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Judicial Watch Sues For Clinton-DNC Dossier FISA Documents



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U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit on February 2 against the Justice Department for FBI documents regarding the FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) warrant application submitted to — and responses from — the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) related to alleged collusion between Russia and Trump campaign associates (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-00245)).

JW filed suit in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia after the Justice Depart-

ment rejected a July 19, 2017 FOIA request for:

- “Copies of all proposed and all final signed FISA applications submitted to the FISC relating to Russian interference in the 2016 election, allegations of collusion between people associated with the Trump campaign and Russia, and any known Trump associates regardless of context;
- “Copies of all FISC responses to the above-mentioned applications in which the Court notified the

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JW Finds More Classified Info On Clinton’s Unsecure Email System

Judicial Watch on January 19 released 78 pages of new documents from the U.S. Department of State containing emails of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sent and received over her unsecure, non-“state.gov” email system. Three of the email exchanges include classified information. The emails also reveal that Clinton had detailed knowledge about the security issues within her non-State Department email system.

On March 8, 2011, Hillary Clinton sent classified information regarding Bahrain to Justin Cooper, who reportedly had no security



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Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

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FBI or Justice Department that it would not grant the proposed applications or recommended changes. If any such FISC responses were provided orally, rather than in writing, please provide copies of FBI or Justice Department records memorializing or otherwise referencing the relevant FISC responses; and


- “Copies of all FISC orders relating to the above-mentioned applications, whether denying the applications and certifications, denying the orders, modifying the orders, granting the orders, or other types of orders.”

“The January 18, 2018 House Intel Committee memo on ‘Foreign Intelligence Act Abuses at the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation’ makes a compelling case that the FISA court was misled and severely abused by top officials in the Justice Department and FBI,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “The American people should be able to see for themselves the details of how the Obama-administration officials (and Rod Rosenstein of the Trump administration) justified spying on the Trump team. From what we



Barack Obama

know publicly, this may be the worst government-abuse scandal in a generation — which makes it urgent for the Justice Department to stop stonewalling the release of the alleged Trump-Russia collusion FISA documents.”

The entire House Intelligence Committee memo may be accessed at the Judicial Watch website: <http://jwatch.us/Nunesmemo>. 

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*~ Judicial Watch President,
Tom Fitton*

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House Intelligence Committee memorandum

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January 18, 2018		Declassified by order of the President: February 2, 2018	
To:	HPSCI Majority Members		
From:	HPSCI Majority Staff		
Subject:	Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Abuses at the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation		
Purpose			
This memorandum provides Members an update on significant facts relating to the Committee's ongoing investigation into the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and their use of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) during the 2016 presidential election cycle. Our findings, which are detailed below, 1) raise concerns with the legitimacy and legality of certain DOJ and FBI interactions with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), and 2) represent a troubling breakdown of legal processes established to protect the American people from abuses related to the FISA process.			



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FBI Protecting Comey?

By Tom Fitton



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The more we learn about the FBI under James Comey's supervision, the more we have reason to question the activities of the fired FBI director. Because he left a trail of suspicious activities in his wake, Comey now stands out as a key figure in the Deep State's illicit attempts to target President Trump.

And, it looks like the Deep State is protecting Comey, still. We were forced to file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit for FBI records about former Director Comey's book, which he signed to write in August 2017 and is set for publication in April 2018 (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice*, (No. 1:18-cv-00220)).

Our suit also seeks records of communications between Comey and the FBI prior to and regarding Comey's controversial June 2017 testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

We filed suit on January 31 in the U.S. District Court for the District of

Columbia after the Justice Department failed to respond to our August 14, 2017 FOIA request for:

- "All records of communications between the FBI and Comey prior to and regarding Comey's testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on June 8, 2017.
- "All records of communications between the FBI and Comey relating to an upcoming book to be authored by Comey and published.
- "All records, including but not limited to forms completed by Comey, relating to the requirement for prepublication review by the FBI of any book to be authored by Comey with the intent to be published or otherwise publicly available."

Comey reportedly received an advance in excess of \$2 million for his book, *Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies, and Leadership*, set for publication on April 17. Former FBI agents and officials intending to write books concerning their tenure are customarily required to submit the entire transcript for pre-publication review.

A month after President Trump fired Comey on May 9, 2017, Comey provided highly controversial testimony before the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence about the circumstances that led to his dismissal, the ongoing investigation into alleged Russian interference in the 2016



FBI building, Washington, D.C.

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presidential election and his handling of the investigation into Hillary Clinton's illicit email server. During that testimony, Comey admitted he leaked information about his conversations with President Donald Trump in order to get a special prosecutor appointed. (In November, we filed a separate FOIA lawsuit against the Justice Department for its records about Comey's testimony.)

Comey seems to have protected status for any misconduct, and we want to know if he had a special deal for his book from his friends in the

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**Tom Fitton tweet about
 Judicial Watch lawsuit on
 Comey book deal**



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clearance, with instructions to show it to Bill Clinton. Cooper was the Bill Clinton aide who asked State Department IT specialist Bryan Pagliano to build a server for Mrs. Clinton in early 2009 as she started her new job as secretary of state.

On August 24, 2010, Clinton emailed Cooper additional classified information to print, including the secretary's call sheet for Indian Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee.

In a February 13, 2010 email exchange, Hillary Clinton passed along classified information to Cooper, which originally was sent to Cheryl Mills (Clinton's then-chief of staff) by U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Carlos Pascual. The classified information included a note from Mexican Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa to Hillary Clinton. In the email to Cooper, Clinton asks him to "look for Espinosa's note and respond."

The documents are part of the accelerated schedule of production ordered by U.S. District Court Judge James E. Boasberg, which requires the State Department to complete processing by September 28, 2018 the remaining documents of the 72,000 pages recovered by the FBI in its investigation into Hillary Clinton's illicit email server. These new,

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The newly released documents also reveal Hillary Clinton's knowledge of system vulnerabilities.

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classified and other emails appear to be among those that Clinton had attempted to delete or had otherwise failed to disclose.

Judge Boasberg's November 30, 2017 order came in a Judicial Watch Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed on May 6, 2015 (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State* (No. 1:15-cv-00687)) seeking:

"All emails sent or received by former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in her official capacity as Secretary of State, as well as all emails by other State Department employees to Secretary Clinton regarding her non-'state.gov' email address."

The newly released documents also reveal Hillary Clinton's knowledge of system vulnerabilities; Cooper's giving computer security advice; and foreign policy advice from Sidney Blumenthal, who was rejected by the

Obama administration for a position at the State Department:

- The emails reveal that Hillary Clinton was warned about 'overseas' and other security issues concerning her emails and her personal BlackBerrys. An email from Cooper to Clinton on June 6, 2011 states:

"All of your older messages will remain on the server. There is a way for me to move everything on to the new device, but the security whizzes have convinced me that this is a horrible thing to do because you also transfer any viruses, spyware and junk overseas providers hide on there. We also have some new security features and polices [sic] that I would like to add to any new berry you have — the most noticeable difference will require a more complex password. It is a constant fight to keep up with the security measures and unfortunately we keep seeing reminders of why we need to."

- Clinton was the subject of a grand jury investigation into her BlackBerry email accounts. In June 2017, Judicial Watch submitted evidence to the court that Clinton knowingly used an unsecure BlackBerry device despite being warned by "security hawks" against doing so.
- The emails also reveal that despite Clinton's claims that she "really didn't stop to think about what kind of email system there would be," she was deeply involved in a wide variety of issues involving her server and her use of the non-secure email system. Discussions include:

- ▶ A March 8, 2012 email exchange among Cooper,

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U.S. Department of State headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Message

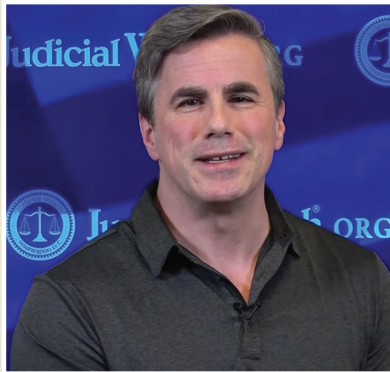
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FBI. The Deep State is in cover-up mode. The FBI, Justice Department and the Special Counsel are stonewalling our requests for Comey documents.

We have several other lawsuits pending for Comey-related records:

- Two lawsuits seek specifically the “Comey memos” (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:17-cv-01189)) and (*Daily Caller News Foundation v. U.S. Department Justice* (No. 1:17-cv-01830));
- One lawsuit seeks metadata of the “Comey memos” and related records-management information (*Judicial Watch, Inc., v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 17-cv-01520)); and
- Another lawsuit seeks non-disclosure agreements pertaining to the handling, storage, protection, dissemination, and/or return of classified information signed by Comey

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(*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:17-cv-01624)).

On January 11, U.S. District Judge James E. Boasberg ordered the FBI to turn over the “Comey memos” for in camera review by the court. In doing so, the court rejected arguments by the Sessions Justice Department to dismiss the lawsuits seeking the

Comey information.

Unfortunately, on February 2, Boasberg ruled that the “Comey memos” would not be made public. Judicial Watch and The Daily Caller News Foundation almost immediately appealed the ruling. We don't intend to let up in our pursuit of the truth about the egregious conduct of the FBI's former director. **JW**

FBI Will Review 16,750 Pages of Comey Documents in Response to Judicial Watch FOIA

In response to continued pressure from Judicial Watch, the FBI agreed to review 16,750 pages of records in response to a JW Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the records for former FBI Director James Comey that were archived after President Trump dismissed him as FBI director. The FBI originally failed to respond to the Judicial Watch FOIA request but agreed to review the documents after JW filed a FOIA lawsuit to obtain the Comey records (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-00262)).

Judicial Watch discovered the cache of Comey records as a result of disclosures by the Justice Department in separate Judicial Watch litigation to obtain the controversial “Comey memos” that allegedly memorialize conversations Comey had with President Trump.

There is significant public interest in Comey's conduct and the FBI's handling of the Clinton email and Russia collusion investigations and targeting of President (and candidate) Trump.

“The FBI has a terrible record of playing shell games with

records — whether it be texts or memos by its disgraced former Director James Comey,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “Our lawsuit, we hope, will force the FBI to expedite the review and the release of the 16,750 pages of Comey documents. Open the files.”



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Pagliano and Clinton about the server and email.

- ▶ A September 29, 2009 email exchange between Cooper and Clinton about the backup of emails.
- ▶ An August 31, 2011 email between Cooper and Hillary Clinton about the setting up of Clinton's iPad.
- In an email on February 12, 2010, Sidney Blumenthal writes Clinton a memo passing along a speech on Saudi Arabia by Chas Freeman, former ambassador to Saudi Arabia, urging closer U.S. ties with the Saudi Kingdom. Blumenthal also reportedly worked for the Clinton Foundation.

"The fact that Hillary Clinton and her agents tried to destroy or hide emails shows how she flagrantly and knowingly violated the laws that protect classified information and

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Clinton was the subject of a grand jury investigation into her BlackBerry email accounts.

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government records," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "And, these new emails refute Hillary Clinton's repeated claims of having little or no knowledge about her email system. She clearly was fully in charge of setting up her outlaw email system and overseeing its use. When will the Justice Department act?"

Last year, the FBI uncovered 72,000 pages of documents Clinton attempted to delete or did not otherwise disclose. Until the court intervened and established a new deadline, the State Department had been slow-walking the release of those documents at a rate that would have required Judicial Watch and the American people to wait until at least 2020 to see all the releasable

Clinton material.

Prior to the FBI investigation, Clinton repeatedly stated that the 55,000 pages of documents she turned over to the State Department in December 2014 included all of her work-related emails. In response to a court order in another Judicial Watch case, she declared under penalty of perjury that she had "directed that all my emails on clintonemail.com in my custody that were or are potentially federal records be provided to the Department of State, and on information and belief, this has been done."

In a related case involving emails found on the laptop of disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner, who was the husband of former Clinton aide Huma Abedin, Judicial Watch discovered that Clinton failed to turn over 67 additional emails, bringing the total to at least 694 emails that Hillary Clinton failed to turn over and further contradicting a statement that, "as far as she knew," all of her government emails had been turned over to the State Department. **JW**

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Court Report

Judicial Watch Sues For Text Messages Of FBI's Strzok And Page

Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information (FOIA) lawsuit on January 24 against the Justice Department for text messages and other records of FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-00154)).

JW filed suit after the Justice Department failed to respond to a December 4, 2017 FOIA request for:

- “All records of communications, including but not limited to, emails, text messages and instant chats, between FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page;
- “All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Peter Strzok; and
- “All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Lisa Page.”



FBI official Peter Strzok, who exchanged 375 text messages with Department of Justice attorney Lisa Page



FBI attorney Lisa Page outside her Capitol Hill home in Washington, D.C.

The text messages are of public interest because Strzok and Page were key investigators in the Clinton email and Trump-Russia collusion investigations. Strzok was reportedly removed from the Mueller investigative team in August and reassigned to a human resources position after it was discovered that he and an FBI lawyer, Lisa Page, who worked for FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe and with whom Strzok was carrying

on an extramarital affair, exchanged pro-Clinton and anti-Trump text messages.

Strzok reportedly oversaw the FBI's interviews of former National Security Adviser, General Michael Flynn; changed former FBI Director James Comey's language about Hillary Clinton's actions regarding her illicit email server from “grossly negligent” to “extremely careless;” played a lead role in the FBI's interview of Clinton; and is suspected of being responsible for using the unverified Trump Dossier to obtain a FISA warrant in order to spy on President Trump's campaign.

Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI), chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, revealed in a letter dated January 20 that the FBI claimed it was unable to preserve text messages for a five-month period between Decem-

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Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe

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“It is shameful the FBI and DOJ played shell games with these smoking-gun text messages.”

~ Judicial Watch
 President Tom Fitton

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ber 14, 2016 and May 17, 2017 due to “misconfiguration issues” with FBI-issued phones used by Strzok and Page.

Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz announced on January 25 that his office “succeeded in using forensic tools to recover missing text messages from FBI devices.” The missing/recovered messages span dates between the presidential transition and the launch of Robert Mueller’s Russia probe, where both

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Peter Strzok changed former FBI Director James Comey’s language about Hillary Clinton’s actions regarding her illicit email server from “grossly negligent” to “extremely careless.”

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FBI Director Christopher Wray

Strzok and Page worked.

The Strzok-Page text messages are potentially responsive to several pending Judicial Watch FOIA lawsuits but the FBI has yet to produce any of the records or otherwise be forthcoming about these newly disclosed materials.

“I don’t believe for one minute that the Strzok-Page texts were ever really missing,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “The IRS told us



Michael Horowitz, the Justice Department’s inspector general

that Lois Lerner’s emails were ‘missing,’ and we forced them to admit they existed and deliver them to us. The State Department hid the Clinton emails but our FOIA lawsuits famously blew open that cover-up. We fully intend to get the Strzok and Page documents. And it is shameful the FBI and DOJ have been playing shell games with these smoking-gun text messages. Frankly, FBI Director Wray needs to stop the stonewalling.” **JW**

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Justice Dept. Refuses To Release Mueller's Budget Proposal For Special Counsel Office

Judicial Watch on January 23 announced that the U.S. Department of Justice refuses to release the proposed budget of Robert Mueller's Special Counsel Office. JW is seeking the information through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:17-cv-02079)).

Judicial Watch sought "the copy of the budget prepared or submitted" by Special Counsel Robert Mueller. But, on January 19, the Justice Department notified Judicial Watch that it refuses to turn over documents, stating:

"Seven pages were located that contain records responsive to your...request. We have determined that this material should be withheld in full because it is protected from disclosure under the FOIA."

The Justice Department asserts the Mueller budget information cannot be released because its release could interfere with "law enforcement proceedings" and claims the material is protected from disclosure by the FOIA "deliberative process privilege."

JW filed its FOIA lawsuit against the Justice Department on October

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**The Justice Department
thus far has ignored
Judicial Watch's
requests for documents
about its management
of the Mueller operation.**

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Special Counsel Robert Mueller

5, 2017 to obtain the budget information after it failed to respond to a Judicial Watch FOIA request for:

- "A copy of the budget prepared and submitted by Robert S. Mueller III or his staff...."
- "A copy of all guidance memoranda and communications by which the Justice Management Division will review the Special Counsel's Office's 'Statement of Expenditures'..."
- "A copy of each document scoping, regulating, or governing the Special Counsel's Office appointed under the leadership of Mueller III..."

The Justice Department thus far has ignored Judicial Watch's requests for documents about its management of the Mueller operation.

The agency did send Judicial Watch a copy of a previously published document showing expenditures by the Special Counsel's Office from May 17, 2017 to September 30, 2017. The total expenditure listed

amounted to \$3,213,695, nearly a million dollars per month.

On July 7, 2017, *The Washington Post* reported that Special Counsel Mueller submitted a proposed budget to the Justice Department "but officials declined to make the document public and committed only to releasing reports of the team's expenditures every six months."

Judicial Watch is pursuing numerous additional FOIA lawsuits related to the surveillance, unmasking and illegal leaking targeting President Trump and his associates during the FBI's investigation of potential Russian involvement in the 2016 presidential election.

"Special Counsel Mueller's operation is not above the law," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "The American people have a right to know how much taxpayer money is planned for his massive investigation. No one else in D.C. seems to be providing oversight of the Mueller operation so, once again, it is up to the citizens' group Judicial Watch to fight for accountability." JW

Chronicles

The Russian Dossier: Enter, Sid

The strange case of the Russian dossier has gotten even stranger with a January 30 report from *The Guardian* raising a name from the seamy side of Clinton past. A “second Trump-Russia dossier” has been turned over to the FBI, *The Guardian* reported. The second dossier was compiled by Cody Shearer, who *The Guardian* identifies as a “a controversial political activist and former journalist who was close to the Clinton White House in the 1990s.”

That’s putting it mildly. Shearer, in fact, has long been linked to the sleaziest aspects of the Clinton operation, mainly through his close relationship with Clinton confidant Sidney Blumenthal. Longtime observers of the Clinton ecosystem know that when Cody appears, Sid is not far behind. A ceaseless schemer, Blumenthal was so offensive to the Obama White House that he was banned from an official role at Mrs. Clinton’s State Department. But that barely slowed him down. As

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Hillary Clinton advisor Sidney Blumenthal, 2015

documented by Judicial Watch and others, Blumenthal was a constant presence by Mrs. Clinton’s side during her State Department years.

Blumenthal and Shearer are connected to a global network of intelligence and military freelancers. They played a dangerous game meddling in Libyan affairs after the fall of Muammar Gaddafi. They supplied intelligence to Secretary of State Clinton in the weeks leading up to the Benghazi debacle and pitched deals to make money off the Libyan turmoil. *ProPublica* reports at length on Blumenthal and Shearer’s Libyan efforts here: <https://jwatch.us/Sidemail>. According to Judicial Watch’s reporting, during Mrs. Clinton’s State Department tenure, Blumenthal also promoted African business deals and meddled in European Union elections.

As for Shearer, he has a long

history of dirty tricks. He’s been linked to Whitewater-era efforts to dirty up Bill Clinton critics; to shakedown politics involving the Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian tribe; and to fronting for Bosnian Serb butcher Radovan Karadzic.

The Guardian reports that the new Shearer document makes some of the same allegations about Mr. Trump as the original Christopher Steele dossier, including “lewd acts at a five-star hotel” in Moscow. It also notes that Steele passed on the Shearer report to the FBI in October 2016 but would not vouch for its accuracy. That’s worth pausing over.

According to *The Guardian*, Steele provided the FBI “a copy [of the Shearer report] because it corresponded with what he had separately heard from his own independent sources.” If the reporting here is accurate,

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Radical Islamic Scholar Hillary Let Back Into U.S. As Secretary Of State Jailed For Rape

The radical Islamic scholar that Hillary Clinton let back into the U.S. after a lengthy ban over terrorist ties is in jail on rape charges. In early February, a judge in France denied bail for Clinton's pal, Tariq Ramadan, the grandson of Muslim Brotherhood founder and Hamas funder Hassan al Banna. Ramadan, a professor at Oxford University, was arrested in Paris and charged with raping two Muslim women. Both women were raped in France, according to a European news report. The first one, a 40-year-old disabled Muslim convert, claims Ramadan raped and beat her in the southeastern city of Lyon in 2009, and the other, a 41-year-old feminist activist, says Ramadan raped her in Paris in 2012.

A respected Swiss newspaper, *Tribune de Genève*, has also reported that Ramadan seduced and had sexual relations with teenage girls at a Geneva school where he once taught. The young women say Ramadan told them they were special before having sex with them in the back of

his car. One of the women was 14 at the time and the others were 15 to 18 years old. The young victims say Ramadan used his authority as their teacher to seduce them.

According to a former French Foreign Ministry official, Bernard Godard, an expert on Islam in France, he was well-aware of Ramadan's sexual perversions well before he was charged with rape. Godard told the French magazine *L'Obs*:

"That he had many mistresses, that he consulted sites, that girls were brought to the hotel at the end of his lectures, that he invited them to undress, that some resisted and that he could become violent and aggressive, yes, but I have never heard of rapes, I am stunned."

Oxford University placed Ramadan on a leave of absence after the rape allegations surfaced as well as other accusations of assault and sexual harassment. A statement issued

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by Oxford in early November reads:

"Professor Ramadan's teaching, supervising and examining duties will be reassigned, and he will not be present at the University or College. The University has consistently acknowledged the gravity of the allegations against Professor Ramadan, while emphasising the importance of fairness and the principles of justice and due process."

As Barack Obama's secretary of state, Clinton, a self-proclaimed women's rights activist, went to bat for Ramadan. (Clinton's "Hillary for America" policy included confronting violence against women and has a section on sexual assault.) As part of an Obama administration effort to pursue a better relationship with Muslim communities, Clinton signed special orders to allow the reentry of two radical Islamic academics whose terrorist ties had for years banned them from the United States. One of them was Ramadan.

As the nation's chief foreign-affairs official, Clinton exercised her exemption authority to allow



AP IMAGES

Islamic scholar Tariq Ramadan, 2016

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Sid

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that's quite a coincidence — that Cody Shearer and Christopher Steele were hearing the same things from different sources at pretty much the same time. A closer look at timelines and sources might be revealing. If Sid and Cody are behind the original Russian dossier sources, that would be big news, indeed. **JW**

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Christopher Steele, the former MI6 agent who compiled a dossier on Donald Trump

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Ramadan and South African sociologist Adam Habib, a critic of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, back into the country. The State Department had repeatedly denied their visas, claiming the men present a national security threat.

Ramadan, one of the European Muslim world's most prominent scholars, was the better known of the two. He openly supports the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas, has worked for Iran and donates money to terrorist causes. His grandfather founded the Muslim Brotherhood, an influential Islamist group that advocates terrorism against Israel and the West, which is known as the parent organization of Hamas and Al Qaeda. A few months before Clinton approved his U.S. visa, a Dutch university fired Ramadan over his extremism and his work for the Islamic Republic of Iran. The move capped the beloved Muslim professor's assessment that London subway bombers were justified in acting out against their oppressors because the "British government is helping Iraqi people to be killed." A well-known French author

who has studied Ramadan extensively said the scholar is undoubtedly an agent of radicalization.

Clinton's special waiver allowed Ramadan to visit four American cities after being banned from the United States for six years. He arrived in New York in April 2010 for a tour that included one city in New Jersey, Chicago, Detroit and Washington. The Obama administration justified permitting the controversial scholar to reenter the United States as part of a broader government mission to create a new and improved relationship — based on mutual interest and mutual respect — with Muslims around the world. **JW**

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Hillary Clinton signed special orders to allow the reentry of two radical Islamic academics whose terrorist ties had for years banned them from the United States.
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Arkansas And The Clinton Connection

Rumors have been floating up from Little Rock for months now of a new investigation into the Clinton Foundation.

By Micah Morrison, Judicial Watch
Chief Investigative Reporter



JUDICIAL WATCH

John Solomon advanced this story recently in a January report for *The Hill*: FBI agents in the Arkansas capital “have taken the lead” in a new Justice Department inquiry “into whether the Clinton Foundation engaged in any pay-to-play politics or other illegal activities while Hillary Clinton served as secretary of state.”

Solomon reports that the probe “may also examine whether any tax-exempt assets were converted for personal or political use and whether the foundation complied with applicable tax laws.” Main Justice also is “re-examining whether there are any unresolved issues from the closed case into Clinton’s transmission of classified information through her personal email server,” Solomon notes.



AP IMAGES

Former deputy chief of staff to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Huma Abedin



AP IMAGES

Then-democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and her husband, former President Bill Clinton

Solomon is not alone. *The Wall Street Journal* also is tracking the story. And, in February, investigative journalist Peter Schweizer cryptically told SiriusXM radio that federal authorities should “convene a grand jury” in Little Rock “and let the American people look at the evidence” about the Clinton Foundation.

Judicial Watch continues to turn

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Smelling a rat in Arkansas when it comes to the Clintons of course is nothing new, and the former First Couple are masters of the gray areas around pay-to-play. But, mishandling classified information is a serious matter. And, the tax angle is intriguing, even if you’re not Al Capone.

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up new evidence of Clinton pay-to-play and mishandling of classified information. In recent months, through FOIA litigation, Judicial Watch has forced the release of more than 2,600 emails and documents from Mrs. Clinton and her associates, with more to come. The emails include evidence of Clinton Foundation donors such as XL Keystone lobbyist Gordon Griffin, futures brokerage firm CME Group chairman Terrence Duffy and an associate of Shangri La Entertainment mogul Steve Bing seeking special favors from the State Department.

Judicial Watch also revealed many previously unreported incidents of mishandling of classified information. Mrs. Clinton and her former State Department deputy chief of staff, Huma Abedin, sent and received classified information through unsecure channels. The emails and documents involved sensitive information about President Obama, the Middle East, Africa, Afghanistan, Mexico, Burma,

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India, intelligence-related operations and world leaders.

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The tenacious financial expert Charles Ortel, who has been digging deep into Clinton finances for years, told *Judicial Watch* back in 2015 that there are "epic problems" with the entire Clinton Foundation edifice, which traces its origins back to Arkansas. He noted that independent accounting firms may have been "duped by false and materially misleading representations" made by Clinton charitable entities. Down in Arkansas, law enforcement finally may be catching up with Ortel's insights.

As the *Judicial Watch Investigative Bulletin* observed at the time:



"The FBI is following Mrs. Clinton's email trail, which already shows that her top aides at the State Department were in regular contact with the foundation and that furious lobbying for access and influence flowed toward the secretary of state from the likes of Sidney Blumenthal (a Clinton Foundation employee) and private businessman Joe Wilson. Others angling for deals and poised to profit from a State

Department connection, as author Peter Schweizer has shown in his book, *Clinton Cash*, included Russian intelligence alumni connected to a Kazakh uranium deal and a Canadian mining baron who contributed millions to the Clinton Foundation."

Harper's investigative reporter Ken Silverstein also was onto the Clintons in 2015 when he wrote, "The Clintons have used their foundation for crass profiteering and influence peddling."

The Clintons often appear to operate within the law, but on an epic scale, and with a subtext any dunderhead would understand. Even Bernie Sanders noted of the Clinton campaign, during one of the primary-season debates in 2016, that "millions of dollars" flow to the Clintons because donors "expect to get something. Everybody knows that." JW

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Uncovered

Robert Mueller III Helped Cover Up Florida 9/11 Probe While Serving As FBI Director

Court documents recently filed by the government further rock the credibility of Russia Special Counsel Robert Mueller because they show that as FBI director, he worked to cover up the connection between a Florida Saudi family and the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The documents reveal that Mueller was likely involved in publicly releasing deceptive official FBI statements about a secret investigation of the Saudis, who lived in Sarasota, with ties to the hijackers.

In September 2011, while Mueller was FBI director, a Florida journalism nonprofit organization (Florida Bulldog) uncovered the existence of the secret FBI investigation that also was kept from Congress. Under Mueller's leadership, the FBI tried to discredit the story, publicly countering that agents found no connection between the Sarasota Saudi family and the 2001 terrorist plot.

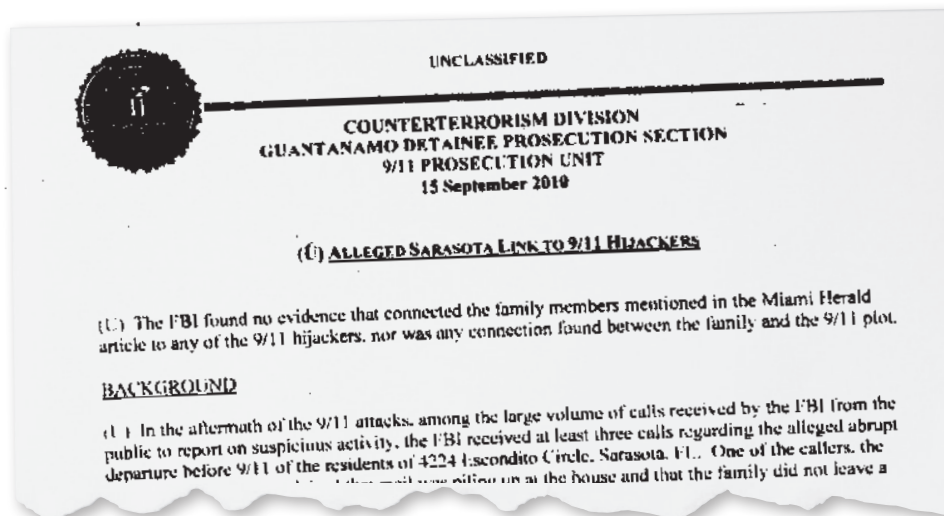
The FBI statements sought to

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discredit the Florida Bulldog revelation, asserting that agents had found no connection between the Sarasota Saudi family and the 9/11 plot. One FBI document prepared for Mueller's use claimed the Bureau had found no connection between the Saudis under investigation and the 9/11 hijackers.

The reality is, however, that the FBI's own files contained several reports that said the opposite, according to the Ft. Lauderdale-based news group's ongoing investigation.

FBI report denying any connection between Florida Saudi family and the 9/11 terrorist attacks



9/11/2001 terrorist attack in New York

FBI files obtained by reporters in the course of their lengthy probe reveal that federal agents found "many connections" between the family and "individuals associated with the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001." The FBI was forced to release the once-secret reports because the news group sued in federal court when the information wasn't provided under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The disingenuous statements were issued by FBI officials in Miami and Tampa in a desperate effort to disparage a 2011 story exposing the agency's covert investigation of the Sarasota Saudis, as well as reporting that it had been concealed from Congress.

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Probe

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Mueller is referenced in a document index that was ordered by a federal judge to be created in late November 2017. The South Florida judge, William J. Zloch, a Ronald Reagan appointee, asked the FBI to explain where it had discovered dozens of pages of documents in the public-records case filed six years ago. The index reference to then-FBI Director Mueller appears in an item involving an agency white paper written a week after the publication of a news story about the abrupt departure of Saudis Abdulaziz and Anoud al-Hijji from their Sarasota-area home about two weeks before 9/11. The couple left behind their cars, clothes, furniture, jewelry and other personal items. “It was created to brief the FBI Director concerning the FBI’s investigation of 4224 Escondito Circle,” the al-Hijjis’ address, the index says.

Despite the recently filed court documents that reveal Mueller received a briefing about the Sarasota Saudi investigation, the FBI continued to publicly deny it existed, and it appears that the lies were approved by Mueller. Not surprisingly, he didn’t respond to questions about this new discovery emailed to his office by the news organization that uncovered it.

Although the mainstream media has neglected to report this relevant development, it’s difficult to ignore that it chips away at Mueller’s credibility as special counsel to investigate



Robert Mueller III, then-FBI director, testifies before 9/11 Commission, April 2004

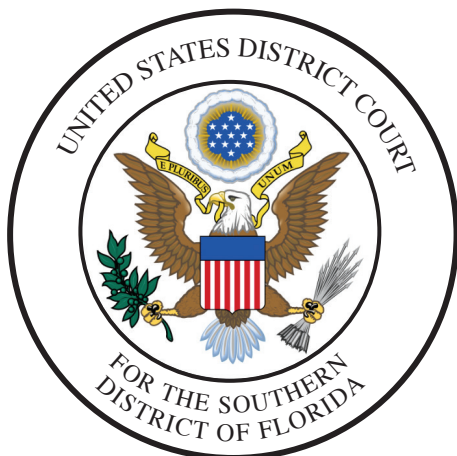
if Russia colluded with Donald Trump to influence the 2016 presidential election. Even before the Saudi cover-up documents were exposed by nonprofit journalists, Mueller’s credentials to head any probe were questionable. Back in May, Judicial Watch exposed Mueller’s misguided handiwork and collaboration with radical Islamist organizations as FBI director.

In 2013, Judicial Watch exclusively obtained droves of records documenting how, under Mueller’s leadership, the FBI purged all anti-terrorism training material deemed “offensive” to Muslims after secret meetings between Islamic organizations and the then-FBI chief. Judicial Watch had to sue to get the records and published an in-depth report on the scandal in 2013 and a lengthier, updated follow-up in 2015.

As FBI director, Mueller bent over backwards to please radical Islamist groups and caved in to their demands. The agency eliminated the valuable anti-terrorism training material and curricula after Mueller met

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with various Islamist organizations, including those with documented ties to terrorism. Among them were two organizations — Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) and Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) — named by the U.S. government as unindicted co-conspirators in the 2007 Holy Land Foundation terrorist financing case. CAIR is a terrorist front group with extensive links to foreign and domestic Islamists. It was founded in 1994 by three Middle Eastern extremists (Omar Ahmad, Nihad Awad and Rafeeq Jaber) who ran the American propaganda wing of Hamas, known then as the Islamic Association for Palestine. **JW**



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VA Facility That Prosecuted Vet For Posting U.S. Flags Duped By Bribed Official

An official at the same Los Angeles Veterans Affairs facility where an Army vet got prosecuted for posting American flags took hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes from a vendor that defrauded the VA out of millions. While the feds went on a witch hunt against the 75-year-old vet, Robert Rosebrock, for affixing Old Glory at a site honoring those who served their country, the VA director was committing the real crime. In January, the corrupt VA official, Ralph Tillman, agreed to plead guilty to two felony offenses for taking over a quarter of a million dollars in bribes from a parking lot operator at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System in southern California.

The crooked parking lot operator, Richard Scott, owns a company called Westside Services that has long benefited from a lucrative contract with the VA. Scott paid Tillman to conceal a scheme in which he failed to pay the VA more than \$11 million generated by his operation of the parking facilities, according to the feds. Tillman admitted to federal authorities that he knew the parking lot operator was defrauding the VA out of millions of dollars and that he extended Westside Services' contract in 2011 to continue



Robert Rosebrock, Judicial Watch client

the fraud and bribery scheme. Scott personally delivered monthly cash payments to Tillman in sealed FedEx envelopes, according to a statement issued by the Department of Justice that says, "Tillman specifically admitted that he took \$286,250 from Scott from 2003 through last year." The disgraced VA official faces up to eight years in prison.

For nearly a decade, a group called the Old Veterans Guard has filed complaints against rampant corruption at the Los Angeles VA, specifically naming Tillman for abusing and misappropriating VA property.

The 338-acre parcel in West Los Angeles, which includes the National Veterans Park and Veterans Home, was deeded to the federal government in 1888 for the specific purpose of caring for disabled veterans. Instead, the property is also used for many unrelated causes. Among them is a stadium for the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) baseball team, an athletic complex for a nearby private high school, laundry facilities for a local hotel, storage and maintenance of production sets for 20th Century Fox Television, the Brentwood Theatre, soccer practice and match fields

for a private girls' soccer club, a dog park and a farmers' market.

Members of the Old Veterans Guard say federal authorities retaliated against them for denouncing the fraudulent use of the facility — including Tillman's scam — by sending VA police to harass and intimidate them at weekly rallies. Since 2008, the group has assembled at the "Great Lawn Gate" that marks the entrance to the Los Angeles National Veterans Park to protest the VA's failure to make full use of the property to benefit veterans, particularly those who are homeless. Among the group leaders is Robert Rosebrock, an elderly Army vet who got criminally charged for posting a pair of four-by-six-inch American flags on the outside fence on Memorial Day in 2016. Judicial Watch represents Rosebrock in the federal case, which was tried in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Last April, the court ruled that Rosebrock was not guilty of violating federal law for displaying the flags above the VA fence. Rosebrock's absurd case was filed during the Obama administration, but the Trump administration moved forward with it. **JW**

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In the Media

**No longer a 'lonely battle':
How the campaign against the
Mueller probe has taken hold**
The Washington Post
December 24, 2017

"Until recently, it has been a lonely battle," said Tom Fitton, whose conservative watchdog group **Judicial Watch** has helped drive the charges by unearthing internal Justice Department documents. "Our concerns about Mueller are beginning to take hold."

This year, **Judicial Watch** has helped stoke the attacks against the Mueller probe with material it obtained through lawsuits and Freedom of Information Act requests. The nonprofit group, which has a \$35 million budget and 50 employees, does not release the names of its approximately 500,000 donors, Fitton said.

Fitton has frequently gone on Fox News, conservative websites and Twitter to report his findings. On Dec. 2, after Fitton tweeted that Trump "needs to clean house at FBI/DOJ," Trump retweeted another user's summary of Fitton's statement.

**State Department releases
Huma Abedin emails from
Anthony Weiner's laptop**
CBS News
December 29, 2018

The State Department has released a number of emails from former key Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin that were found on the laptop of her then-husband and disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner. The release was a result of a lawsuit by **Judicial Watch**, a conservative watchdog group that special-



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Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton on Fox News with host Harris Faulkner, February 2018

izes in Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and lawsuits.

The State Department webpage appeared to not be working on Friday afternoon, but **Judicial Watch** said it was able to pull some of those emails. Much of what they obtained includes redacted information, while other content includes things like Clinton's daily schedules.

**The FBI's Dubious Probe of
Hillary's Emails**
National Review
January 6, 2018

It was a veritable spa of special treatment.

The FBI did everything but drive Hillary's getaway car. Former Secretary of State Clinton is a free woman largely thanks to the tender loving care that the FBI provided her and her conspirators during its probe of her illegal, unsecure email server and related abuse of government secrets. GOP lawmakers concluded this after grilling FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe on December 21, behind closed doors, according to John Solomon's molar-grinding exposé in



Tuesday's *The Hill*.

Also scot-free is Hillary's top aide, Huma Abedin. According to **Judicial Watch**, whose Freedom of Information Act lawsuit liberated State documents, "at least 18 classified e-mails" migrated from the State Department's secured computers to Hillary's illegal server to the laptop that Abedin shared with her ex-husband, imprisoned pedophile Anthony Weiner, a former Democratic congressman from Brooklyn. "This classified material includes discussions about Saudi Arabia, The Hague, Egypt, South Africa, Zimbabwe, the identity of a CIA official, Malawi, the war in Syria, Lebanon, Hamas, and the PLO," a **Judicial Watch** news release noted on Thursday. Abedin also sent sensitive State Department passwords to her unprotected personal Yahoo account.

**California asks Supreme Court
to tell Ohio: 'Do as I say, not as
I do'**

The Hill

January 9, 2018

This Wednesday, the U.S.

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Supreme Court will hear an important election law case. In *Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute*, the court will balance the competing interests of easy access to voting versus the need for election integrity.

California joined with New York, 10 other states, and the District of Columbia to encourage the Supreme Court to strike down Ohio's practice of removing voters who have stopped voting and have failed to respond to the state's notice. Their brief informs the court of many things that Ohio could do instead to clean its registration rolls.

The fact that California has the audacity to tell Ohio how to clean voter rolls is laughable. **Judicial Watch** just sued California for having more registered voters than eligible voters. California has over 101 percent voter registration. The lawsuit alleges that California is not following federal law by properly removing ineligible voters from the voter rolls.

DOJ probe eyes whether McCabe sat on Clinton-related emails: report

Fox News
January 30, 2018

The Justice Department's internal watchdog has been scrutinizing why former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe seemingly delayed an investigation of emails related to Hillary Clinton's personal server in the final weeks of the 2016 campaign, *The Washington Post* reported Tuesday.

However, the Post reports that McCabe was aware of the emails on Weiner's laptop by late September or early October. The report adds that at least three weeks passed between McCabe being notified of the emails on Weiner's laptop and Comey's letter to Congress.

A week after his initial letter, Comey informed Congress that the emails on Weiner's laptop had not changed the bureau's decision not to charge Clinton in the email investigation. However, the conservative group **Judicial Watch** has said that the FBI found at least 18 emails that

contained classified information.

Trump Says FBI Leadership Politicized 'Sacred Investigative Process'

Newsweek
February 2, 2018

President Donald Trump has accused the FBI and Justice Department of politicizing the investigation into his campaign's alleged ties to Russian election interference to the benefit of Democrats.

The president's tweeted accusations early Friday came ahead of the expected release of a controversial memo that claims the FBI improperly surveilled Trump campaign members.

In another tweet Friday, Trump quoted conservative activist and President of **Judicial Watch** Tom Fitton when he wrote: "You had Hillary Clinton and the Democratic Party try to hide the fact that they gave money to GPS Fusion to create a Dossier which was used by their allies in the Obama Administration to convince a Court misleadingly, by all accounts,

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JW Earns Nationwide Media Coverage

January 18, 2018 – February 17, 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.

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1/22	WMAL	DC – Live
1/24	Radio America	National – Live
1/24	WCGO	Chicago – Live
1/25	KFTK	St Louis, Live
1/26	WWRC	DC – Live
1/22	WRKO	Boston – Live
1/29	Bill Martinez	National – Live
1/30	KSEV	Houston – Live
1/30	Radio America	National – Live
2/2	Hannity	National – Live
2/2	WMAL	DC – Live

TV

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2/1	One America News	National – Live
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to spy on the Trump Team.”

Trump claims FBI, DOJ favor Democrats, expected to approve release of Russia memo

NBC News

February 2, 2018

President Donald Trump — poised to approve the release of a classified memo about the Russia investigation — on Friday ripped the ongoing probe, accusing top law enforcement officials of favoring Democrats.

“The top Leadership and Investigators of the FBI and the Justice Department have politicized the sacred investigative process in favor of Democrats and against Republicans — something which would have been unthinkable just a short time ago,” Trump tweeted. “Rank & File are great people!” he added.

In a second tweet, Trump quoted from a recent speech by Tom Fitton, the president of the conservative watchdog operation [Judicial Watch](#).

As Mueller Hits Stride, Conservatives Urge Trump To Consider Pardons

Daily Caller

February 19, 2018

Conservative advocacy groups have renewed calls for President Donald Trump to pardon those implicated in Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation, citing allegations of partisan sabotage.

Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, a government oversight group, said the president should seriously consider clemency for his associates given the alleged anti-Trump bias of Justice Department investigators. Several lawyers who joined Mueller’s team have donated to Democratic candidates, while FBI agents assessing Russian sabotage



Judicial Watch Director of Research and Investigation, Chris Farrell on Lou Dobbs Tonight, January 2018

efforts regularly traded texts attacking Trump’s candidacy.

What is the FBI hiding in its war to protect Comey?

The Hill

Op-ed by Judicial Watch

President Tom Fitton

February 21, 2018

As the James Comey saga continues to unfold, the James Comey legend continues to unravel. The more we learn about his involvement in the Deep State’s illicit targeting of President Trump, the more reason the American people have to question both his motives and his management as director of the FBI, the now-disgraced agency he headed before Trump fired him on May 9, 2017. Comey has left a trail of suspicious activities in his wake.

Comey now looms large over a

burgeoning constitutional crisis that could soon overshadow Watergate at its worst. To deepen the crisis even further, it now appears some of Comey’s former FBI and Justice Department colleagues continue to protect him from accountability.

There is no doubt that the Deep State is in deep cover-up mode. The FBI, Justice Department and the special counsel all are stonewalling our requests for Comey documents. The more they stonewall, the deeper the suspicions grow about Comey’s complicity in the entire attempt to use the bogus Trump dossier to prevent the election of Donald Trump, and then use it to undermine his presidency once he was elected to office. In my experience in Washington, when people refuse to come clean, it is usually because they are hiding dirty laundry. **JW**

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