

MIKE FLYNN DOESN'T WANT DRUG-TESTING TO INTERRUPT HIS RETURN TO INFLUENCE- PEDDLING

Mike Flynn seems intent on keeping the details of his impending return to influence peddling secret.

INFORMATION IN AMENDED DNC LAWSUIT REVEALS THAT ROGER STONE IS AT SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER RISK FOR CFAA INDICTMENT

Back in November, I argued that Roger Stone's claims to be innocent of the GRU's hacks on DNC targets might not hold up given that GRU hacked the DNC analytics hosted on AWS in September. Information the DNC lawsuit against Trump, Stone, and others shows that at least some of that hack did post-date a Stone conversation about analytics.

THE BENEFITS AND PITFALLS OF HAVING FORMER FEC COMMISSIONER DON MCGAHN AS YOUR CAMPAIGN LAWYER

SDNY's prosecutors noted something in yesterday's Cohen filing that will probably become increasingly problematic for Individual-1: because Trump and his fixer had a run-in with the FEC in 2013 – from which they were saved by their future campaign lawyer Don McGahn – they can't claim to be ignorant about campaign finance law.

THE QUID PRO QUO WAS EVEN TIGHTER THAN I IMAGINED

Back in May, it was pretty clear that Mueller was working towards showing that Trump had entered a quid pro quo with Russia. But Friday's filings make it clear that the quid pro quo – all revolving around a Trump Tower deal – was much tighter than had previously been known.

THE MANAFORT

ELECTION SEASON LYING BONANZA STALL

While it's unclear whether Mueller was also stalling, the details offered in Mueller's plea bench motion seem to suggest that Paul Manafort used his plea just to stall for time.

COHEN'S COOPERATION SEEMS TO FOCUS ON OBSTRUCTION

While a lot of what Cohen has cooperated on pertains to outreaches from Moscow, a good bit about it seems to relate to Trump's ongoing obstruction.

TRUMP BOASTS OF HIS IMAGINARY 87-PAGE REBUTTAL WITHOUT NOTICING MUELLER HAS ALREADY RELEASED 127 PAGES

Trump is furious that the press reported that he's increasingly unprepared to write the rebuttal attack that half his Russian investigation strategy depends on. He should be more furious that his advisors haven't pointed out that Mueller has already released 127 pages of his report.

MICHAEL COHEN AND FELIX SATER'S EVOLVING COOPERATION AGAINST TRUMP

It's fairly clear that Michael Cohen and Felix Sater jointed crafted a limited hangout story, which they sustained at least until a year ago, to avoid telling the full truth about the Trump Tower deal. But it's not at all clear that they haven't simply retreated to a new limited hangout.

NO, MIKE PENCE IS NOT GOING TO BE INDICTED

The addendum describing Mike Flynn's cooperation makes it clear that Flynn did lie to Mike Pence before the Vice President elect repeated those lies on Face the Nation. The redacted lines after that reference are probably a real problem for the President.

UPDATING THE MUELLER DOCKET: WHAT HAS

ZAINAB AHMAD BEEN WORKING ON?

Given recent developments in the Mueller docket, we can account for what most of his prosecutors are doing. The one exception is Zainab Ahmad, whose only visible involvement so far has been in Mike Flynn's cooperation. Is she applying her extradition and Arabic expertise to head up an investigation into Trump's Middle Eastern graft?