

# **THE ORIGIN OF THE SHARPIE QUID PRO QUO DENIAL: AN EFFORT TO CRAFT A COVER STORY ON THE PAGES OF THE WSJ**

The September 9 call, which Trump has used to deny demanding a quid pro quo he had already demanded two days earlier, was first invented for an October 7 WSJ story in one of a series of attempts to come up with testimony that would protect the President.