

THE MENENDEZ INDICTMENT: “HOW MUCH IS ONE KILO OF GOLD WORTH” ... “KILO OF GOLD PRICE”

Two times, according the indictment charging Robert Menendez with accepting bribes, he Googled the price of gold right after doing something suspect.

PAUL MANAFORT REMAINS A BIGGER SCANDAL THAN HUNTER BIDEN

Even assuming the allegations from disgruntled IRS investigators – which have already been contested – all prove to be true, Paul Manafort remains a far bigger scandal than Hunter Biden, not least because he lied to protect President Trump.

WHERE THE TRUMP INVESTIGATIONS STAND: THE JANUARY 6

CONSPIRACIES

Jack Smith seems largely done with two of three prongs to his January 6 investigation: the fake electors and the obstruction of the vote certification. But the third – the wire fraud – may be important to proving corrupt purpose of the obstruction.

HOW THE GOVERNMENT PROVED THEIR CASE AGAINST JOHN PODESTA'S HACKER

For years, denialists have said that the Mueller indictment charging twelve GRU hackers in the hack-and-leak of the DNC and other victims might not be proven in court. Here's how DOJ proved a hack-and-trade case involving one of those twelve.

"\$\$\$\$\$\$:" JOSH DAWSEY COMES FULL CIRCLE ON TRUMP'S FUNDRAISING CORRUPTION

One way that Jack Smith will prove that Trump's top campaign officials knew they were misleading supporters about the purpose of their fundraising is to show how they responded when reporters like Josh Dawsey asked about it in

real time.

TRUMP ORGANIZATION'S OTHER NEW YORK STATE CASE

Another thread for more discussion about Trump's indictment as well as the possible underlying crime.

TRUMP'S PEOPLE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO COVER UP THAT HE CHEATED TO COVER UP CHEATING IN 2016 AT LEAST SIX TIMES

Trump wailed last night that his "indication" was a matter of free and fair elections. He's right. It's about one of at least six efforts he and his agents have made to cover-up that he cheated to win in 2016.

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CORPS: TRUMP ONCE AGAIN GOT JOURNALISTS TO WILLINGLY SERVE AS HIS INCITEMENT MULES

Trump has once again expertly played journalists to get them to serve as data mules disseminating his tweet inciting violence in response to his expected indictment in New York.

GUO WENGUI ARRESTED

Steve Bannon's sometime partner, Guo Wengui, was arrested this morning on a sweeping financial fraud and conspiracy indictment.

MAGGIE HABERMAN'S FORAY INTO CAMPAIGN FINANCE JOURNALISM

For some reason, Maggie Haberman went to FEC filings to understand a prong of the January 6 investigation that might implicate her sources rather than the January 6 Committee transcripts where she is named personally.