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## **What Happened to the Vindmans?**

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Alexander Vindman, an Army Lt. Colonel, was a member of the National Security Council when he testified against President Trump in the House impeachment investigation. His twin brother, Yevgeny, also an Army Lt. Colonel, is an attorney who also worked on the National Security Council. He was part of the NSC unit working on giving clearance to the recent book by Trump's former National Security Advisor John Bolton.

The Vindmans were recently transferred out of their positions with the NSC. Opposition politicians, along with the opposition press, are calling it an illegal firing. I'm sure criticism will endure and grow.

Let's stipulate that Trump's comments about the transfer were predictably unfiltered and ham-handed, but "so what" in terms of legalities. The President was authorized to transfer the Vindman's out of the White House. In no organization could they effectively perform their duties given the context of this situation. It was a practical, fully justified, "human resources" move.

And the Vindman's weren't fired. Alexander will enroll in the Army War College, a highly sought-after opportunity. Yevgeny will transfer to the Pentagon to work in the Office of the Army's General Counsel.

The Vindman's aren't being punished. They'll be just fine.