

THE MUELLER INVESTIGATION IS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION INTO WHICH FLYNN ASSISTED

The Flynn sentencing memo, with a largely redacted addendum describing his cooperation, is out. Effectively, Mueller recommends no prison time because of Flynn's substantial cooperation, his early cooperation, his record of service to the country.

The section on cooperation describes Flynn's assistance in three investigations. The Mueller investigation is actually the second thing listed, which I take to suggest that the the Mueller investigation is just the second most important. My wildarse guess is that these consist of A) a criminal national security investigation (the Turkish investigation tied to Reza Zarrab could be one possibility), B) the Mueller investigation, and C) a counterintelligence investigation into the Russians. But obviously the first and third are just a guess. [Update: This post considers another possibility, that the Mueller section involves three categories.]

The defendant has assisted with several ongoing investigations: a criminal investigation A [REDACTED] B the Special Counsel's Office's ("SCO") investigation concerning any links or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald J. Trump, C [REDACTED]. As part of his assistance with these investigations, the defendant

Between the three investigations, Flynn sat for 19 interviews with prosecutors.

Here's the structure of how the body of the cooperation section describes the three investigations:

A Criminal Investigation:

11+ line paragraph

6.5 line paragraph

2 line paragraph

B Mueller investigation:

Introductory paragraph (9 lines)

i) Interactions between Transition Team and Russia (12 lines, just one or two sentences redacted)

ii) Topic two

10 line paragraph

9 line paragraph

C Entirely redacted investigation:

4.5 line paragraph

The description of the first and third investigations are both almost entirely redacted.

The description of his cooperation with the Mueller investigation is split into two topics – i) interactions between the transition team and Russians, plus another ii) redacted section.

The transition discussions map what appeared in his criminal information. It does make it clear that Flynn reported false information to them about his conversation with Sergei Kislyak, which means what really went on between him and Kislyak *goes beyond* what appeared in emails involving KT McFarland, which is pretty damning by itself. That also suggests he really may have lied to Mike Pence.

The second, almost entirely redacted section, is actually the longest, and it's two paragraphs. If the two sections split into the transition and post-inauguration period, there might be one paragraph on policy issues and another on his

firing and obstruction.

The cooperation section emphasizes that Flynn cooperated early. It suggests that because he cooperated, "related firsthand witnesses" decided to be "forthcoming with the SCO and cooperate." We know that happened with KT McFarland.

The memo also describes Flynn as "one of the few people with long-term and firsthand insight regarding events and issues under investigation by the SCO." That says the Russian matters were actually fairly closely held, which is itself telling.

Finally, the description of the third investigation is just five lines long.

As I disclosed in July, I provided information to the FBI on issues related to the Mueller investigation, so I'm going to include disclosure statements on Mueller investigation posts from here on out. I will include the disclosure whether or not the stuff I shared with the FBI pertains to the subject of the post.