

THE 900 PAGES OF GEORGE NADER TESTIMONY THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO KEEP HIDDEN

Brad Heath spotted this Beryl Howell opinion granting George Nader's request to get a copy of his own grand jury transcript.

We can be sure it's Nader because of the details she includes: Someone currently jailed for crime with significant mandatory minimums charged using evidence from a phone seized in the Mueller investigation, awaiting trial early next year. The person provided testimony with immunity on four occasions in February and March 2018.

That all fits Nader and only Nader.

In my continuing interest in tracking the dregs of the Mueller investigation, several details are of interest. Howell describes that his transcript is 900 pages long. Several of the redactions suggest Nader may need the transcripts to craft a defense in potential additional charges, which would more obviously raise a need to consult the transcript and the limits of his immunized testimony. And, the government claims that Nader was asked "questions regarding ongoing investigations."

That's not surprising in the least. Nader's testimony touched on so many crimes it is unsurprising some of them remain active investigations (note the attached picture, which shows Nader with Jared Kushner and Mohammed bin Salman).

The question is how he wants to use this transcript. It's possible he needs it to argue that potentially pending charges against him are improperly based on immunized testimony (and as

such wants to eliminate criminal exposure before making the best plea deal he can). Or it's possible he wants the transcript to be able to explain the risks any cooperation he'd offer would pose to powerful people.