

LCP I, Lisa Caroline Page, having been duly sworn by Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) [redacted] hereby make the following statement to SSA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] whom I know to be SSAs of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), assigned to the Inspection Division (INSD), Internal Investigations Section (IIS):

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I entered on duty on [redacted] as a Professional Staff employee, and I am currently assigned to the Office of the General Counsel as a General Attorney. My primary duty is as Counsel to the FBI Deputy Director (DD). Since [redacted] I have been serving a temporary assignment to the Office of the Special Counsel led by former FBI Director Robert Mueller.

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I understand that this is an internal investigation regarding an allegation that Subject(s) Unknown may have provided information to the media concerning a statement made by FBI Executive Management in violation of 4.10 - Unauthorized Disclosure - Sensitive Information. I have been further advised of my rights and responsibilities in connection with this inquiry as set forth on a "Warning and Assurance to Employee Required to Provide Information" form FD-645 which I have read and signed. I understand from my review of the FD-645 that should I refuse to answer or fail to reply fully and truthfully during this interview, I can expect to be dismissed from the rolls of the FBI.

During my interview, I was presented with a copy of an email, dated 02/21/2017, purported to have been sent by [redacted] [redacted] to the FBI Office LCP

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LOP of Public Affairs (OPA) Assistant Director (AD) Michael Kortan. I recognize the email as having been made aware of it by AD Kortan shortly after he received it. I read and initialed the copy of the e-mail, which is attached to my statement as Exhibit #1.

I do not know [redacted] or [redacted] who is copied on [redacted] email. I recall that AD Kortan told me that he considers [redacted] to be a respected journalist. I am not familiar with [redacted] but I believe that AD Kortan told me that one of them, possibly [redacted] [redacted] is a conservative news outlet.

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During the interview, the interviewing agents made reference to three issues that were specifically addressed in the referenced email message from [redacted] and denoted by numbered paragraphs therein.

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I recall that when AD Kortan approached me with a hard copy of the e-mail, he asked me about the content of the e-mail and sought my feedback as to whether the allegations in the e-mail were accurate. The interaction I had with AD Kortan was within the scope of my duties as a legal advisor to then DD Andrew McCabe. Over the course of my tenure, I regularly communicated with AD Kortan on media-related matters. We have often discussed prospective responses to media inquiries.

Upon reading the e-mail, my initial reaction was: (1) it was wholly untrue; (2) it appeared to contain information or references to subject matter that may have been discussed during an evening "wrap up" meeting DD McCabe held at 5 p.m. on LOP

LCP Mondays through Thursdays and (3) there is no way DD McCabe would make the statements alleged in the e-mail. I have worked closely with DD McCabe since his appointment. I do not believe he would ever say those types of statements and I have never heard DD McCabe say, "Fuck Flynn," "I fucking hate Trump," or anything remotely similar.

Prior to becoming the Acting Director, DD McCabe conducted a wrap up meeting at the close of most business days. In attendance are the Executive Assistant Directors (EAD) and several ADS. I regularly attended the wrap up meetings as well.

The one portion of the e-mail that appears to contain some element of accuracy is the White House's communication with the FBI regarding a proposal to facilitate a meeting between the National Sheriff's Association (NSA) and the President, identified by the interviewing agents for ease of reference as "Issue 1."

I recall that prior to February 21, 2017, there was a discussion during a particular wrap up meeting about this request from the White House. My recollection was that Kerry Sleeper, the AD of the Office of Partner Engagement (OPE), stated that he had received a request from the White House as to whether the FBI could play a role in hosting or facilitating a NSA event the President could attend. There was some discussion and the DD decided the FBI was not going to broker a meeting between the NSA and the President, but instead could provide a point of contact and contact information. LCP

LCP SSA [] asked if I recalled that it was actually the NSA who reached out to the FBI for a White House point of contact. Sometime after the referenced wrap up meeting, AD Sleeper and I had a discussion where AD Sleeper stated that this was the nature of the request. However, my recollection from the wrap up meeting was that in the meeting AD Sleeper stated that the White House had contacted him.

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Contrary to what [] wrote in her e-mail to AD Kortan I never heard anyone say that former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn is the individual who contacted the FBI on behalf of the White House to request assistance with a prospective meeting between members of the NSA and President. I never heard DD McCabe make a derogatory comment about Flynn during a "full" wrap up meeting or at any other time.

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Regarding "Issue 2" in [] message, I do not know of any agent who, as is alleged in the e-mail, "disagreed with the nature of the Flynn interview." Similarly, I do not know of any agent who threatened to testify on General Flynn's behalf.

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Regarding "Issue 3" in [] email, I have never witnessed nor heard of FBI employees celebrating after General Flynn was dismissed as the National Security Advisor. In fact, I do not recall Michael Flynn ever being a subject of discussion during a full wrap up meeting. The Flynn investigation may have been discussed during a hold-over meeting, which followed a wrap up meeting, in which only those who have direct involvement in the investigation would have been present. LCP

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LOP SSA [] presented me with two printed internet articles from truepundit.com. I read and initialed both articles, which are attached hereto as Exhibits #2 and #3. I do not recall having seen these articles previously. One of the articles, dated March 14, 2017, is entitled "FBI's Own Political Terror Plot: DD and FBI Brass Security Conspired to Wage Coup against Flynn & Trump." This article is completely fallacious. On July 10, 2017, while looking for documents unrelated to this matter, I came across a folder which contained a printed copy of this article, which had been emailed to me by DD McCabe on October 24, 2016. I do not recall receiving or reviewing this article.

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The other article, dated March 15, 2017, is entitled, "FBI DD Snaps: In Anti-Trump Tirade, McCabe Professes hatred for U.S. President to FBI Colleagues." In my opinion, this article is also a work of fiction.

Despite the inaccuracies contained in the two truepundit.com articles and the e-mail that [] sent to AD Kortan, it does appear someone may have discussed with [] or other members of the media, the request for FBI assistance with the proposed meeting between the NSA and the President. I do not know who that individual could be. Approximately 12-15 individuals typically attend the wrap up meeting.

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I understand only specific FBI employees are authorized to communicate with members of the media about FBI business. In fact, I participated in the formulation of the new FBI corporate policy that covers engagement with the press. LOP

LCP I have never shared any internal FBI information with any member of the press without authorization. I have coordinated with OPA on how to fashion a response to media inquiries.

With the exception of three reporters from the New York Times, I have not had any unauthorized, direct contact with any members of the media.

One New York Times reporter with whom I have had contact is

[redacted] sent me an email message at some point following Edward Snowden's release of classified information, to which I worked with OPA to craft a response.

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The other New York Times reporters are [redacted] and

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[redacted] I first met [redacted] and [redacted] during the course of several meetings with them which were authorized and attended by OPA. [redacted] and I see each other with some regularity outside my work environment [redacted]

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[redacted] Although [redacted] knows I am an attorney for the FBI, we never discuss FBI investigations outside authorized settings. [redacted] has previously sent me an e-mail or text message asking if I would be willing to talk to him. I do not recall specifically what [redacted] wanted to talk about. I told [redacted] I would not engage in any communication with him about FBI business and to cease contact with me for this purpose.

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SSA [redacted] asked me if I had a reason to believe any employee who attended a wrap up meeting would disclose details about a LCP

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LCP subject discussed in those meetings. I have no basis to believe that any one individual among those who attend the wrap up may have made unauthorized disclosures of internal privileged or sensitive information to the press.

I was not aware of this specific investigation until the interviewing agents described it to me at the start of the interview. I was aware that DD McCabe had taken steps to address the problem of media leaks in general, which may have included referral of a matter to Inspection Division. I also knew that DD McCabe had requested a search of Bureau telephone and email records to locate potential patterns of contacts between employees and reporters.

On August 7, 2017, I was interviewed again, under oath and pursuant to the terms of the previously signed FD-645, by SSA [redacted] and INSD/IIS Section Chief (SC) Voviette Morgan.

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At the time of the second interview, I had completed my 45 day temporary assignment to the Office of the Special Counsel led by former FBI Director Robert Mueller, and returned to my position as Counsel to DD McCabe, who had completed his assignment as Acting Director and resumed his assignment as DD.

I cannot recall whether I was present for a telephone call between DD McCabe and a senior Department of Justice (DOJ) official on August 12, 2016, wherein DD McCabe said words to the effect of, "Are you telling me that I need to shut down a validly predicated investigation?" However, I am aware of the telephone call and I believe the DOJ official was Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General (PADAG) Matthew S. Axelrod. LCP

LCP If I was present during the telephone call, I believe there are three possible scenarios: (1) I was present in DD McCabe's office when PADAG Axelrod made an unscheduled call to DD McCabe and I overheard the conversation; (2) this conversation occurred during a scheduled telephone call with PADAG Axelrod regarding the Clinton Foundation investigation, for which I would have been present; or (3) DD McCabe initiated the call to PADAG Axelrod and he requested my presence. However, if I was not present, then I believe that DD McCabe later told me about the telephone call.

The interviewing agents showed me the printout of an internet article entitled, "FBI in Internal Feud Over Hillary Clinton Probe," by Devlin Barrett, The Wall Street Journal (WSJ), dated October 30, 2016. I read and initialed the copy of the article, which is attached to my statement as Exhibit #4.

I recall having seen this article previously and I am familiar with it. Mr. Barrett had previously published an article in the WSJ regarding DD McCabe, which was factually inaccurate. To my recollection that article was published on or about October 24, 2016. This prior article discussed the political campaign of DD McCabe's wife for a State of Virginia Senate seat and opined that DD McCabe should have recused himself from any involvement with the Hillary Clinton email investigation in light of the contributions his wife had received from a PAC associated with Governor Terry McAuliffe. My recollection is that the article misrepresented the dates that DD McCabe had operational oversight of that investigation, as well as other facts. DD McCabe did not have any involvement with the Hillary LCP

LCP Clinton email investigation until after his wife's campaign had ended.

Possibly in response to Mr. Barrett's October 24, 2016 story, DD McCabe prepared a timeline with the dates of his assignments within the FBI. Alternatively, the timeline might have been prepared in advance of the October 24, 2016 article. *At the request of the interviewing agents, I produced a copy of DD McCabe's timeline, which is attached hereto as Exhibit #5.*

Due to the inaccuracies in the October 24, 2016 story, DD McCabe asked AD Kortan and me to work with Mr. Barrett "on background" basis and provide a framework to help shape his next article. The term "on background" meant that, after first reaching a verbal agreement about how the statements would be attributed to a source in the printed article -- for example, we would not be referred to by name, or the FBI would not be noted as the source -- we provided accurate information to Mr. Barrett on some of the topics discussed in his article.

To the best of my recollection and according to my notes, AD Kortan and I engaged in two telephone calls with Mr. Barrett on October 27, 2016 and October 28, 2016. I believe we spent approximately one hour on the telephone with Mr. Barrett each day. AD Kortan had a copy of DD McCabe's timeline when we spoke with Mr. Barrett, and I was familiar with its content. *At the request of the interviewing agents, I produced copies of my notes, which are attached hereto as Exhibit #6.*

With respect to the three highlighted paragraphs on the last page of the exhibit, I presume the portions of those paragraphs LCP

WUP that read, "[a]ccording to a person familiar with the probes," "according to one person close to Mr. McCabe," and "people familiar with the conversation," are referring to me and AD Kortan. The "validly predicated investigation" that DD McCabe was referencing in the August 12, 2016 telephone call was the New York Office (NYO) investigation into the Clinton Foundation. The call referenced in the article is the same call with PADAG Axelrod, about which the interviewing agents asked me.

I speculate that Mr. Barrett contacted NYO employees regarding the Clinton Foundation investigation because he wanted to impact Hillary Clinton's candidacy for President, and was looking for an update on the investigation in order to do so. In that regard, although I could not identify anyone specifically, I am confident that NYO employees were the source of media leaks with respect to that investigation.

My opinion in reading Mr. Barrett's October 30, 2016 article is that it is more accurate than his October 24, 2016 article, but it is still contains inaccuracies. To the best of my knowledge, no FBI investigation changed as a result of the October 30, 2016 article. I would also note that the October 30, 2016 article is very lengthy and I am not the source of other portions of the article, such as the Anthony Weiner investigation or the Hillary Clinton email investigation. I have not had any direct follow-up with Mr. Barrett regarding the October 30, 2016 story.

I have been involved in similar "on background" telephone conversations with reporters. These telephone calls have always WUP

WUP been with AD Kortan and other authorized employees in OPA. The most recent time I had an "on background" telephone call with a reporter was long after the second Hillary Clinton email investigation concluded. As I recall, AD Kortan involved me at the direction of former Director James B. Comey. This is when I met with New York Times reporters [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] as noted above.

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[redacted] and I live [redacted] [redacted] While I also have not had any direct follow-up from these reporters on the specific story with which I had an "on background" telephone call, I do see them occasionally [redacted] and they have attempted to elicit my opinion on topical matters. I have refused to talk with them about substantive matters and everytime I have had contact with [redacted] or [redacted] I have reported it to DD McCabe and AD Kortan.

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Regarding my discussion with AD Sleeper about whether it was actually the NSA who reached out to the FBI for a White House point of contact (and not the White House), this discussion did not occur during a specific meeting and I do not recall specifically why it came up. AD Sleeper infrequently seeks me out for discussion.

I am willing to voluntarily [redacted]

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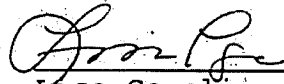
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[redacted] I have no other pertinent information regarding the aforementioned allegations. I have been advised that I should submit any additional information of which I may WUP

WP become aware, regarding this inquiry, to the Internal Investigations Section (IIS)/Inspection Division (INSD) or to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR):

I have been given the opportunity to review this statement and make any changes prior to signing it.

I was instructed on 06/29/2017 not to discuss this matter with anyone other than the person(s) conducting this interview, representatives from IIS/INSD, OPR, the FBI Ombudsman, and/or an FBI Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Counselor. I have been told that should I decide to discuss this matter with anyone else, I must first obtain authorization from the interviewer(s).

I have read this statement, consisting of this and eleven other pages and it is true and correct. *WP*



Lisa Caroline Page

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 15th day of August, 2017, in Washington, District Of Columbia.

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[redacted] (INSD) (FBI)

Subject: FW: press inquiry from 2-21-17

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----- Original message -----

From: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" <Michael.Kortan@ic.fbi.gov>
Date: 3/9/17 9:00 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McNamara, Nancy (INSD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: press inquiry from 2-21-17

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:47 AM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) <Michael.Kortan@ic.fbi.gov> [redacted]
Subject: Hello

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Hi Mike,

I hope all is well.

Below is information I've gathered from several sources and I'm sending this to you because of its sensitivity. Please let me know if we can meet or talk by phone. I've Cc'd [redacted] on this and he's been on the long haul with me.

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1. POTUS wanted to meet with the sheriff's association and had Flynn call the FBI to arrange for the White House. The NSA office had called the FBI for the POC contacts for the early February discussion. After the call and request was made - Deputy Director Andy McCabe was overheard in a staff meeting saying "Fuck Flynn, and I fucking hate Trump." Ghattas was in this meeting as well.
2. There was another meeting where at least two agents disagreed with the nature of the Flynn interview threatening to testify on Flynn's behalf.
3. After Flynn resigned there were witnesses - high fives and "we got him." -

Can you please check on these - sources are solid but I'm doing everything I can to double and triple check. Also, looking for comment?
My cell is below.

Thanks,

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EXCLUSIVE: FBI's Own Political Terror Plot; Deputy Director and FBI Brass Secretly Conspired to Wage Coup Against Flynn & Trump

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This was one of several such meetings held in seclusion among key FBI leaders since Trump was elected president, FBI sources confirm. At the congregation where McCabe went off the political rails and vowed to destroy Flynn and Trump, there were as many as 16 top FBI officials, inside intelligence sources said. No lower-level agents or support personnel were present.

If you are among the millions of Americans who have pondered in recent months whether the Obama-era "Deep State" intelligence apparatus and FBI are working for or against Trump, this is the first definitive proof that the country's once-premiere law enforcement agency has gone rogue.

The non-elected hierarchy that steer the FBI have declared war on President Trump and his White House inner circle. Make no mistake.

Days after the McCabe tirade, Flynn was forced to resign. That was no coincidence. This is how secret coups waged by the top law enforcement personnel in the top law enforcement agency in any country operate. Efficiently. If the FBI wants you silenced or out of a job, you'll be unemployed. Ask Michael Flynn and countless others.

Part of the plan hatched at that gathering was to make sure Flynn's wiretapped conversations were leaked to the media, FBI and intelligence sources said. They were. Did the FBI leak this classified intelligence to the news media? Isn't that a question President Trump and Congress should be posing? If nothing else, McCabe and his FBI secret council are certainly now suspects of who possibly leaked the intelligence. Seems that a number of polygraphs should be in order.

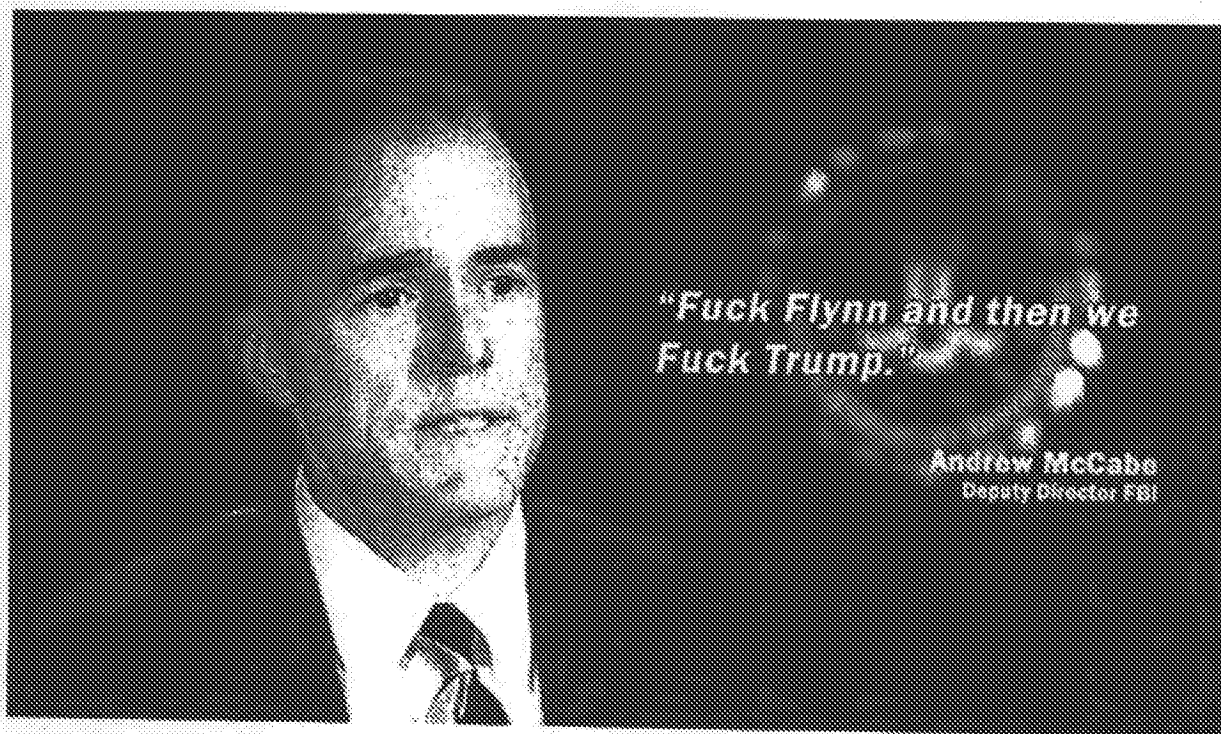
Embattled FBI Director James Comey did not attend these private meetings of his interoffice revolutionaries, sources said, though he was aware of the gatherings yet did not discourage them or McCabe's inflammatory and dangerous rhetoric. Some FBI agents have questioned if the Anti-Trump attitude shared in the secret sit downs with the bureau's top brass is now the official platform of the FBI. The FBI, many agents quietly agree, has proven no friend to the newly minted US president. And they are beginning to understand why.

As far as waging political coups go: So far, so good. The FBI's secret plan to ruin Flynn worked. And fast. Flynn is long gone. Now they can focus on ruining President Trump. After all, Isn't that the role of the FBI? Tampering with the president of the United States and his inner circle, neither of whom have broken any laws?

It turns out, however, the FBI isn't very good at the spy game. McCabe's dictatorial tone ruffled a number of agents at FBI headquarters who still believe the mission of the bureau is not to wage clandestine warfare against the sitting president and his administration.

McCabe and Comey did not respond to requests for comment. Flynn could not be reached for comment.

This isn't McCabe's first rodeo in the cross-hairs of controversy at the FBI where he is outranked only by Comey. In fact, McCabe garnered problematic headlines during the 2016 presidential election.



Democratic factions controlled by a Hillary Clinton insider paid the deputy director of the FBI's wife almost \$700,000 in campaign funds before McCabe, who was supervising Clinton's investigation, lobbied against charging her criminally, according to records and interviews obtained by True Pundit.

Dr. Jill McCabe was a Virginia state senate candidate in 2015. Longtime Clinton family consigliere and Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, sent her approximately \$675,000 to fund the Democrat hopeful's campaign coffers. Dr. McCabe, a physician, is married to the FBI deputy director. Mrs. McCabe is a registered Democrat. FBI agents who work with McCabe say he and his wife were both staunch Hillary Clinton supporters.

According to one FBI insider, the McAuliffe-generated campaign funds may have ultimately bought Clinton some strategic breathing room.

"McCabe was one of the few people who backed Comey's decision not to refer Hillary Clinton to the Justice Department for indictment," a FBI source said of the July 2016 decision not to refer Clinton for criminal charges for violating email and document safeguards for classified and Top Secret national security intelligence. "McCabe and Comey are both lawyers. They aren't street agents. They're more political. We wanted her (Clinton) indicted. They did not."

Gov. McAuliffe has been an important Clinton family insider for decades. During Bill Clinton's presidential candidacy and subsequent reelection, McAuliffe often spearheaded investigations into Clinton critics and helped silence women who alleged Bill Clinton harassed or sexually assaulted them, sources said.

Ironically, McAuliffe is currently under investigation by the FBI for alleged campaign-related finance infractions.

McAuliffe's contributions to Dr. McCabe's campaign match the exact time frame of the FBI's parallel Clinton investigation. No contributions were made prior to the FBI's probe of Clinton. McCabe was overseeing personnel decisions, including assigning agents to the Clinton investigation team, at the FBI's Washington D.C.'s field office when his wife began her 2015 campaign. His wife lost the election after spending an estimated \$1.8 million on the senate run. Three months later, Comey promoted McCabe to FBI Deputy Director in February 2016. The

promotion helped fill a very large void created by the retirement of John Giacalone, who was the supervisor of the bureau's National Security Branch and also the FBI brains and genesis behind the Clinton email and private server investigation. Since the inception of the case, Giacalone had spearheaded the Clinton investigation, and helped hand select top agents who were highly skilled but also discreet. Many of those agents were concerned when Giacalone abruptly resigned in the middle of the investigation.

FBI insiders said Giacalone used the term "sideways" to describe the direction the Clinton probe had taken in the bureau. Giacalone lamented privately he no longer had confidence in the direction the investigation was headed. He felt it was simpler to quietly step aside, walk away instead of fight to keep the investigation on its proper track. Giacalone was a true heavyweight agent at FBI. In fact, he likely should have been running the entire show. His pedigree included running and creating FBI divisions in New York, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and even serving as deputy commander in the Iraqi theater of operations. But in the midst of the Clinton investigation, Giacalone handed the bureau his retirement papers in February 2016.

The day after Giacalone's departure, Comey tapped McCabe to help oversee the ongoing Clinton case and personally serve "as the eyes and ears" for Comey, sources confirmed. Since early July 2016, Comey has come under intense fire from critics and the majority of Americans who believe he granted Clinton a get-out-of-jail-free card by refusing to refer the case to the Justice Department for a probable slam-dunk indictment on at least one of potential dozens of criminal charges.

Now Comey, McCabe and their rogue FBI Sanhedrin face a new dilemma: Colleagues who have blown the whistle on the partisan agency, specifically how personal and political philosophies have crept into the FBI and commandeered the bureau's powerful reach and resources to tamper with law-abiding White House personnel, including the president. That's called public corruption, a crime the FBI is tasked with investigating.

Just like it "investigated" \$700,000 in donations from the Clinton family to the wife of the FBI's deputy director who, during the exact time frame was tasked with overseeing the investigation of Hillary Clinton. She ultimately was never charged with any crime and McCabe received a FBI promotion. Does anyone have the phone number for the FBI's public corruption unit? Or does that line ring directly to McCabe and Comey?

We would normally demand a federal investigation into such allegations of collusion. But who would conduct it, the FBI?

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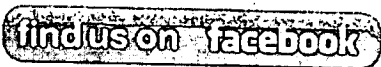
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FBI Deputy Director Snaps: In Anti-Trump Tirade, McCabe Professes Hatred for U.S. President to FBI Colleagues

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Senior intelligence sources said that embattled FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe openly professed his disgust for President Donald Trump at a senior staff meeting while losing his cool demeanor in the process.

McCabe, the second in charge of the FBI, ranted at a staff meeting a week after Trump's inauguration (approx Jan 27) about the newly sworn-in president, catching many FBI agents off guard with his anti-GOP vitriol.

At the meeting, when a subject came up dealing with a request of the FBI made by then-National Security Advisor Michael Flynn dealing with the National Sheriff's Association, McCabe told the packed conference room: "I hate Trump."

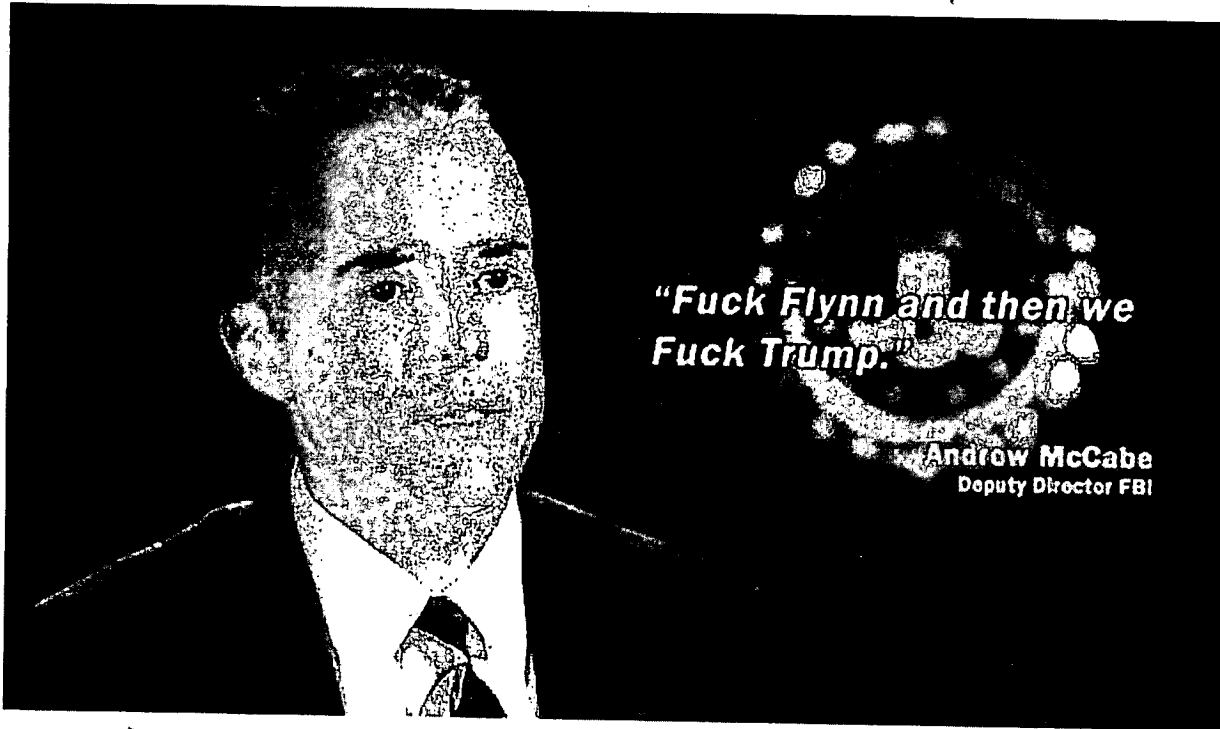
Flynn's request for cooperation from McCabe and the FBI was likewise tabled, sources said. Flynn has since

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been sacked and was forced to resign largely due to the FBI's conduct.

These additional troubling revelations about McCabe come a day after True Pundit exposed the deputy director as a partisan FBI agent apparently waging his own liberal-infused domestic political policy and who took part in secret meetings to derail Flynn and Trump. That in-depth story is here.



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FBI in Internal Feud Over Hillary Clinton Probe

Laptop may contain thousands of messages sent to or from Mrs. Clinton's private server

The FBI Email Probe and Clinton's October Surprise

As Hillary Clinton reaches the home stretch of the election well ahead in polling over Donald Trump, new revelations from the FBI's reopening of the investigation into the Democratic candidate's emails has shifted the race. WSJ's Gerald F. Seib discusses how the information could impact both candidates.

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The surprise disclosure that agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation are taking a new look at Hillary Clinton's email use lays bare, just days before the election, tensions inside the bureau and the Justice Department over how to investigate the Democratic presidential nominee.

Investigators found 650,000 emails on a laptop that they believe was used by former Rep. Anthony Weiner and his estranged wife Huma Abedin, a close Clinton aide, and underlying metadata suggests thousands of those messages could have been sent to or from the private server that Mrs. Clinton used while she was secretary of state, according to people familiar with the matter.

It will take weeks, at a minimum, to determine whether those messages are work-related from the time Ms. Abedin served with Mrs. Clinton at the State Department; how many are duplicates of emails already reviewed by the FBI; and whether they include either classified information or important new evidence in the Clinton email probe.

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Officials had to await a court order to begin reviewing the emails—which they received over the weekend, according to a person familiar with the matter—because they were uncovered in an unrelated probe of Mr. Weiner.

The new investigative effort, disclosed by FBI Director James Comey on Friday, shows a bureau at times in sharp internal disagreement over matters related to the Clintons, and how to handle those matters fairly and carefully in the middle of a national election campaign. Even as the probe of Mrs. Clinton's email use wound down in July, internal disagreements within the bureau and the Justice Department surrounding the Clintons' family philanthropy heated up, according to people familiar with the matter.

The latest development began in early October when New York-based FBI officials notified Andrew McCabe, the bureau's second-in-command, that while investigating Mr. Weiner for possibly sending sexually charged messages to a teenage minor, they had recovered a laptop. Many of the 650,000 emails on the computer, they said, were from the accounts of Ms. Abedin, according to people familiar with the matter.



Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton greets a crowd in Pompano Beach, Fla., on Sunday.
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Those emails stretched back years, these people said, and were on a laptop that hadn't previously come up in the Clinton email probe. Ms. Abedin said in late August that the couple were separating.

The FBI had searched the computer while looking for child pornography, people familiar with the matter said, but the warrant they used didn't give them authority to search for matters related to Mrs. Clinton's email arrangement at the State Department. Mr. Weiner has denied sending explicit or indecent messages to the minor.

In their initial review of the laptop, the metadata showed many messages, apparently in the thousands, that were either sent to or from the private email server at Mrs. Clinton's home that had been the focus of so much investigative effort for the FBI. Senior FBI officials decided to let the Weiner investigators proceed with a closer examination of the metadata on the computer, and report back to them.

At a meeting early last week of senior Justice Department and FBI officials, a member of the department's senior national-security staff asked for an update on the Weiner laptop, the people familiar with the matter said. At that point, officials realized that no one had acted to obtain a warrant, these people said.

Clinton, Trump Address FBI Email Inquiry

Presidential nominees Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump addressed the FBI's new email inquiry on Monday.

Mr. McCabe then instructed the email investigators to talk to the Weiner investigators and see whether the laptop's contents could be relevant to the Clinton email probe, these people said. After the investigators spoke, the agents agreed it was potentially relevant.

Mr. Comey was given an update, decided to go forward with the case and notified Congress on Friday, with explosive results. Senior Justice Department officials had warned the FBI that telling Congress would violate policies against overt actions that could affect an election, and some within the FBI have been unhappy at Mr. Comey's repeated public statements on the probe, going back to his press conference on the subject in July.

The back-and-forth reflects how the bureau is probing several matters related, directly or indirectly, to Mrs. Clinton and her inner circle.

New details show that senior law-enforcement officials repeatedly voiced skepticism of the strength of the evidence in a bureau investigation of the Clinton Foundation, sought to condense what was at times a sprawling cross-country effort, and, according to some people familiar with the matter, told agents to limit their pursuit of the case. The probe of the foundation began more than a year ago to determine whether financial crimes or influence peddling occurred related to the charity.



New York mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner and his wife, Huma Abedin, attended a news conference in New York in 2013. Mr. Weiner had attempted to revive his career with a bid for New York City mayor, but that effort was doomed after a website published lewd photos that he had evidently sent to another woman. PHOTO: ERIC THAYER/REUTERS

Some investigators grew frustrated, viewing FBI leadership as uninterested in probing the charity, these people said. Others involved disagreed sharply, defending FBI bosses and saying Mr. McCabe in particular was caught between an increasingly acrimonious fight for control between the Justice Department and FBI agents pursuing the Clinton Foundation case.

It isn't unusual for field agents to favor a more aggressive approach than supervisors and prosecutors think is merited. But the internal debates about the Clinton Foundation show the high stakes when such disagreements occur surrounding someone who is running for president.

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that Mr. McCabe's wife, Jill McCabe, received \$467,500 in campaign funds in late 2015 from the political-action committee of Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, a longtime ally of the Clintons and, until he was elected governor in November 2013, a Clinton Foundation board member.

Mr. McAuliffe had supported Dr. McCabe in the hopes she and a handful of other Democrats might help win a majority in the state Senate. Dr. McCabe lost her race last November, and Democrats failed to win their majority.

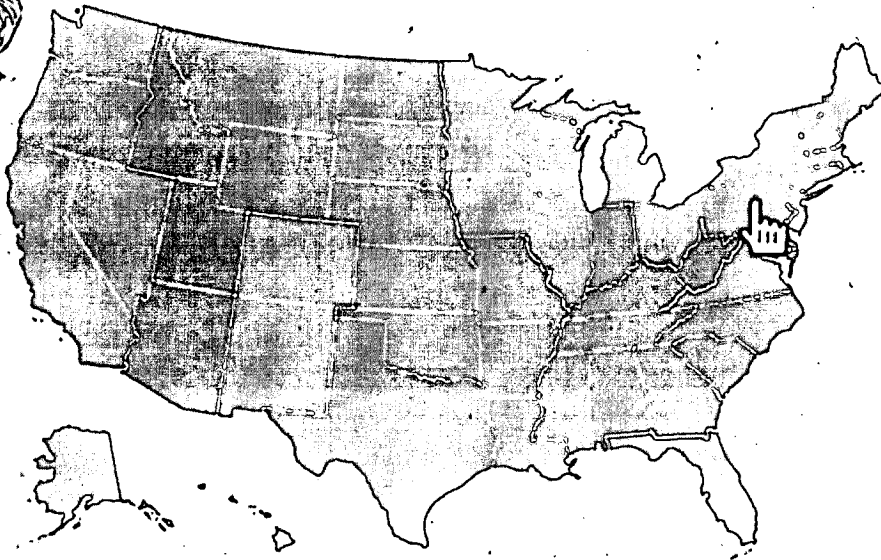
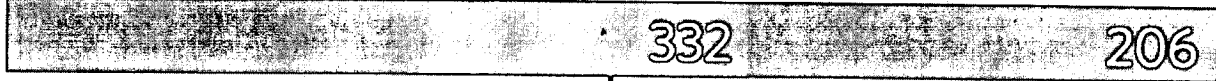
A spokesman for the governor has said that "any insinuation that his support was tied to anything other than his desire to elect candidates who would help pass his agenda is ridiculous."

Dr. McCabe told the Journal, "Once I decided to run, my husband had no formal role in my campaign other than to be" supportive.

In February of this year, Mr. McCabe ascended from the No. 3 position at the FBI to the deputy director post. When he assumed that role, officials say, he started overseeing the probe into Mrs. Clinton's use of a private email server for government work when she was secretary of state.

FBI officials have said Mr. McCabe had no role in the Clinton email probe until he became deputy director, and by then his wife's campaign was over.

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But other Clinton-related investigations were under way within the FBI, and they have been the subject of internal debate for months, according to people familiar with the matter.

Early this year, four FBI field offices—New York, Los Angeles, Washington and Little Rock, Ark.—were collecting information about the Clinton Foundation to see if there was evidence of financial crimes or influence-peddling, according to people familiar with the matter.

Los Angeles agents had picked up information about the Clinton Foundation from an unrelated public-corruption case and had issued some subpoenas for bank records related to the foundation, these people said.

The Washington field office was probing financial relationships involving Mr. McAuliffe before he became a Clinton Foundation board member, these people said. Mr. McAuliffe has denied any wrongdoing, and his lawyer has said the probe is focused on whether he failed to register as an agent of a foreign entity.

Clinton Foundation officials have long denied any wrongdoing, saying it is a well-run charity that has done immense good.

The FBI field office in New York had done the most work on the Clinton Foundation case and received help from the FBI field office in Little Rock, the people familiar with the matter said.

In February, FBI officials made a presentation to the Justice Department, according to these people. By all accounts, the meeting didn't go well.

Some said that is because the FBI didn't present compelling evidence to justify more aggressive pursuit of the Clinton Foundation, and that the career anticorruption prosecutors in the room simply believed it wasn't a very strong case. Others said that from the start, the Justice Department officials were stern, icy and dismissive of the case.

"That was one of the weirdest meetings I've ever been to," one participant told others afterward, according to people familiar with the matter.

Anticorruption prosecutors at the Justice Department told the FBI at the meeting they wouldn't authorize more aggressive investigative techniques, such as subpoenas, formal witness interviews, or grand-jury activity. But the FBI officials believed they were well within their authority to pursue the leads and methods already under way, these people said.

About a week after Mr. Comey's July announcement that he was recommending against any prosecution in the Clinton email case, the FBI sought to refocus the Clinton Foundation probe, with Mr. McCabe deciding the FBI's New York office would take the lead, with assistance from Little Rock.



Director James Comey testified before the House Judiciary Committee in September on a variety of subjects including the investigation into former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's email server.
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The Washington field office, FBI officials decided, would focus on a separate matter involving Mr. McAuliffe. Mr. McCabe had decided earlier in the spring that he would continue to recuse himself from that probe, given the governor's contributions to his wife's former political campaign.

Within the FBI, the decision was viewed with skepticism by some, who felt the probe would be stronger if the foundation and McAuliffe matters were combined. Others, particularly Justice Department anticorruption prosecutors, felt that both probes were weak, based largely on publicly available information, and had found little that would merit expanded investigative authority.

According to a person familiar with the probes, on Aug. 12, a senior Justice Department official called Mr. McCabe to voice his displeasure at finding that New York FBI agents were still openly pursuing the Clinton Foundation probe during the election season. Mr. McCabe said agents still had the authority to pursue the issue as long as they didn't use overt methods requiring Justice Department approvals.

The Justice Department official was "very pissed off," according to one person close to Mr. McCabe, and pressed him to explain why the FBI was still chasing a matter the department considered dormant. Others said the Justice Department was simply trying to make sure FBI agents were following longstanding policy not to make overt investigative moves that could be seen as trying to influence an election. Those rules discourage investigators from making any such moves before a primary or general election, and, at a minimum, checking with anticorruption prosecutors before doing so.

"Are you telling me that I need to shut down a validly predicated investigation?" Mr. McCabe asked, according to people familiar with the conversation. After a pause, the official replied, "Of course not," these people said.

For Mr. McCabe's defenders, the exchange showed how he was stuck between an FBI office eager to pour more resources into a case and Justice Department prosecutors who didn't think much of the case, one person said. Those people said that following the call, Mr. McCabe reiterated past instructions to FBI agents that they were to keep pursuing the work within the authority they had.

Others further down the FBI chain of command, however, said agents were given a much starker instruction on the case: "Stand down." When agents questioned why they weren't allowed to take more aggressive steps, they said they were told the order had come from the deputy director—Mr. McCabe.

Others familiar with the matter deny Mr. McCabe or any other senior FBI official gave such a stand-down instruction.

For agents who already felt uneasy about FBI leadership's handling of the Clinton Foundation case, the moment only deepened their concerns, these people said. For those who felt the probe hadn't yet found significant evidence of criminal conduct, the leadership's approach was the right response.

In September, agents on the foundation case asked to see the emails contained on nongovernment laptops that had been searched as part of the Clinton email case, but that request was rejected by prosecutors at the Eastern District of New York, in Brooklyn. Those emails were given to the FBI based on grants of partial immunity and limited-use agreements, meaning agents could only use them for the purpose of investigating possible mishandling of classified information.

Some FBI agents were dissatisfied with that answer, and asked for permission to make a similar request to federal prosecutors in Manhattan, according to people familiar with the matter. Mr. McCabe, these people said, told them no and added that they couldn't "go prosecutor-shopping."

Not long after that discussion, FBI agents informed the bureau's leaders about the Weiner laptop, prompting Mr. Comey's disclosure to Congress and setting off the furor that promises to consume the final days of a tumultuous campaign.

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Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Wall Street Journal inquiry

This is the time line I sent Mike earlier. He cover all this with DB on background.

----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" <Andrew.McCabe@ic.fbi.gov>
Date: 10/23/16 1:59 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" <Michael.Kortan@ic.fbi.gov>
Subject: RE: Wall Street Journal inquiry

Important to point out that I consulted with HQ, Pat Kelly and WFO counsel in March of 2015 when Jill was making her decision. Kelly advised me on the Hatch act and following his advice I decided that I would play no role in the campaign. Other than appearing unidentified in one family photo that was used in a mailer, I played no role.

Timeline:

Late February to early March 2015: Jill was contacted by Lt Gov Ralph Northam and asked to consider running. She had two follow on conversations with other female, democratic state senators exploring the possibility.

March 2, 2015: NYT publishes an article detailing Clinton's use of a private email server. The State IG begins an investigation. b6 -1,3
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March 9, 2015: I contact Chuck Roseburg and discuss the situation. He calls back later and says the D has no issue with it.

Later that day, or possibly the next day, I meet with Pat Kelley. Pat explains the Hatch Act and how, while it is permissible to support my candidate wife, I cannot engage in political activities. I decide to play no role in the

campaign, will attend no events, will make no communications, and will not participate in any fundraising or support of any kind. I follow this guidance and decision for the remainder of the campaign. Other than appearing unidentified in a family photo that was used in a mailer, I play no role in the campaign.

I next meet with my WFO CDC. We devised a system by which I recused myself from overseeing all Virginia political corruption matters [REDACTED]

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On or about March 12, 2015: Jill announced she would run for VA State Senate.

July, 2015: the State IG refers the case to the FBI with the allegation that Clinton had classified email on her personal system.

Some time thereafter, HQ opens a case. I had no role in that decision. I was not consulted in my role as WFO ADIC because (as I now know) the decision was made to investigate it at HQ with a small team. WFO provided some personnel for the effort but it was referred to as a "special" and I was not given any details about it.

In September, 2016, I was promoted to the ADD job and returned to HQ. I had no role in any investigation regarding Clinton.

On November 3, 2015, Jill lost her election for VA State Senate.

On or about February 1, 2016, I was promoted to DD and began my oversight of the Clinton email investigation. Jill's campaign had ended 3 months earlier.

----- Original message -----

From: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" <Michael.Kortan@ic.fbi.gov>
Date: 10/23/16 10:33 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" <Andrew.McCabe@ic.fbi.gov>
Subject: Wall Street Journal inquiry

Andy: Here is a crack at describing the fact sequence, in case we need to respond today. Not meant to be statement as much as something to frame a response to the specific points he raised. Please amend in any way....thanks. M.

* In March, 2015, when then-Assistant Director-in-Charge McCabe became aware of his wife Jill McCabe's intention to run for a state senate seat in Virginia, he took immediate steps to notify Washington Field office division counsel and be briefed on applicable Hatch Act requirements to ensure against any actual or perceived conflict-of-interest issues stemming from his position, and her campaign. This included recusal from any FBI case or investigative interest that could be reasonably considered to be, or in any way appear to be, a conflict of interest. When ADIC McCabe was promoted to a Associate Deputy Director at Headquarters in July/August? 2015, he consulted with the FBI's chief integrity and compliance officer to further ensure against any actual or perceived conflict stemming from that position, a position he held at the completion of Jill McCabe's campaign in November 2015.

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