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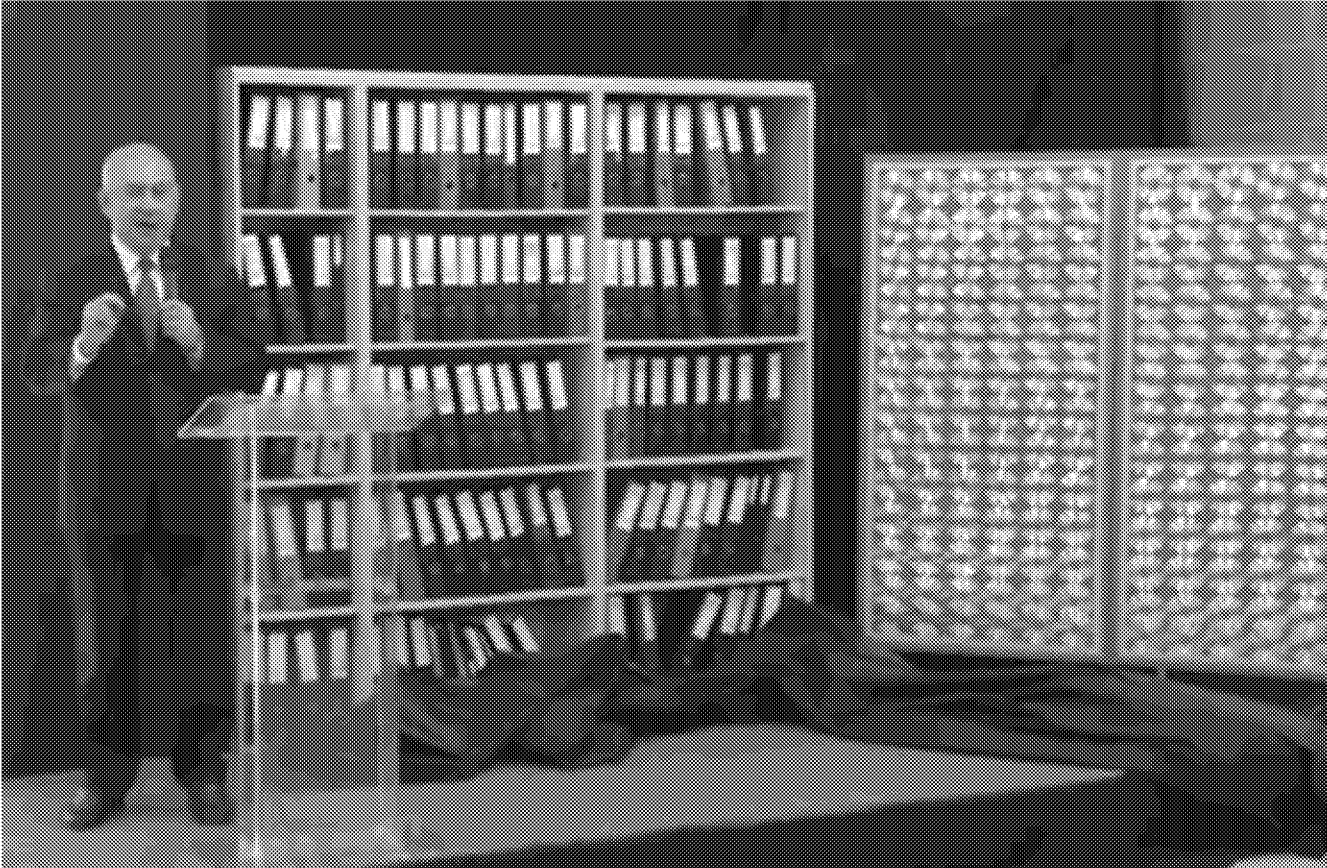
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"The Trump campaign never colluded with Moscow. However, Moscow inserted its lies into documents paid for by the other campaign during a presidential election. That propaganda was used to justify spying on Americans. Illegally. And a serving director of U.S. intelligence helped to make Russian propaganda look real as he leaked the fact that it had been briefed to the newly elected president to the media company that would later hire him. To that end, Vladimir Putin, the former KGB

colonel, with the help of James Clapper, Jim Comey, members of the media and other Americans, achieved his goal: to 'sow discord in American society and undermine our faith in the democratic process.'"

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By Robert Romano

The Iran nuclear deal, authored by former President Barack Obama, was predicated on one crucial aspect that, according to the agreement, "Iran reaffirms that under no circumstances will Iran ever seek, develop or acquire any nuclear weapons."

There's only one problem, reported Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a dramatic presentation on April 30 citing Israeli intelligence's success in obtaining tens of thousands of documents. The documents prove Iran has always had a nuclear weapons program since at least 1999, and never disclosed its existence under the terms of the Iran nuclear deal. It lied.

"[T]hese files conclusively prove that Iran is brazenly lying when it says it never had a nuclear weapons program. The files prove that," Netanyahu said, stating that Israel had "obtained half a ton of the material inside these vaults. And here's what we got. Fifty-five thousand pages. Another 55,000 files on 183 CDs."

Meaning, the deal was entered into by Obama, and authorized by Congress in 2015, under false pretenses. Iran denies to this day that it ever had a nuclear weapons program as the program was concealed from negotiators of the Iran nuclear agreement and perhaps more importantly, from the American people.

Netanyahu stated that Israel had shared its intelligence with President Donald Trump and that “the United States can vouch for its authenticity.”

It is hard to believe that Netanyahu would have come forward now unless the U.S. intended very much to vouch for the material. Sure enough, within hours of Netanyahu’s briefing, White House and other U.S. officials who spoke to the Washington Free Beacon’s Adam Kredo confirmed the materials are authentic.

At a press conference immediately following Netanyahu’s statement, President Trump said that if the U.S. leaves the Iran nuclear deal, it would help the U.S. end the nuclear weapons program in North Korea. “I think it sends the right message,” Trump said. He’s right.

If the U.S. were to remain in the Iran nuclear deal after May 12, it would effectively be admitting that it’s okay to lie to the U.S. government about nuclear weapons in a disarmament deal. Trump cannot possibly afford to be in that position when he meets with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un later this year. There has to be consequences for not dealing honestly in the U.S. In the case of Iran, that has to mean no more deal.

The fact is, if everything outlined by Netanyahu had been known in 2015, the Iran nuclear agreement would have never been authorized by Congress — because Obama would have never dared to submit it. He might have still unilaterally rescinded the sanctions against Iran, which was always his prerogative under U.S. law — agree or disagree with Congressionally enacted sanctions, but they do in fact grant the President a lot of discretion to levy or lift sanctions — but there never would have been widespread Congressional support.

Now it is President Trump’s prerogative to now reinstate the sanctions on Iran, as well he should. Trump does not need Congress. And if Netanyahu is correct, the entire Iran deal was built on a lie.

In the least, the U.S. must now confront Iran with this new material that proves there was and is a military nuclear program and hold Tehran accountable. If the Iran agreement was supposed to produce complete, irreversible disarmament, then clearly we are still a ways off. And unlike in North Korea, there is no comparable partner like South Korea in the negotiations with an equal stake in the outcome.

Iran retains the capability and intention to develop nuclear weapons, in violation of its obligations under the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, Netanyahu stressed, adding, “We’ve known for years that Iran had a secret nuclear weapons program called Project Amad. We can now prove that Project Amad was a comprehensive program to design, build and test nuclear weapons. We can also prove that Iran is secretly storing Project Amad material to use at a time of its choice to develop nuclear weapons.”

Why is Iran storing its original plans and blueprints, Netanyahu asked: “So in December 2015, the IAEA published its final assessment of what it called the military aspects of Iran’s nuclear program. This is the report. This was Iran’s chance to fully come clean to the IAEA. They could tell the truth, they could say, we had this program, this secret program, it’s over, we shelved it, it doesn’t exist, we destroyed the material. Here’s what Iran actually told the IAEA. It said, Iran denied the existence of a

coordinated program aimed at the development of a nuclear explosive device, and specifically denied, get this, specifically denied the existence of the Amad plan.”

Netanyahu added, “The material proves otherwise, that Iran authorized, initiated and funded Project Amad, a coordinated program aimed at the development of a nuclear explosive device.”

The reason Iran did not come clean is what everyone has always known. The 2015 Iran nuclear agreement was never a credible disarmament program.

Which is why Prime Minister Netanyahu is now leaving President Trump with little choice but to leave the deal and reinstate sanctions. Trump might seek to issue an ultimatum beforehand, but it is clear that — as nuclear disarmament talks with North Korea are about to proceed — the U.S. must not and cannot afford to tolerate Iran’s deliberate obfuscation of its nuclear weapons program.

The consequences are clear, Netanyahu said, “The nuclear deal gives Iran a clear pass to an atomic arsenal. It does so because it gives them the three components that are necessary to produce this arsenal. First, unlimited enrichment in a few years. And they plan to do that. They plan to have several hundred thousand advanced centrifuges with which they can enrich mountains of uranium for that core that I showed you before. For many, many such cores. Second, it completely fails to address Iran’s continued development of ballistic missiles. And third, and this is new, it completely fails to address Iran’s secret nuclear bomb program and its advanced work on weaponization.”

Doesn’t sound like much of a deal.

And now, the credibility of the U.S. is at stake. If President Trump wants to make a deal with Kim Jong Un on nuclear disarmament on the Korean peninsula, he needs to demonstrate that there are real consequences for Iran lying about nuclear disarmament. Leaving the ill-conceived Iran nuclear deal and reinstating sanctions accomplishes that. It sends the “right message” in President Trump’s words to Kim Jong Un, which is that there can be no deals with liars.

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President Trump nominated Rear Admiral Ronny Jackson to take over the Department of Veterans Affairs. The nomination drew instant ire from many, not because the Rear Admiral wasn't qualified, but simply because Trump nominated him, and Democrats are fearful of privatization of the VA. Jackson's credentials are impeccable, more impeccable than anyone criticizing him for sure. Jackson has been deployed multiple times around the world caring for service members including a combat tour in Iraq during the height of the fighting. Jackson has also served in the White House Medical Unit under the last three Presidents.

Shortly after the nomination, Senator Jon Tester (D-Mont.) unleashed a torrent of accusations against the highly decorated Navy Admiral. The media picked up the stories immediately, plastering them on newspapers and news networks.

The media wrote the stories in a way that made many accusations impossible to prove or refute. They know that as a doctor Jackson cannot discuss any prescriptions he wrote if he wrote any at all. But by making the accusation, the media painted an honorable man in a negative light, with no way to prove his innocence. A truly horrific practice in "journalism."

Will the mainstream media hold itself responsible for what it did to Jackson? Will the media admit it ran unverified allegations against an honorable man for the purpose of destroying him? Will the media hold the politician leading the charge of making potentially false allegations responsible? Don't count on it.

This is not the first time a member of Congress openly lied to achieve a goal, and the media carried the water for them. In the 2012 Presidential election, then Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) went to the Senate floor and made false statements about Republican Presidential candidate Mitt Romney. Reid stated, "So the word is out that he has not paid any taxes for ten years. Let him prove he has paid taxes because he has not." The media ran with the Reid accusations and hounded Romney about the issue, never asking Reid to prove his point. As it turned out, Romney had paid his taxes.

The entire Russia investigation was started on baseless, unverified accusations. After more than 18 months of investigations, not a scintilla of evidence has been provided by the media or their Democrat propagandists to prove any collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russian government. It has become clear the evidence may not exist because many of the accusations came from Clinton operatives Sid Blumenthal and Cody Shearer, a circular loop where information from the Clinton world was fed to Fusion GPS and Christopher Steele, packaged up and reported back to the Clinton campaign and the DNC. Has that stopped the media from reporting on the non-existent Russia collusion story? Has the media called for their Clinton allies to be held accountable?

There is some good news, though. Tester is up for reelection this year. The media will not hold themselves or a Democrat responsible for the lies they tell, but the people of Montana have that ability in November. Tester is running for reelection in a state Trump won by more than 20 points. Tester voted against the popular tax cuts while working with other liberal Democrats to fight the President on securing the border.

Last week did nothing but show the true partisan nature of the mainstream media. Last week, Senator Tester showed he will stop at nothing to score political points with his liberal progressive masters. The mainstream media is going to continue whining because more than half of Republicans view them as the enemy. After what they did last week, the media is going to look at negative ratings fondly, and Sen. Tester is going to have to look for a job.

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ALG Editor's Note: In the following piece from The Hill, Sebastian Gorka reports on the House Intelligence Committee report and the lack of evidence of Trump-Russia collusion, but it seems Putin still succeeded because the left has frozen the government with their actions:

THE HILL

There was no Trump-Russia collusion, but Putin achieved his goal

By Sebastian Gorka

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has published its report on Russian “collusion” or, more accurately, on “Russian active measures,” a phrase associated with the subversive methods used by the former Soviet Union to undermine Western democracies.

This isn't just another congressional “memo.” At more than 240 pages in length the, report took more than a year to write, with more than 70 witnesses interviewed, 300,000 documents reviewed and almost two dozen congressional subpoenas issued.

Given the current political and media climate, it is no surprise that the report's 44 findings and 26 recommendations have been drowned out by the vitriol and noise of competing “narratives.” This is problematic, to say the least, since most Americans will never read even the conclusion of this very important document.

To that end, here are the essentials.

Russia has been undermining Western democracies with “active measures” such as propaganda and disinformation for a very long time, yet, in 2015, Vladimir Putin initiated a specific influence campaign targeting the elections for U.S. president.

This was not done to assist a specific candidate but to “sow discord in American society and undermine our faith in the democratic process.” And in this he was successful.

At the same time, Russia used cyber measures to target American information systems. Individuals and organizations were targeted but, thankfully, none of the vote-tallying or data-recording systems used in our elections were compromised.

With regards to the prime accusation, the committee found “no evidence that the Trump campaign colluded, coordinated, or conspired with the Russian government.”

Yet, the investigation does conclude that “the Clinton campaign and the DNC, using a series of cutouts and intermediaries to obscure the roles, paid for opposition research on Trump obtained from Russian sources, including a litany of claims by high-ranking current and former Russia government officials.”

This unfounded opposition research would be turned into the infamous “Steele Dossier” used to illegally acquire a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) court warrant to spy on at least one former Trump campaign adviser.

Most disturbing of all, the investigators found that President Obama's director of intelligence, James Clapper, provided “inconsistent” testimony about his contacts with the media, especially CNN, regarding his knowledge of the Steele Dossier and his discussing it with CNN's Jake Tapper.

If one follows the detailed timeline provided, it is now obvious that the American media wanted to report on the accusations against President Trump in the opposition research file but needed a “news hook” to hang their story on.

That hook was provided when Clapper encouraged then-FBI Director James Comey to brief the uncorroborated file to President-elect Trump, after which point the fact of the briefing’s having occurred was “leaked” to the press by Clapper so as to give the dossier the credibility it lacked internally. Note that Clapper now has a contract with CNN as one of its “talking heads.”

In a report of this magnitude, many other important facts are revealed, including the revelation that the FBI agents who interviewed Gen. Michael Flynn under oath “did not detect any deception during Flynn’s interview.” For a man who has suffered a great deal since then, this is a very important finding, given all we know now about the serial perjury committed by others, such as the FBI’s now-fired deputy director, Andrew McCabe.

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