

BURNERS, BURNING: THE HEAT'S TURNED UP ON MARK MEADOWS [UPDATE-1]

[NB: Check the byline, thanks. Updates appear at the bottom of this post. /~Rayne]

Well, well, well. According to Hunter Walker in a fresh report at Rolling Stone, Kremer the Younger bought burner phones to use when communicating with key persons attached to the White House.

In the thread attached to my last post, a community member commented about the Kremers saying,

... Only if they knew Trump's plans, the Kremers might be guilty of conspiracy. ...

They didn't need to know Trump's plans, though. They only needed to understand part of one or more of the conspiracies and then take some action to further that conspiracy.

Like this:

... Kylie Kremer, a top official in the "March for Trump" group that helped plan the Ellipse rally, directed an aide to pick up three burner phones days before Jan. 6, according to three sources who were involved in the event. One of the sources, a member of the "March for Trump" team, says Kremer insisted the phones be purchased using cash and described this as being "of the utmost importance."

The three sources said Kylie Kremer took one of the phones and used it to communicate with top White House and Trump campaign officials, including Eric Trump, the president's second-oldest

son, who leads the family's real-estate business; Lara Trump, Eric's wife and a former senior Trump campaign consultant; Mark Meadows, the former White House chief of staff; and Katrina Pierson, a Trump surrogate and campaign consultant.

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Sending someone who isn't a Kremer to buy a burner phone with cash to evade tracing suggests Kylie Kremer knew exactly what the role of her organization, Women to Save America First, was within the framework of the insurrection.

If this was a legitimate effort to work with the Trump campaign using dedicated communications for easier access, why the skulkery of a third person using cash buying a burner? Why not use a dedicated VoIP number to contact a communications person in the Trump campaign?

Or a no-contract phone purchased with a credit card? Or an additional number added to an existing cell phone contract?

Why was Meadows involved in any way given his role as the Chief of Staff, which should have been wholly separate from any campaign-related effort?

Whether Meadows interacted with Kremers or other members of the conspiracy as COS (a Hatch Act violation) or as a campaign member (not shielded as executive acts), he's thoroughly shot through any claim to immunity or privilege.

The existence of burner phones used to contact persons in the White House certainly expands the import of this graf from the House January 6 Committee's letter to Meadow's attorney after Meadows' refused to comply with the committee's subpoena:

... In addition, Mr. Meadows has not produced even a single document in response to the Select Committee's subpoena. Although you previously indicated that your firm was searching

records that Mr. Meadows provided to you, more than enough time has passed for you to complete your review. Please immediately inform the Select Committee whether Mr. Meadows has any records responsive to the subpoena. **Your search for responsive records should include (but not be limited to) any text messages, emails, or application-based messages associated with the cellular phone numbers and private email address the Select Committee has identified.** If Mr. Meadows has records that you believe are protected by some form of privilege, you must provide the Select Committee a log describing each such record and the basis for the privilege asserted. ...

Emphasis mine. Were any burner phones among those cellular phone numbers requested? Has geofencing been used to narrow down where those phones were during the lead up to and on January 6?

We don't know yet. I suspect we'll find out more in the not too distant future.

The purchase of the burner phones, though, look like an *overt act* to advance a conspiracy (18 USC 371).

Sure hope both of the Kremers as well as the aide who was asked to buy the burners, the third team member who received a burner phone, and Meadows all realize this is only getting worse for them.

Same for the Trump family members Eric and Lara who must be getting a little itchy after Trump's former attorney Michael Cohen resurfaced.

Especially for Meadows if he continues to blow off Congress with his refusal to comply with the January 6 Committee's subpoena; it won't be just contempt of Congress (two counts under 2 USC 192) with which he may be charged and prosecuted.

Hello, 18 USC 1505 otherwise known as
Obstruction of proceedings before departments,
agencies, and committees.

Perhaps with a domestic terror enhancement?

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UPDATE-1 – 11:45 A.M. 25-NOV-2021 –

LOL Really? Eric's going to try to SLAPP suit
people in small outlets who don't report the
burner phones Kylie Kremer asked an aide to
purchase may have been used to call him and
Lara?

Well here is one outlet I can sue for
defamation. This will be fun. I'm an
incredibly honest, clean guy – unlike
Hunter, no drugs, healthy lifestyle, not
the "burner phone" type... Tweet saved...
@palmerreport9:26 PM · Nov 24,
2021·Twitter for iPhone

I love the smell of discovery in the morning!!