

IGOR DANCHENKO ACQUITTED ON ALL REMAINING CHARGES

NYT, Politico, and HuffPo are all reporting that the jury has acquitted Igor Danchenko on all four remaining charges against them.

Shortly before they did so, the jury had asked for a report that had been used to refresh Danchenko handling agent's memory about why Danchenko had not corrected Christopher Steele's incorrect memories about their conflicting Millian stories in 2017. There was an extended exchange before Danchenko's lawyers noted – having won a fight to exclude Christopher Steele's testimony pre-trial – that this was hearsay.

Q. If you take a look at Government's Exhibit 103 and see if that refresh your recollection as to whether or not there was yet another occasion that you raised or asked questions of Mr. Danchenko relating to these matters?

A. Yes.

Q. And when was it that you met with Mr. Danchenko and Millian came up again?

A. I'm looking at the wrong –

Do you have Government's Exhibit 103 there?

A. I have one – oh, here we go, yes.

Q. Okay.

A. So it's November the 2nd.

Q. Okay. So why don't you just take a moment and look at that and see if that refreshes your recollection as to the date which you met with Mr. Danchenko and the Millian matter came up yet again?

A. Yes.

Q. And what was the date?

A. November the 2nd, 2017.

Q. All right. And on November 2nd, 2017, was that some kind of telephone connection or was that a face-to-face meeting?

A. That was a face-to-face.

Q. So you are with him? He's not like – no interference in the phone or anything, right?

A. Correct.

Q. Do you recall, sir, why it was that you had occasion to go back to, yet again, ask about this Millian piece in November of 2017?

A. There had been – this, I think, goes to the fact that Brian was still saying there was inconsistency in what Mr. Danchenko was saying as opposed to what Mr. Steele was saying with respect to Millian's – his connection or his contact with Millian.

Q. And so tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury on November 2nd now, of 2017 – on October 24th, he now says that there were a couple of calls. Now, on November 2nd, you're confronting him now about what he told Steele regarding him actually meeting with Millian, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. And with respect to what you were asking Mr. Danchenko on November 2nd, what is it that Mr. Danchenko told you regarding Steele and what he had told Steele or not told Steele about meeting with Millian?

A. He said that Steele had the idea – that Steele believes that Mr. Danchenko

had met in person and he never corrected Mr. Steele's thought in that, is that he was pretty much tired of talking about it. He – Steele was pressuring him to answer questions that Steele – that Millian could potentially answer. So the pressure was get with Millian, get a report, and Igor was – I let him have what I – I told him what I know and he still believed that I was in – it was an in-person meeting and I never corrected him because I was tired of talking about it.

MR. SEARS: Your Honor, I apologize to interrupt, but to the extent Mr. Steele's comments are coming in, my understanding is that they would not be for the truth of the matter asserted –

THE COURT: Correct.

MR. SEARS: – just because the agent heard –

THE COURT: Right.

MR. SEARS: It might be appropriate to inform the jury.

And then minutes later they came back with an acquittal on all charges.

Here's a comparison about Durham's work compared to Mueller's:

	Mueller	Durham
Month 1	May 17, 2017: appointed	May 13, 2019: appointed
Month 2		
Month 3	July 2017: George Papadopoulos arrested; Paul Manafort searched	
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 Zwaan plea; Richard Pinedo plea 12 IRA trolls, Yevgeny Prigozhin, & 3 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 Michael Cohen pleads guilty in conduct referred to SOY Sam Patten pleads guilty in conduct referred to DC	August 2020: Kevin Cline-Smith plea
Month 17	September 2018: Manafort plea, forfeiture pays for most of investigation	September 2020: Nora Dannehy quits because of political pressure
Month 18		October 2020: Special Counsel appointment
Month 19	November 2018: Michael Cohen plea	
Month 20	December 2018: Bijan Kian charged in related prosecution	
Month 21	January 2019: Roger Stone charged	January 2021: Cline-Smith 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: WaPo reports its journalists have had phone records seized
Month 26		Still nadda
Month 27		Nadda nadda and nadda
Month 28		Maybe we'll invent a lying to people who spoke to FBI crime?
Month 29		September 16, 2021: Durham charges Michael Susmann 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 2021: Durham tells Susmann 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 34	February 2020: Barr makes unprecedented interference in Roger Stone sentencing	February 2022: Durham engages in stunt to levy more uncharged accusations
Month 35		March 2022: Durham gets proof Susmann was not hiding his client from Baker
Month 36		April 2022: Durham's "professional embarrassment" [sic] exposed
Month 37	May 2020: Barr redefines materiality in a bid to undercut Flynn prosecution	May 31, 2022: A jury acquits Michael Susmann
Month 38	June 2020: DOJ uses Flynn prosecution to prep false attack on Biden	June 2022: Carter Page FISA Statute of Limitations pass with no charges
Month 39	July 2020: Trump commutes the rat-fucker's sentence	July 2022: John Durham attends 4 minute status conference
Month 40		August 2022: DeFilippis drops off Danchenko case
Month 41	September 2020: Barr's DOJ alters records about Flynn investigation	September 2022: Durham claims there are no phones in Asia
Month 42	October 2020: Barr burns Danchenko as a source	October 18, 2022: A jury acquits Igor Danchenko

WaPo has this from a juror:

The jury in Danchenko's case deliberated for about nine hours over two days. Juror Joel Greene said in an interview that there were no holdouts in the deliberations and that the decision was "pretty unanimous."

"We looked at everything really closely," said Greene, who declined to comment on the politics of the case. "The conclusion we reached was the conclusion we all were able to reach."

And from Danchenko:

After the verdict was announced, Danchenko choked up and embraced his defense attorneys, Stuart A. Sears and Danny C. Onorato. Danchenko declined to comment, but Sears said outside the courthouse "we've known all along that Mr. Danchenko is innocent."

"We're happy now that the American

public knows that as well," he said.

Politico's Kyle Cheney caught Durham making the same canned comment after this face-planting loss as he did after the Sussmann acquittal.

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