

Stopping Bob Mueller's Coup: Where We Stand

by Barbara Boyd

Nov. 13—It has been a little over six weeks since *EIR* first published the dossier, “[Robert Mueller Is An Amoral Legal Assassin: He Will Do His Job If You Let Him](#).” Our aim was to bring an end to the coup which has paralyzed the government of the United States, to the detriment of its suffering citizens, and to cause the investigation and prosecution of its perpetrators. When we started this campaign, Robert Mueller was considered the paragon of the highest knightly virtue the Washington swamp and national news media are wont to recognize among their tribe. You know, this is the PR babble crafted by those who have already sold their souls, and are in an incessant subconscious process of examining plausible virtues they once possessed, all in preparation for that righteous moment when they arrive at St. Peter's Gate.

Now, exposed by us and other brave souls, Strait-Laced Bobby Three Sticks, our homegrown Torquemada, and his merry band of torturers and assassins, are engaged in a mad race against time. The very grounds for the investigation itself keep blowing up as more and more truth is pulled from the kicking and screaming participants in the conspiracy against the President. Torquemada II, et al., are racing to secure scalps as the very grounds for their investigation begin to crater all around them. Reviewing the situation, such voices as the *Wall Street Journal* have called for Mueller's resignation and investigations of the FBI, calls which are now echoed on the floor and in the halls of Congress, and in serious subpoenas aimed at the coupmeisters.

Equally important, Mueller et al., have begun to be



Robert Mueller leaving Senate hearings, June 2017.

ridiculed and mocked. Humor and irony, the most devastating weapon against all overly pretentious tyrants, finally showed up in this fight, in the form of David Stockman's very well placed [takedown of Mueller's indictment](#) of Baby George Papadopoulos. “*This is how the Deep State crushes disobedience by the unwashed American public*,” Stockman begins. “It indicts not only ham sandwiches but, apparently, political infants in diapers too, if that's what it takes. Hence the sudden notoriety of Baby George Papadopoulos, who pled guilty to ‘lying’ about an essentially immaterial date to the FBI.”

But, we are only part of the way on our journey. The republic remains in peril. On Saturday, November 11, the President rightly called out Obama's intelligence chiefs as political hacks, and said that the Mueller investigation was an outright fraud. That



Motives for the Coup Remain the Same

We wrote the dossier looking ahead to President Trump's visit to China, which seemed imperiled by the momentum of the coup. As we outlined in depth there, the motive for the coup against the President has nothing to do with any of the arguments advanced by the nation's offended, Trump-deranged, and bankrupt elites. Behind closed doors, the Party of Davos is white with fear over the huge economic development projects now proceeding in the world

under the auspices of China. This new paradigm for international relations is already substantively transforming economic relations in the world, and leaving the bankrupt Anglo-American imperial elites to stew in their mountain of unpayable debt. Their system collapsed in 2008 and never recovered, and now the same tired Wall Street recipes that led to the collapse have resulted in a speculative bubble even larger than 2008.

Trump really likes China's President Xi Jinping, but not because he is a ruthless dictator and all authoritarians love one another, as posited by our lame-brained "elites." As opposed to the sophomoric elite analysis, Trump likes Xi because Xi has a compelling vision of the future in which poverty is eliminated in this world, and mankind happily functions on the highest plane of scientific and technological progress. The same people who have criminally attacked this President, are engaged in suppressing the real news about what China is doing, and what Trump wants to do in collaboration with them.

With respect to Russia—Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, egged on by the British, began a new Cold War with Russia in 2014 when they staged a neo-Nazi coup in Ukraine, overthrowing Ukrainian President Victor Yanukovich, as a stepping stone in their ultimate plan for regime change in Russia itself. President Trump rejected the Putin regime-change operation—a sure path to World War III—and continues to insist that the

David Stockman exposed Robert Mueller in this Nov. 1 posting on the ZeroHedge website.

should have been greeted with calls for Mueller's resignation by the Congress and by other national leaders. There should have been editorials to the same effect from every newspaper in the land. An aroused citizenry should be forming pitchfork brigades focused, like lasers, on defending our Constitution, and not allowing an unhinged and illegitimate prosecutor to take out the sitting President of this great nation.

We are calling on you to help us finish this job. If you haven't read the Mueller dossier yet, you can read it [here](#). This progress report only relates as much of that document as is essential to explain the developments since it was published.

Get active. Tell your Congressmen, tell any other public official responsive to you, tell your union chief, and tell your neighbors and friends, that the Mueller Special Counsel farce must end, and that you will not take "no" for an answer. That kind of focus sets the right public climate for full exposure of those involved in the coup against the President, and for prosecution of their crimes. John Brennan, James Clapper, James Comey, Barack Obama, and Hillary Clinton are not just political hacks. They used the official powers of the United States, in full collusion with the British Secret Services, to first attack an American presidential campaign and then launch an insurrection against the elected President. These are crimes which cannot go unpunished.



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Presidents Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin shake hands at the APEC Summit in Da Nang, Vietnam.

world's two most heavily nuclear armed powers must find a way to get along.

On November 11, the President spoke again to President Putin at the APEC summit about the allegation of Russian election meddling. Putin again denied it. The President went on to tell the press on his plane afterwards, that Mueller's investigation is a farce which could cost thousands of human lives, as it impedes his ability to resolve the Korean crisis and the conflicts in Ukraine and Syria by engaging with Russia. He declared it a Democratic hit job engineered by political hacks in Obama's intelligence community, including Comey, Brennan, and Clapper. The entire establishment instantly responded with collective shrieks and solemn denunciations of the President for misbehaving yet again. Based on the evidence now available, the President's condemnation of Obama's political hacks, masquerading as intelligence chiefs, was a mild statement of the case.

Sane Voices in Congress

As we wrote in our Mueller dossier, there are two central propositions in the ongoing coup against the President: (1) Russians hacked the computers of the Democratic National Committee and John Podesta; WikiLeaks published the Russian-hacked emails showing that Hillary Clinton and the DNC were rigging the Democratic Party primary against Bernie Sanders; and (2) Russia had an ongoing relationship with Donald

Trump, had compromised him, and worked through social media and other means to secure his election.

Both of these claims originate with British intelligence. According to British media reports, the British began pounding their American intelligence counterparts in 2015 with claims about Trump's Russian associations and about Russian hacking of the DNC computers. These claims were formalized, beginning in June 2016, in a dossier put together by "former" MI6 agent Christopher Steele, which Steele says he first passed to the FBI in July 2016. Steele's work was contracted by the U.S. political smear firm,

Fusion GPS, which has had a longstanding relationship with Steele and his British intelligence colleagues dating from 2010. In July 2016, when the dossier was passed to James Comey's FBI, it began an unprecedented counterintelligence investigation of an American presidential campaign, seeking to corroborate what have proven to be fake and fabricated British claims about Trump.

In September 2016, according to his sworn declaration in a London Court, Christopher Steele came to the United States and briefed Michael Isikoff of Yahoo News, and reporters for the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, CNN, and the *New Yorker* on his "research." He conducted further briefings with the same reporters for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and Isikoff in October, adding *Mother Jones* reporter David Corn to his briefing tree. Comey's FBI investigation otherwise leaked widely to the press. The claims made in the Steele dossier, however, just did not check out, and except for shorter pieces by Isikoff and David Corn, reporters avoided Steele's most salacious false allegations rather than risk libel suits. But, between Comey's FBI investigation, the press rumor mill, and public letters to the FBI by Senator Harry Reid, enough smoke was created to allow the Clinton campaign and Barack Obama to charge Donald Trump with being Putin's Manchurian Candidate throughout the final two months of the presidential campaign. They cited anonymous U.S. government sources to frame what was in their



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Congressman Adam Schiff.

minds a public charge of treason against the Republican presidential nominee.

Ever since the beginning of the Russiagate investigation in Congress, the Intelligence and the Judiciary committees of both houses have sought to find out who paid for Christopher Steele's Dossier, and how it was used by Obama's intelligence agencies and the FBI. Steele had a longstanding relationship with the FBI, including, many believe, with Assistant Director Andrew McCabe, and the FBI offered to pay Steele to continue his "project" after the election.

The Congressional committees were effectively stonewalled by Fusion GPS and the FBI—stonewalling fully abetted by Hollywood's watermelon-headed Congressman, Adam Schiff, who played Robespierre within the House Intelligence Committee itself, while orchestrating a steady round of media defamations against House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes. Only in early October 2017 did sane voices finally prevail in the House Intelligence Committee. A subpoena was issued for Fusion's bank records, generating an intense fight in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, in which Schiff and Fusion continued their juvenile tirades against Devin Nunes. The Court was not impressed.

The Facade Crumbles: New Crimes Revealed

On October 24, the law firm Perkins, Coie released a letter as part of settlement negotiations in that court case, containing the stunning revelation that Hillary Clinton's campaign itself paid for the Steele dossier along with the Clinton-controlled Democratic National Committee. The payments were laundered

through Perkins, Coie, which was general counsel for both the Clinton campaign and the DNC. Perkins, Coie has otherwise long been associated with Barack Obama. The payments were never specifically reported to the FEC, despite their clear and intentional impact on the election and a clear legal requirement to report them. Rather, they were lumped into the general category of "legal expenses."

So now you know. The Clinton campaign and the DNC paid a British spy to produce trash for cash on Donald Trump, and deliberately disguised this foreign intervention into the American presidential campaign and the payments for it. It is a fabricated smear job; the equivalent of a British tabloid hit-piece written by someone at a high level in Her Majesty's Secret Services. The FBI legitimized this cash-for-trash product, paid for by Donald Trump's political opponent, by using it to initiate surveillance of the Trump campaign under E.O. 12333 and, in all probability, through warrants granted by the FISA Court, probably as the result of omissions and false statements by the Justice Department and the FBI.

The very "caught" Hillary Clinton and her surrogates are now making the rounds trying to minimize it all, lying their heads off by saying that the Steele dossier was not that important and had no impact on the election because it only "came out" after the election.

While the Fusion GPS bank subpoena was being fought out in Court, House Speaker Paul Ryan personally intervened with the Department of Justice, demanding the FBI's files concerning its use of the Steele dossier. Within the past days, those files were viewed for the first time by staff of the House Intelligence Committee. The House had subpoenaed the FBI for these documents in September, but the subpoena was simply ignored by the FBI.

As of this writing, the House Intelligence Committee is back in Court, seeking more bank records from Fusion concerning payments to journalists to push the Steele dossier. In addition, the House Intelligence and Senate Judiciary committees are seeking all applications for FISA warrants in the FBI's Russiagate and related investigations, to determine whether Steele's discredited and unverified claims were used in these proceedings. The two committees are also seeking to find out why the FBI offered to pay Steele to continue

his “investigations” after the election, an offer made in full knowledge that his original claims didn’t check out, that he had paid his so-called Russian informants, and that his work constituted a political hit job for the Clinton presidential campaign.

Meanwhile, the role of Barack Obama, Susan Rice, Samantha Power, and Obama’s intelligence chiefs, in unlawfully using official government surveillance and investigative powers first to campaign against Trump, and then to undermine him, remains very much a hot Washington topic. Ed Klein, for example, recently alleged that Valerie Jarrett was up to her ears in coordinating actions against Trump directly from the Obama White House on behalf of the President.

Now think about all of this in the context of the infamous intelligence briefing of Trump in January 2017 by Obama officials. That is the briefing in which Clapper, Brennan, et al. stepped aside, leaving James Comey alone to brief the incoming President on the Steele dossier. Comey himself called this a “J. Edgar Hoover moment” in Senate testimony. There was only one—extortive—purpose behind the event: Change your idea on Putin, and we’ll keep the salacious sexual allegations regarding you and Russian prostitutes in the Steele dossier from public view. Trump instead denounced the Steele memo as a fraud, and demanded that Comey investigate and debunk it. Brennan, Clapper, and Comey immediately ginned up its widespread publication, giving the Clinton campaign’s illicit garbage the imprimatur of grave and official seriousness. Political hacks? The President was absolutely correct.

June Meeting Stinks Worse Than Ever

Soon after Steele’s discredited allegations began to circulate in intelligence circles during Spring 2016, the race was on to infiltrate the Trump campaign and set it up, to entrap it. It is extremely likely that such infiltration attempts, from the British side, even preceded the circulation of the dossier. Anyone familiar with U.S. counterintelligence operations under E.O. 12333 knows that is what had to happen.

In our Mueller dossier we go into great detail about the June 2016 meeting at Trump Tower between Donald



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President Obama listens to Valerie Jarrett during a senior staff meeting in the Oval Office, August 13, 2009.

Trump, Jr., Paul Manafort, Jared Kushner, and Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya. We lay out the number of intelligence agencies that were provably involved in the setup for this meeting, and the very strange State Department visa allowing Veselnitskaya to even enter the United States for the meeting. This meeting has been a central event in Mueller’s investigation, including most recently whether President Trump was involved in making “false exculpatory statements” when he helped his son, Donald Jr., craft an initial statement about the meeting. That’s right folks—we’re in the world of complete prosecutorial overreach and craziness here. In Mueller’s world, you’re not allowed to defend yourself; only the prosecutor’s version of events is allowed.

In recent coverage, the *New York Times* et al., working off leaks from Mueller, have been frothing over the claim that the talking points that Veselnitskaya brought to the meeting about the Magnitsky Act, the Ziff Brothers, and the Clinton campaign, had been previously submitted by Veselnitskaya to Russia’s Prosecutor General, Yuri Chaika.

We have just learned however, that Veselnitskaya’s talking points for the meeting did not even originate in

Russia. Rather, they were written by Fusion GPS, Christopher Steele's nominal U.S. employer—the same firm that was under a million dollar contract to Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Committee for purposes of destroying Donald Trump. Fusion, at the time, was also under contract to Veselnitskaya's Russian clients in a lawsuit in the Southern District of New York. It should be obvious now that the setup for this meeting should be the topic of criminal investigation. The Trump campaign was the victim of an extraordinary intelligence community entrapment attempt, facilitated with funds from a political opponent.

Binney Gets a Hearing, Washington Goes Nuts

Now let's return for a moment to the first premise of the coup, to wit, that the Russians hacked the DNC's server and John Podesta's email account, revealing that the DNC was rigging the primary elections on behalf of Hillary Clinton. On June 12, WikiLeaks announced that it was in possession of emails damaging to Clinton and would soon release them. On June 14, the DNC publicly announced that its computers had been hacked by the Russians. This claim is in the second memo of Christopher Steele's dossier, and the British, by their own account, had been telling the FBI that the DNC computers had been hacked since 2015. The FBI says it passed this warning to the DNC. The DNC, according to even the official narrative, sat on this information until two days after WikiLeaks announced that it had the goods on Hillary Clinton. WikiLeaks, of course, also had a treasure trove of



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William Binney at an event hosted by EIR in New York, Sept. 9, 2017.

Clinton's State Department emails that had previously been publicized. According to the official narrative, the Russians, through WikiLeaks, meddled by using the hacked emails to damage Clinton's candidacy, by proving what was already evident to any sentient observer, that the Democratic presidential primaries were rigged for Hillary Clinton.

As if this adventure in Wonderland were not

enough, the DNC never turned its allegedly hacked computers over to the FBI for analysis. Rather, attorneys for Perkins, Coie—that's right, the same firm pimping the Steele dossier—hired CrowdStrike, a computer security firm. CrowdStrike is headed by the violently anti-Russian Dmitri Alperovitch of the Atlantic Council, and also features Shawn Harvey, formerly of Robert Mueller's FBI cyber-security unit.

The Atlantic Council, in collaboration with MI6 and NATO, has, since 2014, produced most of the claptrap about Russian social media posts and bots kidnapping the Western mind through persuasive messages—the stuff which is the anti-Russia hysteria *du jour* at present in the U.S. Congress. The Council is funded by Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Abu Dhabi's national oil company, the Ukrainian World Congress, the U.S. State Department, Raytheon, Lockheed, and the Ukrainian oligarch Victor Pinchuk.

Shawn Harvey, while at the FBI, presided over a contingent of computer hackers adept at counterintelligence operations against nation states deemed hostile to the United States, and of criminal hackers who had been



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Dmitri Alperovitch, co-founder of CrowdStrike, speaking at the World Economic Forum, Jan. 22, 2016.

compromised by the FBI. (Some analysts familiar with this history have recently pointed to Alperovitch and Harvey as the possible creators of the persona known as Guccifer 2.0.)

CrowdStrike predictably pronounced that Russia was the culprit in the hacking of the DNC, and James Comey's FBI accepted this analysis without so much as a second look.

William Binney, the former technical director of the NSA, has consistently noted that the NSA was in a position to prove the source of any hack of the DNC, down to the location of the alleged hackers. He knows because he is intimately familiar with NSA systems he helped design that can track any Internet traffic anywhere in the world. The NSA has never come forward with that information or any other evidence for the Russian hack, despite the claims by Senators and intelligence chiefs that the Russian hacking amounted to an "act of war." Moreover, Binney is a key signator of the July 24, 2017 Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS) "Memo to the President," demonstrating that there was no Russian hack of the DNC as claimed. Rather, the WikiLeaks documents were the probable product of a leak from inside the DNC, not a hack.

The [VIPS report](#) points out that the CIA's "Marble Framework" program enables the user to carry out a cyberattack while obfuscating its source, and to create false-flag attribution of the attack to another state actor.

On October 24, Bill Binney met with CIA Director Mike Pompeo at the specific request of President Trump. According to Binney's account, Pompeo asked him whether he would be willing to discuss his findings with the FBI or other investigators, and Binney pledged his cooperation. The reaction in official Washington was apoplectic. First Binney was painted as a "conspiracy theorist" and a "Russia hack denier" by the main stream media. Pompeo was denounced for no longer being a "neutral" arbiter between the President of the United States and the CIA, as if that were an appropriate and Constitutional job description.

Then, the *New York Times* announced that the FBI and Justice Department were prepared to indict six Russians for the DNC and Podesta hacks, sometime in 2018. Next, Mueller's office leaked that it was looking at a September meeting between Congressmen Dana Rohrabacher and Michael Flynn as part of its inquisition against Trump. Rohrabacher has been trying to



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Andrew Weissman

broker a deal with Julian Assange of WikiLeaks, involving production of Assange's proof that the Russians did not hack the DNC and that WikiLeaks was rather the recipient of an inside leak. As I said, official Washington is apoplectic on this point—don't listen, don't listen, don't listen to Binney—he could really blow it all up.

In its story on the putative 2018 Russian indictments for the DNC hack, the *New York Times* also, casually, referenced a real shocker. The *Times* wrote that Mueller is not investigating the DNC or Podesta hacks. It says he left that to the FBI as the result of some bureaucratic decision about a division of labor. But, isn't that what Mueller is supposed to be investigating under his DOJ mandate? Instead we have Manafort's dealings in Ukraine, and Flynn's dealings with Turkey. Does the very heavy-handed hysteria over Binney, along with Mueller's avoidance of a central element of his mandate, tell us that the investigation of this issue—the non-existent DNC and Podesta hacks—is the axe that could bring down all the trees in this rotting and malodorous forest?

About Those Indictments

In our Mueller dossier, we laid out Mueller's history as an amoral political hit-man, starting with the case of Lyndon LaRouche and proceeding through the intentional coverup of the Saudi role in 9/11—conducted while he played a major role in constructing our post-9/11 police state. He has left a trail of victims whose lives he has destroyed through torture (his post-9/11 roundup and torture of Muslims) and outright per-

secution of the innocent (Steven Hatfill and others). Mueller's FBI became an entrapment machine under the guise of combatting terrorism, with a national informant "Linked In" type of switchboard, allowing agents to dial up the compromised individual of their choice.

Mueller's prosecutorial team is led by Andrew Weissman, a veteran of his Enron prosecution whom he has mentored throughout Weissman's career. The Enron prosecution illegally destroyed the Arthur Andersen accounting firm and numerous innocent individuals who simply did business with Enron. The Supreme Court and the lower federal courts in those cases strongly rebuked Weissman and other Enron prosecutors for inventing crimes that did exist, a stinging rebuke that in former times would have ended their legal careers. (See Sidney Powell, *Licensed to Lie: Exposing Corruption in the Department of Justice*. Houston: Brown Books Publishing Group, 2014.)

Law professor Alan Dershowitz has made the very valid point that with this special prosecutor, and other recent investigations, we have entered the dangerous realm of prosecuting thought, of criminalizing political differences. As we outlined in our Mueller dossier, the LaRouche prosecution was a full-blown manifestation of that evil legal development. Thought crimes, the criminalization of political differences, otherwise characterize the theory of law popularized by the Nazi Crown Jurist Carl Schmitt. The establishment violently disagrees with Trump's view of Putin and Russia. It has enlisted the media and various compromised and deluded Congressmen to demonize both Trump and Putin around the clock. Mueller and his legal inventions are the chosen means to enforce the establishment's view.

If anyone should doubt our perspective, the Paul Manafort indictment—recently delivered by Mueller—is a case study. First and foremost, the indictment has nothing to do with the 2016 Presidential campaign or Putin's alleged collusion with Trump, although the Steele dossier names Manafort as the manager of the electoral collusion between Russia and Trump.

Rather, Paul Manafort's actual sin was assisting Ukraine's Yanukovich and his Party of the Regions in Ukrainian electoral efforts. He chose the wrong side in opposing Obama's and Clinton's 2014 neo-Nazi Ukrainian coup, and got paid, apparently handsomely, for making that choice. Manafort's Ukrainian activities are the gravamen of Mueller's charges against him. It is



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Paul Manafort, turning himself in to the FBI, October 2017.

unclear at this point how much of the information for Mueller's charges against Manafort is the result of the same Hillary Clinton/DNC foreign operations implicated in the Steele dossier. The Clinton campaign openly collaborated with Ukrainian state intelligence when it first surfaced the charges against Paul Manafort's financial dealings in Ukraine. The Clinton charges resulted in Manafort's resignation from the Trump campaign right after the Republican Convention.

In unsealing the indictment, Mueller claimed, histrionically, that Manafort was charged with "CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES," in capital letters. This is not actually even a real criminal charge. The conspiracy has to be a conspiracy to do something, such as a conspiracy to defraud. But Mueller was looking for headlines consistent with the "Red Under Every Bed" and "Red Behind Every Facebook Friend Request" fever presently infecting official Washington and the mainstream media. In reality, Manafort is charged in multiple counts with a conspiracy to avoid registering under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, false statements associated with his Foreign Agents Registration Act statement, and failure to file the Treasury Department forms required by the Bank Secrecy Act. The indictment abusively features multiple charges for essentially the same act, and is sure to be challenged on double-jeopardy grounds.

While it can be a crime not to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), the Justice Department rarely prosecutes such cases, having brought only seven cases in 40 years. Rather, the Justice Department's practice is to encourage registration, and the DOJ regularly allows retroactive registration without

criminal charges. This facilitates the major industry of our nation's capital—lobbying Congress for huge sums of money.

Against this background it is not a stretch to call this prosecution selective and vindictive. If Manafort is getting creamed because of lobbying and not filling out the right forms for a political party in Ukraine, and making obscene amounts of money for it—what about the well-established and more powerful lobbies for Israel, Saudi Arabia, and others? Mueller et al. are apparently conscious enough of this problem to have opened full blown investigations against the other lobbyists involved with Ukraine's Party of the Regions, Tony Podesta (John Podesta's brother), and former Congressman Vin Weber. As of this writing, Tony Podesta's lobbying firm is on the verge of collapse because of Mueller's investigation.

Go After the Defense Lawyers

And for final measure in this case, the Mueller team has already begun to go after the lawyers defending his targets, as is Mueller's historic practice. In a profession with more than its share of those who "go along to get along," aggressive defense tactics are truly tempered when jail for the lawyer is put on the table.

The Judge in charge of the District of Columbia U.S. District Court Grand Jury that indicted Manafort is Beryl A. Howell, the former Senate Judiciary Committee counsel for the hyper-partisan Senator Patrick Leahy. Howell is also a veteran of the same Eastern District of New York U.S. Attorney's office that produced Loretta Lynch and Andrew Weissman. Weissman and Howell have worked together before. In the Manafort Grand Jury, Weissman moved to force the testimony of one of the attorneys involved in the FARA filings by Manafort and co-defendant Rick Gates, voiding attorney-client privilege under the so-called crime fraud exception to that privilege. Howell merrily concurred and the lawyer was compelled to testify against her client.

The idea, in both the Manafort and soon-to-be-announced Michael Flynn indictments, is to force cooperation by piling up charges and possible jail sentences, not only against targets, but against their family members as well. In Michael Flynn's case it is an obvious attempt by put some meat onto James Comey's bogus charges of obstruction of justice by the President.

In the original scenario, Comey testified that Trump was seeking to obstruct justice by asking him to let the

"Flynn matter" go, on the day Flynn was fired as National Security Advisor for lying to Vice-President Mike Pence. It is clear from the record that the "Flynn matter," at the time when Comey and the President spoke, involved possible false statements made by Flynn, without the benefit of counsel, to an FBI agent who interviewed Flynn about his interactions with the Russian Ambassador during the presidential transition. Hardly sexy in the realm of political prosecutions. Now Mueller and his press hacks are ginning up the "Flynn matter" to include a sensational and improbable plot to kidnap Turkish exile Fethullah Gülen and return him to Turkey for prosecution, with big bucks being paid to Flynn for the service rendered. Of course, the primary allegation against Flynn also involves novel uses of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Back to Russiagate and Baby George

Since the Manafort indictment clearly had nothing to do with the 2016 election, other than the opportunity to coerce false testimony against the President under threat of years in jail, Mueller took the opportunity, on the day that Manafort's indictment was unsealed, to also unseal a plea agreement from one George Papadopoulos, or Baby George, as caricatured accurately by David Stockman.

Stockman recounts how a 28-year-old know-nothing, who listed his college participation in a student role-playing exercise as a foreign policy credential on his "Linked In" page, came to be seated on the hastily created Trump Foreign Policy Advisory Council. Stockman says that Trump's twin perspectives of reaching an accommodation with Russia and obtaining his foreign policy views from watching TV, had deeply offended and enraged the Washington, D.C. foreign policy consensus. They kept pressing and pressing Trump to come up with names for his foreign policy team—which they were all collectively and publicly boycotting.

On March 21, 2016 Trump "announced a group of five advisors that exactly no one who was anyone in Imperial City had ever heard of and for good reason: The group included two recycled DOD flunkies, an anti-Muslim fanatic from the Lebanon religious wars, and two kids of no accomplishment in the foreign policy field whatsoever." With respect to Papadopoulos, *Politico* and the *Washington Post* pounced: the "kid had no more qualifications . . . than anyone else in the D.C. phone book—although at the time Baby George

was called to duty, he was apparently domiciled in London and perhaps listed in their phone book.” In the past 48 hours, however, with Mueller’s imprimatur, Baby George has been turned into a master spy by the same publications.

“In a word, Baby George’s ‘crime’ came about in the process of trying to put on his Big Boy Pants and get noticed by higher-ups in the campaign. So doing, he came into contact on about March 13 with a London professor who claimed to be plugged into Russian sources with ‘dirt’ about Hillary.”

Needless to say, the London professor—one Joseph Mifsud, a Maltese whose sole foreign policy position had been as an assistant to the Maltese Foreign Minister—“didn’t know anyone in the Kremlin either. . . . As it turned out, George never made any contact with Russian state officials, didn’t have any meetings with clandestine Putin operatives, and came up with no anti-Hillary dirt at all—despite months of trying and sending loads of essentially unanswered emails up the chain of command at Trump Tower. . . . So, finding no contacts, no meetings, no ‘collusion’ or anything else validly related to Mueller’s mandate, the latter’s legal gunslingers came up with the usual default ‘crime’ . . . To wit, Papadopoulos allegedly *perjured* himself by telling the FBI . . . that he had met the no-count London professor *before* beginning his service as a Trump advisor.” (He was off by a week, more or less, according to his plea bargain.)

Stockman concludes, “Anyone not involved in the campaign to reverse the 2016 election and remove the Donald from office should be forgiven for splitting a gut laughing when reading this hideous and utterly bogus case against Baby George Papadopoulos.”

But Who Is Baby George?

While Stockman provides the right state of mind for examining this farce, it does not end there. Papadopoulos has the current classic profile of an intelligence community informant—the question is whether he is British or American, a shared asset, or simply a pliable dupe. His known means of financial support are extremely sketchy. His chief credential was his claimed years of work for the Hudson Institute. But he was not employed there. He was either an unpaid intern or a contracted research associate. He came to the Trump campaign after he worked for the Ben Carson campaign, where he applied via a “Linked In” application and was hired out of a similar desperation for someone

with a foreign policy background. It turns out he was largely a no-show for the Carson campaign job, being paid to live in Washington, but moving to Chicago instead, to live with a girlfriend.

His ties to London are extensive. He got a master’s degree in Security Studies at the University of London, worked for a London company, Energy Stream, and then made connections with London think-tanks associated with the weird Maltese Professor Mifsud.

Papadopoulos is a friend of Sergei Millian, the American of Belarus ancestry who formerly headed the Russian-American Business Association. Millian is an equally blank-backgrounded hustler who, according to various leaked media accounts, was Christopher Steele’s “indirect” source for the most salacious allegations in Steele’s dirty dossier against Trump. As with much of Steele’s dossier, Millian himself is not the source of the allegations; rather he repeated them to Steele’s actual source, described as a friend of Millian.

All the press accounts concerning Baby George, his friend Millian, and the mysterious Maltese professor are in almost identical formats. They have bragged repeatedly of connections between Russia and Trump, claiming an insider’s knowledge of such connections, while most of their claims have proved outright false or exaggerated. All are described as ambitious hustlers who talk a load of bull. One can’t help thinking about the FBI’s dial-an-informant service.

Insist: This Must End!

Yes, the coup has been weakened since we produced the Mueller dossier six weeks ago. But Mueller’s actions, detailed here, are the result of both his sordid history and his current imperative to protect and cover up the activities of the British, of Obama and Clinton, and of the Obama intelligence chiefs who now stand increasingly exposed. Mueller can only do that by fulfilling his charge to take out the President of the United States. If the country is to survive, Donald Trump cannot be put in further legal peril. The citizens have to cause Mueller’s firing or retirement. The citizens have to pull Mueller’s popular mandate. Call your Congressman. Call your state or local official. Call your other constituency leaders. Insist: This must end. The crimes involved in the coup against the President are what should be investigated and prosecuted. This nation’s entire future is at stake. It really is time to bring down the curtain on this charade.