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## **CIRCULAR FIRING SQUAD**

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As I recall, the first time I heard the term “circular firing squad” was during the raucous 2015 and 2016 GOP presidential debates and primaries. And now I’m hearing the term used to depict characters involved in Special Counsel Mueller’s Trump/Russia investigation.

In spite of all the ongoing commotion in the House of Representatives to continue pursuing Trump for impeachment or whatever, now Attorney General Barr is investigating matters involving the FBI, Justice Department, and State Department. It’s an investigation of the investigation and the investigators.

There seems to be a desperate scampering for position in what happened leading to the Mueller probe. Brennan, Clapper, Comey, McCabe, and Rosenstein have different accounts of various details and are pointing fingers at each other.

McCabe and Comey are publicly representing the other is to blame for a leak of classified information. And they disagree on details of the role played by the Steele dossier in obtaining the FISA warrant. Rosenstein is publicly scoffing at Comey’s assertion that he, Rosenstein, has sold out to Trump. And who was responsible for putting the unverified Steele dossier into the report on Russian “interference”? Comey and Brennan have different ideas on that detail.

What does all of that activity point to? I’m not sure, but we’ll probably know very soon.