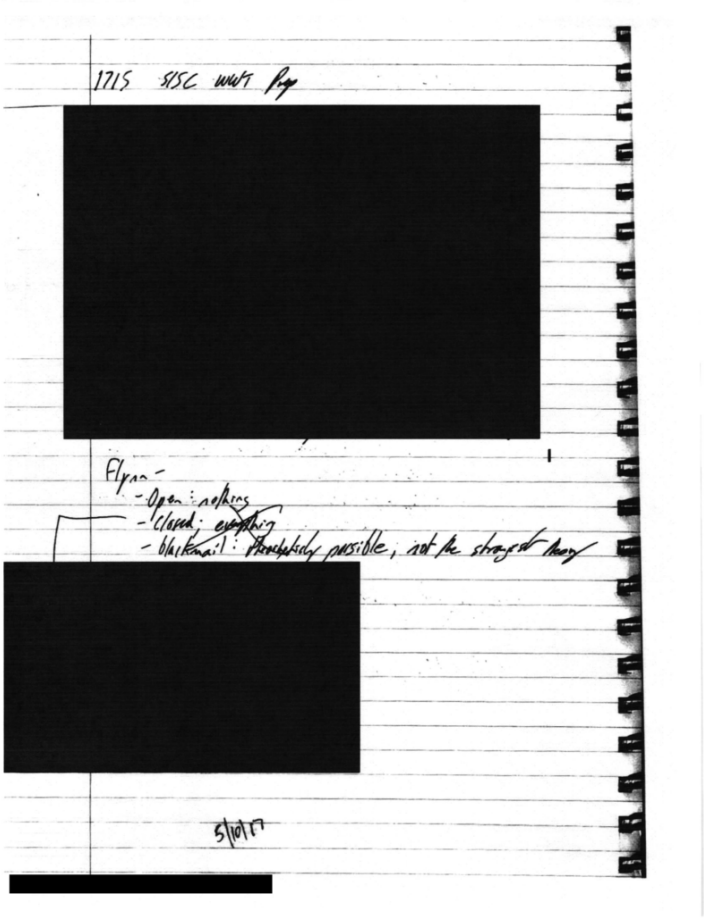
MORE REASON TO QUESTION THE GOVERNMENT'S TREATMENT OF ANDREW MCCABE'S NOTES

In this post, I noted that the three sets of Peter Strzok and Andrew McCabe notes to which FBI added dates (in at least one case, inaccurate dates) had had their Protective Order footers redacted, suggesting someone packaged them up for circulation (probably with two other documents shared that same day, one of which was a frivolous repackaging of Strzok's texts with Lisa Page).

In this post, I pointed out several other irregularities with McCabe's notes: that there's an artifact in the left margin by one of the redactions (multiple people have said this is one or two post-it notes which left a shadow and covered up the margin) and there's no declassification stamp.

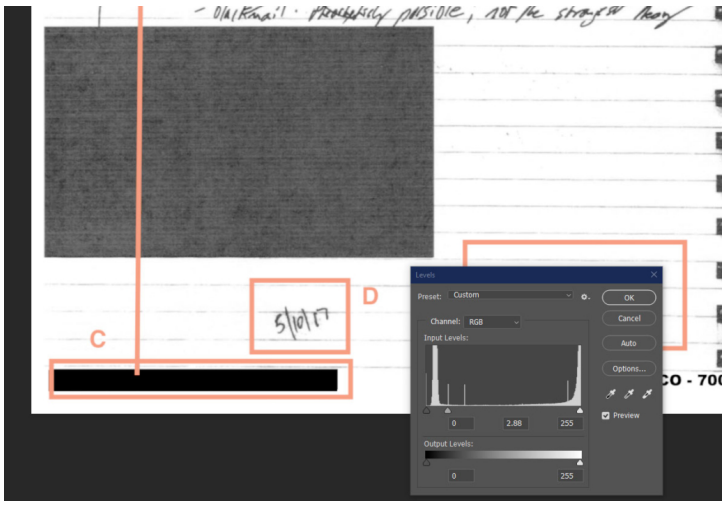
Two more readers of the site have provided further reason to question FBI's treatment of Andrew McCabe's notes.

First, a tech expert separated out the objects in the PDF with the altered date, which shows what the original scan of McCabe's notes looks like. It looks like this:



That is, the redaction that covered up where the footer would say, “SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER,” was in the first scan of the document, even though the footer would be applied later (the Bates stamp and the Protective Order footer show up as metadata in the PDF).

Meanwhile, Cannonfire did some more toying with the document in PhotoShop, and shows that the Bates stamp footer and the redaction are of a different quality than everything else on the page.



It makes sense that the Bates stamp footer is—those are added at a later stage to the document *along with the Protective Order* stamp.

But for this document to have been produced in this way, the Protective Order stamp would have had to have been redacted out at a later date.

Both of those details suggest that the footer was redacted at a later date.