

# SIGNALGATE: “THIS CHAT’S KINDA DEAD”

DOD IG has released the unclassified version of the report confirming what was clear months ago: Whiskey Pete Hegseth has no business leading DOD.

He was wildly uncooperative with the investigation, refusing to be interviewed, refusing to let DOD inspect his phone, refusing to turn over other threads.

But Whiskey Pete may not look quite as stupid as JD Vance.

You see, Whiskey Pete turned over the Signal chat that was left on his phone after all the autodeleting these scofflaws had been doing. Most of the thread was gone. But there was a single text that post-dated Jeffrey Goldberg’s departure from the list, something the Deputy General Counsel used to suggest the Atlantic thread might not be reliable (a claim DOD IG refused to put in the body of the report because, some people still refuse bullshit).

After Jeff Goldberg left the group, JD Vance said, “This chat’s kind of dead. Anything going on?”

Jeff Goldberg left the group.

Tue, Mar 25

JD Vance

JV This chat's kind of dead. Anything going on? 2:26 AM

MAR changed their profile name to MR.

Yesterday

Scott Bessent (Treasury) set disappearing message time to 8 hours.

MAR changed their profile name to SR.

Today

John Ratcliffe changed their profile name to John.

S M changed their profile name to SM 76.

One after another participant on the thread changed their ID, perhaps in hopes ... I don't know what they fuck they were thinking.

These are dumb people.

No one more so, though, than JD.