

MUELLER OFFERS TRUMP AN OPEN BOOK TEST — TRUMP SHOULD REFUSE

Mueller's open book test for Trump seems designed to lull him into an interview about obstruction to get him to answer questions about his substantive "collusion."

ON MANAFORT'S REFERRAL OF THE PAPADOPOULOS OFFER(S)

The HPSCI Report provides a partial explanation for a footnote in the Papadopoulos plea. But the two reports together raise as many questions about the May 2016 outreach to Trump's people as they provide answers.

THE CONTEXT OF VESELNITSKAYA'S "INFORMANT" COMMENT

The big takeaway from Richard Engel's interview of Natalia Veselnitskaya — that she admitted to being an "informant" to Russia's prosecutor general — is not as interesting as her admission

that she worked for an entity with some ties to FSB. And neither is the smoking gun on Russian involvement in the Trump Tower meeting.

WAS TRUMP'S BIRTHDAY PRESENT A PAINTING? OR STOLEN EMAILS?

When Trump sent Aras Agalarov a thank you note for a birthday gift on June 17, 2016, was he referring to a painting, or stolen emails?

THE HOLES IN IKE KAVELADZE'S TRUMP TOWER MEETING STORY

The HPSCI majority report goes well out of its way to avoid mentioning key details about the Trump Tower meeting. But even with that effort, the story of Ike Kaveladze, the representative of the Agalarovs at the meeting, makes no sense.

THE HOLE IN THE HPSCI EXONERATION: TRUMP'S

HIRING OF MIKE FLYNN

The HPSCI Report suggests that if only Trump had gotten a warning that his campaign was infiltrated with people that FBI had Russian counterintelligence concerns about, he wouldn't have hired them. Except the example of Mike Flynn proves that's not true.

MUELLER'S ENTIRELY REDACTED THREE BULLETS AND A THEORY OF THE CASE

Three redacted bullets in the Mueller response to Manafort's challenge of the search of his condo may lay out the theory of their case.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE VERSUS CRIMINAL: GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS

Sources very close to George Papadopoulos attempted to claim no collusion in an interview with the Daily Caller. The effort does nothing to disclaim it.

ON THE COMEY MEMOS

As you read the Comey memos remember that whoever leaked them is probably, as we speak, calling for Andrew McCabe's prosecution for leaking to the press.

THE ANDREW MCCABE REFERRAL IS UNSURPRISING — AND PROBABLY JUSTIFIED

I think the evidence against Andy McCabe is damning. And the criminal referral is probably necessary.