

THREE THINGS: BAD, WORSE, AND JUST DEAL ALREADY

I've got to run some errands, only have time for a very quick three things post.

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Because Trump wants a cheaper Air Force One, the Air Force bought a bankrupt Russian company's canceled Boeing 747s.

EXCLUSIVE: Trump Wanted a Cheaper Air Force One. So USAF Is Buying a Bankrupt Russian Firm's Undelivered 747s

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– Defense One (@DefenseOne) [August 1, 2017](#)

Why does this sound like 1) a crap deal which doesn't solve the need for an attack-resistant AF1, 2) a bail-out for some entity, whether Boeing or whoever in Russia is holding the bag on the down payment?

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A few days ago I read yet another right-wing character assassination attempt aimed at Robert Mueller, distributing disinformation related to Russia and radioactive materials. Real story completely stretched beyond recognition to attack the special counsel looking into Trump-Russia.

Meanwhile, the Los Alamos National Laboratory has [improperly MAILED radioactive materials repeatedly](#).

This highlights our [long-term problems with outsourcing nuclear sites' management](#) to private contractors.

Please let's not allow Trump cut a deal on this matter. It's bad enough we have *Dancing With The Stars'* Rick Perry involved in any way. And watch for more disinfo about Robert Mueller as the Trump-Russia investigation heats up.

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[Baltimore Ravens need to get off it and hire Colin Kaepernick](#). Baltimore the city needs him. Not only is Kaepernick a good Plan B because of [Joe Flacco's back](#), the Ravens need a reset on their image – many women still don't have a high opinion of the Ravens (or the NFL) after the [Ray Rice scandal](#). And [Kaepernick is a solid player](#) worth watching; he doesn't deserve the racist bullshit he's received from the NFL, quietly blacklisted for exercising his First Amendment rights. Football isn't slavery demanding forfeit of human rights, after all – or is it?

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Off to run the roads. This is an open thread.
Behave.