## KASH PATEL AND JOHN SOLOMON DECLARE THEIR OWN SOURCES AND METHODS ILLEGAL

The FBI released documents to John Solomon to run a hit piece on Adam Schiff that amounts to a confession that Kash Patel and John Solomon's sources and methods were illegal.

At issue are some 302s from HPSCI whistleblower claiming that Adam Schiff tried to research and leak information about the Russian investigation.

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I mean, I don't doubt that Schiff (and Eric Swalwell) did leak information from HPSCI, in the same way that I have no doubt that people close to Devin Nunes likewise leaked information.

There's a very long history of members of Congress doing that, about all topics. It's a safety valve for Executive abuse of classification authority.

I also know, for a fact, that the primary whistleblower, who describes that he was not part of Nunes' team investigating Russia, gets key details about Schiff's treatment of classified information and contact with the press in this precise period wrong. I also know that his imagined description of sources behind stories was badly flawed in at least one respect, in such a way that might have distracted the FBI from a far more ominous channel of classified information.

Keep in mind, too, that these 302s reflect a cherry pick of 302s from the investigation into leaks about Trump — an investigation that Kash himself has squealed mightily about (and was

investigated in). Kash personally was considered a far bigger leaking concern into 2018 than Schiff's staffers, even after this testimony, by Rod Rosenstein. And the flood of leaks *to* John Solomon (via whatever source) was institutionalized up to the end of Trump's first term.

Indeed, after Kash claimed that Trump had declassified everything he took home with him in 2021, he had to invoke the Fifth Amendment when testifying about the claim before a grand jury.

Finally, they complain that ultimately — sometime after 2019 — DOJ decided that Speech and Debate prevented any charges here is pretty funny. That's because the very same Speech and Debate protection prevented DOJ from accessing, much less prosecuting, most of the information implicating Scott Perry in Trump's insurrection.