

Investigator Says Special Counsel Mueller Asked Him to Go Easy on FBI Agents Who Killed Branch Davidians in Waco

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Bob Barr was an investigator in the government's 1993 attack on the Branch Davidians in Waco. He says he was contacted by Robert Mueller, who was then the head of the FBI, and Mueller said to him, "Don't go too hard on these guys. We know most of them, and they're good people." Robert Mueller, now is Special Counsel for investigating the allegation that Trump colluded with Russia. This is ironic because, in the lead up to this investigation, Trump was criticized for telling former FBI Director, James Comey, that he hoped the FBI would "let go" of an investigation of Michael Flynn because he was "a good guy". -GEG

Special Counsel Robert Mueller is reportedly investigating President Donald Trump for obstruction of justice relating to General Michael Flynn, but a book by former Congressman Bob Barr shows Mueller himself used remarkably similar language when speaking to Barr about a Congressional investigation of the Waco tragedy.

According to a *Washington Post* report, which President Trump has challenged, Special Counsel Robert Mueller is investigating Trump for obstruction of justice over comments made to then FBI Director James Comey. *Comey's testimony* before Congress included Trump saying, "I hope you can see your way clear to letting this go, to letting Flynn go. He is a good guy. I hope you can let this go."

However, during his tenure as FBI Director, Mueller made a very similar request to Congressman Bob Barr during congressional hearings on the Waco siege. According to Barr, Mueller said, “don’t go too hard on these guys. We know most of them, and they’re good people.”

Barr documented the conversation in his 2004 book, *The Meaning of Is: The Squandered Impeachment and Wasted Legacy of William Jefferson Clinton*. Although his book is primarily about Clinton’s impeachment, it does include a chapter about the Waco hearings. Barr describes the conversation in detail within that chapter:

The extent to which federal law enforcements stuck together to protect their own regardless of right and wrong was also quite disturbing. The most vivid example of this phenomenon occurred one morning before a day of hearings on Waco. We were scheduled to question some of the agents responsible for the events that occurred at Waco. I was convinced – and still am – that some of these federal officials had falsified important evidence.

When the phone rang in my Washington office that morning, the voice at the other end of the line belonged to Bob Mueller, now the Director of the FBI under President Bush. I knew Bob from his service in the Department of Justice while I served at the United States Attorney in Atlanta. His message was clear.

“Bob,” he said, “Don’t go too hard on these guys. We know most of them and they’re good people.”

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