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## 🇺🇸 Potentially the biggest political scandal in U.S. history

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In 2019, AG William Barr assigned U.S. Attorney John Durham to investigate another government probe. That other investigation was named Crossfire Hurricane, a three-year joint investigative effort of the FBI, CIA, and NSA, aimed at implicating Trump and his campaign in collusion with Russia to win the 2016 election. Durham's status was eventually elevated to "Special Counsel" to protect his independence after a change in administrations.

Durham's recent filing alleges that Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign paid a tech company to "mine data," attempting to establish an "inference" and "narrative" tying candidate Trump to Russia. Events fueled by this Trump/Russia 2016 election collusion hoax started to roll out even before Trump took office in 2017. False premises and fabricated evidence gathered by the Hillary Clinton campaign gave rise to the fraudulent Steele Dossier, Crossfire Hurricane investigation, the Mueller investigation, and two foolhardy Trump impeachment trials.



Durham's filing charges illegal wire taps, hacking Trump White House computers, and other illegal mischief resulting from Clinton's campaign and FBI fabricating and misrepresenting the fraudulent Steele Dossier. And it's reasonable to conclude, those false accusations and taint of the impeachment proceedings impacted the 2020 presidential election in ways we will never determine.

Durham's investigation, after almost 3 years, is opening eyes and worrying some politicians. The Trump campaign and the Trump administration's White House computers were subject to electronic political espionage paid for by Clinton's campaign, according to evidence offered and charges included in the recent filing. Those are serious criminal violations. The extent and success of the alleged conspiracy makes Watergate appear like a practical joke. Durham's filing and related actions coming out of the investigation aren't theories and speculation, such as plagued the Trump impeachment trials. Durham has significant evidence and documentation.

The Clinton campaign sought to provide a plausible narrative adequate to be worthy of FBI, CIA and NSA attention. If the charges filed so far prevail, those who spent years mocking Trump's claims of being "spied upon" will look silly, since many in the media kept quiet about what they knew or should have known e.g., the contrived Steele Dossier. And as expected, mainstream media have reported very few details about Durham's investigation.

The Washington Post and New York Times have retracted their reporting on matters surrounding the Steele Dossier. The Post "could no longer stand by the accuracy of those elements of the story." Those newspapers had been awarded a Pulitzer Prize for their journalistic efforts regarding the Trump/Russia collusion investigation.

Right of center, but zealous anti-Trumper, Bret Stephens is a Pulitzer Prize winning New York Times opinion columnist. If you believe Hillary Clinton's claims that Durham's charges are totally trumped up, perhaps quoting from a Stephens column may help you reserve judgement about Clinton's comments.

The following Stephens comments originated without the insight provided by the recent Durham filing: "[Indicted Russian national Igor Danchenko] was Steele's main source...Steele wrote his report [dossier] for Fusion GPS...that had been hired by a Washington law firm close to the Hillary Clinton campaign and the DNC...Translation: The Steele dossier was Democratic Party-funded opposition research...I'm writing this column for those who haven't followed it closely or who may have taken a keener interest in tales about Trump being Russia's puppet than in evidence that, for all of his many and grave sins, he was the victim of a gigantic slander abetted by the FBI..."

The details in the filing are overwhelming and shocking. The corruption apparent from the evidence is worse than thought. If you haven't paid attention, you should now begin doing so.



**Afterthought:** I began writing this on Presidents' Day. It brought to mind a time long past when Presidents' Day enlisted mostly positive feelings among Americans. If there were negative comments to be had, they dealt with shades of disagreement about policies and personalities. Americans have gradually become cynical about the Office of the President. It seems like decades that we've been associating many of our presidents and presidential wannabes with scandals, impeachments, nastiness and division. Some of those negative memories are deserved, but far too many are contrived. We deserve better political leadership, and there are too many self-righteous pundits who sculpt the often incomplete and misleading information we receive.