servers from June 2015 through June 2016
June 15, 2016	Guccifer 2.0 takes credit for DNC hack - The Smoking Gun
June 27, 2016	First hacked DNC emails leaked through @DCLeaks on Twitter
July 22, 2016	Wikileaks releases its first set of DNC email
August 5, 2016	Stone writes in Breitbart that the Clinton campaign was scapegoating the Russians to hide the fact it was hacked by an individual, Guccifer 2.0. (Stone has no reason to believe that Guccifer is in any way connected to Russian interests. Guccifer is an anonymous Twitter handle)
August 8, 2016	Stone, during speech, says he communicated with Assange. Later clarifies that he had received information from a mutual acquaintance. Stone speculates that Assange documents may be related to Clinton Foundation (not the case)
August 14, 2016 - September 9	Stone and Guccifer exchange Twitter messages when Stone reaches out to lend support for Guccifer because it had been kicked off Twitter. Exchange is innocuous. Stone does not bite on data offered.
August 21, 2016	Stone Tweets that it will soon be Podesta's time in the barrel. The context is that Manafort was just pushed out of campaign for ties to Russia/Ukraine. Stone was intimately familiar with Podesta's work in Russia and Ukraine (through Panama Papers) and was suggesting that if Manafort was going to be pressed on these relationships, so too should Podesta.
October 7, 2016	Wikileaks releases its first set of Podesta email

Also note: Stone describes his exchange with Guccifer as starting on August 14. That's actually not right. It started on August 13 (actually, August 12 East Coast time), with this tweet, which puts it in the context of two offers for files.



It's definitely true (in the DMs that Stone

includes) that Stone ultimately doesn't response to Guccifer 2.0's offers of data.



But that timeline also extends matters just to where things were heating up on Smith's hunt for Clinton Foundation documents.

As noted above, Stone has denied colluding with the Russian state to affect the outcome of the election. But that's not a denial of colluding with Russian hackers or Russian assets (the latter a rather curious term Stone uses twice to refer to Guccifer 2.0 in his statement, but not in the Breitbart piece in which he claims to have refuted claims he was an "asset") to "prove Hillary's corruption" or some such excuse for digging up more dirt on Hillary.

And that's precisely the kind of thing we know a rat-fucker like Stone would do, and precisely the kind of thing we know other rat-fuckers were doing.