

RUDY GIULIANI'S ACTIONS REMAIN UNDER INVESTIGATION

Update: This post explains why the premise of the post below is wrong. Because the George Nader referral was not revealed in the reprocessed report, we can be sure that DOJ is improperly claiming b7A redactions for investigations that have closed.

Last night, DOJ released a “reprocessed” Mueller Report in the BuzzFeed/CNN FOIA of it. (one, two, three)

I’m driving most of the day today, so probably won’t be able to comment on how little genuinely “new” it shows. But I stand by my prediction that the warrants in the Stone case are far more damning than anything released yesterday.

That said, given Billy Barr’s attempt to fire Geoff Berman as US Attorney for Southern District of New York, it’s worth noting the referrals portion of the report. That shows, among other things, that a referral from the Paul Manafort and Rick Gates influence-peddling – which could be Rudy’s grifters – is still redacted as an ongoing investigation.

later confirmed the Special Counsel’s authority to investigate (b) (7)(A)

On October 27, 2017, Paul Manafort and Richard Gates were charged in the District of Columbia with various crimes (including FARA) in connection with work they performed for Russia-backed political entities in Ukraine. On February 22, 2018, Manafort and Gates were charged in the Eastern District of Virginia with various other crimes in connection with the payments they received for work performed for Russia-backed political entities in Ukraine. During the course of its (b) (7)(A) the Special Counsel’s Office developed substantial evidence with respect to individuals and entities that were (b) (7)(A)

² On February 23, 2018, Gates pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to a multi-object conspiracy and to making false statements; the remaining charges against Gates were dismissed.³ Thereafter, in consultation with the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, the Special Counsel’s Office closed the (b) (7)(A) and referred them (b) (7)(A) for further investigation as it deemed appropriate. The Office based its decision to close those matters on its mandate, the indictments of Manafort, Gates’s plea, and its determination as to how best to allocate its resources, among other reasons; (b) (7)(A) At (b) (7)(A) continued the investigation of those closed matters.

In addition – as Katelyn Polantz noted on Twitter – the references to Rudy’s attempts to broker a pardon for Michael Cohen remain

redacted.

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SDNY is due to supersede the indictment for Rudy's grifters, and we know from the Schulte case there is a working grand jury (albeit in White Plains, not Manhattan). So Rudy may well be in Berman's crosshairs.