

Schiff: Whistleblower testimony expected 'very soon'



U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, far right, said no decision has yet been made on granting Flynn immunity.

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WASHINGTON — House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff said Sunday that he expects the whistleblower at the heart of impeachment proceedings against President Trump to testify “very soon.”

“All that needs to be done, at this point, is to make sure that the attorneys that represent the whistleblower get the clearances that they need to be able to accompany the whistleblower to testimony,” said Schiff (D-Calif.), “and that we figure out the logistics to make sure that we protect the identity of the whistleblower.”

Trump allies, meanwhile, took to Sunday talk shows with myriad responses to the the latest developments the Democrats’ impeachment proceedings.

Stephen Miller, the president’s senior policy adviser, called the whole inquiry a “partisan hit job” orchestrated by “a deep state operative” who is also “a saboteur.”

"The president of the United States is the whistleblower," Miller said during an appearance on "Fox News Sunday."

Tom Bossert, Trump's former homeland security adviser, said Trump needs to drop the conspiracy theories related to the 2016 campaign.

"I honestly believe this president has not gotten his pound of flesh yet from past grievances on the 2016 investigation," said Bossert. "If he continues to focus on that white whale," Bossert added, "it's going to bring him down."

The White House last week released a rough transcript of Trump's July 25 call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, as well as the whistleblower's complaint alleging the U.S. president pressured his counterpart to investigate the family of Joe Biden, the former vice president who is seeking the Democratic nomination to challenge Trump's re-election next year.

Trump has sought to implicate Biden and his son Hunter Biden in the kind of corruption that has long plagued Ukraine. Hunter Biden served on the board of a Ukrainian gas company at the same time his father was leading the Obama administration's diplomatic dealings with Kiev.

Giuliani has acknowledged broadly asking Ukraine to investigate the Bidens and defended the move as appropriate. Giuliani has claimed he acted at the behest of the State Department. The State Department has not commented.

"I did not do this on my own, I did it at the request of the State Department — I have a 'thank you' from them for doing a good job," Giuliani said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."