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## JW Files Two Lawsuits For Docs On Justice Department Officials' Ties To Fusion GPS

**Justice Department official Bruce Ohr's wife worked for Clinton-connected firm**

Judicial Watch filed two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits against the Justice Department on March 1, 2018 for records about top Justice Department official Bruce Ohr's and his wife Nellie Ohr's involvement in the Trump dossier authored by former British spy Christopher Steele (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No.1:18-cv-00490)) and (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No.1:18-cv-00491)).

Until his dossier-related demotion, Bruce Ohr was the fourth-ranked official at the Justice Department and an Obama-administration contact for Steele. The House Intelligence Committee

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

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## JW Sues For Records Of Clinton State Department Protocol Officer



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

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Judicial Watch sued the U.S. Department of State on January 31, 2018 for emails, calendar entries and other information in the electronic file of Dennis Cheng, who was deputy chief of protocol for two years under former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (*Judicial Watch v U.S. Department of State* (No. 1:18-cv-00221)).

Cheng was deputy chief of protocol of the United States from July 2009 – July 2011. Following his tenure at the State Department, Cheng joined the Clinton Family Foundation as director of development, and then in April 2015 became finance

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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.

Judicial Watch filed the lawsuits in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia after the Justice Department failed to respond to two separate FOIA requests in December 2017.

Judicial Watch’s December 7, 2017 FOIA request about Bruce Ohr seeks:

- All records of contact or communication, including but not limited to emails, text messages, and instant chats between Bruce Ohr and any of the following individuals/entities: former British intelligence officer Christopher Steele; owner of Fusion GPS Glenn Simpson; and any other employees or representatives of Fusion GPS;
- All travel requests, authorizations and expense reports for Bruce Ohr; and
- All calendar entries for Bruce Ohr.



Judicial Watch’s December 12,



President Donald J. Trump

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**“Steele admitted to Ohr his feelings against then-candidate Trump when Steele said he ‘was desperate that Donald Trump not get elected and was passionate about him not being president.’”**

**~ House Intelligence Committee Memorandum**

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2017 FOIA request about Nellie Ohr seeks:

- All records of contact or communication, including but not limited to emails, text messages, and instant chats between DOJ officials in the Attorney General’s Office and Fusion GPS employee or contractor Nellie Ohr; and
- All records of communications, including but not limited to emails text messages and instant chats, between DOJ officials in the Attorney General’s Office and Fusion GPS employee or contractor Nellie H. Ohr.

The Nunes memo notes that before Steele was terminated as a source “he maintained contact” with

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# Connecting The Dots On The Deep State's Effort's To Topple President Trump



**Speech delivered by Tom Fitton  
Conservative Political Action  
Convention (CPAC)  
February 24, 2018**

Good afternoon, CPAC!

Judicial Watch is your watchdog in Washington. We uncovered the Clinton email and pay-to-play scandals, and most everything we know about the Benghazi and IRS corruption scandals.

By the way, the Clinton email scandal isn't over. The Clinton email/pay-for-play scandal is an Obama scandal, a State Department scandal, a Justice Department scandal, and a FBI scandal. It's a shady corporation scandal. It's foreign

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**The Left, the Obama gang, the Clinton gang, the permanent bureaucracy, the Deep State and their allies in the corrupt liberal media all have targeted President Donald Trump.**

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potentate scandal. Oh, and yes, it is a Russia scandal. Because we know Hillary and Bill took Russia cash — and wanted to cover it up. What better way to do that than with a secret email system!

Judicial Watch just forced the State Department to admit there was classified information from Clinton email server on the laptop of Anthony Weiner, including the identity of a CIA operative.

I know we talk about special prosecutors, but enough of that — I don't want new prosecutors, I want prosecutions. Stolen and destroyed records, violations of national security laws — you name it — Judicial Watch has compiled more than enough evidence to justify the lawful arrest of Hillary Clinton!

So, no wonder the corrupt D.C. Establishment would rather talk about their made-up garbage about Donald Trump and Russia.

Let me get right down to it, we have a rule of law crisis here in Washington, D.C.

The Left, the Obama gang, the Clinton gang, the permanent bureaucracy, the Deep State and their allies in the corrupt liberal media all have targeted President Donald Trump.

In 2016, the Clinton campaign and the DNC hired a firm — Fusion GPS — who used Russia intelligence sources to come up with scandalous and false allegations about then-candidate Trump.

And rather than warn and protect Donald Trump from this Russia/Clinton disinformation campaign — the Obama FBI, under James Comey, and Obama DOJ, under Loretta Lynch, used the Clinton-DNC-Russia conspiracy Dossier to target and spy on President Trump and his team.

Remember — Obama used the IRS — and Robert Mueller's FBI — to target innocent conservatives and the Tea Party in 2012 to ensure his reelection. Is it any surprise that Obama would abuse the Deep State again in 2016 to try to steal another election? Unmasking and then illegally leaking the names of Trump team members caught up in foreign intelligence gathering would be an incredible but unsurprising abuse by the Obama administration.

Let me suggest that Obama and Clinton need to finally be questioned about their collusion, their shady little Dossier, the leaking and the unmasking.

Hillary Clinton and the Democratic Party tried 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 mislead a Court into allowing them to spy on the Trump Team.

Now the ethically-challenged Adam Schiff wants to put out a memo about his party's Dossier.

I also want to read the Democratic memo on the Democratic dossier paid for with Democratic party/campaign money for use by a Democratic administration to spy on the opponent of a Democratic presidential candidate.

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## Lawsuit

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Bruce Ohr. The memo states:

“For example, in September 2016, Steele admitted to Ohr his feelings against then-candidate Trump when Steele said he ‘was desperate that Donald Trump not get elected and was passionate about him not being president.’ [Emphasis in original] This clear evidence of Steele’s bias was recorded by Ohr at the time and subsequently in official FBI files — but not reflected in any of the [Carter] Page FISA applications.”

According to Fox News, even after Steele’s termination from the FBI, Steele and Ohr remained in close contact.

“Once again, the Deep State Justice Department is covering up evident misconduct targeting President Trump,” Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said. “Bruce Ohr, a top Justice Department official in the Obama administration, had an obvious conflict of interest through his wife Nellie’s work with the Clinton/DNC vendor Fusion GPS on the anti-Trump dossier. The Justice Department needs to come clean about this scandal and turn over the documents as federal law requires.” **JW**



Barack Obama

## Protocol

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director of the Hillary for America presidential campaign.

Prior to joining the Clinton State Department, Cheng was finance director in New York for Mrs. Clinton’s successful campaign for Senate.

Judicial Watch filed the complaint after the State Department failed to respond to a December 21, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

[T]he PST file of Dennis Cheng. Mr. Cheng served as deputy chief of protocol of the United States from July 20, 2009 to July 2011. A PST file is a Personal Storage Table, an open proprietary file format used to store copies of messages, calendar events, and other items within Microsoft software such as Microsoft Exchange Client, Windows Messaging and Microsoft Outlook.

While at the Clinton Foundation, Cheng raised \$246 million in just over three-and-a-half years, July 2011 — February 2015. A separate FOIA lawsuit by Citizens United found that Cheng communicated with Huma Abedin about a major Clinton Foundation dinner and other issues.

Previous Judicial Watch FOIA litigation uncovered the Clinton email scandal and ethics scandal, Bill Clinton’s conflicts of interest issues, and the pay-to-play scandal involving the Clinton State Department



Hillary Clinton

and donors to the Clinton Foundation and Clinton campaigns.

“Judicial Watch proved the Clinton State Department became a corrupt arm of the Clinton Foundation,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “The Justice and State Departments seem to be still protecting Hillary Clinton. Judicial Watch is stepping into the gap and, through this and other ongoing FOIA lawsuits, aims to expose and hold the Clinton cash machine accountable to the rule of law.” **JW**

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*~ Judicial Watch President  
Tom Fitton*

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## Message

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And of course there is no Mueller investigation without the Clinton-DNC Dossier.

Don't be distracted about indictments about Russia Facebook posts and mortgage fraud. Even that big indictment of the Russia troll farmers is a fundamentally dishonest document designed to distract from the fact that the Russia collusion allegations with President Trump are collapsing and the reason for being of the Mueller investigation is disappearing.

This Russia indictment shows the Russia collusion scandal is over as far as President Trump is concerned. There is no evidence of collusion between President Trump's campaign and Russia to steal of the election.

But there is evidence of Clinton/DNC/FBI/DOJ leadership collusion with Russians to bring down President Trump.

And then there's the FBI anti-Trump text messages — which were covered up for months by Mueller, the FBI and DOJ.

Judicial Watch also uncovered that Mueller's #2, Andrew Weissmann, is an anti-Trump partisan who sent an email to Sally Yates, the Obama holdover, supporting her lawless refusal to enforce President Trump's travel ban.

And a Judicial Watch investigation found that Mueller did not hire not one registered Republican for his gargantuan team of prosecutors.

Mr. Mueller himself is compromised — he was appointed thanks to illegal leaks by his friend, the Trump-hating Comey who was *rightly* fired by Donald Trump. To sum up Mueller is a witness in his own investigation of Trump!

The whole superstructure of the anti-Trump Russia investigation is compromised. The Mueller special counsel investigation is out-of-control. Shut it down.

What next?

Unfortunately, Mueller is the tail wagging the Justice Department dog. Attorney General Sessions should un-recuse himself, take back full control of the Justice Department, and clean house.

The FBI is a mess. Outrageously, its leadership had been focused on "insurance policies" against President Trump, obstructing Congress, and covering up scandal — all while utterly failing to do its basic jobs — like stopping the Parkland shooting. If the FBI won't do its job, then why do we have this agency? Director Wray needs to step up or step out.

Unfortunately, the Deep State



Robert Mueller

AP PHOTO/J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE

seems to be running the show. The Trump White House should take action. President Trump should go on a transparency tear — tell his agencies to declassify and disclose the Obama collusion docs and get out everything they have about Clinton corruption. Transparency in government — about the past and the present — is essential to draining the swamp.

In the meantime, you have Judicial Watch.

Forget Congress and the media, Judicial Watch is doing the heavy lifting! The Judicial Watch legal juggernaut has over two dozen federal lawsuits to get the truth on anti-Trump Obama/Clinton Russia scandal — and to provide oversight on the DOJ/FBI/Mueller Deep State craziness.

We exposed the corrupt Andrew McCabe, the Clinton-connected #2 at the FBI, and he no longer has a job. And we know what happened to Hillary Clinton. It wasn't the Russians — it was her email!

What a great country we have where Judicial Watch can exercise our precious, God-given rights to hold our government and politicians accountable to the rule of law. And win.

Thank you and God Bless America! JW



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# Court Report

## Judicial Watch Sues Kentucky Over Dirty Voter Registration Rolls

48 Kentucky counties have more registered voters than citizens of voting age

Judicial Watch filed a federal lawsuit against the Commonwealth of Kentucky over its failure to take reasonable steps to maintain accurate voter registration lists. The lawsuit alleges that 48 Kentucky counties have more registered voters than citizens over the age of 18. The lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Central Division (*Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Alison Lundergan Grimes et al.* (No. 3:17-cv-00094)).

Kentucky was one of 12 states to which Judicial Watch sent notice-of-violation letters last year threatening to sue because they have counties in which the number of registered voters exceeds the number of citizens of voting age. Both the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and the Help America Vote Act require states to take reasonable steps to maintain accurate voting rolls.

Judicial Watch analyzed registration data and compared them to the most recent census data to determine the county registration rates. In its



complaint, Judicial Watch notes that Kentucky's registration rates are sky-high and are national outliers:

"Whenever a jurisdiction has more voter registrations than individuals old enough to register — in other words, a registration rate exceeding 100 percent of adult residents — it is a strong indication, recognized by federal courts, that the jurisdiction is not taking the steps required by law to remove the registrations of ineligible registrants.

"Kentucky leads every other state in the nation in the number of counties in which total registration exceeds the citizen voting-age population. Specifically, the number of voter registrations exceeds the number of age-eligible citizens

in 48 Kentucky counties, or 40 percent of all Kentucky counties."

Judicial Watch also notes that Kentucky is one of only three states in the country where the statewide active registration rate is greater than 100 percent of the age-eligible citizen population.

Judicial Watch cites several other deficiencies in Kentucky's handling of voter registration and related issues. Kentucky is required by law to disclose to the federal Election Assistance Commission the number of inactive registrations it carries on its voter rolls. It failed to do so. Kentucky also is required to report the number of address-confirmation letters it sent to citizens who were thought to have moved out of state. It failed to release this information as well.

Kentucky also is required by the NVRA to keep registration-related records and to make them publicly available on request. Judicial Watch made such a request, and Kentucky initially promised to disclose these records. But, it broke this promise and, at the time the lawsuit was filed, had failed to make records available.

Judicial Watch points out that Kentucky's inflated voter rolls indicate that it is not complying with federal laws requiring it to cancel the registrations of citizens who have died or moved elsewhere. This conclusion is bolstered by Kentucky's failure to divulge registration-related

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**"Kentucky has some of the dirtiest election rolls in the country."**

~ Judicial Watch  
 President Tom Fitton

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### Sues

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records it is required to disclose by federal law. In its lawsuit, Judicial Watch asks the court to declare Kentucky in violation of Section 8(a)(4) of the NVRA; to require it to implement a program to remove ineligible registrants; and to compel it to turn over relevant records and information.


"Kentucky has some of the dirtiest election rolls in the country," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Federal law requires states to take reasonable steps to clean up their voting rolls — and clearly Kentucky hasn't done that. Dirty voting rolls can mean dirty elections. This lawsuit aims to ensure that citizens can have more confidence that elections in Kentucky won't be subject to fraud."

Judicial Watch Senior Attorney and Election Integrity Project Director Robert Popper was formerly deputy chief of the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

Judicial Watch previously filed successful lawsuits under the NVRA against Ohio and Indiana, which

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resulted in those states' taking several actions to clean up their voting rolls. Judicial Watch also is suing the State of Maryland and Montgomery County as well as Los Angeles County and the State of California over their failure to release documents, in violation of the NVRA.

Judicial Watch is being assisted by Mark Wohlander of the Wohlander Law Office in Lexington, Kentucky and by Thomas E. Clay of Clay Daniel Walton & Adams in Louisville, Kentucky. 

#### Judicial Watch violation letter to Kentucky



**Judicial Watch**  
*Because no one is above the law!*

April 11, 2017

VIA USPS CERTIFIED MAIL AND EMAIL

The Honorable Alison Lundergan Grimes  
Kentucky Secretary of State  
700 Capital Ave., Suite 152  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

**Re: Violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20507**

Dear Secretary Grimes:

We write to bring your attention to violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA") in Kentucky. From public records obtained, thirty (30) counties in Kentucky have more total registered voters than adult citizens over the age of 18 living in that county as calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011-2015 American Community Survey. This is strong circumstantial evidence that these Kentucky counties are not conducting reasonable voter registration record maintenance as mandated under the NVRA.

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# Judicial Watch Sues State Department For Samantha Power Unmasking Documents

The Obama Ambassador to the U.N. reportedly requested to unmask over 260 Americans in her last year in office

Judicial Watch on February 9, 2018 filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of State for “unmasking” and other records tied to Obama’s United Nations Ambassador Samantha Power relating to the ongoing investigation into alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 election (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State* (No. 1:18-cv-00300)). Unmasking refers generally to the practice of political appointees obtaining the identities of American citizens referenced in intelligence surveillance of foreign nationals.

Judicial Watch sued the State Department after it failed to respond to an October 31, 2017 FOIA request seeking information about Power’s unusual unmasking requests, including, all requests for information submitted to any intelligence community member agency by former United States Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power

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**“Power was ‘unmasking’ at such a rapid pace in the final months of the Obama administration that she averaged more than one request for every working day in 2016, [even seeking] information in the days leading up to President Trump’s inauguration.”**

~ Fox News

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AP PHOTO/STEVEN SENNE

Harvard professor Samantha Power, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

concerning, regarding or relating to the following:

- Any actual or suspected effort by the Russian government or any individual acting on behalf of the Russian government to influence or otherwise interfere with the 2016 presidential election. The alleged hacking of computer systems utilized by the Democratic National Committee and/or the Clinton presidential campaign.
- Any actual or suspected communication between any member of the Trump presidential campaign or transition team and any official or employee of the Russian government or any individual acting on behalf of the Russian government.
- The identities of U.S. citizens associated with the Trump presidential campaign or transition team who were identified pursuant to

intelligence collection activities.

On September 20, 2017, Fox News reported that Power unmasked more than 260 persons in her last year as Obama’s U.S. ambassador to the United Nations:

“[She] was ‘unmasking’ at such a rapid pace in the final months of the Obama administration that she averaged more than one request for every working day in 2016, [even seeking] information in the days leading up to President Trump’s inauguration.”

On October 13, 2017, Power testified behind closed doors about this matter to the House Intelligence Committee. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Trey Gowdy, who also sits on the Intelligence Committee, stated: “Her testimony is they [the unmasking requests] may be under

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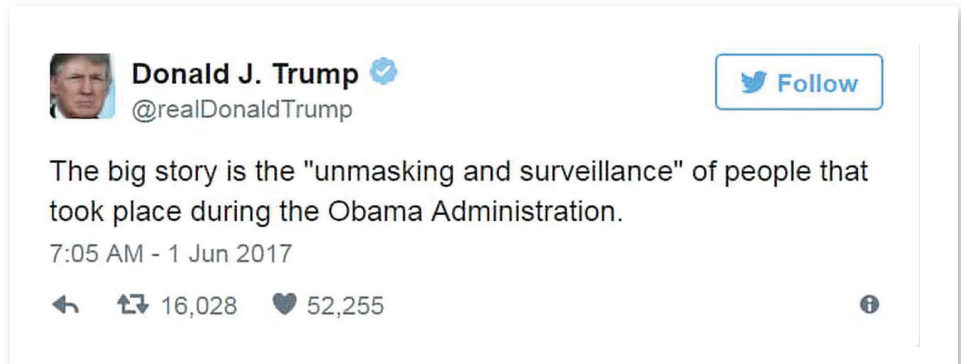


## Unmasking

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my name, but I did not make those requests.”

“Unmasking and then illegally leaking the names of Trump team members caught up in foreign intelligence-gathering would have been an incredible, but unsurprising, abuse by the Obama administration,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “Was the Clinton-DNC dossier on Trump also used as justification to abuse intelligence data to ‘unmask’ American citizens to help Hillary Clinton and undermine Donald Trump? And why is the State Department stonewalling Judicial Watch’s FOIA investigation into this




President Trump’s tweet on Obama administration’s unmasking identities of Americans

potentially illegal conduct by its agency employees?”

In a separate, related FOIA request to the National Security Council (NSC) for information related to Obama National Security Advisor Susan Rice’s unmasking activities, the NSC told Judicial Watch in May 2017 that the materials regarding the unmasking by Rice of “the identities of any U.S. citizens associated with the Trump presidential campaign or transition team” have been removed to the Obama Library, where by law they will be locked away from the public for five years.

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Judicial Watch also filed a separate FOIA lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Security Agency (NSA) for information about Rice’s communications with the two agencies concerning the alleged Russian involvement in the 2016 presidential election, the hacking of DNC computers, the suspected communications between Russia and Trump campaign/transition officials, and the unmasking of the identities of any U.S. citizens associated with the Trump presidential campaign or transition team who were identified pursuant to intelligence collection activities (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice and National Security Administration* (No. 1:17-cv-01002)). 



Former Obama National Security Adviser, Susan Rice

AP PHOTO/CAROLYN KASTER

# Chronicles

## Justice Department Says Attorney General Lynch Used Alias To Protect Security, Privacy

Illustrating how government hides information from the American public, former Obama Attorney General Loretta Lynch used a fake name to conduct official Department of Justice business in agency emails obtained by Judicial Watch. As the nation's chief law-enforcement officer, Lynch skirted public-records laws by using the alias "Elizabeth Carlisle" in emails she sent from her official Justice Department account. In the records provided to Judicial Watch, the Department of Justice explains it as necessary to "protect her security and privacy and enable her to conduct Department business efficiently *via* email."

This begs the question of how many other government officials use fake names and whether those aliases are searched when agencies process Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Besides Lynch, Judicial Watch has only discovered the use of such aliases among government operatives to conduct official business at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) — and then, of

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Former Obama Attorney General, Loretta Lynch

course, there was Hillary Clinton, who didn't use aliases but simply took the entirety of her communications out of the secure government system altogether and substituted private devices and a private email system to circumvent FOIA and federal recordkeeping laws.

Obama's EPA administrator, Lisa Jackson, famously used the alias "Richard Windsor" in a government email account to conduct official business and communicate with staff. Jackson even took required EPA computer training under the fake identity with the handle Windsor.Richard@epa.gov. She eventually resigned over the scandal, which brought to light the agency's violations of federal open-records laws.

In Lynch's case, Judicial Watch requested the records as part of an investigation into the Obama administration's involvement in a United

Nation's international law-enforcement coalition called Strong Cities Network (SCN). The purported mission of the global coalition was to build social cohesion and community resilience to counter violent extremism. The Justice Department masterminded the agreement, and Americans found out about U.S. participation when Lynch announced it during a U.N. speech on September 29, 2015. Lynch referred to SCN as a "truly groundbreaking endeavor" and assured the notoriously corrupt world body that the Obama administration was deeply committed to the new initiative when she said:

"The government of the United States is fully invested in this collaborative approach and we have seen the value of empowering local communities by promoting

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## Alias

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initiatives they design and lead themselves.”

Following the attorney general’s fiery U.N. delivery, a New York newspaper reported that the city was joining a new global terror-busting network to combat homegrown extremism. Civil rights groups quickly denounced the U.S. participation, expressing concerns about law-enforcement abuses against Muslims. In a letter to New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, 22 civil rights groups warned that other programs created to counter violent extremism stigmatized “Muslim communities as suspicious and in need of special monitoring.” The anti-terror initiatives also have made “the relationship between Muslims and schools and social service providers into security-based engagements,” the letter states. SCN assures, however, that “violent extremism and prevention efforts should not be associated with any particular religion, nationality or ethnic group.” In a statement, the Justice Department also guaranteed that the SCN will safeguard the rights of local citizens and communities. The U.S. Department of State also put its weight behind SCN.

In its mission to educate the pub-



New York City Mayor, Bill de Blasio

lic about the operations and activities of government, Judicial Watch filed a FOIA request with the Department of Justice on October 15, 2015 for documents related to SCN. Specifically, Judicial Watch asked for:

- Legal opinions and analysis prepared by the Justice Department relating to U.S. involvement in the Strong Cities Network program;
- Documents that form the foundation for the decision for the country to participate in SCN;
- All international agreements and related records involving the

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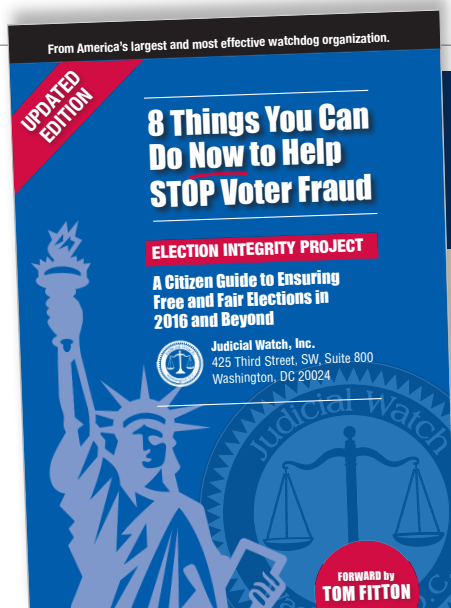
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commitment of U.S. resources or personnel to SCN; and

- Records of communication between officials in the Office of the Attorney General relating to the initiative.

The Department of Justice claimed to have no records related to the SCN and billed Judicial Watch a startling \$50,000 to conduct the search that did not produce a single file.

Though the Justice Department recently furnished the documents with Lynch’s fake name, the belated records were part of Judicial Watch’s original 2015 FOIA request, which the Department of Justice blew off. The records also show that Obama Assistant Attorney General John Carlin touted SCN at an event sponsored by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), an extremist leftist group that helped a gunman commit an act of terrorism against a conservative organization. 



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# U.S.-Funded U.N. Commissioner In D.C. To Promote Leftwing Agenda In Guatemala

The head of a U.S.-funded global commission operating under the famously corrupt United Nations (U.N.) was in Washington, D.C. March 5 to promote his leftist agenda in Central America. The Colombian attorney and former judge, Ivan Velásquez, runs the U.N.-backed International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), a controversial body known to utilize measures that threaten the impoverished Central American nation's sovereignty.

Officially, the CICIG claims to strengthen the rule of law. Like many leftwing global organizations, its stated purpose is to protect "the right to life and to personal integrity" of citizens from vigilante groups that "commit illegal acts" — those linked to "agents of the State or [with] the capacity to generate impunity for their illegal actions."

The reality is that Velásquez appears to be part of a broader effort launched under Barack Obama — and apparently supported by some in the Trump administration — to destabilize moderate and conservative governments abroad. Judicial Watch uncovered details of a similar initiative in Macedonia, where the

Obama administration spent millions of taxpayer dollars to destabilize the democratically elected, center-right government by colluding with leftwing billionaire philanthropist George Soros. In Guatemala, the Obama administration meddled to protect guerrillas backed by communist Cuban dictator Fidel Castro, and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton helped oust an attorney general that was replaced by a sympathizer of the guerrillas, Claudia Paz y Paz.

Obama's ambassador to Guatemala, Todd Robinson, and CICIG Commissioner Velásquez, notorious for his powerful leftist alliances, collaborated to promote changes to the Guatemalan constitution. One news report accuses Velásquez of seeking to illegitimately neutralize certain legislators the Guatemalan people elected. Under his leadership, CICIG probes have infringed on Guatemalan sovereignty while conveniently ignoring crimes committed by leftwing allies.

As a lawyer in Colombia, Velásquez aligned with the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), the violent Marxist guerrilla group formed by communist farmers in the country's central

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**Velásquez abuses the justice system to persecute his political enemies, according to former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, who currently serves in Colombia's senate.**

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region. Former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe says that as a judge in Colombia, Velásquez launched a crusade to absolve the country's leftist narcoterrorism. During eight years as Colombia's president, Uribe's hardline security stance transformed the country from a notoriously violent narcoterrorism state to a thriving democracy. Velásquez abuses the justice system to persecute his political enemies, according to Uribe, who currently serves in Colombia's senate.

Incredibly, the current State Department has not wavered in its support for both Velásquez and CICIG, which receives millions of dollars annually from Uncle Sam. When Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales tried to bar Velásquez from the country last year, the U.S. State Department quickly issued a statement defending Velásquez and expressing "deep concern" over his attempted ouster. "Mr. Velásquez has been an effective leader of CICIG in its fight against corruption in Guatemala," the State Department release said. "CICIG has played and should continue to play an important role in strengthening Guatemalan

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## Leftwing

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institutions and tackling the corruption that undermines security and prosperity in Guatemala.”

During a visit to Guatemala at the end of February, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley reiterated



George Soros

the Tillerson swamp's support for CICIG and its commissioner. Haley told Guatemalan President Morales that it was in his best interest to back CICIG, according to a newswire story that reveals the U.S. has given CICIG \$44.5 million since it was established a decade ago.

During his March 5 appearance at the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., Velásquez was praised as a key figure in Guatemala's fight against corruption and “impunity” despite his controversial history. The purpose of his U.S. visit was to discuss the process of choosing Guatemala's next attorney general and other related anti-corruption efforts involving the rule of law.

Besides giving Guatemala boatloads of tax dollars, Americans should be concerned because the country is a renowned gateway into the United States for narcotics and illegal aliens worldwide, including

the Middle East. Guatemala shares a 595-mile border and many porous crossing points into Mexico, creating a clear path north. In fact, many of the thousands of unaccompanied alien children (UAC) that entered the U.S. in the last few years came from Central America. JW



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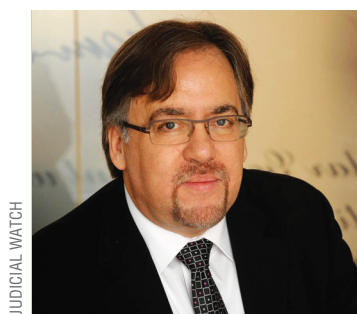
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# Uncovered

## INVESTIGATIVE BULLETIN

### Cop-Killing Cover-Up? JW Goes To Court Against NYPD, FBI In Famed Cold Case

By Micah Morrison, Judicial Watch  
Chief Investigative Reporter



JUDICIAL WATCH

On March 6, 2018, New York State Supreme Court Judge W. Franc Perry heard arguments in Judicial Watch's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the New York City Police Department in the murder of NYPD Patrolman Philip Cardillo. The 1972 shooting of Cardillo inside Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam mosque in Harlem is the most notorious cold case in New York history.

Judicial Watch told the full story in two previous *Investigative Bulletins*, which can be accessed at <http://jwatch.us/Cardillo1> and <http://jwatch.us/Cardillo2>

It's an American tragedy, a tale of cover-up and betrayal in an era of dirty tricks and disintegrating cities. No one ever served a day in jail for the crime. A special prosecutor concluded there had been a "concerted and orchestrated effort" by members of the NYPD to impede the investigation. The FBI had informants in

the Nation of Islam and information about the case — facts that were not revealed for decades.

Who orchestrated the NYPD cover-up and why? How deeply was the FBI involved in the actions that got Cardillo killed?

In New York, Judicial Watch filed New York Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) actions last year seeking case records and a key audio tape in the murder. The NYPD responded with the astonishing claim that, 46 years later, the case is still "active and ongoing," and thus no documents need be produced.

As Judicial Watch noted in submissions to the court (albeit in more polite terms), this is a ludicrous argument. The NYPD claims that a 46-year-old case is still active.

Anyone who has spent time around the NYPD and state FOIL laws recognizes this familiar tactic from police headquarters. Judicial Watch provided substantial documentation that the Cardillo case had been closed, and the public has a right to the information, with appropriate redactions for privacy and confidentiality. But, as previous Judicial Watch *Investigative Bulletins* have noted, the NYPD "has done what it routinely does, blatantly ignore its obligations under state law."

March also saw legal action in a related Judicial Watch FOIA case against the FBI. In a May FOIA request, JW sought informant, wiretap, electronic surveillance and physical



Malcolm Shabazz Mosque in New York City

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surveillance records related to the mosque where Cardillo was gunned down. Specifically, Judicial Watch requested that the FBI search its "special file room." *The Boston Globe* reported that the special file room is where files on domestic spying were routed, including files on what the FBI called "black nationalist extremists" and sensitive counter-intelligence techniques that may have been deployed against the Nation of Islam.

The FBI did not search the special file room and other databases JW identified. Judicial Watch, once again, went to federal court to argue that they should search further.

Courtroom action opened March 6, where, under New York State

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## Cover-Up

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FOIL laws, Judicial Watch had sought records, a final report and a key audio tape of a 10-13 “officer in distress” call made in the 46-year-old Phillip Cardillo murder case.

Cardillo, an NYPD patrolman, was gunned down in a Nation of Islam mosque in Harlem in 1972. The NYPD claims the Cardillo case, after more than four decades, is still “active and ongoing.”

Judicial Watch argued that on both the facts and the law, the case is closed, and that the public has a right to the information.

Judge Verna Saunders is presiding in the case. Despite a late shift of the lawsuit to her courtroom, she was well-prepared, asking sharp questions of both sides on the facts and the law.

The NYPD took an absolutist position on the Judicial Watch request — absolutely not. Judge Saunders inquired, might the NYPD be open to providing redacted documents? The NYPD lawyer side-stepped the question.

Might the NYPD, which claims it cannot find the 10-13 tape, turn it over if discovered on a further search? No, replied the NYPD, because the tape was part of an active and ongoing investigation.

Retired NYPD Detective Randy Jurgensen was in the courtroom as

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**Who orchestrated the  
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an observer. Jurgensen has played a central role in the Cardillo case for decades. He arrested Cardillo’s alleged shooter, and later wrote *Circle of Six*, a powerful memoir of the case that prompted then-Police Commissioner Ray Kelly in 2006 to direct the NYPD Major Case Squad to take another look at the Cardillo killing.

Jurgensen worked with Major Case on the re-investigation and says the inquiry was closed around 2012. Since then, there has been no substantive and material activity on the case — although the NYPD now claims otherwise.

“I was told repeatedly in 2012 and after, by members of the Major Case Squad, that the case was closed and a final report was being prepared,” Jurgensen told Judicial Watch. “Copies of that report were to be ‘sent upstairs [to the police commissioner] and provided to the Cardillo family, and to me. That never happened. It’s 46 years since Phil Cardillo was killed. I just want

to see as much as possible made public in the case.”

Forty-six years is a long time. And, it’s fair to ask, why is Judicial Watch seeking information now? What is it all about? And why is the NYPD resisting disclosure?

JW’s answers to those questions are answered in the two previous Judicial Watch *Investigative Bulletins* cited above. But, the short version is that the NYPD has a well-documented bias against transparency and disclosure. It’s embarrassed by its past bad behavior in the Cardillo case and does not want it dragged back into the public eye.

And while there is a general investigative consensus that the suspect Jurgensen arrested in 1976 was the shooter — he went to trial and was acquitted — many questions remain about the case.

Was there a broader conspiracy that inadvertently led to Cardillo’s death?

Who made the 10-13 call that drew police officers to the mosque that day?

Why were the mosque doors — usually closed and locked — left open that day?

What was behind a special prosecutor’s conclusion that there was a deliberate effort by NYPD brass to “impede” the early Cardillo investigation?

And what was the role of the FBI in all this? Contemporary witnesses and documents suggest the FBI played a deeper role in the events surrounding the mosque case than they have admitted. Did FBI dirty tricks somehow inadvertently lead to Cardillo’s death?

Getting answers to those questions is why Judicial Watch is in court. Judge Saunders will issue a ruling in the New York case soon. Meanwhile, in Washington, JW’s parallel case against the FBI moves forward in federal court. **JW**

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# Illegal Alien In Florida Drug Bust Deported Three Times, Easily Reentered U.S.

A startling drug-trafficking case out of South Florida is especially disturbing because the illegal immigrant caught with more than \$500,000 in crystal methamphetamine had been deported three times in three months shortly before the drug bust occurred. A few months after the third deportation, the Mexican national returned to the United States with a partner and a vehicle stuffed with thousands of grams of pure crystal meth. The drugs have a street value of about \$560,000, according to estimates issued by federal authorities.

The thrice-deported illegal immigrant, Saul Bustos Bustos, and his partner in crime, fellow Mexican Irepan Juanchi Salgado, were arrested when they tried to sell five kilograms of crystal meth to undercover Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents in Miami. The exchange occurred in November 2017, and in mid-February this year, both men pled guilty to conspiring to possess with intent to distribute drugs.

According to a statement from the U.S. Department of Justice:

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Saul Bustos Bustos

“During the transaction, the defendants, who possessed a total of 3,717 grams of 98-percent-pure crystal methamphetamine, worked together to transfer the drugs from their vehicle to the undercover officer...Bustos Bustos also pled guilty to illegal reentry after removal, after reentering the United States subsequent to removal on April 13, 2017, July 6, 2017, and July 19, 2017.”

It's not clear how or where Bustos entered the country after getting deported, but court documents reveal he drove from Atlanta with the drugs as part of an operation based in Georgia and New York. On November 28, the two Mexican men drove to a restaurant in the Miami Dade County city of Hialeah to make the sale. The customer, an undercover DEA agent, followed the drug dealers to a warehouse to complete the transfer and the Mexican men were arrested. Bustos Bustos was scheduled to be sentenced on March 29 and faces life in prison. Salgado, who was to be sentenced later, also faces a lengthy jail sentence for the



Irepan Juanchi Salgado

narcotics conviction. Authorities say his brother, Luciano Salgado, is a renowned meth dealer.

Previously deported illegal immigrants have reentered the United States to commit a multitude of atrocious crimes over the years, but this one stands out because President Donald Trump vowed to tighten border security and the violations occurred after he took office.

Under the famously lax Obama rules, this type of thing was par for the course. In fact, the former president's own uncle, Onyango Obama, an illegal immigrant from Kenya, reentered the United States and even got a driver's license after getting deported. Uncle Onyango lost the license for driving drunk and was somehow able to obtain a special “hardship license” from the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, even though he wasn't even supposed to be in the United States and had been removed.

Not long ago, a previously deported gang member was charged with attempted murder and kidnapping in the northern Colorado city of Ft.

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Collins. The illegal alien from El Salvador, Angel Ramos, was deported from Texas to El Salvador last year after getting arrested for domestic violence. Somehow, he reentered the United States and tried to kill a woman by stabbing her repeatedly with a screwdriver and then running her over with his car before trying to stuff her body in the trunk. Ramos is a confirmed member of the violent street gang Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) and is wanted for homicide in his native El Salvador, according to information provided to the media by the U.S. Marshals Service. In November 2017, the 36-year-old was



DEA display of seized methamphetamine

charged with attempted murder, assault, menacing with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, domestic violence and criminal impersonation.

Back in 2014, a Judicial Watch investigation uncovered that a twice-deported illegal immigrant was a key figure in a sophisticated narcoterror ring. The Mexican national, Hector Pedroza Huerta, plotted a Chicago truck bombing with two of the FBI's "most wanted" terrorists and was deeply involved in smuggling drugs and weapons. The narcoterror ring that Huerta



helped operate after being deported two times from the United States runs from El Paso to Chicago to New York. Though he was an illegal alien with a substantial criminal record and deportation history, Huerta lived in El Paso and planned several bomb plots targeting oil refineries in Houston and the Fort Worth Stockyards. He also is alleged to have smuggled explosives and weapons from the Fort Bliss range and exercise areas in concert with corrupt U.S. Army soldiers and government contractors with gate passes at the El Paso base. JW

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# In the Media

## Judicial Watch sues NYPD, seeking case file of murdered Officer Phillip Cardillo

**Daily News**

**January 4, 2018**

A conservative watchdog group has sued the NYPD for records on the unsolved 1972 murder of Police Officer Phillip Cardillo.

**Judicial Watch** wants the case file assembled for the murder of Cardillo, who was shot and killed April 14, 1972 at a Nation of Islam mosque on W. 116th St. in Harlem.

Cardillo was killed after someone phoned in a fake officer-in-distress phone call. The lawsuit also seeks records on surveillance of the mosque between 1970 and 1973.

## IG is our best hope for criminal investigation of Clinton dealings

**The Hill**

**Op-ed by David Bossie**

**February 12, 2018**

We now see that President Obama's Justice Department was in the tank for Hillary Clinton all along. Since then, many lawmakers



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Hillary Clinton



David Asman, host on Fox Business Network and Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton, March 2018

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**“The whole super structure of the Russia investigation is compromised, and those caught up in it deserve some protection. It’d be appropriate for the president to consider pardons for people who are caught up in the prosecution.”**

*~ Judicial Watch President  
Tom Fitton*

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also have called for a special counsel for the Clinton case.

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Through Freedom of Information Act litigation with the State Department, Citizens United and **Judicial Watch** have released thousands of pages of relevant documents pertaining to the Clinton State Department's cozy relationship with the Clinton Foundation and their private email server. Many unanswered ques-

tions remain and the status of any investigation into these allegations, including the Uranium One matter, is unclear. It's only because of FOIA and groups like ours that a lot of this information has seen the light of day.

## Conservatives urge Trump to grant pardons in Russia probe

**Politico**

**February 19, 2018**

After months of criticizing Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe, President Donald Trump's supporters are issuing increasingly bold calls for presidential pardons to limit the investigation's impact.

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Tom Fitton, president of the conservative activist group **Judicial Watch**, said that allegations of anti-Trump bias among Justice Department and FBI officials circulated by conservatives would justify granting clemency to Trump associates like Flynn.

“The whole superstructure of the Russia investigation is compromised,” Fitton said. “Those caught

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up in it deserve some protection. Rather than just let the virus run its course, it'd be appropriate for the president to consider pardons for people who are caught up in the prosecution."

### Democratic intelligence memo released

CBS News

February 24, 2018

WASHINGTON — The 10-page Democratic memo intended to counter the GOP memo related to surveillance of a former Trump campaign official has been released, with some redactions.

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"This latest smear campaign by DNC loyalists is going to turn out the same way as their original multi-million dollar attack of 2016," [Carter] Page said in a statement. "As we've seen many times before with the felonious news leaks of the past year, this new round of misinforma-

tion surrounding efforts by Washington to illegally influence the 2016 election inflicts even more damages on the instigating perpetrators from the swamp. Today's latest memo further underscores the critical importance of the immediate disclosure of all my FISA applications and other relevant documents, as requested by the House Intelligence Committee, both Congressional Judiciary Committees, [Judicial Watch](#), *The New York Times*, Yale Law School, et al."

### Judicial Watch sues DOJ for Bruce and Nellie Ohr records related to Fusion GPS, anti-Trump dossier

Fox News

March 5, 2018

Conservative watchdog group [Judicial Watch](#) is suing the Justice Department for records related to Bruce Ohr, his wife Nellie Ohr, and their involvement in the now-infamous anti-Trump dossier.

The suit was filed Monday,

following the Justice Department's failure to respond to [Judicial Watch's](#) December 2017 Freedom of Information Act requests about the couple and their connection to research firm Fusion GPS.

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"Once again, the Deep State Justice Department is covering up evident misconduct targeting President Trump," [Judicial Watch](#) President Tom Fitton said in a statement. "A top Justice Department official in the Obama administration had an obvious conflict of interest through his wife Nellie's work with the Clinton/DNC vendor Fusion GPS on the anti-Trump dossier."

### Judicial Watch files two lawsuits against Justice Department

Washington Times

March 6, 2018

A government watchdog group launched two lawsuits this week demanding the Justice Department

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## JW Earns Nationwide Media Coverage

February 17 to March 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.

### Radio

2/27	KXL	Portland, OR – Mention
2/28	KOGO- AM	San Diego, CA – Mention
2/28	WTOP	Washington, DC – Mention
2/28	KFYI- AM	Phoenix, AZ – Live
3/5	WRC	Washington, DC – Live
3/7	WMAL	Washington, DC – Live
3/15	WMAL	Washington, DC – Live
3/15	Hannity	National – Live
3/15	WMAL	Washington, DC – Live
3/13	Fox Radio	National – Live
3/16	WOR	New York, NY – Mention
3/17	WTIC	Hartford-New Haven, CT – Live
3/17	WBAL	Baltimore, MD – Mention
3/17	WABC	New York, NY – Mention
3/17	WSB	Atlanta, GA – Mention

### TV

2/19	One America News	National – Live
2/19	Fox Business	National – Live
2/20	Fox News	National – Live
2/23	Fox News	National – Live

2/26	Fox Business	National – Live
2/28	Fox Business	National – Live
2/28	Fox Business	National – Live
2/29	Fox News	National – Live
2/29	Fox Business	National – Live
3/1	One America News	National – Live
3/2	Fox Business	National – Live
3/3	Fox Business	National – Live
3/3	Fox News	National – Live
3/5	One America News	National – Live
3/5	Fox Business	National – Live
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3/6	One America News	National – Live
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3/11	Fox Business	National – Live
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3/12	Fox Business	National – Live
3/14	Fox Business	National – Live
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3/15	Sinclair	National – Live
3/15	Fox News	National – Live
3/16	Fox Business	National – Live
3/17	Fox News	National – Live

### Online

3/15	Michael Graham	National – Live
3/15	NRA TV	National – Live

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turn over information on one of its officials' involvement with the controversial Trump dossier, which the FBI used to spy on Trump campaign officials.

**Judicial Watch** seeks records between Bruce Ohr, who had been the fourth-ranking official at the Justice Department, and his wife, Nellie Ohr, who worked for Fusion GPS, the opposition-research firm hired by the Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton's campaign. Fusion GPS is the firm that retained British ex-spy Christopher Steele to author the now infamous dossier.

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One lawsuit asks a judge to order the Justice Department to turn over emails, text messages and instant messages between Mr. Ohr and his wife, as well as Mr. Ohr's communications with Mr. Steele, with Fusion

GPS owner Glenn R. Simpson, and with any other Fusion GPS employees. It also seeks access to Mr. Ohr's calendar entries and his travel requests.

### Sean Hannity Interviews Judicial Watch's Tom Fitton

**Fox News**

**The "Hannity" Show**

**March 16, 2018**

**Sean Hannity:** Tom Fitton, you have struggled and your organization [Judicial Watch] has struggled. And this gets — so, why are they trying to hide, remember, Devin Nunes waited until the final five minutes before the subpoena of this information from the DOJ that should have been handed over much earlier and now, Congressman Jordan, Congressman Meadows, Congressman DeSantis, they have to send their entire staffs

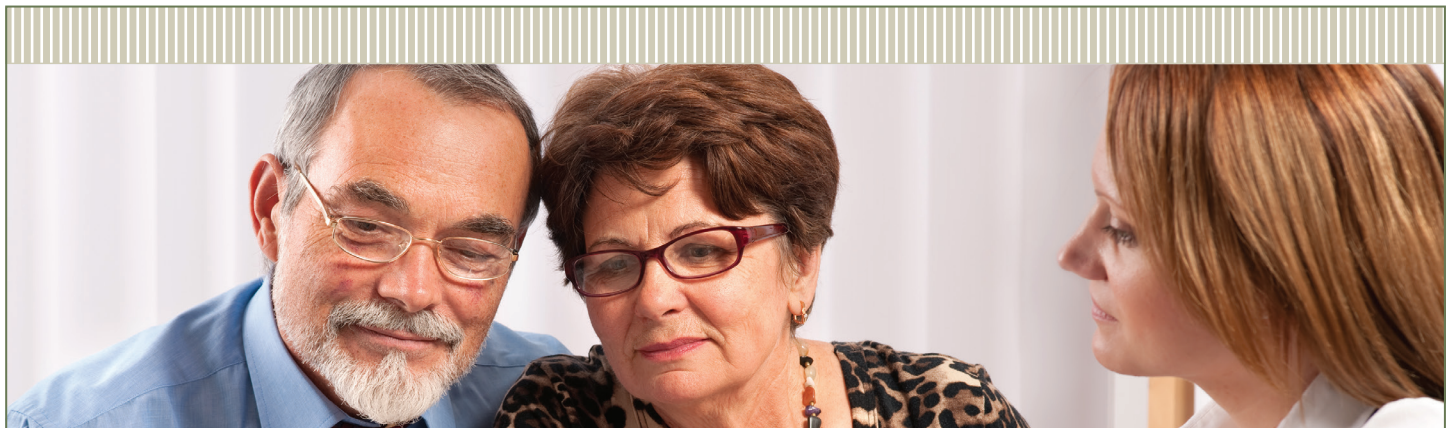


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over. They can't even take a picture of anything.

It's like don't they have oversight, isn't that part of checks and balances oversight committees are to check and balance to make sure that things don't go wrong?

**Tom Fitton, President, Judicial Watch:** Well, there was oversight, not only from Congress and Department of Justice and FBI, too, but also from the courts. I mean, we're in federal court asking for these types of text messages. We're asking, why haven't we gotten them yet? We know you have them, why don't you turn them over, on McCabe and Strzok and Page? **JW**



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