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# Clinton-Ukraine collusion allegations 'big' and 'incredible,' will be reviewed, Trump says



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## Trump: AG Barr will do what's right on campaign spying

President Trump weighs in on new Strzok-Page texts, the FISA abuse scandal, and the origins behind the Russia investigation on 'Hannity.'

President Trump told Fox News' ["Hannity"](#) in a wide-ranging interview Thursday night that Attorney General Bill Barr is handling the "incredible" and "big" new revelations that Ukrainian actors [apparently leaked damaging information](#) about then-campaign chairman [Paul Manafort](#) to help [Hillary Clinton's](#) campaign.

Last month, Ukraine Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko opened a probe into the so-called "black ledger" files that led to Manafort's abrupt departure from the Trump campaign. The investigation commenced after an unearthed audio recording showed that a senior Ukrainian anticorruption official apparently admitted to leaking Manafort's financial information in 2016 -- including his [ties to pro-Russian actors in Ukraine](#) -- to benefit Clinton.

Ukrainian law enforcement officials said earlier this month they have a [slew of evidence of collusion and wrongdoing by Democrats](#), and that they have been trying to share this information with U.S. officials in the Justice Department. A Ukrainian court recently ruled that the Manafort leak amounted to illegal interference in the U.S. election.

Asked by host Sean Hannity whether Americans need to see the results of Ukraine's ongoing investigation into whether officials in that country worked with the Clinton team, Trump replied, "I think we do."



The leak of damaging financial information on former Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort's links to pro-Russia actors in Ukraine led to his departure from the Trump team. Now, it's the subject of a Ukrainian probe into possible Clinton collusion. (AP)

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"I would imagine [Barr] would want to see this. ... I would certainly defer to the attorney general, and we'll see what he says about it," Trump said. "He calls 'em straight."

Trump continued: "It sounds like big stuff, very interesting with Ukraine. I just spoke with the [new president](#) a while ago, and congratulated him. ... But that sounds like big, big stuff, and I'm not surprised."

With those remarks, Trump echoed his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani, who wrote on Twitter on Wednesday: "Keep your eye on [Ukraine](#)."

### **FBI TOLD FISA COURT 4 TIMES THAT YAHOO ARTICLE WAS INDEPENDENT BASIS TO BELIEVE DOSSIER. ONE PROBLEM: IT WAS NOT**

A [2017 investigation by Politico](#) found that Ukrainian officials not only publicly sought to undermine Trump by questioning his fitness for office, but also worked behind the scenes to secure a Clinton victory.

Among other initiatives, Politico found, the Ukrainian government worked with a DNC consultant to conduct opposition research against Trump, including going after Manafort for Russian ties, helping lead to his resignation.

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### **FOX NEWS EXCLUSIVE: INTERNAL FBI TEXTS MESSAGES SUGGEST FBI WANTED TO MONITOR TRUMP TEAM DURING INTEL BRIEFINGS**

Trump also unloaded on former FBI officials Peter Strzok and Lisa Page, following a [Fox News report earlier in the day concerning newly revealed internal text messages between the two](#).

The messages indicated they discussed using briefings to the Trump team after the 2016 election to identify people they could "develop for potential relationships," track lines of questioning and "assess" changes in "demeanor" – language one GOP lawmaker called "more evidence" of irregular conduct in the original Russia probe.

"They were trying to infiltrate the administration," Trump told host Sean Hannity. "Really, it's a coup. It's spying. It's hard to believe in this country we would have had that."

Trump continued: "I think it's far bigger than Watergate, I think it's possibly the biggest scandal in political history in this country, maybe beyond political."



**Chris Wallace says two people come out of the Mueller report fairly well: James Comey and Carter Page**

The Mueller report appears to clear Carter Page and back up James Comey's claims, says 'Fox News Sunday' anchor Chris Wallace.

Trump summed up the development as "very disconcerting" and emphasized that Strzok and Page used their government-issued phones not only to exchange numerous anti-Trump text messages but also to hide their extramarital affair from their spouses.

"They were going hog wild to find something about the administration, which obviously wasn't there," Trump charged, referring to Strzok and Page as "two beauties," "lovers," and "sick, sick people" who are "like children, when you look at them."

"They're trying to infiltrate the White House, long after the election," Trump said. "This is a disgrace. Hopefully the attorney general will do what's right, and I believe he will. ... It's possibly the greatest scandal in the history of this country."



FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok is seated to testify before the the House Committees on the Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform during a hearing on "Oversight of FBI and DOJ Actions Surrounding the 2016 Election," on Capitol Hill, Thursday, July 12, 2018, in Washington. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

As for his widely mocked tweet that the Obama intelligence community had wiretapped Trump Tower -- which was followed months later by the revelation that the FBI had, in fact, monitored one of his former aides -- Trump said his remarks were the product of a "little bit of a hunch" and a "little bit of wisdom."

### **STRZOK'S PHONE FROM MUELLER PROBE TOTALLY WIPED. FBI BLAMES SOFTWARE GLITCH FOR OTHER DELETIONS**

Trump additionally voiced little confidence in Robert Mueller, saying the special counsel was perhaps "best friends" with former FBI Director James Comey -- whose termination led to Mueller's appointment.

Trump also faulted Mueller for, in his view, needlessly wrecking the careers of many members of his team.

Trump asserted he had "turned down" Mueller to head the FBI, and that Mueller was "conflicted" not only "because of the fact that Comey and him are best friends," but also because Trump "had a nasty business transaction" with Mueller.



Without taking questions from reporters about the Mueller report, President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump walk to board Marine One for the short trip to Joint Base Andrews then on to his estate in Palm Beach, Fla., at the White House in Washington, Thursday, April 18, 2019. (Associated Press)

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That was an apparent reference to an episode, referenced in Mueller's report, in which Mueller sought a refund -- apparently unsuccessfully -- from Trump after withdrawing from membership in his golf club.

But Trump said it was a "very good" sign that the New York Times acknowledged in a recent article that there were credibility problems in the discredited dossier that the FBI used to justify surveilling one of his campaign aides.

The Times finally joined a chorus of publications that have long cast doubt on the dossier's veracity, writing that the document "financed by Hillary Clinton's campaign and the Democratic National Committee" was "likely to face new, possibly harsh scrutiny from multiple inquiries."

The article noted that British ex-spy Christopher Steele relied in part on Russian sources and that, ironically, the document could have been part of a "Russian disinformation" effort to smear Trump even as Moscow was going after Clinton.

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The article, Trump said, suggested that dossier skepticism, once panned as denialism, has entered the mainstream -- now that Mueller's report found "some of the most sensational claims in the dossier appeared to be false, and others were impossible to prove."

As he did in his [previous interview on "Hannity,"](#) Trump vowed to declassify and release not only the documents related to the surveillance warrants to surveil his campaign, and even more.

"Everything's going to be declassified, and more," Trump said. "It'll all be declassified."

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Responding to the [entrance of Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential race,](#) Trump emphasized the economic growth and health care successes for veterans under his administration, who "don't have to die waiting in line" anymore.

Biden attracted mockery on Thursday for [insisting that he told former President Barack Obama](#) not to endorse his run.

"I've known Joe over the years. He's not the brightest lightbulb in the group," Trump said. "But he has a name they know."

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Right. When Trump allows Congress to see the full unredacted Mueller report, supporting evidence and allow Mueller, McGahn and Trump Jr. to testify maybe I could agree with you. Also throw in the fact that Trump wouldn't agree to be interviewed by Mueller. Oh and what about those tax returns. Trump is about as transparent as a brick wall. He only releases information beneficial to him.

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Old Obstructing Donny is scared of Biden, like all of Trump News Network. Crying like a baby isnt a good look for Obstructin Don

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Hillary, Comey, Clapper, Brennan, Lynch, Holder and possibly even the Messiah (Obama) should be behind bars for the damage they did to this country through the many laws they broke. It's just a matter of time. Tick-tock, tick tock, tick tock. Trump 2020!

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that would be fun.

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hey dems... party's over. here's the tab.

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Yes, we come from distant hills. Lands with forgotten stories from the side walks your children play and your neighbor sleeps.

Hard days, hard nights breeding passion, gentle joys teaching love, sacrifice and strength fall upon our shoulders as crowns from above. In your withered halls toothless chiors read songs their voices silent.

The light fades and we come silent, so silent.

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How do Democrats fight Trump when they he brings the full weight of military intelligence of the State of Russia to the table? Trump will be elected in 2020. Liberals need to accept this now. It's over. Democracy is done.

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what 'democracy' is done...?

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Trump's teasers are hilarious. Nothing ever comes of them but the way it moves fox and the Trump followers. Its like he was actually saying something important. #conman

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Let's see...Donald Trump getting involved with and making comments about an investigation involving a political rival.

He really does not understand that is an abuse of power. The DOJ is not a Trump police force....not yet anyways.

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Lmao.

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