

FISA Memo Released. Will witch-hunt Russiagate investigations end? Will Trump and his campaign team be exonerated?

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America's corrupt political system is too debauched to fix - Republicans as tainted as undemocratic Dems. So is Washington's intelligence community.

The FBI and Justice Department sought multiple FISA warrants based on unverified information from former MI6 spy **Christopher Steele**'s dodgy dossier on Trump - his work funded by Hillary and the DNC to denigrate him during the 2016 presidential campaign, continuing once in office.

It attempted to smear him with specious, unproven allegations of improper or illegal connections to Russia - including phony accusations of Russian US election meddling.

The secret rubber-stamp FISA court is a national disgrace, a police state body, virtually always issuing warrants on request, often violating Fourth Amendment protections.

No oversight of America's intelligence community exists. It operates extrajudicially, circumventing the law to suit its agenda.

FISA surveillance warrants are issued for 90-day periods, renewed several times to continue the Trump team investigation.

Requests without probable cause were made by former FBI director **James Comey**, former Deputy FBI director **Andrew McCabe**, **Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein**, former **Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates**, and former **Acting Assistant Attorney General Dana Boente**, according to the memo.

There's plenty about Trump to criticize, as president much to hold him accountable for. Yet nothing connects him improperly or illegally to Russia.

The Russiagate probe is a scam, a disgraceful witch-hunt, not a legitimate investigation. It never should have been initiated. It should be terminated straightaway.

The FISA memo contains no information harmful to national security, as undemocratic Dem **Rep. Adam Schiff** and others wanting its contents suppressed falsely claimed.

Using “classification laws to prevent disclosure of embarrassing information is...an abuse of federal law and standards,” Law **Professor Jonathan Turley** explained.

Information in the FISA memo revealed evidence of high-level abuse of power in Washington – common practice but rarely divulged.

Its findings “raise concerns about the legitimacy and legality of certain DOJ and FBI interactions” with the FISA court,” it stated – “represent(ing) a troubling breakdown of legal processes established to protect the American people from abuses related to the FISA process.”

Obtaining a FISA court warrant to spy on Trump during the presidential campaign without just cause was unethical at least, illegal at worst. Current and former high-level heads should roll for what happened.

The memo showed no warrants would have been issued without specious information from Steele’s dodgy dossier. Requesting it from the FISA court was unjustifiable, arguably illegal.



Bruce Ohr

Steele told DOJ official **Bruce Ohr** he wanted Trump prevented from becoming president, according to the memo. He was paid \$160,000 to cook up unverified information to denigrate him.

“...Ohr’s wife was employed by Fusion GPS to assist in the cultivation of opposition research on Trump,” the memo stated, adding:

“Ohr later provided the FBI with all of his wife’s opposition research, paid for by the DNC and Clinton campaign via Fusion GPS. The Ohr’s relationship with Steele and Fusion GPS was inexplicably concealed from the FISC.”

“(C)lear evidence of Steele’s bias was recorded by Ohr at the same time and subsequently in official FBI files – but not reflected in any of the page FISA applications.”

Steele falsely claimed Russian officials offered Trump campaign foreign policy advisor **Carter Page** billions of dollars to end US sanctions. He denies the charge.

The FISA memo shows beyond a reasonable doubt that dark forces in Washington wanted Trump prevented from becoming president – then aimed to denigrate him once in office, a scheme to oust him.

What's likely following the memo's release? Will culpable individuals be held accountable for their actions?

Will witch-hunt Russiagate investigations end? Will Trump and his campaign team be exonerated?

Will Russia bashing cease? Will common practice in Washington change?

Expect nothing positive following this disgraceful episode, dirty business as usual continuing like always.

Both right wings of US duopoly governance share blame, along with the FBI, DOJ and intelligence community.

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