

SPECIAL COUNSEL FINDINGS: PEOPLE WHO REFUSED PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ORDERS

DONALD TRUMP



James Comey
Former
FBI Director
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Donald McGahn
Former
White House Counsel
(Vol. II, p. 4)



Rick Dearborn
Former Senior
White House Official
(Vol. II, p. 5)



Robert Porter
Former White House
Staff Secretary
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Jeff Sessions
Former
Attorney General
(Vol. II, p. 107)



Corey Lewandowski
Former Trump
Campaign Manager
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Reince Priebus
Former White
House Chief of Staff
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SPECIAL COUNSEL FINDINGS



“Denying Facts”

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Donald Trump Jr.



Hope Hicks
Former White House
Communications Director



Donald McGahn
Former White
House Counsel

“Efforts to Curtail the Special Counsel Investigation”

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Corey Lewandowski
Former Campaign
Manager



Jeff Sessions
Former Attorney
General



Ruben Pfeiffer
Former White House
Chief of Staff



Donald McGahn
Former White
House Counsel



Robert Porter
Former White
House Staff Secretary

“Encourag[ing] Witnesses Not to Cooperate”

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Paul Manafort
Former Trump Campaign
Chairman



Michael Flynn
Former National
Security Advisor



Michael Cohen
President's Former
Personal Counsel



Rick Gates
Former Trump Deputy
Campaign Manager

SPECIAL COUNSEL FINDINGS – WITNESS CONTACTS



Paul Manafort
Former Trump Campaign
Chairman

“[T]he President intended to **encourage Manafort to not cooperate with the government.**”



Rick Gates
Former Trump Deputy
Campaign Manager

Manafort to Gates: don't “plead” to any charges because Manafort “had talked to the President's personal counsel and **they [are] ‘going to take care of us.’”**”

(Vol. II, p. 123)



Michael Flynn
Former National
Security Advisor



Michael Cohen
President's Former
Personal Counsel

“Before Cohen began to cooperate with the government,” the President “urged Cohen to stay on message and not ‘flip.’ Cohen recalled the President's counsel telling him that **he would be protected so long as he did not go ‘rogue.’”**”

(Vol. II, p. 154)

Flynn testified to: “multiple instances, both before and after his guilty plea” of contact by the Trump Administration that “could have affected both **his willingness to cooperate and the completeness of that cooperation.**”

(Flynn Sentencing Memorandum Addendum, Dec. 18, 2018, at 5)

SPECIAL COUNSEL FINDINGS – PRESIDENT TRUMP’S CONDUCT

“[I]f we had confidence after a thorough investigation of the facts that the President clearly did not commit obstruction of justice, we would so state . . . however, **we are unable to reach that judgment.**” (Vol. II, p. 8)

“[W]hile this report does not conclude that the President committed a crime, it also **does not exonerate him.**” (Vol. II, p. 8)

“[E]vidence does indicate that a thorough FBI investigation would uncover facts about the campaign and the President personally that **the President could have understood to be crimes or that would give rise to personal and political concerns.**” (Vol. II, p. 76)

SPECIAL COUNSEL FINDINGS: “SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE” (VOL. II, P. 88)

The President “directed McGahn to have the Special Counsel removed.” (Vol. II, p. 90)

“[T]he President’s attempts to remove the Special Counsel were linked . . . to reports that the President was being investigated for potential obstruction of justice.” (Vol. II, p. 89)

“[T]he President’s efforts to have Sessions limit the scope of the Special Counsel’s investigation was intended . . . to prevent further investigative scrutiny of the President’s and his campaign’s conduct.” (Vol. II, p. 97)

“[T]he President acted for the purpose of influencing McGahn’s account in order to deflect or prevent further scrutiny of the President’s conduct towards the investigation.” (Vol. II, p. 120)

SPECIAL COUNSEL FINDINGS: “THE PRESIDENT’S EFFORTS TO CURTAIL THE SPECIAL COUNSEL INVESTIGATION” (VOL. II, P. 90)

JUNE 14, 2017

NBC News: “Trump Being Investigated For Possible Obstruction Of Justice.”

JUNE 15, 2017

Trump Tweet: “You are witnessing the single greatest WITCH HUNT in American political history - led by some very bad and conflicted people!”

JUNE 17, 2017

Trump Directs McGahn: Fire the Special Counsel, “Mueller has to go . . . call me back when you do it.” (Vol. II, p. 86)

JUNE 19, 2017

Trump Dictates to Former Campaign Manager: Deliver a message to the Attorney General directing him not to investigate Trump. (Vol. II, p. 91)

DEC. 6, 2017

Trump Pressures Attorney General: Supervise Special Counsel to protect Trump and “shield the President from the ongoing Russia investigation.” (Vol. II, 112-13)

SPECIAL COUNSEL FINDINGS: “THE PRESIDENT MADE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO GET MCGAHN TO CHANGE HIS STORY” (VOL. II, P. 120)

JAN. 25, 2018
NYTimes: “President Trump ordered the firing” of the Special Counsel, but “backed down after [McGahn] threatened to resign.”

JAN. 26, 2018
Trump’s Counsel Directs McGahn’s Counsel: **Deny the story.** (Vol. II, p. 114)

JAN. 26, 2018
McGahn refuses: “[T]he Times story was accurate in reporting that the President wanted the Special Counsel removed.” (Vol. II, p. 114)

JAN. 26, 2018
Trump Directs Press Secretary: Tell McGahn to **deny the story**; McGahn refused because that account “was accurate.” (Vol. II, p. 114-15)

FEB. 5, 2018
Trump Directs Aide: Tell McGahn to create a record denying the story. “If [McGahn] doesn’t write a letter, then maybe I’ll have to **get rid of him.**” (Vol. II, p. 115-116)

FEB. 6, 2018
Trump Summons McGahn to Oval Office: “[D]o a correction,” but McGahn refused; when Trump objected, “McGahn responded that he had to and that his conversations with the President were **not protected.**” (Vol. II, p. 117)