

# **SPECIAL MASTER BARBARA JONES TURNS OVER RUDY'S CHATS**

After much delay, the Special Master reviewing Rudy Giuliani's phones, Barbara Jones, has released an update. It reveals that she released a bunch of materials to DOJ on January 19.

Those include:

- The balance of 25,629 chats and messages that post-date January 1, 2018 from one of Rudy's cell phones
- From that same phone, 56 chats and messages that Rudy had initially claimed privilege over but for which he either withdrew or chose not to challenge Jones' designation that they were not privileged
- 3,204 chats and messages from between December 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019 from Rudy's other devices, none of which he said were privileged (there should be eight devices; FBI seized 16 devices total)

These releases are in addition to 2,223 items from seven phones reviewed last year.

I find the last bullet most interesting. The known scope of the Ukraine warrants targeting Rudy go from August 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019; the review described in this update doesn't even cover the full time frame of those

warrants. *The timeframe of this review is more consistent with a review covering the tail end of the Mueller investigation than the Ukraine investigation.*

*But they might prioritize such reviews if they were worried about tolling statutes of limitation.*

*In any case, by my read, all of Rudy's texts and messages from that period – December 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019 – would have been reviewed for privilege.*

Update: TF has convinced me the narrowed date for the most recent review might better reflect a narrowed period of the known Ukraine warrants – that is, just the six most interesting months. I think his argument may be more persuasive than mine in the italicized language, above.