

# **THE ACCESS HOLLYWOOD SEARCH DOESN'T MEAN TRUMP COORDINATED WITH ASSANGE**

It's certainly possible that SDNY's raid of Michael Cohen's office for information on Trump's discussions about the Access Hollywood video suggests the campaign coordinated with Wikileaks on the Podesta email release. But we don't yet have evidence for that and there are plenty of other more logical explanations.

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## **OPEN THREAD: ODDMENTS OLIO**

Dog's breakfast, hodgepodge, pastiche, olio – some Cohen, some Facebook, some media bias, more – this is a catch-all post with an open thread. Bring it!

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## **BANNON AIMS TO BEST JARED KUSHNER'S BIGGEST MISTAKE IN MODERN POLITICAL HISTORY**

In September, Steve Bannon said firing Comey was the dumbest decision in modern political

history. Now, as the investigation implicates matters he was known to be involved in, Bannon wants to one-up Jared by firing Rod Rosenstein.

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## **MANAFORT WANTS DOJ TO RETURN SOME OF THE INFORMATION SEIZED IN HIS [CONDO\*] SEARCH**

Among other things, Paul Manafort's motions to suppress searches show how the investigation mushroomed between May and July 2017.

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## **YET MORE PROOF FACEBOOK'S SURVEILLANCE CAPITALISM IS GOOD AT SURVEILLING — EVEN RUSSIAN HACKERS**

After Robby Mook tried to fact check Mark Zuckerberg yesterday, Alex Stamos provided more details about what Facebook saw of Russian hacking in real time yesterday.

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# **WHY ARE REPUBLICANS STILL SQUEALING ABOUT FISA APPLICATIONS IF HPSCI REPORT CEDES CARTER PAGE CONCERNS?**

A little-noticed passage in the HPSCI Russia report seems to complain that the FBI didn't warn Trump about people working on the campaign about whom it had counterintelligence concerns. If that's right, the GOP should shut up about the Carter Page dossier.

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# **MICHAEL COHEN'S STORMY WEATHER: FOUR OBSERVATIONS**

Trump's comments disavowing Michael Cohen's payment to Stormy Daniels probably made today's raid on his attorney far worse.

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# **WHAT DID WIKILEAKS DO WITH THE DCCC EMAILS IT MONOPOLIZED?**

When Wikileaks convinced Emma Best not to publish the DCCC emails Guccifer 2.0 offered, it

created the opportunity for Guccifer 2.0 to share them with individual Republicans around the country.

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## **IN ADDITION TO MUELLER, SIX PEOPLE ARE PROSECUTING PAUL MANAFORT ... AND TRUMP HAS NO APPROPRIATE DEFENSE ATTORNEY**

An update to my obsession with how Mueller is deploying his team of 17 prosecutors: even the prosecution of just one defendant, Mueller has now deployed three primary prosecutors and three different appellate specialists.

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## **IS MANAFORT GETTING CLOSE TO CRYING “UNCLE”?**

In a hearing today in Paul Manafort's civil suit against Robert Mueller, he pushed hard to prevent Mueller from bringing anymore indictments against him. Perhaps something he's seen from an ex parte exchange Mueller's team had with Judge Berman Jackson on February 14 or the extra details from Rod Rosenstein's August 2, 2017 authorizing memo has him worried.