

-- **JAKE TAPPER** speaks with **SENATE MINORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER** on **CNN'S "STATE OF THE UNION"** -- **TAPPER**: "Now, Sen. Mark Warner, he is the top Democrat on the Intelligence Committee. He wants the Democratic Party to refuse to vote on the nomination of a new FBI director until a special prosecutor is appointed.

Do you support that move?"

SCHUMER: "Yes, I think there are a lot of Democrats who feel that way. We will have to discuss it as a caucus, but I would support that move, because who the FBI director is, is related to who the special prosecutor is."

"Remember, the criteria for a special prosecutor, independent in making day-to-day decisions from the hierarchy in the Justice Department and the White House, can only be fired for cause, has to report to Congress, and, very importantly, can look into any attempts to thwart the investigation, are all really important criteria.

"And to have that special prosecutor, people would breathe a sigh of relief, because then there would be a real independent person overlooking the FBI director. So, I think the two are related. I think Mark Warner's idea is a good idea. And I think it will get some broad support in our caucus."

-- **CHRIS WALLACE** interviews **SEN. MARK WARNER** (D-Va.) on **"FOX NEWS SUNDAY"** (via Louis Nelson): "The top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee said Sunday that President Donald Trump's suggestion that there may be secret recordings of his conversations with fired FBI Director James Comey is 'outrageous' and is reminiscent of the scandal that forced former President Richard Nixon to resign.

"I am by no means a legal expert, but this sure seems to have reverberations of past history. When we've seen presidents who secretly tape, that usually does not end up being a good outcome for a president,' said Sen. Mark Warner. [PLAYBOOK NOTE: Warner went to Harvard Law School.] ...

"The whole notion that the president can throw out these kind of claims and then not either confirm or deny them is outrageous in my mind,' Warner said. 'And if there is the existence of tapes I want to make sure, one, they're preserved are not mysteriously destroyed in the coming days, and then two, one way or the other, Congress will have to get a look at those tapes.'"

-- **SEN. MIKE LEE (R-UTAH)** to Wallace: "If, in fact, there are such recordings. I think

those recordings will be subpoenaed and I think they'll probably have to turn them over." **WALLACE:** "What do you think of the fact that he may have set up a taping system?" **LEE:** "I don't know. You know, we know that there have been instances in the past in which other presidents have made recordings of conversations that have taken place at the White House. And as was made clear earlier in the show, it doesn't always turn out well, it's not necessarily the best idea." (also via Louis Nelson)

ON THE WORLD STAGE -- "In testing missile, N. Korea challenges South's new leader," by AP's Foster Klug and Hyung-Jin Kim in Seoul: "North Korea on Sunday test-launched a ballistic missile that flew for half an hour and reached an unusually high altitude before landing in the Sea of Japan ... The launch, which Tokyo said could be of a new type of missile, is a direct challenge to the new South Korean president and comes as U.S., Japanese and European navies gather for joint war games in the Pacific. ... Japanese officials, however, said the missile flew for about 30 minutes, traveling about 800 kilometers (500 miles) and reaching an altitude of 2,000 kilometers (1,240 miles) - a flight pattern that could indicate a new type of missile."

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-- **WHITE HOUSE** statement on the launch: "With the missile impacting so close to Russian soil - in fact, closer to Russia than to Japan - the President cannot imagine that Russia is pleased. North Korea has been a flagrant menace for far too long. ... Let this latest provocation serve as a call for all nations to implement far stronger sanctions against North Korea."

PLAYBOOK READS

PHOTO DU JOUR: President of Liberty University Jerry Falwell speaks while President Donald Trump is presented with an honorary doctorate during Liberty University's commencement ceremony on May 13 in Lynchburg, Virginia. | Brendan Smialowski/AFP/Getty

FUN READ -- BEN TERRIS' LATEST -- "George Conway is the man at the center of everything": "He had friends everywhere, but it took time for George - pudgy, soft-spoken and borderline shy - to find love. Not that he didn't have a type. He became friends with Laura Ingraham, often inviting her to the ski slopes or the beach. And