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## Judicial Watch Uncovers: No FISA Court Hearings Held On Carter Page Warrants

**[N]o such hearings were held with respect to the acknowledged FISA applications.” ~Justice Department court filing**

In August, Judicial Watch used a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit to force the Justice Department to admit in a court filing that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court held no hearings on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) spy warrant applications targeting Carter Page, a former Trump campaign part-time adviser. Page was the subject of four controversial FISA warrants.

In the filing, the Justice Department finally revealed that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court held no hearings on the Page FISA spy warrants, first issued in 2016 and subsequently renewed three times:

“[National Security Division] FOIA consulted [Office of Intelligence]...to identify and locate records responsive to [Judicial Watch’s] FOIA request...[Office of Intelligence] determined...that

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AP IMAGES

Carter Page, former Trump volunteer campaign adviser

## Strzok Drafted Comey Letter About Clinton Emails On Weiner Laptop



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Former FBI official Peter Strzok

Judicial Watch in September released 424 pages of FBI records, including an email revealing that recently fired FBI official Peter Strzok created the initial draft of the October 2016 letter then-FBI Director James Comey sent to Congress notifying lawmakers of the discovery of Hillary Clinton emails on the laptop of disgraced former Congressman Anthony Weiner.

Another email suggests that the FBI had not yet completed its review of Clinton’s emails by the time Comey sent a second letter to Congress, on November 6, 2016, reconfirming his belief that Hillary Clinton shouldn’t be charged with a crime.

The records were produced as a result of a June 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-01448)) filed after the Justice Department

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there were no records, electronic or paper, responsive to [Judicial Watch's] FOIA request with regard to Carter Page. [Office of Intelligence] further confirmed that the [Foreign Surveillance Court] considered the Page warrant applications based upon written submissions and did not hold any hearings."

The Department of Justice previously released to Judicial Watch the heavily redacted Page warrant applications. The initial Page FISA warrant was granted just weeks before the 2016 election.

The Justice Department filing comes in response to a Judicial Watch lawsuit for the FISA transcripts (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-01050)).

In February, Republicans on the House Intelligence Committee released a memo criticizing the FISA targeting of Carter Page. The memo details how the "minimally corroborated" Clinton-DNC dossier was an

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essential part of the FBI and Department of Justice applications for surveillance warrants to spy on Page.

Earlier, Judicial Watch filed a request with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court seeking the transcripts of all hearings related to the surveillance of Carter Page. Responding to the same requests from Congress, U.S. District Court Judge Rosemary Collyer wrote: "You may note that the Department of Justice possesses (or can easily obtain) the same responsive information the Court might possess, and because of separation of powers considerations, is better positioned than the Court to respond quickly."

"It is disturbing that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance courts rubber-stamped the Carter Page spy warrants and held not one hearing on these extraordinary requests to spy on the Trump team," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Perhaps the court can now hold hearings on how justice was corrupted by material omissions that Hillary Clinton's campaign, the DNC, a conflicted Bruce Ohr, a compromised Christopher Steele, and anti-Trumper Peter Strzok were all behind the 'intelligence' used to persuade the courts to approve the FISA warrants that targeted the Trump team." **JW**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Update On Hillary Clinton Email Scandal

By Tom Fitton



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This month, I want to bring you up to date on the Hillary Clinton email scandal, which brings new Judicial Watch revelations and surprises weekly. If you think the Hillary Clinton email scandal is over, think again.

Fundamentally, the Clinton email scandal — a scandal Judicial Watch uncovered — is a rule-of-law crisis. Is the Trump administration going to allow lawbreaking by senior government officials like Hillary Clinton to go un-investigated? Is the president going to allow the Obama Justice Department and the FBI to get away with corruptly hijacking an investigation in order to protect her?

We began to crack the Clinton email scandal in 2014 when we were investigating the Benghazi coverup and noticed there were no Hillary Clinton emails on Benghazi.

In response to our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and lawsuits, the Obama State Department admitted to Judicial Watch that there were Hillary Clinton emails

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AP IMAGES

**Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton checks her mobile phone after her address to the Security Council at United Nations headquarters, March 2012**

that show government business she conducted on her private server without telling the courts, Congress or the American people.

The Obama State Department had previously told us and the court they searched everywhere, *but they didn't tell us they hadn't searched Hillary Clinton's emails*. Then, we discovered that Clinton withheld 30,000 emails from the Justice Department and tried to destroy another 31,000. Those emails she didn't turn over, we discovered, contain classified information.

A federal court then authorized discovery, which meant that Huma Abedin had to come in and testify, and Cheryl Mills had to testify before Judicial Watch lawyers under oath. Top State Department officials had to testify, and Hillary Clinton, although she didn't have to testify in person, had to answer our written questions under oath.

Huma Abedin testified it was Hillary Clinton's idea to set up this server. It wasn't anyone else's; it was Clinton's idea because she wanted to keep her business private. That's not a lawful reason, and it is a corrupt reason to do what she did. Ironically,

going forward to 2016, the FBI, as a result of an investigation of Abedin's then-husband Anthony Weiner, uncovered Clinton-server emails on Weiner's laptop, which was incredible.

Then-FBI Director James Comey was forced to tell the American people about it and reopen the by-then-closed FBI investigation of Clinton's emails, which blew a hole in the coverup. But the coverup continued, and just days before the election, Comey squelched the investigation again for Hillary Clinton.

Judicial Watch later obtained some of the Clinton-server emails off Weiner's laptop, and it turns out there were at least 18 emails with classified documents on that system. And, now we know, based on reporting by Paul Sperry of *RealClear Investigations*, that for all that Judicial Watch has been able to uncover, the FBI didn't look at all the government emails on the Weiner laptop. Sperry reported that Peter Strzok, the corrupt FBI official who was handling both the Clinton email investigation and the Russia investigation, only pulled a select

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### Strzok

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failed to respond to a September 1, 2017 request seeking:

- “All drafts of James Comey’s statement closing the Clinton email investigation, from his original draft in April or May 2016 to the final version.
- “All records of communications between or among FBI officials regarding Comey’s draft statement closing the Clinton email investigation, including all memoranda and/or analyses of the factual and/or legal justification for his July 5, 2016 announcement regarding his decision not to seek Mrs. Clinton’s prosecution.
- “All records previously provided to the Office of Special Counsel in

the course of its now-closed Hatch Act investigation of Mr. Comey.”

The documents reveal that on October 27, 2016, Peter Strzok emailed other senior FBI officials a draft notice letter from Comey to Congress about the Weiner laptop discovery and the reopening of the Clinton investigation. The emails indicated that Strzok and another official, Jon (last name unknown), authored the notification to Congress. The notification, according to the Justice Department inspector general, came a full month after the emails were discovered by the FBI on the Weiner laptop.

According to the documents, at 11:04 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2016, FBI Chief of Staff James Rybicki sent Comey an email containing

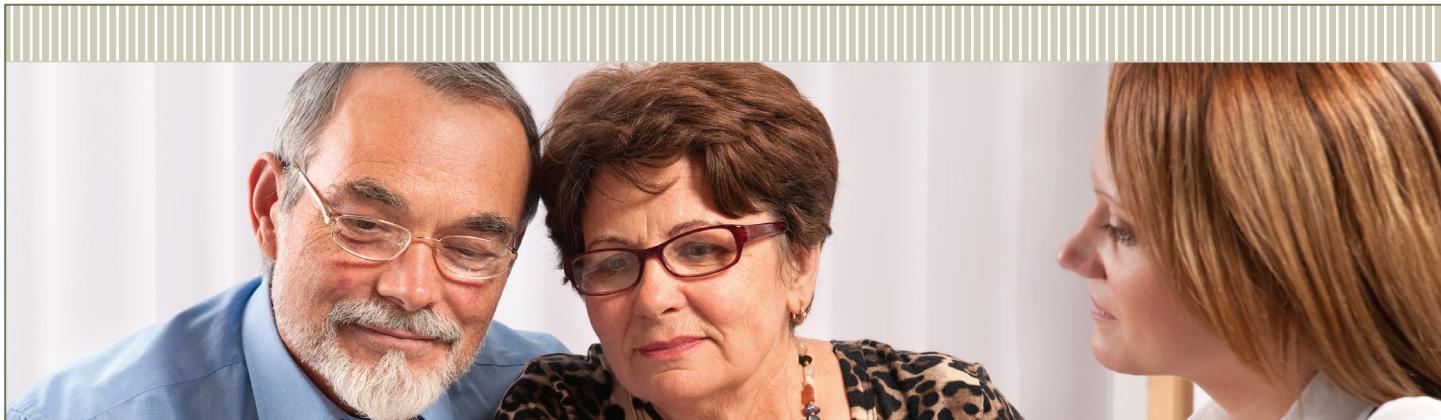
a redacted draft document which he referred to as a “New Proposal,” saying:

“Folks, Per our 1000pm conversation, below is a revised straw man for discussion. Again, we could use this if the review when completed supports our conclusions. My comments again in ALL CAPS and bold italics.”

Rybicki’s New Proposal — “straw man” — apparently refers to a draft of Comey’s letter to Congress concerning the FBI’s review of the 650,000 Clinton emails found on Weiner’s laptop. At the time of the Rybicki email, Comey was preparing his letter informing Congress of the FBI’s findings, and according to page

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## Message from the President

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number of the Clinton-server emails actually found on the Weiner laptop. It looks like there may be other documents that need to be reviewed by the FBI in response to our FOIA lawsuit. So, now we've sued again to try to get all the government emails from the Weiner laptop.

Top-level FBI official Peter Strzok, who has been dismissed from the Bureau, keeps popping up in both the Clinton email scandal and the Russia investigation. For example, Strzok drafted the initial letter that Comey sent to Congress telling them about the Weiner laptop, just as it was Strzok who edited Comey's first statement to the press exonerating Hillary Clinton. Also, it looks like the documents show that Comey closed the investigation shortly before the election despite strong evidence that the FBI had not reviewed all the material. So, Comey didn't know what evidence they had in their possession before he said there wasn't any evidence or criminality. Comey and Strzok, once again, were standing smack-dab in the middle of the Clinton/Weiner laptop scandal.

It was only after the Inspector General looked into the matter that top leadership of the FBI began to fear someone was going to blow the whistle on them, that more than a month later, they told Congress about the Weiner laptop. They didn't voluntarily disclose it or disclose it because it was the right thing to do; they disclosed it because they didn't want to be seen to be covering up something, which, in fact, they had been doing all along.

In addition, we have the laptop emails that show Clinton-server classified information was migrated onto the Weiner laptop, including the identity of a CIA official. Any-one else would have been arrested. Anyone else would have been convicted or at least prosecuted. But, Hillary Clinton and her aides who were involved in this have gotten

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off scot-free. And to perpetuate the Justice Department/FBI coverups, the Establishment has steadfastly refused to conduct a damage assessment of Hillary Clinton's compromising classified information with respect to national security, which is required by law. So, Judicial Watch has had to sue again, hoping the court will force a damage assessment to be conducted.

We asked the Trump administration, are you going to do a damage assessment? This Justice Department, this State Department, the director of national intelligence, who is now Senator Dan Coates, former senator from Indiana, they don't want to do a damage assessment, either. To date, they have successfully fought our efforts in the lower courts to compel a damage assessment — Coates said that Hillary Clinton's compromise of national security information wasn't serious enough to warrant a damage assessment. Again, outrageous.

In our lawsuit last year when we tried to force a damage assessment, we referenced the James Comey statement from 2016 that from the group of 30,000 emails Clinton did return to the State Department, 110 emails in 53 email chains had been determined to contain classified information at the time they were sent or received — eight were top-secret, 36 chains contained secret information, eight contained confidential information.

The disparate treatment given to Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump

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390 of the June 2018 report from the Justice Department Office of the Inspector General, the deliberations regarding the letter began on the afternoon of November 3 and concluded “very early on November 6.”

Despite Rybicki’s email suggesting late on November 5 that the review of the new emails had not been completed, Comey’s November 6 letter to Congress states:

“[W]e reviewed all of the communications that were to or from Hillary Clinton while she was Secretary of State. Based on our review, we have not changed our conclusions that we expressed in July with respect to Secretary Clinton.”

Comey’s “conclusions” in July were that no charges should be filed against Clinton, despite her repeatedly having sent classified information

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over her unsecured, non-State-Department server. Comey later admitted that he had drafted his July exoneration more than a month earlier.

*RealClear Investigations reporter Paul Sperry recently reported that:*

“Only 3,077 of the 694,000 emails [found on the Weiner laptop] were directly reviewed for classified or incriminating information. Three

FBI officials completed that work in a single 12-hour spurt the day before Comey again cleared Clinton of criminal charges.”

“These new documents provide more details of the corrupt and dishonest FBI investigation of the incredible revelations that Clinton’s classified and other emails were present on Anthony Weiner’s laptop,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “When will the Sessions Justice Department and Wray FBI finally begin an honest investigation of Hillary Clinton’s national security crimes?”

In a related Judicial Watch lawsuit, the State Department told the court in October 2017:

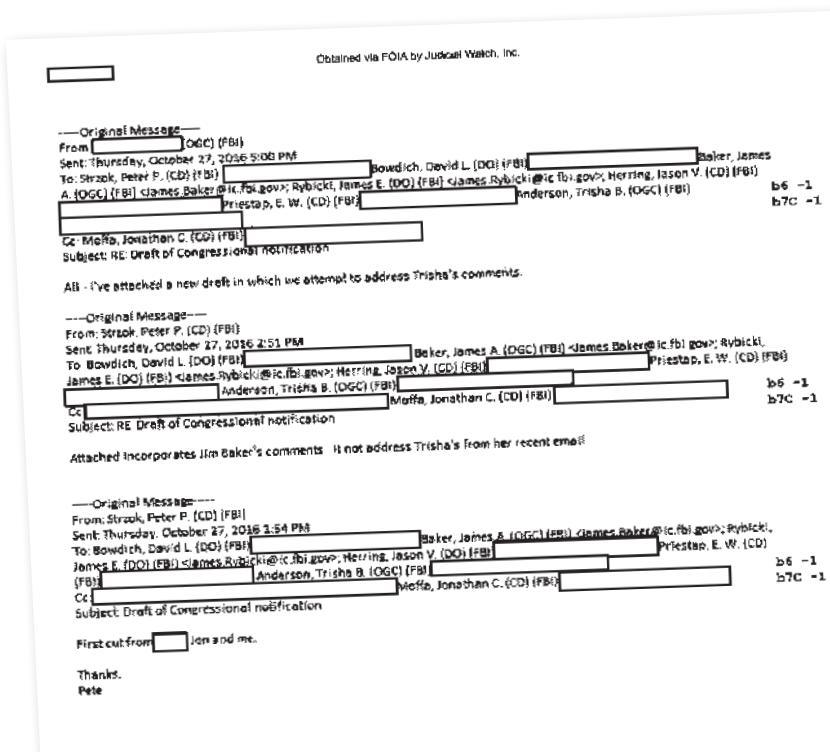
“The State Department identified approximately 2,800 [Clinton] work-related documents [emails] among the documents provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.”

In January 2018, in accordance with a court order, the State Department began turning Weiner emails over to Judicial Watch. Initially, 18 classified emails were found in the 798 documents produced by the State Department.

Judicial Watch is fighting for a full production of records. The State Department claims that only 3,000 of those “hundreds-of-thousands” are agency records, and 147 total emails were unique agency records. Judicial Watch argues that the State Department has not released information on the total number of emails that they reviewed, how they reviewed them, how many emails were personal and not agency records and how the agency would have made those determinations.

Further examples of Judicial Watch’s work on this important issue can be found on the Judicial Watch website: <http://jwatch.us/WeinerLaptop>. JW

**Email from Peter Strzok transmitting to various FBI officials an initial draft of October 2016 letter then-FBI Director James Comey sent to Congress notifying lawmakers of the discovery of Hillary Clinton emails on the laptop of disgraced former Congressman Anthony Weiner**



## Message from the President

### Message

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is disturbing, and glaring. Where Clinton is concerned, it's not just her email scandal that is being covered up. There is the question about what federal law enforcement is doing about the Uranium One deal, from which she and her husband benefited financially. Judicial Watch is still fighting the State and Justice Departments on Benghazi information that relates to Hillary Clinton. We are

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fighting the Justice Department on the issue of her conflicts of interest in the State Department, where Bill Clinton was getting money through speaking fees from foreign governments and corporations, and Hillary Clinton didn't recuse herself from anything over there at State in which she, her husband and their foundation had a personal or corporate interest. Where's the corruption investigation there? Why isn't there anything being done?

The Justice Department is going full bore against President Trump while going full bore protecting Hillary Clinton. Astonishing.

You want to know if the Deep State works or is in operation? Just look to see what's happening with Hillary Clinton and what's happening with President Trump in terms of an investigation.

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# Court Report

## JW Sues Justice For Communications Among Ohr, Steele And Fusion GPS

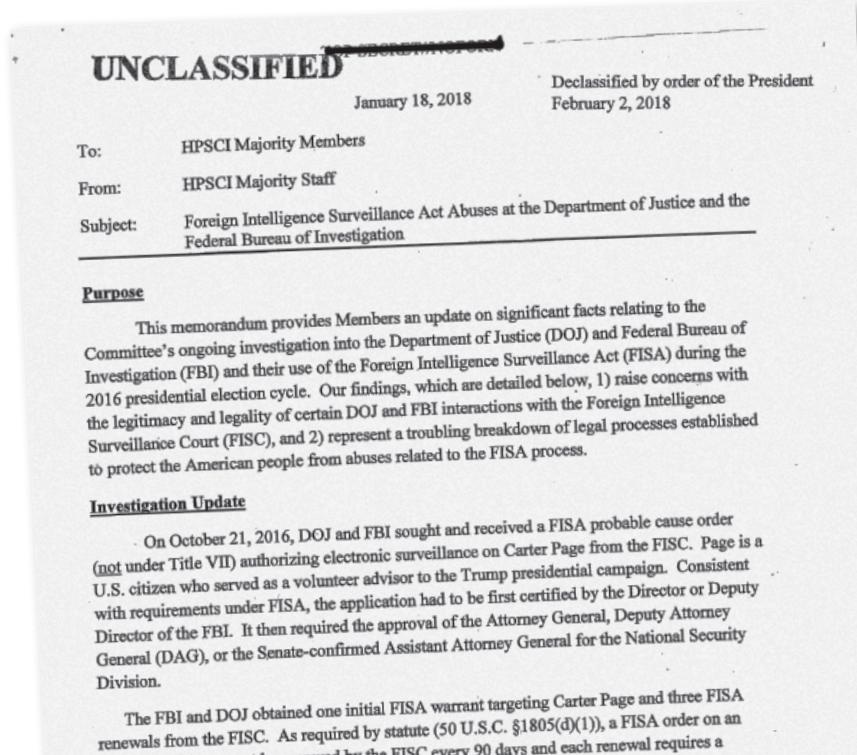
Judicial Watch in August filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice for all communications from the offices of the deputy attorney general and the office of the director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force related to Bruce G. Ohr, his wife Nellie Ohr, Christopher Steele and Fusion GPS (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-01854)). Bruce Ohr is the former associate deputy attorney general and remains organized crime task force director.

Until his dossier-related demotion, Bruce Ohr was the fourth-ranked official at the Justice Department. The

House Intelligence Committee memo released by Chairman Devin Nunes on February 2 says that Nellie Ohr was “employed by Fusion GPS to assist in the cultivation of opposition research on Trump” and that Bruce Ohr passed along the results of that research to the FBI — research that was paid for by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Hillary Clinton campaign. The “salacious and unverified” dossier was then used to obtain a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) surveillance warrant to spy on Carter Page.

The suit was filed after the Justice Department failed to respond to a May 29, 2018 FOIA request for:

**House Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations staff memo section on relationship between Bruce Ohr and Christopher Steele.**



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**“As this sordid scandal continues to unfold, it is increasingly clear that top Justice Department official Bruce Ohr — working in conjunction with his wife and other Clinton-connected Fusion GPS actors — played a key role in laundering false information from Russia about Donald J. Trump.”**

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Tom Fitton*

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- “All records from the Office of the Deputy Attorney General relating to Fusion GPS, Nellie Ohr and/or British national Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications about and with Fusion GPS officials, Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele.
- “All records from the office of former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce G. Ohr relating to Fusion GPS, Nellie Ohr and/or British national Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications (including those of former Associate Deputy Attorney General Ohr) about

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JUDICIAL WATCH VICTORY!

# Judge Orders Army To Reconsider Granting Purple Heart To Sgt. Joshua Berry

U.S. District Court Judge Christopher R. Cooper issued an order in a lawsuit brought by Judicial Watch on behalf of Howard M. Berry, father of now-deceased Army Staff Sergeant Joshua Berry, stating that the Army must reconsider its decision denying a Purple Heart to Sgt. Joshua Berry for injuries sustained in the 2009 international terrorist attack at Fort Hood, Texas. Watch the Judicial Watch video: <http://jwatch.us/FtHood>.

The August 22 order calls for the Army to reconsider its decision and to act appropriately. If the Army wishes to stick with the denial, it must sufficiently explain why Sgt. Berry is not entitled to the Purple Heart.

On remand, the Army, assuming it wishes to stick with its determination not to award the Purple Heart to Berry, must explain why Berry is not entitled to a Purple Heart and do so with sufficient clarity that “a court can measure” the denial “against the ‘arbitrary-or-capricious’ standard laid out in the [Administrative Procedures Act].”

Judicial Watch on October 12, 2017 filed a lawsuit on behalf of Sgt. Berry’s father, Howard M. Berry, who

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**The Army’s final memorandum... “provides no meaningful analysis — only a boilerplate determination that the facts do not support a conclusion that [Berry’s] injury met the criteria for a Purple Heart.”**

*~U.S. District Judge  
Christopher R. Cooper*

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“SGT. BERRY DESERVES THE PURPLE HEART AND THE BUREAUCRACY SHOULD STOP OBSTRUCTING HIS JUST CAUSE. FRANKLY, WE CAN’T IMAGINE THAT PRESIDENT TRUMP, PRESIDENT OBAMA OR SECRETARY MATTIS WOULD DISAGREE THAT SGT. BERRY SHOULD BE POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART FOR THE INJURIES HE SUSTAINED DURING THE FT. HOOD ATTACK.”

TOM FITTON  
PRESIDENT OF JUDICIAL WATCH



is challenging the Army’s denial of the Purple Heart under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) (*Howard M. Berry v. Mark Esper, Secretary of the Army, et al.* (No. 1:17-cv-02112)).

Following the Fort Hood attack, the secretary of defense declined to recognize the mass shooting as an international terrorist attack against the United States. Instead, the attack was characterized as “workplace violence.” As a result, active duty servicemembers injured in the attack were ineligible for the Purple Heart, among other awards and benefits.

In response, Congress enacted legislation in 2014 mandating that servicemembers killed or wounded in an attack targeting members of the armed forces and carried out by an individual in communication with and inspired or motivated by a foreign terrorist organization be eligible for the Purple Heart.

As a result, in 2015, the secretary of the army announced that servicemembers injured or killed in the Fort Hood attack were eligible for the Purple Heart if they met the regulatory criteria.

The Purple Heart is not a “rec-

ommended” decoration for soldiers killed or wounded in combat or under attack. Rather, a soldier is entitled to a Purple Heart upon meeting specific criteria. Sgt. Berry met the regulatory criteria for an award of the Purple Heart.

Sgt. Berry suffered a dislocated left shoulder during the November 5, 2009 terrorist attack on Fort Hood by Maj. Nidal Hasan. Hasan, who admitted during his 2013 court martial that he had been influenced by Al Qaeda, killed 13 people and injured 30 others.

In witness statements given to the U.S. Army Criminal Investigative Command (CID) and in a separate statement given to a Texas ranger, Sgt. Berry had estimated that Hasan fired 30-40 rounds outside Building 42004 at Ft. Hood. Sgt. Berry told those around him to get down on the floor and stay away from the doors and windows. When Sgt. Berry heard gunshots hit the metal doors near him, he leaped over a desk to take cover and, in so doing, dislocated his left shoulder. He then heard Hasan trying to kick in the doors.

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## Court Report

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and with Fusion GPS officials, Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele.

- “All records from the office of the Director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force relating to Fusion GPS, Nellie Ohr and/or British national Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications (including those of former Organized Crime Task Force Director Bruce Ohr) about and with Fusion GPS officials, Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele.”

In December 2017, Bruce Ohr was removed from his position as U.S. associate deputy attorney general after it was revealed that he con-

ducted undisclosed meetings with anti-Trump dossier author Christopher Steele and Glenn Simpson, principal of Fusion GPS.

In March, Judicial Watch filed two lawsuits seeking records about the Ohrs’ involvement in the anti-Trump dossier. In June, the Justice Department was ordered to begin searching and producing Fusion GPS records to Judicial Watch.

In a related case, Judicial Watch released FBI records showing that Steele was cut off as a “confidential human source” after he disclosed his relationship with the FBI to a third party. The documents show at least 11 FBI payments to Steele in 2016 and that he was admonished for unknown reasons in February 2016.

In August, Republican lawmakers

indicated that Bruce Ohr is becoming more central to their investigation. And, newly released emails and memos show that Bruce Ohr continued to receive information from Steele in 2017 after the FBI had terminated its relationship with Steele in 2016 for leaking to the media.

“As this sordid scandal continues to unfold, it is increasingly clear that top Justice Department official Bruce Ohr — working in conjunction with his wife and other Clinton-connected Fusion GPS actors — played a key role in laundering false information from Russia about Donald J. Trump,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “The Department of Justice must stop the stonewalling and release these documents as the law requires.” **JW**

### Berry

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According to a witness statement from another individual, Hasan fired three rounds at the briefing room doors.

Howard M. Berry applied for a posthumous award of the Purple Heart to his son. The U.S. Army Decorations Board denied Mr. Berry’s application. In April 2015, the Army belatedly awarded the Purple Heart to 47 servicemembers injured in the Fort Hood attack. Sgt. Berry was not among them.

On April 17, 2016, upon Mr. Berry’s application for review, a three-member panel of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records recommended that all Army records concerning Sgt. Berry be corrected to award Sgt. Berry the Purple Heart. The panel found “[t]here is no question that [Sgt. Berry’s] injury met the basic medical criteria for award of the [Purple Heart].” The Board’s eight-page determination provided a detailed analysis of “the degree to which the enemy (i.e., the terrorist)

caused [Sgt. Berry’s] injury.”

A few months later, however, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Review Boards) Francine C. Blackmon issued a single paragraph memorandum rejecting the Corrections Board’s recommendation:

“I have reviewed the findings, conclusions, and Board member recommendations. I find there is not sufficient evidence to grant relief. Therefore, under the authority of 10 U.S.C. § 1552, I have determined that the facts do not support a conclusion that his injury met the criteria for a Purple Heart.”

In his ruling Judge Cooper said the court could not “meaningfully evaluate the reasoning behind” Blackmon’s decision. Decisions which are “utterly unreviewable,” the judge added, “must be vacated as arbitrary and capricious.” Judge Cooper noted the Army’s final memorandum:

“...provides no meaningful analysis — only a boilerplate determi-

nation ‘that the facts do not support a conclusion that [Berry’s] injury met the criteria for a Purple Heart.’ Why not? Was there conflicting evidence regarding how immediate of a threat Hasan posed to Berry as he sat inside the building? Was the evidence clear but the Deputy Assistant Secretary thought that Berry could have taken cover without injuring himself? Or did she read the regulations as categorically taking the Purple Heart off the table for servicemembers injured while taking cover?

“The denial letter provides no hints. In turn, the Court cannot meaningfully evaluate the reasoning behind it. That is enough to warrant remand.”

“We are thrilled by the court’s ruling and hope the Army quickly comes to its senses and finally awards Sgt. Berry a well-deserved Purple Heart,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. **JW**

# Chronicles

## Millions To Help Immigrants “Foster A Sense Of Belonging And Attachment” To U.S.

The Trump administration keeps pouring money into an Obama-era program that helps foreigners seeking American citizenship by offering them free English, history and civics courses as well as naturalization legal services. A year ago this past summer, the administration kept the program alive with a \$10 million infusion and, in August, another \$10 million went into its coffers. The cash flows via a Citizenship and Assimilation Grant Program operated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The Obama administration dedicated more than \$62 million to similar initiatives, and there was tremendous hope that President Donald Trump would put a stop to the madness, or at least slash funding. Instead, the program has been expanded to include helping refugees and asylees “foster a sense of belonging and attachment to the

United States.”

The original goal, according to the Homeland Security agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States, is to promote the assimilation of lawful residents into the fabric of American society. “Naturalization requirements, such as knowledge of English and of U.S. history and civics, encourage civic learning and build a strong foundation upon which immigrants can fully assimilate into society,” states the initial Homeland Security grant announcement obtained by Judicial Watch. “Through preparing for naturalization, immigrants will gain the tools to become successful citizens and assimilate into our society and meet their responsibilities as United States citizens.” Extending the services to refugees and asylees is meant to promote assimilation for those who have identified naturalization

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**In its final months, the Obama administration doled out \$29 million via USCIS grants to register new, immigrant voters that likely supported Democrats in the presidential election.**

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as a goal but may need additional information, instruction and services to attain it.

American taxpayers will provide candidates with instruction in U.S. history and government for citizenship-test preparation and activities that promote civic and linguistic assimilation. This includes English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction in reading, writing and speaking by specialized teachers. Civic assimilation activities will include local trips to sites and landmarks of historical or cultural significance, guest speakers such as local public servants and other activities that promote in-depth understanding of government functions, geography, traditions, symbols and holidays. Naturalization-application services will include the preparation and submission of forms required by the federal government and appearing at naturalization interviews and hearings with applicants. The money will be disbursed to nonprofits, local governments and schools throughout the country.



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# Portland Mayor Denies Assistance To ICE, Violates City's Equal Protection Policy

During aggressive protests by criminal Occupy Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) rioters at federal facilities in Oregon, Portland's mayor implemented dangerously restrictive police procedures that ordered officers to ignore calls for help from federal law enforcement personnel under attack. Instead of proactive support, the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) was limited to a passive "liaison" role with the Federal Protection Service (FSP). According to records obtained by Judicial Watch, PPB officers were only allowed to respond to life-threatening attacks and 911 calls made by ICE agents and FSP officers.

Portland's mayor, Ted Wheeler, also serves as the city's Police Bureau Commissioner. Wheeler has been a vocal proponent in his commitment to protect criminal illegal aliens, restrict gun rights and support burdensome climate policies. Under his

direction, tensions among protesters and federal law enforcement officers started in mid-June with a camp at ICE facilities in the downtown area and ended in late July with piles of trash in the street. ICE Council leadership reported hard-left antifa members were an active contingent among protesters who besieged the federal immigration processing offices, damaging property and injuring officers.

Documents obtained by Judicial Watch indicate an alarming hands-off approach instituted by PPB management. On June 19, FSP Commander Lopez asked PPB Deputy Chief Robert Day for assistance. Day's refusal in the highly redacted document was clear: "At this time I am denying your request for additional resources from PPB." Officers were directed "not to proactively patrol the area of the demonstration" and to "only respond to calls at



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Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler

the demonstration site that have an immediate life safety concern." On June 21, the mayor's direction was "for PPB to not get involved unless lives are in danger." ICE agents on the ground reported these were the daily orders given at briefings to rank-and-file PPB personnel.

Mayor Wheeler's selective enforcement order conflicts with PPB rules. The Biased-Based Policing Policy states: "The Bureau is dedicated to offering courteous and professional service delivery and providing equal protection, a fundamental right under the Constitution, to all members of the community." Additionally, all employees are expected to "reduce crime and the fear of crime by working with all citizens." Police officers and managers are mandated to "respond to requests for police assistance." Law enforcement sources familiar with the situation communicated: "When local police disengage from proactive responsibilities and assistance, one

## National Immigration and Custom Enforcement Council cease and desist letter to Portland mayor

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**CEASE AND DESIST**

July 30, 2018

Mayor Ted Wheeler  
1221 SW 4th Ave, Room 340  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Sir,

I represent the National Immigration and Customs Enforcement Council ("Council"). The Council and I assert that your current policy forbidding Portland law enforcement agencies from assisting employees of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency ("ICE") who request law enforcement assistance while at or away from work is a violation of the United States Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. As you are aware, the 14th Amendment forbids the government from denying any person or persons equal protection of the laws. Your policy of not providing police services to employees of ICE creates a class of people based upon their source of income. You have failed to articulate why these people deserve to be the target of your ire and, you have failed to articulate the legitimate government interest protected or supported by your targeting of hardworking citizens. We understand that you have a difference of opinion with the current President of the United States, and some of his policies, but we fail to see why targeting the employees of ICE and leaving them vulnerable to violence, harassment and even death furthers a legitimate government interest. Your policy has created a zone of terror and lawlessness. We ask that you end your policy of not responding to calls for police services from ICE employees immediately. Our membership has been subjected to threats of physical violence and harassment since you announced your policy.

We are requesting a meeting with you to discuss how you can provide law enforcement services to ICE employees. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to schedule a meeting between yourself and my clients. We would like to avoid federal litigation, but we are prepared to protect our membership and their

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## Mayor

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can expect masked, helmeted and shielded protestors to assault and endanger federal officers.” On July 31, the National ICE Council sent a cease and desist letter to the Mayor.

In contrast to the stated commitment of city government to provide equal and effective protection, the owner of the ICE processing building, Stuart Lindquist, was singled out among taxpayers. He received a limited and restrictive law-enforcement response during the Occupy ICE demonstrations. Portland Police documents confirmed: “If Stuart Linquist [sic] or any other Linquist [sic] calls for police assistance that doesn’t fit the ‘life safety concern’ criteria, please refer him or her to the Mayor.” Mr. Lindquist told Judicial Watch:

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**According to records obtained by Judicial Watch, PPB [Portland Police Bureau] officers were only allowed to respond to life-threatening attacks and 911 calls made by ICE agents and FPS [Federal Protection Service] officers.**

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“It’s quite an issue and of course we were without service for a month and a half. It’s something. This is a liberal town but even so.”

Judicial Watch filed two other

public records requests with the PBB to determine if Wheeler’s denial of assistance violates federal contractual or Memorandum of Understanding obligations. **JW**

## Immigrants

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Similar programs, also funded with USCIS grants, were incredibly popular during the Obama years, and Judicial Watch monitored them closely. It was part of a broader, government-wide initiative launched by the former president to “strengthen federal immigrant and refugee integration infrastructure.” The mission was to facilitate life in the United States for immigrants and refugees by enhancing pathways to naturalization, building welcoming communities and providing “mobile immigration services in underserved communities.” To carry out the mission, Obama created a special Task Force on New Americans chaired by his domestic policy director, Cecilia Muñoz, the former vice president of the powerful open-borders group National Council of La Raza (NCLR). Millions of taxpayer dollars flowed to the task force’s various enterprises, including multilingual media campaigns promoting immigrant rights. The goal was to “strengthen civic,

economic and linguistic integration and to build strong and welcoming communities,” according to a report issued by the task force.

In its final months, the Obama administration doled out \$29 million via USCIS grants to register new, immigrant voters that likely supported Democrats in the presidential election. Officially, it was described as “citizenship integration” aimed at enhancing pathways to naturalization by offering immigrants free citizenship instruction, English, U.S. history and civics courses. The money flowed through two

separate USCIS grants, the first for \$19 million and a second, just five months later, for \$10 million. That grant came in a final push before the presidential election to prepare approximately 25,000 residents from more than 50 countries. More than a dozen states — including California, New York, Florida, Washington and Ohio — with large resident immigrant populations were targeted as well as cities with huge immigrant populations such as Miami, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. **JW**



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# Uncovered

## Judicial Watch Sues Defense Department On Behalf Of Whistleblower

**Former NSC Director questioned lucrative Defense contracts with Spygate figure and firm owned by Chelsea Clinton's friend**

Former Pentagon analyst and White House National Security Council Director Adam Lovinger questioned lucrative contracts with alleged Trump campaign spy Stefan Halper, as well as Long Term Strategy Group, a firm owned by Chelsea Clinton's friend Jacqueline Newmyer Deal, for which he lost his security clearance.

Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit in August on behalf of Lovinger, whose security clearance was pulled after he raised concerns regarding lucrative

government contracts awarded to Stefan Halper and Long Term Strategy Group, a consulting firm owned by Chelsea Clinton's friend Jacqueline Newmyer Deal (*Adam S. Lovinger v. U.S. Department of Defense* (No. 1:18-cv-01914)). Halper has been identified as being used as an informant by the Obama administration against President Trump's campaign.

*The Washington Times* reported on the contracts in question:

"According to USASpending.gov,

Mr. Halper was paid \$411,000 by Washington Headquarters Services on Sept. 26, 2016 for a contract that ran until this March. [Also] a string of contracts totaling \$11 million [was granted] to D.C. consulting firm Long Term Strategy Group. It is headed by Jacqueline Newmyer Deal, a self-described 'best friend' of Chelsea Clinton."

Lovinger filed his complaint in the fall of 2016. In May 2017, Lovinger's security clearance was initially suspended by Barbara Westgate, the director of Washington Headquarters Services and an Obama-appointee. A few months later, the Pentagon's Consolidated Adjudications Facility (CAF) "issued an unfavorable clearance determination and Mr. Lovinger's clearance was revoked," a Defense Department spokesman informed *The Washington Times*. The CAF is part of the Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) and reports directly to Westgate.

In September 2017, Lovinger filed a whistleblower reprisal complaint against the CAF, which determines security-clearance eligibility of non-intelligence personnel, Westgate and James H. Baker, the DOD's director of net assessment, who recommended the contract awards to Halper and Long Term Strategy Group.

In December 2017, Lovinger filed a Privacy Act request seeking:

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADAM S. LOVINGER	)	Civil Action No.
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE,	)	
1400 Defense Pentagon	)	
Washington, DC 20301,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Adam S. Lovinger brings this action against Defendant U.S. Department of Defense to compel compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 ("FOIA") and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a ("Privacy Act"). As grounds therefor, Plaintiff alleges as follows:

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.



## Records

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"Any and all emails or similar electronic messaging transmissions referencing the word 'Lovinger'; whether in the title or body of said communications(s); between May 1, 2017 and present; to, from, or copied to the following individuals:

"A. Mr. Edward Fish, Director DoD CAF

"B. Mr. Daniel Purtill, Deputy Director DoD CAF

"C. Mr. Ronald Freels, Adjudications Directorate Chief."

In March 2018, the Defense Department responded, treating his request as both a Privacy Act and a Freedom of Information (FOIA) request and admitting it found 75 pages of responsive documents but was withholding them all in their entirety. Lovinger was informed that Fish, against whom the whistleblower complaint had been filed, also was the

official who determined the documents should be withheld.

In April 2018, Lovinger appealed the Defense Department's determination. Over four months later, the appeal had not been addressed. Washington Headquarters Services has refused repeated requests to recuse itself from further involvement in this case despite an apparent conflict of interest. Under existing Department of Defense policy, WHS officials reporting to Westgate will be the final arbiter of Lovinger's case, which cannot be appealed to the courts.

Also, the DOD has yet to comply with Lovinger's Privacy Act Request.

Before his work on the NSC, Lovinger was a strategic affairs analyst in the Office of Net Assessment at the Pentagon, where he specialized in issues related to U.S.-India relations, the Persian Gulf and sub-Saharan Africa. He is also an attorney and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service and McCourt School of Public Policy.

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**"Mr. Lovinger was targeted because he blew the whistle on Stefan Halper and a Clinton crony getting suspicious Defense contracts."**

*-Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton*

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"Mr. Lovinger was targeted because he blew the whistle on Stefan Halper and a Clinton crony getting suspicious Defense contracts," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "It is disturbing that the Defense Department may now be implicated in Spygate targeting of President Trump."

Lovinger is also represented by Sean M. Bigley, a national-security attorney and a partner at Bigley Ranish LLP. **JW**

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# NPR Finds Most School Shootings In Fed Report Didn't Actually Occur

Even the notoriously liberal, government-funded National Public Radio (NPR) couldn't ignore the facts when it discovered the overwhelming majority of school shootings listed in a federal report never occurred. The disturbing "blunder" involves Department of Education figures stating that schools around the U.S. reported an alarming 235 shootings in one year. NPR launched an investigation and actually contacted every one of the schools included in the Education Department data, which was gathered by its Office for Civil Rights. The figures focus on the 2015-2016 school year and reveal that "nearly 240 schools...reported at least one incident involving a school-related shooting."

Three months later, after every school was contacted by NPR, the stats changed drastically. More than two-thirds of the reported gun incidents never happened, according to the news outlet. "We were able to confirm just 11 reported incidents, either directly with schools or through media reports," the article states. "In 161 cases, schools or districts attested that no incident took place or couldn't confirm one. In at least four cases, we found, some-



thing did happen, but it didn't meet the government's parameters for a shooting. About a quarter of schools didn't respond to our inquiries."

A program director at the non-profit research organization that assisted NPR in analyzing the bogus government data is quoted in the piece saying: "When we're talking about such an important and rare event, [this] amount of data error could be very meaningful."

Even though the Department of Education is the agency responsible for disseminating the erroneous information, in typical government fashion, it shrugged it off as no big deal. When asked for comment by reporters, the agency said it relies on school districts to provide accurate information. Evidently, the federal agency doesn't bother checking data before publishing it as fact. In the

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Judicial Watch Uncovers: No FISA Court Hearings Held On Carter Page Warrants

In the filing, the Justice Department argued that the records, which include an affidavit from the FBI's Intelligence Surveillance Court held by the Justice Department, were first issued in 2010 and were never used.

Justice Department court filing

FOIA counsel, Office of Legal Counsel, and the FBI's Office of Intelligence Operations, all of whom determined that

Strzok Drafted Comey Letter About Clinton Emails On Weiner Laptop

Judicial Watch in September released 23 pages of FBI records, including an email revealing that former FBI agent Peter Strzok had drafted an initial draft of the October 2016 letter that FBI Director James Comey sent to the Justice Department, warning of the discovery of Hillary Clinton's emails on a laptop owned by her campaign aide, Anthony Weiner.

Strzok's draft letter stated that the FBI had not yet completed its review of Clinton's emails by the time Comey sent his letter to the Justice Department on November 6, 2016, recommending his belief that, based on the information he had at the time, the records were produced under a FOIA lawsuit (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice, Case No. 18-cv-01448) filed after the Justice Department



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meantime, the Education Department has no plans to correct the errors. The article points out that the confusion comes at a time when the need for clear data on school violence has never been more pressing. Dozens of school-safety measures have been enacted nationwide on the heels of high-profile school shootings in Texas and Florida, and public districts are allocating large sums to boost campus security. "Our reporting highlights just how difficult it can be to track school-related shootings and how researchers, educators and policymakers are hindered by a lack of data on gun violence," the NPR piece reads.

This is hardly an isolated incident of government inefficiency, but the seriousness of the matter should inspire the feds to provide the public — and policymakers — with accurate information. Instead, the Department of Education, a typical

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bloated agency with a \$59 billion budget, passed the buck to the so-called civil rights data collection division, which apparently plays fast and loose with facts.

In the report with the skewed stats, schools were asked: "Has there been at least one incident at your school that involved a shooting (regardless of whether anyone was hurt)?" The Department of Education should have known better than to blindly publish the information. All it had to do was check out the easily available figures provided by a reputable group that maintains a



reliable gun-safety database. (The database may be viewed online here: <http://jwatch.us/Everytown>). For the same school year that the Education Department listed 235 shootings, the group had only 29. "There is little overlap between this list and the government's, with only seven schools appearing on both," the NPR story says. **JW**

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# In the Media

**Pro-Trump Pentagon analyst stripped of security clearance launches 'deep state' lawsuit**

*The Washington Times*

August 20, 2018

A conservative watchdog group has filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of Adam Lovinger, the Trump-supporting Pentagon analyst whose security clearance was revoked.

Mr. Lovinger had complained internally about lucrative contracts going to Stefan Halper, the FBI informant who spied on the president's campaign.

Judicial Watch's lawsuit in U.S. District Court asks a judge to order the Pentagon to release 75 pages of emails and other electronic messages that mention Mr. Lovinger. The messages are in the possession of the Consolidated Adjudications Facility, which has refused to release them.

**Watchdog Sues Pentagon on Behalf of Whistleblower who questioned contracts to 'Spygate' Figure**

*The Daily Caller*

August 20, 2018

The watchdog group **Judicial Watch** is suing the Department of Defense on behalf of a Pentagon analyst who said he was stripped of his security clearance after raising concerns about contracts given to Stefan Halper, the FBI informant who spied on the Trump campaign.

Adam Lovinger, a former analyst at the Office of Net Assessment (ONA), the Pentagon's internal think tank, had filed public records requests seeking information about the Pentagon's decision to strip him of his security clearance in May 2017.

Months earlier, Lovinger, a 12-year veteran of ONA, had filed a complaint with his boss, ONA Director James



JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Cuomo Prime Time" on CNN, Sept. 2018

Baker, about contracts that went to Halper as well as to a firm called Long Term Strategic Group, a consulting company owned by Clinton friend Jacqueline Newmeyer Deal.

**Justice Department official in Trump's crosshairs faces lawmakers Tuesday**

*CNN*

August 28, 2018

(CNN) Bruce Ohr, the career Justice Department official targeted by President Donald Trump as a "creep" and a "disgrace," is facing a grilling

by Republican lawmakers Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

The closed-door session is expected to focus on Ohr's relationship with Christopher Steele, the British spy behind the dossier that included salacious and unverified intelligence on Trump and Russia.

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"He's central to the universe of Christopher Steele and the Clinton-DNC-funded dossier and the investigation and targeting of President Trump," said Tom Fitton, the president of **Judicial Watch**, a conservative watchdog group that has sued to obtain government documents about Ohr.

Ohr's relationship with Steele has roots far beyond Steele's work for Fusion GPS into Trump.

**"It is astonishing that the FISA courts couldn't hold hearings on Spy Warrants targeting Donald Trump."**

*~ Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton*

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**As Washington mourns McCain, Trump tends to grievances on Twitter**

*The Washington Post*  
September 1, 2018

President Trump, who has relished standing apart from Washington's

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political establishment, found himself more isolated than ever Saturday, airing his latest grievances and retreating to his private golf course in Virginia as his peers gathered to pay homage to the late senator John McCain.

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In another pair of tweets Saturday to his 54 million followers, Trump promoted an article from CNSNews.com, a conservative website, that suggested a recent report from **Judicial Watch**, a conservative government watchdog group, contained a bombshell revelation: A U.S. surveillance court failed to hold any hearings when granting and renewing warrants to monitor the movements and communications of ex-Trump campaign adviser Carter Page in 2016 and 2017.

Trump quoted **Judicial Watch** President Tom Fitton alleging “corruption” within the FBI and Department of Justice and the leadership of those agencies “being out to lunch” in seeking accountability.

#### **The New York Times fails to acknowledge the crises of public confidence**

**The New York Post**

**September 1, 2018**

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In leaked portions of his testimony, Ohr said he warned the FBI that Steele was determined to block Trump’s election and that Ohr’s wife, Nellie Ohr, a Russian specialist, was working with Steele in compiling the anti-Trump manifesto. Such facts would help a judge get a balanced view of Steele’s motives and the FBI’s conflicts of interest.

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But the FBI reportedly never mentioned Ohr’s warnings to FISA judges or admitted it fired Steele. And now we learn, thanks to a **Judicial Watch** lawsuit, that FISA judges never held a single hearing before approving the request to spy on Page.

This month marks the two-year anniversary of those events, but still the public remains largely in the

dark about what appears to be an illicit attempt by the FBI to block Trump’s election.

#### **Trump Quotes Judicial Watch: No FISA Hearings on Page Warrants**

**NewsMax**

**September 1, 2018**

President Donald Trump, in a pair of tweets Saturday, attacked FBI and Department of Justice officials about the surveillance warrants issued on his former campaign aide, Carter Page.

“There were no FISA hearings held over Spy documents,” he said in the first tweet, moving on to quote **Judicial Watch** president Tom Fitton: “It is astonishing that the FISA courts couldn’t hold hearings on Spy Warrants targeting Donald Trump. It isn’t about Carter Page, it’s about the Trump Campaign. You’ve got corruption at the DOJ & FBI. The leadership...of the DOJ & FBI are completely out to lunch in terms of

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### JW Earns Nationwide Media Coverage

August 19, 2018 – September 19, 2018

**The following list partially details recent radio and television appearances by Judicial Watch spokesmen, as well as general television and radio coverage of Judicial Watch’s investigations and lawsuits.**

#### Radio

8/22	WNYM	New York, NY – Live
8/27	WIOD	Miami, FL - Mention
8/31	WBAP	Dallas, TX - Mention
8/31	WAMU	Washington, DC - Mention
9/4	WJR	Detroit, MI - Mention
9/4	WDEL	Philadelphia, PA - Mention
9/6	Lars Larson Radio	National – Live
9/6	KZNR	Bakersfield, CA – Live
9/11	Kilmeade Radio	National – Live
9/11	Hannity Radio	National – Live
9/13	WMAL	National – Live
9/14	KTFK	St. Louis, MO – Live
9/18	WOAI	San Antonio, TX – Live
9/18	Newsmax TV	National – Live
9/19	Sirius XM	National – Live

#### TV

8/19	OAN	National – Live
8/22	Fox Business Network	National – Live
8/24	Fox Business Network	National – Live
8/24	Fox Business Network	National – Live
8/29	Fox News Channel	National – Live
8/31	Fox Business Network	National – Live
8/31	Fox News Channel	National – Live
9/1	Fox News Channel	National – Live
9/4	Fox Business Network	National – Live
9/11	Fox News Channel	National – Live
9/12	Fox Business Network	National – Live
9/15	Fox News Channel	National – Live
9/17	Fox Business Network	National – Live
9/18	Newsmax TV	National – Live
9/19	Fox News Channel	National – Live
9/19	Fox Business Network	National – Live

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exposing and holding those accountable who are responsible for that corruption.”

The Fitton comments came from a [Judicial Watch](#) report that said a court overseeing Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) requests had had no hearings concerning applications about Page.

Trump's comments came a day after [Judicial Watch](#)'s report was published.

#### [Trump attacks FBI, Canada, media as McCain motorcade passes White House](#)

**USA Today**  
**September 1, 2018**

As the solemn motorcade carrying the body of Sen. John McCain made its way past the Washington Monument Saturday morning, within eyesight of the White House, President Donald Trump was busily churning out a series of tweets attacking the



FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

FBI, Department of Justice, the news media and Canada.

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The topic, on McCain's final day in Washington, D.C., involved the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. He quoted from a Friday

night appearance on Fox's Hannity program by Tom Fitton, president of [Judicial Watch](#), a conservative activist group, who warned “you've got corruption” at the Justice Department and FBI. [JW](#)

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