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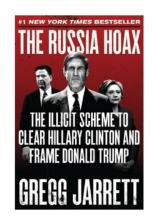
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### Weaponizing Government Intelligence Agencies Against

The Russia Hoax: The Illicit Scheme to Clear Hillary Clinton and Frame Donald

*Trump*, by Gregg Jarrett, New York: Broadside, 2018, 289 pages, hardcover.

In 2001, five people were killed owing to letters laced with anthrax. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents targeted Steven Hatfill, despite concerns that the pursuit of Hatfill could be a replay of the Richard Jewell case — the security guard wrongly accused of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics bombing. Carl Cannon of Real Clear Politics recalled the case: "[Robert] Mueller, who micromanaged the anthrax case ... personally assured [Attorney General John] Ashcroft" that the FBI "had its man."



Mueller's aide and fellow FBI investigator James Comey assured skeptics that they were "absolutely certain" they were not making a mistake with their pursuit of Hatfill. As it turns out, they were wrong, and it eventually cost the taxpayers almost six million dollars in a legal settlement.

Mueller and Comey share not only responsibility for that botched investigation, but also a long personal and professional relationship. Nevertheless, Acting Attorney General Rod Rosenstein (after Attorney General Jeff Sessions "recused" himself from any investigation into the alleged Russian "collusion" case) opted to pick Mueller as a special counsel to investigate the accusations of collusion between the Trump presidential campaign and the Russian government, despite the fact that the firing of Comey as director of the FBI precipitated the selection of a special counsel.

Author Gregg Jarrett, a legal and political analyst for Fox News, has produced a comprehensive history of what he calls the "Russia Hoax," detailing the machinations of multiple government intelligence figures to clear Hillary Clinton and frame Trump. Writing about the appointment of Mueller, Jarrett addressed the cozy Mueller-Comey relationship. "The Mueller-Comey friendship is well documented and indisputable. They have long been friends, allies, and partners. Their bond is driven by a mentor-protégé relationship which makes the likelihood of favoritism and partiality self-evident." The law that governs federal prosecutors prohibits not only a conflict of interest, but even the *appearance* of conflicts, but that was ignored in the selection of Mueller.

But this is not the only law shredded in the desperate urge to clear Clinton in the e-mail scandal and frame Trump using a purely fabricated story that the Trump campaign worked with the Russian government to defeat her in the election.

On the same day that FBI Director Comey announced his exoneration of Clinton over the e-mail scandal, FBI agents met with Christopher Steele, the creator of the infamous "dossier" that supposedly provided information of Trump's "collusion" with agents of the Russian government. Because of the continued

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obsession of the liberal media with the "collusion" story, the e-mail scandal involving Clinton has been largely forgotten.

Jarrett, however, resurrects that story in the first part of the book, making the case that Hillary Clinton was guilty of the same crime that had sent others to prison. The day after she was sworn in as secretary of state, Clinton signed a document that stated the following: "I have been advised that the unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized retention, or negligent handling of classified information by me could cause damage or irreparable injury to the United States or could be used to advantage by a foreign nation. I have been advised that any unauthorized disclosure of classified information by me may constitute a violation, or violations, of U.S. criminal laws."

Yet, Clinton had a private server installed in the basement of her mansion in New York, which she used to conduct government business, including sending and receiving classified documents. When Congress issued a subpoena during its investigation of Clinton's failure to follow the law, she deleted more than 30,000 e-mails and used a product called Bleach Bit to wipe her server clean.

The law — 18 U.S.C. 1924 (c) — also stipulates that any officer of the U.S. government who "knowingly removes [classified] documents or materials without authority and with the intent to retain such documents or materials at an unauthorized location shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both."

Jarrett wrote, "The facts show that Clinton intended to create a private server. She knew it was unauthorized. Yet, she deliberately used it for all her electronic communications, including classified documents. These actions are violations of the above-stated statutes. Other people in government have been prosecuted and convicted with much less incriminating evidence."

Despite this, Comey called a press conference and announced there was no reason to prosecute Clinton. For the head of the FBI, an investigative agency, to make such a decision, rather than simply refer his findings to the Justice Department, would be much like a police chief announcing he was not going to prosecute an accused rapist, when such decisions are not his to make, but rather are within the authority of the local district attorney.

Former assistant FBI Director Steve Pomerantz recalled his shock the day Comey made his televised announcement: "I could have fallen off my chair.... Setting aside the conclusions he drew, it is not the FBI's job to recommend prosecutions.... In all my years in the FBI — over 30 years — and hundreds of investigations, probably thousands, I never ever saw that done." For Comey to do so, Pomerantz said, was "wrong."

What is particularly galling about the failure to hold Clinton accountable for thumbing her nose at federal law, designed to protect the national security of America, is that many of the personalities involved in the "investigation" and eventual clearing of Clinton turned out to be the same cast of characters involved in the politically motivated pursuit of Trump's alleged "collusion" with the Russians.

### The Fabricated Russian "Collusion" Story

Beginning in chapter five, and continuing through to the end of the book, Jarrett shifted his focus to the incredible story of how the "collusion" story was concocted and continued by a host of Clinton-loving sycophants. "I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy's office [presumably Andrew McCabe, second in command to Comey at the FBI] — that there's no way he [Trump] gets

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elected — but I'm afraid we can't take that risk. It's like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you're 40," texted FBI agent Peter Strzok to FBI attorney Lisa Page.

Strzok "played a key role in absolving" Hillary Clinton, Jarrett wrote, while Page, reportedly his extramarital lover, shared his hatred of Trump. Amazingly, Strzok, despite his biased animus toward Trump, signed the papers launching the investigation of Trump, and subsequently oversaw the case in its early stages.

Andrew McCabe was, according to Jarrett, "intimately involved in the ultimate decision not to bring criminal charges against" Clinton. Amazingly, his wife, Jill McCabe, was recruited by Democrats to run for a state Senate seat in Virginia only five days after the e-mail scandal became public. Her campaign received almost \$700,000 from groups aligned with Clinton and Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, "a longtime friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton and a former board member of the Clinton Global Initiative," Jarrett wrote, citing the intricate connections between McCabe, who oversaw Clinton's clearing, and the Clintons.

To put it bluntly, McCabe's wife took money from political action groups with close ties to the very person her husband investigated!

One of McCabe's senior advisors was the same Lisa Page who was Strzok's reported lover. Page texted Strzok, "She [Clinton] just has to win," while also describing Trump as an "idiot" and "loathsome."

These are the very people who we are supposed to believe are non-biased in the probes of Clinton and Trump? Yet, Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller (a close friend of James Comey — the man Trump fired) employed these two Clinton sycophants and Trump haters on his Special Counsel staff.

The *New York Post* summed it up nicely in an editorial: "As things stand, it now looks like the fix was well and truly in on the Hillary probe. Far worse, it also looks like the 'collusion' probe was a partisan hit from the start — which undermines the basis for Mueller's own investigation."

Jarrett piles on the evidence that backs up the *Post's* conclusion. In fact, there was never any crime to investigate, since "collusion" with the Russians to win the 2016 presidential election was not a crime, even if it had occurred. Yet there is no evidence that it did occur. As Jarrett put it, "It [the FBI] cannot open an investigation into activity that does not or will not constitute a crime."

Yet, Jarrett argues, agents of the U.S. government who favored the election of Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump conspired to frame Trump. Among those named by Jarrett as culpable in the scheme include the then-CIA director John Brennan — a man who once supported the election of the head of the American Communist Party for president.

Jarrett details the role Brennan played in leaking the contents of the infamous "dossier" to not only the FBI, but also Democrats in Congress and media unsympathetic (to say the least) to Trump. Jarrett refers to the "dossier" as a "preposterous collection of rumors, innuendos, supposition, and wild speculation."

Jarrett's book is full of details and supporting documentation for his case that the Deep State fabricated a scheme to frame the Republican nominee for president in 2016. He explains the roles of Brennan, Christopher Steele, Fusion GPS, and others in the frame-up, and even examines the role that President Barack Obama played in the affair.

After reading this book, a person may never be able to look at his own government the same way again.



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