THE MUELLER REPORT, THE SHORT VERSION

Here's William Barr's letter to the Judiciary Committees on the Mueller report. It seems to suggest that Trump may have done impeachmentworthy things, but not prosecution related things.

I say that because:

- Mueller found that no Trump flunkie took part in either of the two main Russian interference attempts
- Mueller laid out the case for and against prosecution of Trump for obstruction
- Barr and Rod Rosenstein, together, decided because Trump did not take part in those two interference attempts, he could be not charged with obstruction

What Barr appears not to have done is review whether Trump was trying to cover up some other crime, like a quid pro quo, which would still merit prosecution.

And that's precisely what HJC should consider.

Barr has promised to give what's not covered by grand jury rules to Congress. My guess is that's not sufficient to get to the underlying potentially criminal intent. In any case, it's clear that Mueller, Barr, and Rosenstein all at least considered whether Trump should be prosecuted, irrespective of DOJ rules prohibiting prosecuting a sitting president.

As I disclosed last 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.