The People's Illustrated Mueller Report

The first twenty comics covering Report pages 1-25 of Vol. I

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A social media campaign designed to provoke and amplify political and social discord in the United States.

The Internet Research Agency (IRA)

Carried out Russian interference operations.

The IRA was based in St. Petersburg, Russia—

and received funding from Russian oligarch Yevgeniy Prigozhin and companies he controlled.

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In mid-2014, the IRA sent employees to the US on an intelligence gathering mission with instructions...

Damn I really wanna know what's under there! It must be pretty bad, maybe it's about Trump, or the NRA, or something.

The IRA's operation included:

- Buying political ads on social media in the names of U.S. people
- Staging political rallies within the United States

(With a nod to the TAZ boys for BorBlu)

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RUSSIAN HACKING OPERATIONS

WHILE THE IRA WAS BUSY SOWING SOCIAL UNREST, RUSSIAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SOWED SEEDS OF ITS OWN
THE MAIN INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE
OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY

THE GRU

OK, SO THE GRU STARTS BY HACKING EMAIL ACCOUNTS OF PEOPLE WORKING FOR THE CLINTON CAMPAIGN LIKE THIS GUY
CLINTON CAMPAIGN CHAIR
JOHN PODESTA

THEN THEY HACKED THE NETWORKS OF THE
DCCC—Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee
& the DNC—Democratic National Committee

THE GRU STOLE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PAGES OF DOCUMENTS AND SENT THEM TO PEOPLE VIA—
DC Leaks & Guccifer 2.0

The TRUMP CAMPAIGN SHOWED INTEREST IN THE GRU’S STOLEN FILES

OCTOBER 7th, 2016—WikiLeaks RELEASES PODESTA’S STOLEN EMAILS LESS THAN AN HOUR AFTER THE “ACCESS HOLLYWOOD” “GRAB’EM PUSSY” TAPE HITS THE NEWS—

MASSIVE LEAK OF THOUSANDS OF CLINTON CAMPAIGN CONTENT

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RUSSIAN CONTACTS with the
TRUMP CAMPAIGN

IRA spreading chaos
GRU hacking DNC & state boards of election

TRUMP CAMPAIGN many meetings, at all levels, with people close to Russian govt

"The Russian govt perceived it would benefit from a Trump presidency and worked to secure that outcome."

"The Trump campaign expected it would benefit electorally from info. stolen and released thru Russian efforts."

CAVALCADE of RUSSIAN CONTACTS

BUSINESS CONTACTS
OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE

POLICY POSITIONS

INVITATIONS for Trump-Putin in-person meeting
INVITATIONS to meet w/ Russian govt representatives

"DID YOU KNOW THAT while Trump publicly and repeatedly attested to having no business dealings with Russia—He was negotiating to build Trump Tower Moscow?"

we did! set a spell, friend... let's catch you up...

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TRUMP TOWER MOSCOW

what is the price of your country?

TRUMP TOWER MOSCOW

2015

Spring 2016

GEORGIE BOY! I JUST GOT BACK FROM MOSCOW—THE RUSSIANS—THEY GOT DIRT ON CLINTON! THOUSANDS OF EMAILS!

GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS—CAMPAIGN FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR MEETS LONDON PROF. JOSEPH MIFSUD

May 2016—PAPADOPOULOS BRAGS TO THE WRONG FOREIGN DIPLOMAT

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RUSSIAN CONTACTS WITH THE CAMPAIGN
~continued~

RUSSIAN LAWYER NATALIA
VESELNITSKAYA

meets with senior Trump campaign officials, who seem to believe she has materials that could incriminate candidate Clinton, and that these materials were illegally obtained by the Russian govt.

JUNE 9TH 2016

oh these boys! maybe they just thought laws didn’t apply to them?

YEH, SO AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THEY GOT BUPKIS—
BUT Y’KNOW, EVERYONE INVOLVED LIED AND LIED AND LIED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THIS MEETING SO—ALLS I’M SAYIN’ IS MAYBE WE STILL DON’T KNOW THE WHOLE STORY—

AH’M JUST SAVIN’ > ah fuggediboudid
a whimsical anthropomorphization of the report itself

NEXT UP

THE BALLAD OF CARTER PAGE, DUMPSTER FIRE

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**Executive Summary**

*Vol. I*

**June 9**
- Manafort, Don Jr., Kushner meet with Russians about getting dirt

**July 31**
- Manafort tells FBI about Papadopoulos statements—FBI opens investigation into Russia/Campaign

**July 22**
- WikiLeaks starts releasing GRU’s stolen emails

**Russian Contacts with the Campaign Summer 2016**
- June 14—announced we were hacked by Russian Gov't

**July 2016**
- Manafort goes to Moscow—gives a talk at the New Economic School
- Carter Page goes to Russia
- Russian intelligence comes back with policies
- WikiLeaks starts releasing GRU's stolen emails

**Oh, Carter Page**
- **Lived & worked in Russia 2003-2007**
- Back in US—friends with at least two Russian intelligence officers—one was arrested for being an unregistered agent of Russia
- Manafort tells FBI about Papadopoulos statements—FBI opens investigation into Russia/Campaign

**August 2, 2016**
- Meeting of Trump Campaign Chairman Paul Manafort
- Longtime associate Konstantin Kilimnik (has ties to Russian intelligence)

**Oh Here We Go—**
- Kilimnik wanted to deliver in person
- It's a "peace plan"
- Manafort told the Special Counsel it was a "backdoor" plan for Russia to take control of Eastern Ukraine

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Oct. 7

1. Access Hollywood tape reveals Trump as a sexual predator

2. WikiLeaks releases stolen Podesta emails in response to drowned out the story


Post-2016 election

разврашать

Russian Gov’t officials & businessmen begin trying to make inroads with the new administration, encouraged by the most senior levels of Russian Gov’t.

KIRILL DMITRIEV
CEO of Russia’s Sovereign wealth fund

ERIK PRINCE
Trump campaign supporter

January — have a pre-inauguration meeting in remote African Island nation, the Seychelles to discuss U.S.—Russian relations

During this pre-inauguration period, Dmitriev works with Kushner’s friend Rick Gerson, on a short written reconciliation plan for US & Russia

Kushner later forwarded the plan to Steve Bannon and incoming Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

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Dec 29th, 2016

President Obama imposes sanctions on Russia for interfering in our elections

So, 4 pages illustrated of 448?

hmm.

The next day—Putin announces Russia will not take retaliatory measures

Eh, I've already won

Trump tweets hours later

So, Flynn, working for Trump, illegally negotiated with a foreign power before entering office—and then everyone lied and lied about it

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Not-yet National Security Advisor Michael Flynn calls Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak

Asking Russia not to escalate the situation in response

The day after that—Dec 31, Kislyak called Flynn

Your request was received at the highest levels

Because of your request, Russia has chosen not to retaliate.

Welp that does it for the executive summary of Vol. I—but we're just gettin' started! see ya soon!

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oh wait I think this is technically still the EXECUTIVE SUMMARY TO VOL. I

THIS DAY IN AWKWARD MEETINGS JAN 6, 2017

US Intelligence officials brief Pres-Elect TRUMP: high confidence that Russia interfered in the election

HPSCI
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

SSCI
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

STJC
Senate Judiciary Committee

MARCH 20, 2017 - Then-FBI Director JAMES COMEY testifies to the HPSCI

the FBI is investigating Russian interference in US elections "and that includes[...] any links between individuals associated with the Trump campaign and the Russian government and whether there was any coordination between the campaign and Russia’s efforts."

THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUED FOR THE NEXT SEVEN WEEKS UNTIL MAY 9TH, 2017

WHEN PRESIDENT TRUMP FIRED COMEY AS FBI DIRECTOR

YER FIRED!

AN ACTION WHICH IS ANALYZED IN VOLUME II OF THIS REPORT

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May 17th, 2017

ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL
Rod Rosenstein

appoints

Special Counsel
Robert S. Mueller

and authorizes him to conduct the investigation

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May 7th, 2017

Trump fires Comey

Slightly less dense than the actual report!

Investigate links between Russia & Trump campaign and any other matters within the scope of:

28 CFR § 600.4(a)

Code of Federal Regulations

Title 28 — Judicial Administration
Part 600 — General Powers of Special Counsel

SECTION 4a — Gives authority to prosecute illegal efforts to interfere with or obstruct the investigation

And then — oh, and then — So much illegal obstruction! See ya!

President Trump reacts negatively to Mueller's appointment as Special Counsel

It is my honor to serve, sir.

Oh my God. This is terrible. This is the end of my presidency. I'm fucked.

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Obstruction of Justice

Trump tried to get Sessions to unrecuse, tried to stop the investigation and prevent disclosure of evidence, including through public and private contact with witnesses.

Insufficient Evidence

to prove Trump campaign officials were literally Russian agents
to prove that June 9 meeting violated campaign finance laws
to prove an actual conspiracy between Trump campaign and Russian government

However:

Established:

Many people affiliated with the Trump campaign lied to us, and to Congress—

And those lies materially impaired the investigation of Russian election interference

We get into all that obstruction in VII but first I gotta tell you about Special Counsel’s charging decisions

First—

Russian election interference—
Social media campaign and hacking & dumping

• Conspiracy to defraud the U.S.
• Identity theft
• Federal computer intrusion statutes

So yeah we charged a lot of Russians, but they’re y’know in Russia...

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LIES

Lies & Obstruction from Trump & his team
MATERIALLY IMPAIRED the investigation

So~ Trump didn't just obstruct justice, he successfully obstructed justice!

I mean JFC—this whole crew, working together to grab an astounding amount of political power—broke so many laws and took over our country!

MICHAEL FLYNN lied about his illegal working relationship with the Russian ambassador
Getting Russia what it wanted

Geo. PAPADOPOULOS lied about his interactions with Russians regarding the release of damaging Stefan Clinton team info

MICHAEL COHEN lied to Congress about a massive Russian real estate deal for Trump.

A friggin' millennium, for Trump

Omg, it would harm an ongoing matter for us to even know who this liar is!

PAUL MANAFORT lied to the FBI & grand jury about the "backdoor" plan for Russia to control Ukraine. — I mean holy shizz

HEY! JUST A QUICK NOTE—DO YOU KNOW WHY IT IS A BAD THING FOR RUSSIA TO CONTROL UKRAINE?

wait for it

I mean it was probably just a big misunderstanding but in the 1930's the Russians starved and murdered millions of Ukrainians in a historical event known as Holodomor.

AND ALSO, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WANTS TO PROTECT COUNTRIES FROM HAVING THEIR GOVT'S OVERTHROWN BY A FOREIGN POWER... hhn... sigh

LOOK, I AIN'T THE END, I'M THE BEGINNING.

AN I AIN'T PERFECT NEITHER

whole lotta people took the Fifth.

buncha Trump people deleted their communications, or used encrypted messages.

an' I got policies, can't seize info from someone who claims to be a member of the media.

but it ain't frickin' over—there is so much more to tell ya. Yer gonna be sicka me & my voice.

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OK, SO NOW YOU BEEN THROUGH A BUNCHA PAGES A THIS THING, BUT IT'S JUST ALL BEEN AN OVERVIEW, AND NOW WE GET THIS HEADING: I. The Special Counsel's Investigation.

So I ah guess we're just gettin' started?

from the top!
May 17th, 2017

Office of the Deputy Atty Gen
Order #: 3915-2017
"App't of Special Counsel to Investigate Russian Interference in the 2016 Pres. Election and Related Matters"

The report's gotta represent from where does its power spring?

IT IS THE REAL DEAL

Special Counsel
by the authority vested in the ATTORNEY GENERAL
MUST
INVESTIGATE & PROSECUTE coordination & links
Federal crimes like:
- PERJURY - OBSTRUCTION - DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE - WITNESS INTIMIDATION
related to the investigation OR the FBI investigation preceding it

ANYONE SAYING THE INVESTIGATION WASN'T PROPERLY AUTHORIZED?
FULLA CRAP!

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SO, NOW WE GOT 3 PAGES GOING-THROUGH THE SCOPE & HISTORY OF THE INVESTIGATION...
and at some point a small voice might rise in your head... "why am I reading this? what good can come of my knowing this?"

REASONS FOR READING THE REPORT
- TOUCH ALL THAT APPLY
- ☐ fiery passion
- ☐ to lord knowledge over friends
- ☐ ennui
- ☐ desire for justice
- ☐ mansplaining
- ☐ am a Congressperson
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a tale of two memoranda

Memo #1
Aug 2, 2017—
Acting Att’y General:

Hey! We wrote that appointment order for public release, that’s why we didn’t say who we were investigating in it!

But yeah we can totally investigate Page, Manafort, Papadopoulos, & Flynn for many many credible crime allegations.

Memo #2
Oct 20, 2017
Acting Att’y General:

Look, in order to figure out the scope of Russian interference, special counsel can investigate Michael Cohen (a lawyer), Richard Gates, Roger Stone (a media figure) and

Huh? hey wait a sec...

The way they redacted this last name in the list, it looks like: [redacted] with this little extra bit on the next line... just enough for a couple characters.

Funny thing, the whole document is left & right justified — and words are never hyphenated from one line to the next.

So this is a name with a little extra suffix, just room enough for a couple letters, like maybe “Jr.”?

As a cartoon cat, I’m free to speculate that this is Donald Trump Jr, so I guess he gets the “Personal Privacy” redaction label because he’s the President’s son?

Anyway... this section is like hearing one half of an argument, presumably the White House saying “you can’t investigate these people,” and the Att’y General saying “uh we can and already are!”

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look pal, just pour me annuuder, ok? I'm done.
we handed off alla ongoing investigations-
even stuff outside my scope, we handed to the right people.
back in May 2017, we really hit the ground running
we had 10 months of evidence from the FBI's investigations!
We had 19 attorneys!
An independent filter team screening for privileged information
We worked alongside
40 FBI agents—
isn't it makes him uncomfortable—
and of course, the big guy himself—
intelligence analysts—
forensic accountants!

2800 Subpoenas!
500 Search-and-Seizure warrants!
and of course, the big guy himself—
tracing phone calls!
500 witness interviews!

So CMON!
ain't no one wanna buy a drink fer th' GODDAMN MUELLER REPORT?

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WELLLLL HELL!
YOU MADE IT THROUGH
THE SUMMARIES,
RATIONALES,
HISTORIES & C.
TO THE MEAT
OF THE REPORT.
HERE IS YOUR BADGE:

II. Russian “Active Measures”
Social Media Campaign

please do not stop reading upon receipt of badge

IRA Russian agents infiltrate
American social media

2014 to 2016

Hundreds of thousands of Americans
unwittingly follow IRA accounts
and join IRA groups—
this allows IRA lies, incendiary
claims, & propaganda to reach over
100 MILLION Americans.

Remember how stricken and generally unwell
Mark Zuckerberg looked in his testimony
before Congress?

Perhaps he was reflecting on his
role in letting a foreign power
hijack American political discourse
and help elect Trump as president.

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vI sect. II A. Structure of the Internet Research Agency

Oh! hey! thank goodness y'all are still here! 😅itus 😅itus
Ah geez, I'm sorry I'm so late 😢

I musta had one too many—woke up under a table in this bar 😳

but this IRA section is REALLY IMPORTANT—
I gotta tell ya—

Seriously! And

I mean— this is a real emergency!

Crap! I mean

Wait!

No! Why can't I say that?
why can't I say

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All this redacted text makes you think...

Was the same person redacting this text as was shoving Trump’s conversations into a hyper-classified system in an attempt to keep the details of his corrupt actions from the public?

I hope you weren’t too excited to learn about Project Latke, b/c what follows is nearly 4 pgs. of almost entirely redacted text, excepting one footnote that helpfully defines “internet troll” for the reader.

A final unredacted detail. May 2016. IRA employees in the US decide to rub our noses in it by holding up a sign wishing Prigozhin Happy 55th Birthday Dear Boss.

Next time: C. The IRA targets US elections.

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**Spring Break 2014**

RUSSIANS GET WILD!

IRA employees Anna Bogacheva & Aleksandra Krylova lie on their visa application & gain entry to the U.S., and then wouldn’t you like to know?

**Yes with our very real American friends!**

IRA specialists created all kinds of online communities, organizing people so they could poison them with misinformation.

- LGBT United
- "Blacktivist" "Black Matters"
- "Secured Borders" "Tea Party News"
- United Muslims of America
- "Don’t Shoot Us"

They used these organizations & groups to direct political activities in America — setting up pro-Trump rallies —

And internal IRA documents revealed specific directives: "USE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO CRITICIZE HILLARY CLINTON AND THE REST (EXCEPT SANDERS AND TRUMP, WE SUPPORT THEM)"

NEXT: BRING ON THE BOTS

II.C. The IRA targets US elections

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The "specialists"

Dozens of IRA employees operated accounts and personas on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram to influence US public opinion.

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