



THE

SPYGATE

FILES

TIMELINE TO THE BIGGEST POLITICAL SCANDAL
IN AMERICAN HISTORY

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE **NATIONAL** SENTINEL

“If ever time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin.” – Samuel Adams

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Foreword

One of our nation's greatest patriots, Patrick Henry, once said, "The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them."

Those words are as true now as they were when Henry said them.

During the waning months of his presidency, Barack Hussein Obama oversaw what can only be accurately and honestly described as *the greatest political scandal* in the history of our Republic: A purposeful campaign to spy on and undermine a rival presidential campaign and duly-elected president.

"Spygate," as it's been called, involved the corruption of federal law enforcement and intelligence community assets, along with the full weight and power of the federal establishment.

As of this writing Spygate is still unfolding.

It's likely that details surrounding what has become, without a doubt, the largest political scandal in the history of our Republic, will continue to be learned for years to come.

But the core elements of the scandal have already been revealed. And the associated details are numerous and, at times, minute. Each one is important, however.

This eBook outlines each of those details, in timeline fashion, for posterity. We felt there should be a record of this heinous abuse of power and trust by a political, intelligence, and media "Deep State" while those details are still relevant and fresh.

As we got to publication the 2018 Midterm elections are approaching. We advise you to read this timeline, remember who was involved from a political perspective, and vote accordingly.

-- *The Editors*

-- **March 2015:** Hillary Clinton aides instruct private IT firm Datto to start purging emails from their backup storage devices, which did not happen

News breaks that Clinton, as secretary of state, used a private email server to conduct official business

Clinton IT specialist Paul Combetta figures out that he hasn't deleted all of Clinton's emails; uses BleachBit software to finish the job

Jill McCabe announces her bid for the state senate in Virginia

-- **April 2015:** FBI informs Deputy Director Andrew McCabe there may be conflicts of interest linked to his wife's political campaign

-- **May 2015:** Justice Department official Peter Kadzik writes to Clinton campaign manager John Podesta from his personal account to warn him the House is investigating Clinton's emails

-- **June 2015:** Donald J. Trump announces he will run for the GOP presidential nomination

Classified emails were discovered on Clinton's private server and a criminal complaint is referred to the FBI

-- **July 2015:** FBI opens a criminal investigation into Clinton's alleged mishandling of classified data via her private, unsecured email server

-- DoJ Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates writes to the Justice Department inspector general and informs him the National Security Division isn't subject to IG review

-- State Department and other officials make a security referral in relation to classified information allegedly mishandled by Clinton and possessed by her and her associates

-- **August 2015:** Trump's campaign begins to pick up steam -- and support. Polls already have him ahead of a crowded GOP field

-- Andrew McCabe uses his official email account to promote his wife's candidacy

-- **October 2015:** FBI seizes two servers that were used to host Clinton email services

FBI counterintelligence agent Peter Strzok sends letter to Datto demanding that the newly discovered backup server be handed over to the bureau

FBI receives the backup server - which was possibly given to Strzok

Andrew McCabe emailed investigators to inform them Clinton would get the “HQ Special” – which is special or lenient treatment

President Barack Obama, on “60 Minutes,” essentially absolves Clinton of any intentional wrongdoing; this is seen as a signal to the Justice Department that he wants her cleared

-- **January 2016:** Head of the FBI’s National Security Division, John Giacalone, retires after seeing Clinton email investigation go “sideways,” describing the direction the investigation was going (not forward, or progressing)

Inspector general for the Intelligence Community said Clinton’s email server had SAP materials (highest classification level) on it

FBI Director James Comey names Andrew McCabe deputy director and puts him in charge of Clinton probe

-- **February 2016:** State Department found 2,115 of the 30,490 emails Clinton turned over were classified and thus grossly mishandled

Strzok texts his paramour, FBI lawyer Lisa Page, saying the Clinton probe cannot move forward because it appeared she would be the next president

– **March 2016:** The servers of the Democratic National Committee and Hillary campaign manager John Podesta’s email account were allegedly hacked by the Russian government

Strzok called Trump “an idiot” in a text to Page, opining that his nomination would be “good for Clinton”

Paul Manafort is hired as Trump’s campaign manager

– **April 2016:** Information that was ‘hacked’ from the DNC and Podesta begins showing up online

Russians start approaching the Trump campaign with pledges of ‘damaging information’ about Hillary Clinton

Strzok interviews Clinton aides Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills

During an interview, Obama told the lie that there is “no political influence” at the Justice Department and FBI by declaring “no one is above the law”

Law firm Perkins Coie, with money provided by the Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee, hires Fusion GPS to develop political opposition on Trump

National Security Agency chief Adm. Mike Rogers begins a probe into abuse of FISA 702 inquiries on U.S. citizens – including Manafort – by the DoJ and FBI

Former FBI Director Robert Mueller, then a private-sector attorney representing Clinton IT aide Justin Cooper, along with an Obama intelligence official, meet at the White House

Wife of Fusion GPS founder Simpson, Mary Jacoby, visits the White House and meets with Obama and/or Obama aides

Obama campaign organization makes first payment to Perkins Coie (in all, \$972,000 would be paid)

FBI's James Baker and the Justice Department's FISA attorneys meet twice at White House in back-to-back

Low-level Trump campaign staffer George Papadopoulos meets with Russian contact in London and reportedly gets offered "dirt" on Clinton

DNC IT staff reported suspected hacking of its server(s) to FBI but did not turn it/them over; hires private sector cyber firm CrowdStrike after FBI offers forensic services

-- **May 2016:** Comey drafts, or begins drafting, statement exonerating Clinton before interviewing her along with other key witnesses

Trump becomes the Republican Party's presumptive nominee

Clinton IT aide Combetta admits lying to the FBI about erasing Clinton's emails using BleachBit but is never charged for the crime

After learning that Trump will become the GOP nominee, Strzok texts Page to say, "Now the pressure really starts to the finish line [Clinton email case]"

FBI's Page and Baker meet with Obama deputy at White House; likely topic is upcoming request to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) court

Washington Post reports "scant evidence" that Clinton committed any criminal acts through her use of a private server

Mills interviewed by FBI after receiving immunity from prosecution; limited searches and the deal allows destruction of her laptop

Crowdstrike announces that its investigation of the alleged hack against the DNC's servers was done by the Russians; FBI still denied access to server to confirm the conclusions

Nellie Ohr, wife of DoJ ranking official Bruce Ohr, was secretly hired by Fusion GPS, perhaps to work on upcoming "Russian dossier"

Draft statement by Comey exonerating Clinton is circulated, before key interviews, to FBI leadership

(Per the Mueller investigation) Trump campaign official refuses Papadopoulos offer to broker meetings with Russian officials

Nellie Ohr applies for a HAM radio license, possibly to create a covert means of communication to avoid general surveillance

– **June 2016:** Five days before she meets with Don Jr. at Trump Tower, Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya meets with Fusion GPS co-founder Glenn Simpson

Don Jr. takes the meeting with Veselnitskaya. She does not give the Trump campaign the promised 'dirt' on Hillary Clinton; Don Jr. leaves meeting right away

Washington Post reports, via unnamed sources, that Russia hacked the DNC servers

Obama endorses Clinton after meeting with Sen. Bernie Sanders, her most formidable primary opponent, in the White House

WikiLeaks' Julian Assange warns that Clinton emails will be leaked

Former British spy Christopher Steele, long known to the FBI, is hired by Clinton's campaign, via Fusion GPS, according to court filings in the UK

Romanian hacker "Guccifer" claims to have hacked the DNC servers saying fake "Russian" cyber-fingerprints were inserted

Strzok changes the wording in Comey's statement exonerating Clinton from the criminally liable phrase "grossly negligent" to the non-legally binding "extremely careless"

Steele releases his first "dossier" memo

Obama Attorney General Loretta Lynch meets secretly with Bill Clinton on an airport tarmac; they deny discussing the investigation; news of the meeting leaks out via a local reporter

– **July 2016:** A counterintelligence investigation into the Trump campaign is launched by the Obama administration

NSA Director Mike Rogers becomes suspicious about what has been taking place under the radar in relation to the probe

Strzok texts page that Lynch is aware of plan to exonerate Clinton no matter what email investigation turns up

Clinton interviewed by the FBI and Strzok for 3.5 hours; she is never put under oath or recorded.

FBI Director Comey announces he will not recommend charges against Clinton for her mishandling of classified data over an unsecured email server

“Guccifer” claims to have hacked the DNC again (“Guccifer 2.0”)

July 5 – date that forensics indicate that the DNC’s emails were copied by an insider using a USB and not hacked by an external actor or nation state

Lynch accepts Comey’s recommendation that Clinton not be charged in the email scandal

Trump campaign associate Carter Page gives speech on economic policy in Russia, NY Times claims this raised FBI’s suspicions about him and the Trump campaign in general

July 10 – DNC staffer Seth Rich murdered on his way home during early morning hours from a bar in Washington, D.C.

Clinton aide Robbie Mook says Russians hacked DNC to aide Trump campaign

WikiLeaks’ Assange says he timed DNC email releases to impact Democratic National Convention and says “no one” knows who gave him the emails

FBI says it will investigate the DNC hack revealed by WikiLeaks; Strzok picked to lead probe

Strzok discovers friend “Rudy” Contreras appointed to FISA court; Contreras would later preside over Mike Flynn case

FBI opens counterintelligence investigation into possible Russian “collusion” with Trump campaign; investigation is headed by Strzok

-- **August 2016:** Rogers orders the NSA’s compliance officer to run a *full audit* on 702 NSA compliance

Strzok and Page discuss dodging rules for preserving their communications

FBI writes Congress defending Comey’s decision not to recommend prosecution for Clinton, reaffirming “extreme carelessness” over the legal standard of “gross negligence”

Manafort either resigns or is forced out by Trump campaign

CIA Director John Brennan briefs Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., about possible Russian “collusion” with Trump campaign

Reid sends letter to Comey in reference to allegations made about Carter Page in the Russia dossier

House Democrats write to Comey asking that he investigate Trump-Russia collusion in the context of the DNC email hack

-- **September 2016:** FBI’s Page texts Strzok saying Obama “wants to know everything we’re doing”

FBI releases summary of its interview with Clinton regarding her improper use of a private email server for all official business

Hillary Clinton accuses Russia of U.S. election interference.

During a town hall meeting, NBC correspondent Matt Lauer asks Trump about his relationship with Vladimir Putin

NY Times reports that Combetta, the Clinton IT specialist, deleted en masse emails from her server despite a records request they be preserved

Strzok admits withholding evidence of Clinton’s crimes from Congress; Comey and other FBI officials are aware of obstruction

Papadoulos emails Russian contact Boris Epshteyn in trying to connect him with Sergei Millian, who authored much of the Russian “dossier”

FISA court approves FBI surveillance request for Carter Page based on the dossier

Court filings state that media outlets including Yahoo News, the NY Times and Washington Post, were briefed on the dossier's contents by Steele

Yahoo News publishes a report based on the dossier along with allegations of possible collusion between Trump campaign and Russia

Hillary Clinton's campaign issues press release claiming a "bombshell report" on Trump-Russia ties, citing the Yahoo News story

DoJ's National Security Division admits to the FISA court surveillance included Obama's political opponents

John Carlin, head of DoJ National Security Division and was involved with FISA court requests, announces his sudden resignation

Strzok texts Page about a meeting with McCabe citing info that hundreds of thousands of emails were found on Weiner's laptop and given to the U.S. Attorney

Comey says his decision to exonerate Clinton wasn't made until after FBI agents interviewed her

– **October 2016:** FBI agents confiscate computer of Weiner during investigation of his sexting underage girls

Access Hollywood program releases graphic audiotape of GOP nominee Trump bragging about interacting with women

WikiLeaks releases a trove of emails stolen from Clinton campaign chief John Podesta

Obama administration officially accuses Russia of meddling in the 2016 election

FBI agents inform Strzok and McCabe they have found 650,000 emails on Weiner's laptop, many of which belonged to his then-wife, Huma Abedin, a top Hillary confidante

McCabe plots response to media reports that his wife's campaign was funded in large part by Clinton associates

Strzok's wife, Melissa Hodgman, given major promotion to deputy director of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Enforcement Division

FBI meets with Steele and offers to pay him for more Russia "dossier" material

DoJ/FBI file first FISA court Title I surveillance request for Carter Page using the unverified Russia dossier

Comey friend Benjamin Wittes, who received Comey's leaks, writes a blog post, "What if Trump Wins? We Need an Insurance Policy"

The NSA compliance officer identifies several strange 702 "About Queries" that have been conducted

Rogers personally informs the FISA court of the 702(17) violations

Media report that McCabe's wife's senate campaign received \$700,000 from Clinton associate Gov. Terry McAuliffe

Using leaks from McCabe, The Wall Street Journal counters CNN's conflict of interest claims with report that Comey made decision regarding Clinton

During Comey staff meeting McCabe and Strzok are questioned about why they are sitting the Abedin/Weiner email findings

Comey announces he will reopen the Clinton email probe based on the emails found on Weiner's laptop

Lawyer Joe diGenova reports that the FBI never destroyed PCs belonging to Cheryl Mills and Heather Samuelson despite agreeing to do so

Judge grants search and seizure warrant to the FBI for Clinton emails located on Weiner's laptop

Reid writes to Comey asking him to release the "explosive" information regarding Trump-Russia "collusion"

FBI lead counsel James Baker leaks "dossier" info to Mother Jones magazine tying Trump to Russian "collusion"

Citing Slate online magazine, Clinton campaign issues statement about server in Trump Tower that 'secretly' communicated with Russia

-- **November 2016:** Despite many conflicts of interest, McCabe waits until this late date to recuse himself from the Clinton email investigation

The Daily Beast published a four-part series of articles claiming Trump has a "love affair" with Putin and Russia

Comey exonerates Clinton over her email scandal for the second time after Weiner laptop docs reviewed “around the clock”

Trump defeats Hillary Clinton; the victory stuns and panics the Deep State involved in setting up counterintelligence probe

Strzok and Page text each other about a “secret society” to undermine President-elect Trump and “deleting text messages”

Lisa Page texts Strzok: “...being here makes me angry... Meanwhile we have OUR task ahead of us.”

DoJ official Bruce Ohr meets secretly with Fusion GPS founder Glenn Simpson and Steele regarding Russian “dossier”

FBI agrees to continue providing funds for Steele to work on the dossier

Several days after the election, Rogers goes to visit President-elect Trump in Trump Tower, probably to warn about secret surveillance against him and his team

Trump campaign and transition officials pack up their Trump Tower office and relocate to a location in New Jersey a day after the meeting

Media reports claim that Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and other officials want Rogers removed from his post as NSA director

Sen. John McCain told of the dossier; a copy is sent to him and key aides

Bruce Ohr interviewed for the first of a dozen times by FBI investigators, with the last occurring in May 2017

– **December 2016:** CIA informs Congress U.S. intelligence believes the Russians hacked the DNC to help defeat Clinton

McCain provides the dossier to Comey

Obama orders the intelligence community to probe Russian influence on the November election

Beginning a period when the DoJ “failed to preserve” Strzok-Page texts that ends on May 17, 2017 (later recovered by the DoJ’s inspector general)

Citing unnamed officials (Strzok or Page suspected) Washington Post reports on “Russian election hacking”

Soon-to-be national security advisor Michael Flynn and his wife travel for a post-election vacation to the Dominican Republic; while there he speaks on phone to Russia’s Ambassador to the U.S. Sergey Kislyak as part of his advisory role; call intercepted by U.S. intelligence monitoring Kislyak

The Obama administration expels 35 suspected Russian intelligence officers from the United States, and the forces closure of Russian-owned compounds in Maryland and New York

Flynn receives phone call while in the DR from Russia’s ambassador to the U.S., Sergey Kislyak; they discuss the Obama actions

– **January 2017:** FBI says publicly that the DNC has refused to turn over its server to determine who hacked it (or whether it was hacked)

According to an email from Susan Rice, Comey secretly meets with Obama, VP Biden, Sally Yates and Rice – meeting not disclosed to Congress

Comey briefs President-elect Trump on “salacious, unverified” dossier but doesn’t tell Trump it was opposition research paid for by Clinton campaign and DNC

Within hours of Trump-Comey meeting, existence of dossier reported by CNN (later believed CIA Director James Clapper is leaker)

Comey demands dossier be included in final intelligence community report on Russian meddling in the U.S. election

Intel chiefs Clapper, Comey, Brennan and Rogers brief Obama on dossier and attempts to “influence” Trump

The now-infamous Trump dossier is published in full by *Buzzfeed News*

Clinton campaign official John Podesta meets with Fusion GPS founder Simpson; later tells Senate Intelligence Committee he knows nothing about dossier

The Wall Street Journal identifies Steele as dossier author

DoJ IG Michael Horowitz announces investigation into FBI actions regarding Clinton email scandal including McCabe’s role

Washington Post reports that Flynn spoke to Russia’s Kislyak

NY Times reports that federal law enforcement “intercepted” communications of Trump officials, including Paul Manafort

Day before Trump’s inauguration DOJ/FBI have FISA surveillance of Trump team renewed

Moments after inauguration Rice emails herself details of secret Obama-Comey meeting in the White House days earlier

Michael Flynn sworn in as national security advisor

Flynn gives voluntary interview to FBI regarding Russian “collusion;” he has no lawyer present; one interviewer is Peter Strzok

Acting AG Yates and FBI counterintelligence official Bill Priestap tell White House counsel Flynn “compromised” by Russia

Former Clinton State Department rep George Papadopoulos interviewed by FBI; he will be indicted later

DoJ official Andrew Weissman, who later becomes a member of Mueller’s special counsel investigation, congratulates Yates over her refusal to defend Trump’s first travel ban

Trump fires Yates for insubordination

Russian operative Sergei Millian named as source for dossier information

– **February 2017:** Jeff Sessions sworn in as Trump’s AG

Flynn resigns over allegedly lying to Vice President Mike Pence about contacts with Kislyak

Comey says Trump asked him to drop Flynn investigation

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes demands to know why FBI recorded Flynn, then unmasked him and leaked it to media

McCabe tells Trump Chief of Staff Reince Priebus FBI sees no evidence of Russian collusion but he and Comey refuse to tell the media that

CNN reports that Trump White House “pressured” FBI into clearing Team Trump of collusion charges; later it is believed that McCabe leaked this after changing the story

Nunes says he has not seen any evidence of Trump-Russia “collusion”

– March 2017: Sessions recuses himself from the FBI’s and Justice Department’s “collusion” investigation, citing prior contacts as a senator with the Russian ambassador

Former DNI Clapper says he does not know of any time a FISA warrant was approved to spy on Trump officials

Comey, appearing with NSA chief Adm. Rogers, testifies to Congress FBI secretly launched its Trump-Russia “collusion” investigation beginning in June 2016, unlawfully hiding it from the Legislative Branch

Comey denies claims that the Trump campaign was “wiretapped” by the Obama administration

Clapper denies accusations that FISA was abused to spy on Team Trump

Nunes goes to White House to view surveillance scandal data on secure computer

Nunes tells Trump he believes POTUS and his staff were illegally surveilled and unmasked

Nunes demands that the CIA, FBI, and NSA disclose the nature of unlawful surveillance he found out about

Former Obama Defense Department official Evelyn Farkas admits on MSNBC that the administration was spying on Trump and associates

Sen. Chuck Grassley sends letter to Comey regarding his concerns that McCabe’s probe of Clinton’s emails was biased over donations to McCabe’s wife

-- **April 2017:** Nunes temporarily relinquishes control of his committee’s investigation into “collusion” over allegations he leaked classified information

DoJ/FBI have FISA surveillance request renewed; this is renewal #2

– **May 2017:** Comey tells Senate Judiciary Committee that neither he, nor any authorized personnel, leaked to the media

Trump fires Comey

Washington Post claims that Comey requested additional funding and resources for Russia probe before his firing; this turns out to be false

Abedin husband Weiner signs plea agreement for crime of transmitting obscene materials to a minor female

Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein approves extension of FISA surveillance of Carter Page based on unsubstantiated dossier

McCabe denies leaking favorable stories to the media to FBI investigators; later denies leaking to inspector general sometime in July

Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein appoints former FBI Director Robert Mueller to be special counsel to look into Trump-Russia collusion

Period ends where DOJ “failed to preserve” Strzok-Page texts that began 12/14/16 (later recovered)

Strzok texts Page about Mueller “collusion” probe: “The odds are nothing [of collusion]...there’s no big there there”

Strzok texts Page; says Mueller probe “an investigation leading to impeachment?”

-- **June 2017:** Early reporting ties the Trump dossier to Democrats, though no evidence yet presented

Comey tells Congress he leaked memos to a friend in order to spur special counsel probe of Trump-Russia “collusion”

Former DHS chief Jeh Johnson tells Congress that the DNC would not hand over its server so the “hack” could be thoroughly investigated

Wife of Fusion GPS founder Glenn Simpson, Mary Jacoby, writes on Facebook her husband should get credit for “Russia-gate”

-- **July 2017:** Comey says “dossier” was “salacious and unverified” but was nonetheless important because media was preparing to report on it

CNN reports that Strzok is working for Mueller’s special counsel team

James Clapper falsely testifies to Congress that he never leaked the existence of dossier to the media; later he recanted his statement

DoJ/FBI have FISA surveillance request renewed (this is renewal #3)

DoJ inspector general receives compromising texts of Strzok from FBI

DoJ National Security Division and FBI office of inspector general officials interview Lisa Page for three days; she appears to be cooperating with investigators

Group of intelligence officials report there is no evidence that Russians hacked the DNC's server

DoJ IG meets with Mueller and Rosenstein to inform them about Strzok's text messages

Wall Street Journal columnist Kimberly Strassel suggests that Democrats, not the Trump campaign, had colluded with Russia

-- **August 2017:** Rosenstein explicitly outlines focus of Mueller probe in document that is eventually revealed on 4/4/18, likely because of Strzok/Page revelations

Trump AG Jeff Sessions and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats unveil new FBI anti-leak team formed under Rosenstein

The Nation magazine reports on evidence that DNC insiders, not Russian hackers, compromised the party's IT systems

DoJ IG requests all communications between Strzok and Page

Fusion's Simpson meets with Senate committee for 10 hours but won't reveal who funded dossier

House Intelligence chair Nunes subpoenas DoJ and FBI for documents related to dossier; Strzok is implicated

-- **September 2017:** NBC correspondent Dilanian, believed to be linked to Fusion GPS, misreports Trump Jr.'s 6/16 meeting with Russian lawyer Veselnitskaya

Obama national security advisor Susan Rice admits she put Trump campaign under surveillance following the election and unmasked Trump campaign officials

Clapper reiterates that he did not know of any FISA surveillance warrants approved for Trump campaign officials

Carter Page, one-time foreign policy advisor to the Trump campaign, becomes third person to file libel lawsuit after being named in the Trump dossier as tied to Russians

-- **October 2017:** Two Fusion GPS employees plead the Fifth Amendment during House Intel Committee interviews

Washington Post reports that the Hillary campaign and DNC did in fact finance the dossier via Fusion GPS

Close ties between CNN and Fusion are revealed through social media accounts

Dilanian reports first Mueller indictments to be announced based on illegal leak

Two days later, Paul Manafort, Rick Gates and George Papadopoulos indicted as part of Mueller's investigation

FBI refuses House Intel Committee request to interview Strzok

FBI finally agrees to provide dossier to congressional oversight committees

-- November 2017: House investigators say they believe Fusion GPS paid reports to disseminate contents of dossier

Flynn signs plea deal with special counsel, admitting he lied about sanctions conversations with Russian diplomat

-- **December 2017:** U.S. District Judge Contreras "warns Mike Flynn to cooperate with prosecutors for lighter sentence

Contreras, a personal friend of Strzok's, presides over hearing where Flynn pleads guilty to lying to FBI

Washington Post reveals incriminating texts exist between Strzok and Page; anti-Trump bias first reported

CNN reveals that Strzok changed the wording of Comey's statement exonerating Hillary Clinton from "grossly negligent" to "extremely careless" because it did not have legal implications

DoJ ranking official Bruce Ohr demoted following revelations he met secretly with Fusion GPS - which had secretly employed his wife, Nellie Ohr

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., ranking member of the House Intel Committee, accused of leaking notes of meeting between Trump Jr. and his panel to CNN

Fox News reports that Bruce Ohr was in contact with Fusion GPS at time FISA application was submitted initially and approved

House Ethics Committee clears Nunes of accusations that he leaked classified information; said to be a “frivolous charge”

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, grills FBI Director Christopher Wray over whether dossier was used to obtain FISA warrant; Wray refuses to answer

FISA court judge Contreras, who presided over Flynn case, suddenly recused himself according to court statements

Fox News reveals that Nellie Ohr worked for Fusion GPS to create opposition research Trump

Justice Department releases 375 text messages between Strzok and Page

McCabe cancels testimony before Congress after revelations about the Ohr’s ties to Fusion GPS

DoJ IG reports it has all Strzok-Page texts exchanged between 12/14/16--5/17/17, which conflicts with FBI’s 1/19/18 statement

Rosenstein refuses to tell House panel whether FBI paid for Fusion GPS dossier

Jordan suggests the FBI used the unverified dossier to obtain FISA court warrant to spy on Team Trump

Bruce Ohr appears before Congress

GOP lawmakers call for investigation into leaks of privileged interview between Trump Jr. and House Intel Committee

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. Charles Grassley calls for McCabe to be fired

McCabe testifies in private to House Intel Committee one day later - won’t answer questions about the dossier

Top FBI general counsel James Backer said to leaked dossier to Left-wing Mother Jones magazine; gets reassigned by Director Wray

McCabe admits Clinton email probe led by “small group” in HQ, not a local field office as per standard procedure

McCabe announces he will retire in 2018

State Dept. releases some emails found on Weiner-Abedin laptop; several contain classified information

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., cites major concern over dossier used by the DoJ; implies its origin was disguised and presented to FISA court as real intelligence

NYTime's Haberman floats narrative that FBI launched Trump investigation due to George Papadopoulos, not the dossier

NYTimes reports that Clinton associates offered up to \$500,000 to females to claim Trump sexually harassed them.

-- **January 2018:** Fusion GPS founders pen NY Times op-ed asserting "dossier" claims but did not address funding sources, Nellie Ohr's involvement, etc.

Grassley writes Rosenstein, asks if Comey leaked classified information to Columbia University professor Dan Richman

Government watchdog group Judicial Watch reveals that all of Comey's leaked emails were classified, representing intentional criminal behavior by the former FBI director

Bruce Ohr is either removed or resigns from the DoJ's second-highest position in OCDETF

The UK's Daily Mail reports emails showing Abedin intentionally copied State Dept. emails to husband Weiner's laptop then lied to FBI about it

Researcher CTH reveals that FBI/DoJ likely used Form 702 "about inquiries," not warrants, to wiretap Trump and associates at any time they wanted

Investigative journalist Sara A. Carter reports that sources inform her the FBI definitely used the dossier to obtain the FISA court warrant to spy on Page

Document dump reveals FBI not only paid Fusion but also allowed the firm to submit FISA "about inquiries"

DoJ IG releases first batch of 1.2 million documents related to investigation of DoJ/FBI corruption days early

McCabe, Rosenstein, special counsel lawyer/investigator Andrew Weissman, and Obama federal judge appointee Theodore Chuang tied to effort to cover up Uranium One scandal

Former Trump advisor Michael Caputo claims up to 1,000 GOP-linked persons were spied on by the Obama DOJ/FBI in illegal unmaking operation

NYTimes reporter Shane floats narrative that Clinton campaign was duped by Russian dossier disinformation campaign

Washington Examiner's Byron York reports that congressional investigators believe Obama State Department likely played a role in disseminating the dossier

Report on FISA abuse made available to all House members; reaction is one of stunned disbelief; "very foundation of our democracy are at risk"

Senate investigators reveal FBI claims it "failed to preserve" five months' worth of Strzok-Page texts between 12/14/16 and 5/17/17

NBC's Dilanian, who has ties to Fusion, pushes false claim that Russian bots are behind "ReleaseTheMemo hashtag

Rep. Chris Stuart, R-Utah, suggests that the highest levels of Obama's DOJ/FBI lied to the FISA court in order to obtain Team Trump surveillance warrants

Senate Homeland Security Committee Chairman Ron Johnson, R-Wis., releases 384 pages of new Strzok-Page texts

Johnson highlights evidence of "corruption at the highest levels of the FBI" and, as former FBI head, suggests Mueller must be dismissed because he's biased

Nunes FISA Memo said to name Comey, Rosenstein, and McCabe as participants in unlawful Trump team surveillance

NYTimes' Haberman and Schmidt report that Trump wanted to fire Mueller in June 2017 but WH counsel Don McGann threatened to quit

Missing five months of Strzok-Page texts 'recovered' by DoJ IG Michael Horowitz

Senate Judiciary Committee issues demand for dossier information to wide range of Clinton- and DNC-related entities; due 2/8/18

Preemptive leak to the NY Times reveals Rosenstein approved surveillance of former Trump campaign aide Carter Page in May 2017 - based on bogus dossier

MCCabe unexpectedly announces his immediate retirement; this was also reported as him being removed by Director Wray

House Intelligence Committee votes to release “FISA memo” which reportedly details Obama-era abuse of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court

Wall Street Journal reports that McCabe and Strzok hid discovery that Weiner’s laptop held thousands of Clinton emails from Congress for weeks

FBI issues a statement it has “grave concerns” about the FISA memo; Nunes replies that the reasons are obvious

Mueller requests postponement of Flynn sentencing, perhaps due to potential evidence tampering (changes on 302 forms)

-- **February 2018:** House Intelligence Committee declassifies and releases four-page FISA memo; shows FBI/DoJ disguised DNC-sourced dossier to illegal surveil Team Trump

Former White House chief of staff Reince Priebus denies he ever heard Trump say he wanted to fire Mueller

Obama CIA Director Brennan attacks House Intelligence Committee and Chairman Nunes for “abuse of power” (which is really just performing their constitutional oversight role)

Sens. Grassley and Graham reveal Obama State Dept. transmitted info to Steele for inclusion in bogus dossier

Sens. Grassley and Graham issue criminal referral of Steele to DoJ and FBI related to Russian dossier

House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte requests FISA court Judge Rosemary Collier provide documents pertaining to Team Trump surveillance

DoJ National Security Division official David Laufman resigns over “personal reasons”

Head of FBI public affairs office, Michael Kortan, resigns; Strzok-Page texts implicated him as helping publicize fake Clinton email probe

Deadline (2/8/18) for Clinton- and DNC-related entities to respond to Senate Judiciary Committee’s request for info on dossier

Obama State Dept. official Jonathan Winer says in Sept. 2016 Clinton operative Sydney Blumenthal and Steele passed bogus dossier to him

DoJ official Rachel Brand, who was responsible for FISA court requests, resigns

Report claims Nunes' House Intel Committee will investigate Brennan for his role in passing around Russian dossier

Report released revealing Bruce Ohr hid wife's employment with Fusion GPS from DOJ ethics officials

Mueller indicts 12 Russians for interfering in 2016 election using Internet ads and other means

Nunes sends questions to former Obama admin officials regarding dossier; wants answers by March 2

Democrats on House Intel Committee release rebuttal memo to FISA memo drafted by Republicans; it does not refute central allegations of illegal Trump surveillance and FISA court abuses

Nunes issues point-by-point rebuttal to Democratic Intel memo

Comey, Rosenstein, McCabe, and DOJ official Bruce Ohr implicated in scandal

-- **March 2018:** Nunes writes to AG Sessions demanding an investigation: FISA applications may have violated multiple federal statutes

Deadline (3/2) for former Obama officials to respond to questions from Nunes regarding dossier

Goodlatte and House Oversight and Government Reform Committee chair Trey Gowdy formally request AG Sessions name a special counsel to investigate alleged FISA court abuses by DOJ and FBI

House Intel Committee releases full 14-month report on investigation into Trump/Russia: Finds "no evidence of collusion, coordination, or conspiracy"

FBI disciplinary officials recommend McCabe be fired for disclosing sensitive information and lying to investigators

McCabe, implicated in numerous scandals, is fired hours before he retires, depriving him of at least some government benefits

McCabe claims that the 10/24/16 article by Wall Street Journal reporter Devlin Barrett, using leaked info provided by McCabe, was authorized by then-Director Comey

Newly revealed Strzok-Page texts indicate that Obama White House coordinated with CIA, DoJ, and FBI to invent Russian “collusion” scandal after Trump unexpectedly won the November 2016 election

Sessions reveals he has assigned Utah U.S. Attorney John Huber, to probe several alleged abuses and Clinton email probe; he is working with DoJ IG Horowitz as a de facto special prosecutor

-- **April 2018:** Document from Rosenstein to Mueller on 8/2/17 outlines scope of Mueller’s probe as Manafort case unfolds

DoJ says it will permit congressional intelligence committees to view original FISA warrant application documents for minor Trump campaign figure Carter Page

FBI raids residence and offices of Trump personal lawyer Michael Cohen, acting in referral from Mueller

Nunes gives Rosenstein and FBI chief Wray 24 hours to deliver documents or face an impeachment vote

Federal prosecutor John Lausch named by Sessions to facilitate document transfers to Congress

11 members of Congress issue criminal referral to Sessions for Hillary Clinton, Loretta Lynch, Comey, Strzok and Lisa Page

DoJ IG makes criminal referral of McCabe to U.S. attorney for consideration of felony charges for lying to federal agents

DNC files what amounts to a harassment lawsuit against Russia, Trump campaign and WikiLeaks for “collusion;” opens up many Democrats to discovery process

DoJ IG launches investigation into Comey’s admitted leaks to the media

Nunes states clearly that “no intelligence” was used to justify the FISA surveillance warrant applications to spy on Trump campaign

Comey lawyers up and hires former U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, who was involved in controversial prosecution of “Scooter” Libby, of Valerie Plame scandal fame

Comey friend Prof. Daniel Richman, who leaked Comey’s memos, is revealed to have been hired by Comey’s FBI and given special anti-terror database access

Second “dossier” created by Clinton operatives Blumenthal and Cody Shearer, revealed to have been fed to John Kerry-run State Dept.

Collection of Strzok-Page texts between 12/2016 and 5/2017 once thought “missing” turned over to Congress by the DoJ IG

-- **June 2018:** Long-awaited report from DoJ IG is released.

Comey called “insubordinate.” Strzok text not previously released responds to lover Page “We’ll stop him” when she asks if Trump will ever be president.

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