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**Good Tuesday afternoon.**

**DONALD TRUMP JR. RELEASES HIS EMAILS WITH ROB GOLDSTONE --**

**@DonaldJTrumpJr:** "Here's my statement and the full email chain" <http://bit.ly/2tEi1r>  
... "Here is page 4 (which did not post due to space constraints)." <http://bit.ly/2t9P8Cm>

-- **THE EMAILS FROM ROB GOLDSTONE to DONALD TRUMP JR.** that the "crown prosecutor of Russia ... offered to provide the Trump campaign with some official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary and her dealings with Russia and would be very useful to your father. This is obviously very high level and sensitive information but is part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump -- helped by Aras and Emin." **TRUMP** said if the information is how it's described by Goldstone, Trump "love it, especially later in the summer."

-- **THEY THEN** set up a meeting with a "Russian government attorney" with Paul Manafort, Donald Trump Jr. and Jared Kushner.

**THE TIMING** is probably not coincidental. The New York Times published a story from Jo Becker, Adam Goldman and Matt Apuzzo at about the same time Trump Jr. tweeted out the email chain. <http://nyti.ms/2v8tAHq>

-- **@brianstelter:** "Confirmed from an NYT source: 'We were preparing to publish' story -- Don Jr. camp 'asked for more time' to comment 'and then pre-empted us'".

**CONSIDER HOW MUCH THIS STORY DEVELOPED -- TRUMP JR.** initially said this was a meeting about Russian adoptions. But within a few days, he admitted he was knowingly meeting with a Russian government emissary to get dirt on Hillary Clinton.

**STATEMENT FROM PENCE PRESS SECRETARY MARC LOTTER,** per NBC's Kasie Hunt: "He was not aware of the meeting. He is also not focused on stories about the campaign -- especially those pertaining to the time before he joined the campaign."

**NEW YORKER'S MICHAEL LUO (@michaelluo):** "I keep re-reading this section of the statute" <http://bit.ly/2t0FnuO>

**MICHAEL MCFAUL (@mcfaul)**, the former U.S. ambassador to Russia under Barack Obama: "Wow, I'll let the experts judge the legalities here, but engaging the Russian government to influence our elections is deeply unethical." **NORM EISEN (@normeisen)**, the founder of CREW and Obama's special counsel for ethics and government reform: "even more deeply illegal @McFaul. clearly violates campaign finance law and likely implicates Don Jr. and campaign under conspiracy statute".

**TV TONIGHT -- Fox News producer Fin Gomez (@finnygo):** ".@DonaldJTrumpJr will be on @seanhannity tonight."

-- **"Russian Lawyer Who Met With Trump Jr.: I Didn't Have Clinton Info They Wanted,"** by NBC News' Keir Simmons and Rachel Elbaum: "The Russian lawyer who met with Donald Trump Jr. during the presidential campaign denied in an exclusive interview with NBC News that she had any connection to the Kremlin and insists she met with President Donald Trump's son to press her client's interest in the Magnitsky Act - not to hand over information about Hillary Clinton's campaign. 'I never had any damaging or sensitive information about Hillary Clinton. It was never my intention to have that,' Natalia Veselnitskaya said.

**"When asked how Trump Jr. seemed to have the impression that she had information about the [DNC], she responded:** 'It is quite possible that maybe they were longing for such an information. They wanted it so badly that they could only hear the thought that they wanted.'" <http://nbcnews.to/2v8EXPE>

-- **"Donald Trump Jr.'s lawyer is a Juilliard-trained trombonist who plays in a symphony and defends mobsters,"** by WaPo's Derek Hawkins  
<http://wapo.st/2uaA6QN>

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**A BIG THANK YOU** for reading Playbook on our one-year anniversary. Here's a special video message from Anna, Jake and Daniel: <http://bit.ly/2uMNDfn>

-- **TODAY'S BONUS BRIEFING** -- Jake and Anna talk about how Washington and American politics at large has changed in the last year. <http://bit.ly/2uaeHqZ>

-- **"SPOTTED" ON SNAP** -- Have some fun with us today and find our secret Snapchat "SPOTTED" filter at select locations around Washington, D.C., including federal office

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**SPOTTED** in first class on a flight from O'Hare to DCA: Rep. Markwayne Mullin, the Oklahoma Republican who recently told his constituents he was abandoning his term-limit pledge. Veteran Michigan Rep. Fred Upton (R) was in coach on the same flight.

**GOING THERE -- @mkraju:** "TIM Kaine, former Dem VP nominee, tells us that Don Jr 'potentially' could have committed 'treason'". **Video from NBC** <http://snpy.tv/2u4z89b>

**APPOINTMENT TELEVISION ALERT -- @JenniferJJacobs:** "New: Trump and Macron will do a press conference in Paris on Thursday, per @gviscusi. Conférence de presse conjointe."

**NEWS -- @kasie:** "LINDSEY GRAHAM: Says new approach underway on healthcare that could involve DEMOCRATS -- mum on details but says 24-48hrs he'll say more".

-- **KEEP IN MIND:** Graham isn't a member of Senate Republican leadership. He often freelances. It's unclear what he is referencing here. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer has given no indication that he is looking to cut a deal with Republicans based on any publicly released draft legislation. A main sticking point is how lawmakers deal with Medicaid. Unless there is a deal on that, nothing is going to get any Democratic support and will likely lose a lot of GOP moderates as well. **Austin Wright's story** <http://politi.co/2t0m44N>

**AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CAPITOL:** What might fly in the Senate doesn't necessarily fly in the House, where Democrats are, broadly speaking, more liberal and more willing to oppose tweaking the health-care law.

**THE WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING --** Sarah Huckabee Sanders will brief reporters off camera at 2 p.m.

**DEEP DIVE -- "The Business Links of Those Leading Trump's Rollbacks,"** by NYT's Danielle Ivory and Karl Russell and ProPublica's Robert Faturechi: "In February, President Trump ordered federal agencies to form teams that would identify regulations to roll back or eliminate. Through interviews, public records and documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, The New York Times and ProPublica have identified many appointees to these groups. An investigation has revealed a string of possible conflicts, including some hires who may be reviewing rules their previous employers tried to weaken or kill, and others who may personally profit if certain regulations are changed." <http://nyti.ms/2v8xrEp>

**BEN SCHRECKINGER'S LATEST -- "GOP Researcher Who Sought Clinton Emails Had Alt-Right Help,"** in POLITICO Magazine: "In his Hail Mary bid to tip the election to Trump, the Republican private equity executive [Peter Smith] enlisted two controversial alt-right activists to help him understand the workings of the internet and make contacts

in Trump's orbit, according to interviews with those involved and emails obtained by POLITICO. The activists, the journalist-turned-entrepreneur Charles Johnson and his former business partner Pax Dickinson, agreed to help Smith's quixotic mission, which failed to track down copies of Clinton's emails. Johnson is a polarizing figure who was banned from Twitter in 2015 after promoting an effort to 'take out' a Black Lives Matter activist but maintains ties to White House officials. Smith also reached out to 'Guccifer 2.0'-an alias the U.S. intelligence community has linked to Russian state hackers-and was advised to seek the help of a white nationalist hacker who lives in Ukraine."  
<http://politi.co/2v8C81a>

**STATEMENTS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE -- @realDonaldTrump** at 6:59 a.m.: "The Senate Democrats have only confirmed 48 of 197 Presidential Nominees. They can't win so all they do is slow things down & obstruct!" ... **at 7:46 a.m.:** "Working hard to get the Olympics for the United States (L.A.). Stay tuned!" ... **at 8:09 a.m.:** "Marine Plane crash in Mississippi is heartbreaking. Melania and I send our deepest condolences to all!" ... **at 8:23 a.m.:** "Big wins against ISIS!" *He also retweeted Fox & Friends three times*

**2020 WATCH --** Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is headed back to New Hampshire next week to lend his support to the special elections. (h/t NH1's Paul Steinhauser)

**WHAT THEY'RE READING AT C.A.A.-- "Valerie Jarrett, top Obama adviser, working on book,"** by AP's Hillel Italie: "Viking told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Jarrett is working on a book that will combine personal history and civic advice. The book is currently untitled and scheduled for 2019. 'I don't want to just tell my story,' Jarrett, a senior adviser during both terms of the Obama administration, said in a statement. 'I want to share the experiences, life lessons and values that have shaped who I am and my ideas for the future.'" <http://bit.ly/2tJ4D5X>

**TODAY'S BEYOND THE BELTWAY -- Florida Republican party has awful fundraising quarter -- Rauner ousts his chief of staff** <http://politi.co/2uamZis>

**JARED POLIS IS SMILING -- "Ed Perlmutter to drop out of Colorado governor's race, sources say,"** by The Denver Post's Mark Matthews: "Rep. Ed Perlmutter plans to announce Tuesday that he will end his run for Colorado governor just three months after the Arvada Democrat began it, according to three sources close to the campaign. The sixth-term lawmaker also won't seek re-election in Colorado's 7th Congressional District; a move likely to bring a sigh of relief to the three Democratic state lawmakers who already have declared for his left-leaning seat, which includes the Denver suburbs of Thornton and Lakewood." <http://dpo.st/2v8EZau>

**LUNCHTIME READ -- FRED FROMMER** in The Atlantic -- **"When the Nation's Capital Came Together for the MLB All-Star Game:** In the throes of the Great Depression, residents and lawmakers rallied around the summer event" <http://theatl.in.tc/2sLY5IL>

**WEEKEND WEDDING -- Elham Khatami** , national outreach director at the National Iranian American Council and a CQ Roll Call alum, recently married **Kirk Keshishian**, a financial analyst for a microloan company. "We met at a mutual friend's birthday party in late 2011 and we got engaged in January 2016 [**pic** <http://politi.co/2u8PL3a>]. The wedding was at the Sulgrave Club in Dupont Circle. It was a traditional Persian ceremony, followed by a reception." **Wedding pic** <http://bit.ly/2uMyKK8>

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