



US on Brink of Trade War as Trump Announced \$50 Billion in Tariffs Against Chinese Imports

President Trump is following through on his threat to implement tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese imports, and China has vowed to retaliate. Trump responded to China's threat by pledging more tariffs. The tariffs are in response to an investigation that accused China of stealing US intellectual property in order to dominate the development of advanced technology. The US imported \$505 billion of goods from China last year and exported about \$130 billion, leaving a 2017 deficit of \$376 billion.

In a statement Friday, Trump pledged additional tariffs if China follows through on the retaliation threats. The 25 percent duties are a response to the U.S.'s so-called Section 301 investigation earlier this year that accused China of stealing U.S. intellectual property in an effort to dominate the development of advanced technology.

"The United States can no longer tolerate losing our technology and intellectual property through unfair economic practices," Trump said in the statement.

China, the world's No. 2 behind the U.S., has pledged to retaliate on U.S. exports including soybeans and pork. The

U.S. imported \$505 billion of goods from China last year and exported about \$130 billion, leaving a 2017 deficit of \$376 billion, according to government figures.

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Border Patrol Agent in Tucson Was Attacked by Multiple Assailants and Shot

Tucson: A 21-year veteran of the Border patrol was alone in a rural area when he was attacked by an unknown number of people and shot several times. He is in stable condition. Several people have been taken into custody, but no one has been charged at this time.



IG Report Failure: No Recommendation to Indict Hillary Clinton

After weeks of waiting, the 568-page report from Inspector General Michael Horowitz was released, but it whitewashed Comey's botched Clinton email investigation and minimized the bias against Trump. Judge Napolitano said that he was astounded that there was no recommendation for indictment against Hillary Clinton, as Comey's exoneration of her can be reversed. The report also showed that Comey used his own personal Gmail account to handle FBI reports. FBI agent Peter Strzok wrote to his lover, Lisa Page, that, "We'll stop" Trump from becoming president. There will be two more IG reports from Michael Horowitz investigating the Clinton Global Initiative and FISA court abuse.

Tom Fitton of Judicial Watch warned against trusting the mainstream media spin because the evidence in the IG report shows that at the same time the DOJ and FBI were protecting Hillary, they hired Fusion GPS to spy on Trump.

Tucker Carlson shows that the IG report contains examples of unnamed FBI agents who had an axe to grind against Trump, but were part of the Mueller investigation of Trump, and he condemns mainstream media for spinning the report.

From ZeroHedge:

As we digest and unpack the DOJ Inspector General's 500-page report on the FBI's conduct during the Hillary Clinton email investigation "matter," damning quotes from the OIG's findings have begun to circulate, leaving many to wonder exactly how Inspector General Michael Horowitz was able to conclude:

"We did not find documentary or testimonial evidence that improper considerations, including political bias, directly affected the specific investigative actions we reviewed"

We're sorry, that just doesn't comport with reality whatsoever. And it *really* feels like the OIG report may have had a different conclusion at some point. Just read IG Horowitz's own assessment that "These texts are "Indicative of a biased state of mind but even more seriously, implies a willingness to take official action to impact the Presidential candidate's electoral prospects."

Of course, today's crown jewel is a **previously undisclosed exchange** between Peter Strzok and Lisa Page in which Page asks "(Trump's) not ever going to become president, right? Right?!" to which Strzok replies "No. No he's not. We'll stop it."

Nevermind the fact that the FBI Director, who used personal emails for work purposes, tasked Strzok, who used personal emails for work purposes, to investigate Hillary Clinton's use of personal emails for work purposes. Of course, we know it goes far deeper than that...

The Wall Street Journal's Kimberley Strassel also had plenty to say in a Twitter thread:

1) Don't believe anyone who claims Horowitz didn't find bias. He very carefully says that he found no "documentary" evidence that bias produced "specific investigatory decisions." That's different

2) It means he didn't catch anyone doing anything so dumb as writing down that they took a specific step to aid a candidate. You know, like: "Let's give out this Combetta immunity deal so nothing comes out that will derail Hillary for President."

3) But he in fact finds bias everywhere. The examples are shocking and concerning, and he devotes entire sections to them. And he very specifically says in the summary that they “cast a cloud” on the entire “investigation’s credibility.” That’s pretty damning.

4) Meanwhile this same cast of characters who the IG has now found to have made a hash of the Clinton investigation and who demonstrate such bias, seamlessly moved to the Trump investigation. And we’re supposed to think they got that one right?

5) Also don’t believe anyone who says this is just about Comey and his instances of insubordination. (Though they are bad enough.) This is an indictment broadly of an FBI culture that believes itself above the rules it imposes on others.

6) People failing to adhere to their recusals (Kadzic/McCabe). Lynch hanging with Bill. Staff helping Comey conceal details of presser from DOJ bosses. Use of personal email and laptops. Leaks. Accepting gifts from media. Agent affairs/relationships.

7) It also contains stunning examples of incompetence. Comey explains that he wasn’t aware the Weiner laptop was big deal because he didn’t know Weiner was married to Abedin? Then they sit on it a month, either cuz it fell through cracks (wow) or were more obsessed w/Trump

8) And I can still hear the echo of the howls from when Trump fired Comey. Still waiting to hear the apologies now that this report has backstopped the Rosenstein memo and the obvious grounds for dismissal.

So, let’s review more of the exchanges which had no bearing on the “unbiased” report:

(h/t Robby Starbuck, Paul Sperry and others)

“OIG discovered texts and instant messages between employees on the investigative team, on FBI devices, expressing hostility toward then candidate Donald Trump and statements of support for then candidate Hillary Clinton.”

Viva le resistance!

In one shocking exchange between two unnamed FBI employees which we assume to be Strzok and Page, “Attorney 1” asks “Attorney 2” “Is it making you rethink your commitment to the Trump administration?” to which “Attorney 2” replied “Hell no,” adding “Viva le resistance.”

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Massachusetts Sues Maker of OxyContin, Personally Naming Executives and the Sackler Family

The state of Massachusetts sued the maker of the prescription painkiller OxyContin, which has been blamed for spawning America’s opioid crisis, naming leading executives and members of the multibillionaire Sackler family that owns the Purdue

pharmaceutical company. The company is accused of using illegal deceitful practices to boost profits. The lawsuit is unusual as it personally names names 16 current and former executives and board members, including CEO Craig Landau, and eight members across three generations of the Sackler family that wholly owns Purdue. Purdue and some other painkiller makers are currently facing more than 300 lawsuits from city and county authorities across the country.

The state of Massachusetts on Tuesday sued the maker of the prescription painkiller OxyContin, which has been blamed for spawning America's opioids crisis, naming leading executives and members of the multibillionaire Sackler family that owns the pharmaceutical company.

The lawsuit accuses the company, Purdue Pharma, of spinning a "web of illegal deceit" to fuel the deadly drug abuse crisis while boosting profits.

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Maura Healey, state attorney general

Purdue Pharma is already defending lawsuits from several states and local governments, but Massachusetts is the first state to take the unusual step of personally naming the company's executives in a complaint, the state attorney general, Maura Healey, said. It names 16 current and former executives and board members, including the chief executive, Craig Landau, and eight members across three generations of the Sackler family that wholly owns Purdue.

The lawsuit alleges Purdue deceived patients and doctors about the risks of opioids, pushed prescribers to keep patients on the drugs longer and aggressively targeted vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and veterans.

"Their strategy was simple: the more drugs they sold, the more money they made, and the more people died," Healey said on Tuesday.

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