

# **BURIED AMID THE JOHN DOWD NEWS, MUELLER'S TEAM SEEMS TO THINK TRUMP KNOWS ABOUT THE JUNE 9 MEETING**

Amid the frenzy over the shake-up in Trump's legal team, almost no one noticed that Mueller's team thinks Trump may know something substantive about the circumstances surrounding the June 9, 2016 Trump Tower meeting.

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# **THE VERY GLOBALIZED FORCES MANIPULATING THE ANTI-GLOBALIST PRESIDENT**

Donald Trump has generated the support of angry white voters by claiming to oppose "globalists," a racialized term for the downsides of globalization. But in reality, the friendly and adversarial oligarchs behind Trump's policy choices are using the tools of globalization to purchase influence over him.

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# **IRAN-CONTRA COVER-UP**

# **KING DOESN'T ADDRESS SESSIONS' OTHER LIES, OR CONSPIRACY-IN- CHIEF**

Jeff Sessions' lawyer, Chuck Cooper, sucked at defending anti-gay bigotry, but he's skilled at executive branch cover-ups. That's why his carefully worded statement about whether the Attorney General was still being investigated is so telling.

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# **THE GOP PAC-THETIC EFFORT TO DISCLAIM CAMBRIDGE ANALYTICA**

For months, the GOP has insisted that the Trump campaign's ties to Cambridge Analytica didn't last very long (though they occurred during a key part of the Russian operation). But that says nothing about the Mercer PAC's ties to CA and whether the two entities succeeded in maintaining the legally required firewall.

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# **"DO NOT CONGRATULATE:" PUTIN DOES A VICTORY LAP — OVER REX TILLERSON**

Yesterday's Russian victory lap over receiving congratulations from Trump doesn't surprise me

that much. What surprises me is Putin's victory lap over getting Rex Tillerson fired the day after the Secretary of State condemned Russia for trying to assassinate Sergei Skripal.

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## **TRUMP'S LEGAL TEAM: "IF THE LAW AND THE FACTS ARE AGAINST YOU, POUND THE TABLE AND YELL LIKE HELL"**

Carl Sandberg once said, "If the facts are against you, argue the law. If the law is against you, argue the facts. If the law and the facts are against you, pound the table and yell like hell." Trump's hiring of Joseph Di Genova while pretending he's hiring far better lawyers suggests he's at that terminal table-pounding stage.

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## **CAMBRIDGE ANALYTICA UNCOVERED AND MORE TO COME**

A little recap of events overnight while we wait for Channel 4's second video. This is an open thread.

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# **“WHAT DID THE PRESIDENT DO AND WHAT DO HIS LAWYERS CLAIM HE WAS THINKING?”**

What did the president do and what the fuck was he thinking when he did it are questions not about the cover-up, but about the substantive crime.

And that's the question Mueller's Watergate prosecutor has now posed to the president's lawyers.

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## **DUTY OF CANDOR: THE TIMING OF THE SESSIONS NEWS**

Republicans in Congress have thus far been cowardly about protecting Mueller, but some folks close to Mueller seem to be calling Jeff Sessions on his hypocrisy.

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## **ANOTHER SHOE DROPPED: CAMBRIDGE ANALYTICA USED ITS**

# OWN KOMPROMAT

I did NOT see this coming, a perfect example of blindness based in preconceived notions about technology companies: Cambridge Analytica created and used kompromat in campaign work.