



Deal reached for testimony on Ukraine



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WASHINGTON — House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff said Sunday that his panel has reached an agreement to secure testimony from the anonymous whistleblower whose detailed complaint triggered an impeachment investigation into President Trump.

Mr. Schiff (D., Calif.) said on ABC News' *This Week* that he expects the Intelligence Committee to hear from the whistleblower "very soon," pending a security clearance from acting Director of National Intelligence Joseph Maguire.

"We'll get the unfiltered testimony of that whistleblower," Mr. Schiff said, noting that Mr. Maguire said in a hearing Thursday

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One of the whistleblower's attorneys, Mark Zaid, said bipartisan talks in both chambers are ongoing "and we understand all agree that protecting whistleblower's identity is paramount."

He said no date or time for the testimony has been set.

Late Sunday, Mr. Trump wrote on Twitter that he wants Mr. Schiff "questioned at the highest level for Fraud & Treason" for his remarks at last week's hearing in which Mr. Maguire testified.

Mr. Trump demanded to meet the whistleblower as well as the person's sources.

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who illegally gave this information, which was largely incorrect, to the ‘Whistleblower,’” Mr. Trump wrote. “Was this person SPYING on the U.S. President? Big Consequences!”

Andrew Bakaj, another lawyer representing the whistleblower, sent a letter Saturday to Mr. Maguire expressing fears for his client’s safety.

“Unfortunately, we expect this situation to worsen, and to become even more dangerous for our client and any other whistleblowers, as Congress seeks to investigate this matter,” Mr. Bakaj wrote.

In a separate letter, Mr. Bakaj urged the leaders of the congressional intelligence committees to “speak out in favor of whistleblower protection and reiterate that this is a protected system where retaliation is not permitted, whether direct or implied.”

House Democrats last week began an impeachment inquiry into Mr. Trump’s actions after the release of the whistleblower complaint as well as a rough transcript of a July phone call in which Mr. Trump asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to investigate former vice president Joe Biden, who is leading in polls for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Hunter Biden served for nearly five years on the board of Burisma, Ukraine’s largest private gas company, whose owner came under scrutiny by Ukrainian prosecutors for possible abuse of power and unlawful enrichment.

The former vice president’s son was not accused of wrongdoing in the investigation.

As vice president, Mr. Biden pressured Ukraine to fire the top prosecutor, Viktor Shokin, who Mr. Biden and other Western officials said was not sufficiently pursuing corruption cases. At the time, the investigation into Burisma was dormant, according to former Ukrainian and U.S. officials.

grilling by hosts on Sunday morning news shows.

Rep. Jim Jordan (R., Ohio) pointed to an initial finding by the intelligence community inspector general stating that while the complaint was credible, the whistleblower had an “arguable political bias.”

“He had no firsthand knowledge. . . . And, second, he has a political bias,” Mr. Jordan said on CNN’s *State of the Union*. “That should tell us something about this guy who came forward with this claim.”

Host Jake Tapper pushed back against Mr. Jordan’s assertions.

“There is no evidence of that,” he said in response to Mr. Jordan’s claim of political bias, noting that the language used by the inspector general in describing the whistleblower “could mean that he interned for John McCain 20 years ago. We have no idea what it means.”

Mr. Jordan said he has no problems with the President’s call to the Ukrainian leader in July.

“We have now seen the transcript. ... This is just one of the many and unending attacks the Democrats have leveled against this President,” he said.

White House senior adviser Stephen Miller appeared on on *Fox News Sunday* but sidestepped some questions from host Chris Wallace about allegations surrounding the President’s actions, such as Mr. Trump’s decision to use not the federal government but rather his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani to obtain information on the Bidens’ activities.

He also declined to answer when asked by Mr. Wallace to outline how, in his view, the Bidens broke any laws.

Mr. Miller also disputed the use of the word “whistleblower” to describe the person who sounded the alarm about Mr. Trump’s



“The President of the United States is the whistleblower, and this individual is a saboteur trying to undermine a democratically elected government,” Mr. Miller said.

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