

THE JOHN DURHAM INVESTIGATION TURNS 1,000 DAYS OLD TODAY

By my math, today marks the 1,000th day after Bill Barr first appointed John Durham to undermine the Russian investigation on May 13, 2019. Today marks a major new milestone in Durham's effort to substantiate the conspiracy theories Barr sent him off chasing years ago.

The Durham investigation has now lasted 326 days longer than the Mueller investigation, not quite half again as long. But I'm sure Durham will last the 11 days required to hit that milestone, too.

	Mueller	Durham
Month 1	May 17, 2017 appointed	May 13, 2019 appointed
Month 2		
Month 3	July 2017: George Papadopoulos arrested	
Month 4		
Month 5		September 2019: Boondoggle to chase Papadopoulos conspiracy theories
Month 6	October 2017: George Papadopoulos plea	
	Paul Manafort and Rick Gates charged	
Month 7		
Month 8	December 2017: Mike Flynn plea	
Month 9		
Month 10	February 2018: Alex Van der Zwan plea	
	Richard Ptaszyk plea	
	12 IRA trials, Vergency Prothon, 83 companies charged	
	Manafort and Gates superseding indictment: Rick Gates plea	
Month 11		
Month 12		
Month 13		
Month 14	June 2018: Konstantin Kilimnik charged, Manafort superseded	
Month 15	July 2018: 12 GRU officers charged	
Month 16	August 2018: Manafort found guilty in EDVA	August 2020: Kevin O'Brien plea
	Manafort and Gates superseding indictment referred to SDNY	
	Sam Pelton pleads guilty in conduct referred to DC	
Month 17	September 2018: Manafort plea, forfeiture pays for most of investigation	September 2020: Nika Danchenko quits because of political pressure
Month 18		October 2020: Special Counsel appointment
Month 19	November 2018: Michael Cohen plea	
Month 20	December 2018: Biju Kian charged in related prosecution	
Month 21	January 2019: Roger Stone charged	January 2021: O'Brien sentenced
Month 22		
Month 23	March 22, 2019: Mueller delivers completed report	March 18: Durham continues
Month 24	Mueller ties up loose ends	
Month 25	May 29, 2019: Mueller gets Andrew Miller testimony	May 7, 2021: WallPo reports its journalists have had phone records seized
Month 26		Still nadie
Month 27		Nadie nadie and nadie
Month 28		Maybe we'll invent a lying to people who spoke to FBI crime?
Month 29		September 18, 2021: Durham charges Michael Sussman with 1 false statement
Month 30		
Month 31	November 2019: DC US Attorney convicts Roger Stone	November 3, 2021: Durham charges Igor Danchenko with 5 false statements
Month 32		December 30, 2021: Durham tells Sussman what his alleged false statement is
Month 33	January 2020: Barr attempts to save Mike Flynn from the damage Sidney Powell did	January 2022: Durham discovers details he should have learned years earlier
Month	February 2020: Barr makes unprecedented interference in Roger Stone sentencing	

At this stage in the aftermath of the Mueller investigation, Billy Barr had started his campaign to undo all punishment arising from it. January 2020 was the month when Barr took the first steps to protect Flynn from the new crimes he had committed in his effort to blow up his past prosecution by appointing Jeffrey Jensen to review the Flynn prosecution – an effort that would end with DOJ admitting that they had altered some notes.

Durham, by contrast, has had a productive last month. Four months after indicting Michael

Sussmann, he learned that Sussmann had provided at least one other anonymous tip on behalf of Rodney Joffe, in addition to the one Durham has labeled a crime. Durham also discovered two phones used by James Baker, which he had never before bothered to look for in DOJ IG custody, precisely where he had been told one of them was years earlier.

At the rate Durham is discovering basic things he should have learned years before indicting Sussmann (and, probably, Igor Danchenko), he might be prepared to make a responsible prosecutorial decision about whether to charge these cases in another two years or so.

Update: Typo in table fixed.