

CROWDSOURCED TIMELINE: TICK-TOCK TO INSURRECTION AND BEYOND [UPDATE-3]

[NB: Check the byline. Updates or changes to this timeline will be emphasized (note dark blue font). /~Rayne]

You'll recall Marcy's January 8 post, "Investigate Tommy Tuberville's Pre-Speech and Debate Actions" in which she wrote about Rudy Giuliani's January 6 phone calls intended for Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL).

EDIT: ~~One~~ **The first** call was received by Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT), which he handed over to Tuberville even as they were preparing to evacuate the Senate chambers. **The caller was Trump.**

~~Giuliani's~~ The second call, **from Rudy Giuliani**, was left instead on another unnamed senator's phone.

Giuliani's voicemail message asked Tuberville to slow down the election certification process on January 6, buying Team Trump time to get more information from states to contest multiple states' elections with the aim for states to pull their certifications of their elections altogether.

How this would all come together and result in an overturned election wasn't clear. What was the mechanism by which the states, which had already certified their elections, would reverse those certifications?

Last evening a missing piece dropped, deep in the Friday night news dump zone. The New York Times reported Trump and a little-known Department of Justice attorney, Jeffrey Clark, attempted a takeover of the DOJ, with the intent to use the department's powers to persuade the state of Georgia to overturn its election

results.

Overturing Georgia's results and fraudulently awarding the state's electoral votes to Trump wouldn't have been enough to give Trump the election. But the same powers might have been used to pressure other states or to provide cover for states with GOP elected officials or legislature which favored Trump. We really need to know if Trump made calls to other states like the one he made to Georgia's secretary of state to lean on him for 11,780 votes.

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The following timeline has been pulled together from community members harpie's and Eureka's comments over the last several weeks as reports were published about the events leading up to and during the January 6 Capitol Building insurrection.

11/12/2020 – Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Director Chris Krebs said he expected he would be fired for CISA's website dedicated to debunking election-related disinformation, much of which was spread by Trump and campaign associates.

11/17/2020 – Krebs was fired by Trump tweet after Krebs tweeted, "59 election security experts all agree, 'in every case of which we are aware, these claims (of fraud) either have been unsubstantiated or are technically incoherent.'"

11/17/2020 – Michigan election officials certified the state's election.

11/18/2020 – 8:04 AM – Trump tweets that Michigan can't certify its election because of voter fraud.

11/18/2020 – GOP Michigan election officials attempt unsuccessfully to rescind their certification of the state's election.

11/25/20 – Sham "hearing" in Gettysburg, PA (Rudy, Jenna, Trump via phone).

11/25/2020 – Michael Flynn pardoned by Trump.

11/30/2020 – Trump ~~nominated Charles Flynn to be the Army's "deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and training."~~ submitted a nomination for elevation of Lt. Gen. Charles Flynn to full general. Flynn began his current and ongoing role as Deputy Chief of Staff G3/5/7 in June 2019; he is retired Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn's sibling.

12/01/2020 – Attorney General Bill Barr told Associated Press there was no widespread voter fraud during the November 2020 election, disputing Trump's claims to the contrary.

12/01/2020 – Michigan's state senate oversight committee held a 7-hour long hearing listening to testimony about the conduct of the November general election.

12/02/2020 – Rudy Giuliani appeared before Michigan's state house oversight committee in a hearing about the conduct of the November general election; Giuliani maintained Trump won the election. Neither state senate or house oversight committees "have the power or authority to mandate a recount, audit or review of vote processes anywhere in the state."

12/08/2020 – Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton files suit with U.S. Supreme Court against Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin in an effort to force elections in these states back to their respective states' legislatures where they could be invalidated.

12/11/2020 – Texas v. Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin dismissed by SCOTUS for lack of standing; Trump escalates pressure on DOJ leadership officials (*including Barr* and Rosen) to file suit in Supreme Court to overturn relevant states.

12/12/2020 – General Michael Flynn and Family speak at Jericho March in DC.

12/12/2020 – 8:47 AM Trump tweets, WE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT!!! [time stamp subject to

confirmation]

12/12/2020 – approx. 9:00 AM Proud Boy leader Enrique Tarrío posts a photo (which appears to be taken by someone else) on Parler social media platform.

12/14/2020 – Jacob Chansley (now recognized as the buffalo-headed shirtless insurrectionist) was reported to Capitol Police for 12/14 for carrying a weapon on Capitol Grounds; “higher ups” okay’d him being there.

[see

<https://twitter.com/mcbyrne/status/1350137671084089345>]

12/14/2020 – Trump announced by tweet AG Bill Barr’s resignation effective 12/23/2020. Barr confirmed his resignation by letter to Trump.

12/15/2020 – Trump summons Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen to the Oval Office and makes requests detailed in NYT article; Rosen refuses; he *“reiterated what Mr. Barr had privately told Mr. Trump: The department had investigated voting irregularities and found no evidence of widespread fraud.”*

After 12/15/20 – [Date(s) TBD] Trump continues to press Rosen in phone calls and in person.

Mid December – [Date(s) TBD] Clark had been introduced to Mr. Trump by Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA); he told the president that he agreed that fraud had affected the election results. Mr. Trump quickly embraced Mr. Clark, who had been appointed with Rosen’s assistance the acting head of DOJ’s civil division in September; Clark was also the head of the department’s environmental and natural resources division, confirmed October 2018.

Mid to Late December – [Date(s) TBD] Trump complains about U.S. Attorney-Northern District of Georgia Byung J. “BJay” Pak. Deputy Attorney General Richard Donoghue warns Pak.

Mid to Late December – [Date(s) TBD] Clark drafts a letter that he wants Rosen to send to

Georgia state legislators. Rosen and Donoghue again reject Mr. Clark's proposal

12/19/2020 – Trump, Sydney Powell and Mike Flynn meet at WH [NYT].

“During an appearance on the conservative Newsmax channel this week, Mr. Flynn pushed for Mr. Trump to impose martial law and deploy the military to ‘rerun’ the election. At one point in the meeting on Friday, Mr. Trump asked about that idea. [...]”

12/19/2020 – Trump tweets about the Solar Winds hack.

[see

<https://twitter.com/emptywheel/status/1340666651658899457>]

12/20/2020 – Charles Flynn's elevation to full general from lt. general confirmed by the Senate by voice vote to be Army's ~~“deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and training.”~~

12/21/2020 – Sidney Powell was back at the White House again, for third time in four days [NYT]

12/23/2020 – Bill Barr's last day as AG.

12/23/2020 – Paul Manafort, Roger Stone, Charles Kushner, and 23 other individuals were pardoned by Trump.

12/23/2020 – Trump arrived late evening at Mar-a-Lago for vacation through New Year's Day.

12/30/2020 – Trump to quit FL vacation early, return to DC on 31st:

“The White House announced the abrupt change in the president's schedule late Wednesday, hours after Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., said he would raise objections next week when Congress meets to affirm President-elect Joe Biden's victory in the November election.”

[see

<https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-politics-florida-coronavirus-pandemic-mar-a->

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12/31/2020 – Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX) and 10 other plaintiffs from across the GOP filed suit in Texas federal court against Vice President Mike Pence, asking the court to find Pence has the authority to certify the election, possibly throwing out the results in states previously contested by TX AG Paxton.

[see

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/31/us/politics/justice-department-mike-pence-louie-gohmert.html>]

12/31/2020 – DOJ’s Rosen, Donoghue, and Clark meet to discuss Clark’s refusal to hew to the department’s conclusion that the election results were valid. Donoghue is blunt and tells Mr. Clark that what he was doing was wrong.

01/01/2021 – Trump appointee U.S. District Court Judge Jeremy Kernodle dismissed Rep. Louie Gohmert’s lawsuit against VP Pence for lack of standing.

01/01/2021 – Clark tells Rosen that he was going to discuss his strategy with the president early the next week. [How and when was this decision made?] [But this meeting ended up happening “over the weekend”: Saturday 1/2/21, Sunday 1/3/21]

01/01/2021 and/or 2 – Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund confers with D.C. Police Chief Robert J. Contee III, who offered to lend a hand if trouble arose.

01/02/2021 – “Roughly a dozen Republican senators are in talks to join Missouri Senator Josh Hawley in objecting to the electoral college results when congress meets Wednesday, according to multiple Republican sources familiar with the ongoing talks.”

[see

<https://twitter.com/johnkruzel/status/1349198860573421568>]

01/02/2021 – Trump along with on the call were WH Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, attorney Cleta Mitchell calls Georgia’s secretary of state Brad

Raffensperger and the GA legal counsel Ryan Germany, pressuring him to “find 11,780 votes” in order to change the outcome of Georgia’s election. Raffensperger and Germany refute Trump’s claims he won GA’s election.

01/02/2021 and/or 01/03/2021 – [Date(s) TBD]
Clark meets with Trump.

01/03/2021 – 8:57 AM – Trump tweets about the call to GA-SoS Raffensperger. Raffensperger tweets a reply, saying, “Respectfully, President Trump: What you’re saying is not true.”

01/03/2021 – Midday [time TBD] Clark informs Rosen that he had met with Trump and that the president intended to replace him with Clark, who could then try to stop Congress from certifying the Electoral College results. He says that Rosen could stay on as his deputy attorney general. Rosen insisted on talking with Trump.

01/03/2021 – Early afternoon – The Washington Post releases a story along with a roughly one-hour-long audio recording of Trump’s conversation with Raffensperger the previous evening.

01/03/2021 – Afternoon – Rosen works with Cipollone, to convene a meeting with Trump for early that evening.

01/03/2021 – Later afternoon – Donoghue convenes a call with the department’s remaining senior leaders, laying out Clark’s efforts to replace Rosen. Should Rosen be fired, they all agreed to resign en masse.

01/03/2021 – 6PM – 9PM White House meeting convened with Trump, Rosen, Donoghue, Clark, White House Counsel Pat Cipollone, Deputy Counsel Pat Philbin, Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel Steve Engel, “and other lawyers.”

01/04/2021 – Sund called House Sergeant at Arms Paul Irving and Senate Sergeant at Arms Michael Stenger to ask for permission to request that

the National Guard be put on emergency standby. Irving didn't like the idea, Sund said; he said it would look bad because it would communicate that they presumed an emergency. He said he'd have to ask House leaders. [DID HE ASK PELOSI?] [Questionable if that was necessary. See 1:15 PM, 1/6/21]

01/04/2021 – Following Stenger's advice, Sund calls Maj. Gen. William J. Walker, the head of the 1,000-member D.C. National Guard, to tell him that he might call on him for help. Walker says he thought he could send 125 personnel fairly quickly.

01/05/2021 – Sund [said he] briefed Irving and Stenger, who said that backup seemed sufficient.

01/05/2021 – More than 100 representatives from Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Georgia asked for at least 10 more days, so they could investigate and then vote on the election in their state legislatures. The two-page letter with more than 60 pages of attachments was sent to Pence to purportedly show "the illegalities present in the 2020 election" and provide "evidence of a coordinated and structured multi-state effort to undermine state law protecting election integrity."

[see

<https://wisconsinexaminer.com/2021/01/14/these-15-state-legislators-asked-pence-not-to-certify-election-results/>]

~~01/05/2021 – Capitol Building CCTV feeds showed Reps. Louie Gohmert R-TX, Jim Jordan R-OH, Matt Gaetz R-FL, Lauren Boebert R-CO, Marjorie Taylor Greene R-GA, Paul Gosar R-AZ, Andy Biggs R-AZ were involved in giving 'reconnaissance' tours to groups 1/5.~~

~~{Disclosed on 01/13/2021 via~~

~~<https://twitter.com/FrankSowa1/status/1349574338060685312>} Claim regarding CCTV not verified.~~

Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) later shared via Facebook live broadcast that she had seen "members of Congress who had groups coming through the Capitol that I saw on January 5th as a reconnaissance for the next day"; she and 33

other House Dems later requested an investigation into these tour(s).

01/05/2021 – Georgia’s U.S. Attorney Bjay Pak resigned unexpectedly. A “Never-Trumper” U.S. Attorney was mentioned but not named in Trump’s phone call to Georgia’s SoS Raffensperger on January 2; it’s believed Pak was the subject.

01/05/2021 – VP Pence tells Trump he doesn’t have the authority to overturn election results. Trump rejects this. (This needs to be validated as perspectives in multiple outlets are sourced to NYT’s Haberman.)

01/06/2021 – Day of Capitol Building insurrection

TBD – Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) was photographed at the Women for America First event during the rally in front of the White House. [Exact time TBD; unclear how and when she gets to the Capitol Building ahead of the rioters.]

Just before 12 PM – Sund was monitoring Trump’s speech to the crowd on the Ellipse when he was called away by reports of two pipe bombs – near the Capitol grounds.

12:40 PM – The first wave of rioters arrived at the Capitol Building roughly 40 minutes after Trump had begun speaking at the Ellipse.

1:00 PM – Sund called Contee, who sent 100 District of Columbia (DCPD) police officers to the scene

1:09 PM – Sund [said he] called Irving and Stenger, telling them it was time to call in the Guard.

He wanted an emergency declaration. Both men said they would “run it up the chain” and get back to him, he said. [Questionable if that was necessary. See 1:15 PM, 1/6/21] // Sund said he called Irving twice more and Stenger once to check on their progress.

1:10 PM – Some officers arrive from DCPD.

[1:15 PM?] – [Minutes later] aides to the top congressional leaders were called to Stenger's office for an update on the situation – and were infuriated to learn that the sergeants at arms had not yet called in the National Guard or any other reinforcements, as was their responsibility to do without seeking approval from leaders.

1:50 PM – Sund called Maj. Gen. William J. Walker, the head of the 1,000-member D.C. National Guard to tell him to get ready to bring the Guard.

1:59 PM – The Capitol Building was breached. D.C. police had hundreds of officers on the scene.

2:10 PM – Irving called back with formal approval. By then, plainclothes Capitol Police agents were barricading the door to the Speaker's Lobby just off the House chamber to keep the marauders from charging in.

2:10 PM (est.) – ~~Rudy Giuliani~~ Trump called Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) around this time, before senators were evacuated, but reached Sen. Mike Lee's (R-UT) phone. Lee handed his cell phone to Tuberville who spoke with ~~Giuliani~~ Trump briefly.

2:13 PM – Vice President Pence was escorted off the Senate floor. Sen. Charles E. Grassley begins presiding, but almost immediately calls a recess.

2:15 PM – Senate sealed. [WaPo]

2:17 PM – [Boebert tweets] *We were locked in the House Chambers*

2:18 PM – [Boebert tweets] *The Speaker has been removed from the chambers.*

2:XX PM – Exact time TBD – Rep. Ayanna Pressley and staff notice the panic button for her office had been removed without any notice. The button had been functional and used previously.

2:20 PM – Capitol was on lockdown. [NOTE: I have to find a cite for this]

2:21 PM – Jim Acosta from CNN tweets (~~link to tweet needed~~):

“A source close to the White House who is in touch with some of the rioters at the Capitol said it’s the goal of those involved to stay inside the Capitol through the night.”

2:22 PM – Capitol Police chief Sund requests National Guard support.

2:23 PM – A dense group of ~~protestors~~ rioters* has shattered the windows of the Capitol. We can hear roaring chants of “USA” outside. [VIDEO]

2:24 PM – [TRUMP TWEETS about PENCE / ECHOES CROWD: “USA”]

CROWD: *‘Where is Pence? Find Pence!’* ” and also *“Fight for Trump!”* [NYT]

2:26 PM – CONFERENCE CALL organized by D.C.’s homeland security director, Chris Rodriguez. Among those on the screen were the District’s police chief, [D.C. Police Chief Robert J. Contee III] mayor [Bowser] and Walker. [head of the 1,000-member D.C. National Guard]

3:04 PM – [DOD said] [Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher](#) Miller verbally authorized the activation of the entire D.C. Guard

3:45 PM – Stenger told Sund that he would ask his boss, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), for help getting the National Guard authorized more quickly. Sund never learned the result.

More of Contee’s officers had arrived and were helping remove rioters from the grounds. Capitol Police worked with other federal authorities, including the Secret Service, the Park Police and the FBI, to secure lawmakers, eject rioters and sweep the building so lawmakers could return to finish counting the electoral college votes that would allow them to formally recognize

Biden's victory later that night.

5:40PM – First National Guard personnel arrive at the Capitol.

About 7:00 PM – Rudy Giuliani leaves a voicemail message for Sen. Tuberville but on a senator's phone.

[RUDY:] "We need you, our Republican friends, to try to just slow it down so we can get these legislatures to get more information to you."

"If you could object to every state and, along with a congressman, get a hearing for every state, I know we would delay you a lot, but it would give us the opportunity to get the legislators who are very, very close to pulling their vote."

After 8:00 PM – Congress reconvenes and completes certification of the election.

01/13/2021 – Trump tells staff not to pay any more of Giuliani's legal fees (unclear if this is campaign, Trump org, or White House staff, or all of the above).

01/15/2021 – MyPillow CEO Michael Lindell has a meeting in the afternoon at White House; his notes are caught on camera.

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01/16/2021 – WaPo: Acting Defense Secretary
Orders NSA director to immediately install
former GOP operative as agency’s top lawyer

01/17/2021 – The NSA is ‘moving forward’ to
install Michael Ellis, a former GOP operative,
as its top lawyer
[see
<https://twitter.com/nakashimae/status/1350855207270445059>]

01/20/2021 – Ellis placed on leave pending an
investigation.

“He will remain on administrative leave
while his hiring is investigated by the
Pentagon’s inspector general.”

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What seemed random a week or more ago looks much
less so today. If you have any item you believe
is relevant to this developing timeline, please
feel free to share in comments.

NOTE: Please restrict comments in this thread to
content germane to this timeline. Thanks.

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UPDATE-1 – 11:45 AM 23-JAN-2021 –

- Corrections made re: first known phone call to Tuberville – call was from Trump, not Giuliani, who made the second call left on a senator's voicemail.
- Strike claim about CCTV of Capitol Building tours on January 5, add Rep. Mikie Sherrill's observation of tours that day along with House Dems' request for investigation into the tours.
- Added Trump's 12/12/2020 tweet and Proud Boy Enrique Tarrío's visit to White House same day.
- Added link to Philadelphia Inquirer story about 11/25/2020 hearing.

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UPDATE-2 – 2:15 PM 23-JAN-2021 –

- 01/06/2021 2:21 PM tweet by CNN's Acosta added
- 01/20/2021 Michael Ellis's change in status added

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UPDATE-3 – 5:40 PM 25-JAN-2021 –

* Once they are engaged in destruction they are no longer protesters but rioters.

Added these items, tweaked others:

- 11/17/2020 Michigan election

officials certified the state's election.

- 11/18/2020 Trump tweets that Michigan can't certify its election because of voter fraud.
- 11/17/2020-11/18/2020 Details about Michigan's election certification and GOP officials attempt unsuccessfully to rescind their certification of the state's election.
- 12/08/2020-12/11/2020 Filing and dismissal of Texas lawsuit before SCOTUS.
- 12/31/2020-01/01/2021 Rep. Gohmert's Hail Mary lawsuit filed and tossed.
- 01/06/2021 Rep. Pressley's panic button discovered missing.
- 01/02/2021-01/03/2021 More details about Trump's call to Georgia secretary of state Raffensperger added.
- 01/13/2021 Trump wants to stiff Rudy.