White House claims without proof FBI has ‘outrageous’ corruption

By Laura King
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The White House on Sunday brushed aside congressional Democrats’ concerns about Attorney General William Barr being handed extraordinary powers to declassify sensitive intelligence as part of a probe into the origins of the investigation into Russian efforts to sway the 2016 election.

Reflecting his anger over unflattering depictions of his actions in the report, by special counsel Robert Mueller, including several episodes that might have constituted obstruction of justice, President Donald Trump has authorized the attorney general to investigate the Trump and his allies have long insisted that the FBI improperly “spied” on his campaign.

Democrats already have accused Barr of trying to put the best possible face on Mueller’s findings and say they fear he will selectively release documents in an effort to undermine public confidence in the nation’s intelligence agencies and Mueller’s investigations.

Mueller’s report, itself, documents activities during the 2016 presidential campaign that caught the attention of U.S. law enforcement and intelligence agencies, including information passed along by Australian officials concerning a Trump campaign adviser, George Papadopoulos, who told an Australian diplomat that Democratic emails had been stolen by the Russians before the hacking of the Democratic National Committee’s computer system became public knowledge.

If Republicans had the majority in the House, intelligence committee chair Devin Nunes spent nearly two years investigating the same issues without producing evidence to back up Trump’s claims.

‘High level of corruption

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders insisted Sunday that the administration is not prejudging Barr’s findings, but expressed confidence, without showing proof, that he will be able to document “outrageous” corruption at the FBI.

“I’m not going to get ahead of what the final conclusion is, but we already know that there was a high level of corruption that was taking place,” Sanders, in Tokyo with the president on a state visit to Japan, told NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

Questioned by host Chuck Todd about whether Barr could be trusted not to cherry-pick information, Sanders defended the decision to give Barr declassification powers that have traditionally been jealously guarded by intelligence agencies.

That’s the reason that he’s granted the attorney general the authority to declassify that information — to look at all the documents necessary so that we can get to the very bottom of what happened,” she said. “Once again, we already know about some wrongdoing.”

Congressional Democrats have sharply questioned whether the administration is acting in good faith. Rep. Adam Schiff, who chairs the House intelligence committee, said the president’s decision, announced on the eve of the Memorial Day weekend, allowed Trump and Barr to “weaponize law enforcement and classified information against their political enemies.”

Trump ally denied that the president’s actions in any way undermined the core missions of the intelligence community.

“We’re not compromising national security here,” said Sen. Lindsey Graham, who has emerged as one of Trump’s most vocal “conventional” defenders. Graham, interviewed on Fox News Sunday, said that he believed Barr “can be trusted” not to manipulate information in the president’s favor.

San Francisco police union says chief must quit, calling his apology ‘pathetic’

(Le Times) - The San Francisco Police Officers Association is calling on police chief Bill Scott to step down after he apologized for his officers’ raid of a journalist’s home.

“It is time for Chief Scott to go. There’s no other way around it,” union leaders wrote in a statement released Saturday, one day after Scott issued the public apology.

The statement described the chief’s public concession as a “pathetic, deceitful and shameful display of self-preservation, finger pointing and political kowtowing.”

Scott’s apology, issued Friday, represented an abrupt reversal from just a few days ago, when he voiced suspicions that journalist Bryan Carmody committed a crime by obtaining a leaked report detailing the circumstances surrounding San Francisco Police Defender Jeff Adachi’s death and selling it to local news outlets.

Police officers with a sleigh-keeper arrived at Carmody’s home on the morning of May 10. They hand-cuffed the reporter before seizing his notebooks, hard drives and phones in the hopes they might reveal his secret source.

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The Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority is seeking public comments on the Authority’s proposed revisions of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan beginning May 4, 2019 to June 28, 2019. The Administrative Plan contains policies governing the administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Plan is currently being updated to include policies relative to statutory and discriminatory changes that impact GHURA’s tenant-based and project-based housing assistance programs. Copies of these plans are available for public review, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed weekends and holidays) at the following locations:

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Attn: Norma San Nicolas, Section 8 Administrator

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Oral and written testimony may also be submitted during the Public Hearing scheduled for July 6, 2019, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at GHURA’s executive conference room, 117 Bita Venada Avenue, Sinajana (across ST, Jude Church). Section 8 participants, applicants, landlords and the general public are invited to attend. For more information or additional information in Section 8 Administrative Plan if you are a person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation, please contact Rose Francisco at (671) 475-1338, or 472-3701 (TTY/DDT); or Betty Bamba at 477-3817

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By RAY S. TOPASA
Executive Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) will convene its Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in Terminal Conference Room No. 3. In addition to regular matters, presented to G.G.A. No. 5-G.2019-11 (Executive Session) will be held to discuss pending litigation to which GIA is a party. Parking is available in the Public Parking Lot.

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Regular Board Meeting Agenda:

(1) Meeting Call to Order
(2) Oath Administration of New Registrants
(3) Approval of Minutes
Executive Board Administrator Report
(5) Complaints
a. Loretta L. Guerrero vs. Rias Atalig Case # 2017-002
b. Jose C. Benavente vs. Paul L. Santos, PLS Case # 2018-006
 c. APC Construction vs. Jerry B. Estrella, PES Case # 2019-001
 d. Atalaga & Jose Garrido vs. Melton Santos, PLS Case # 2019-002
(6) Old Business
A. PEALS Rules and Regulations
(7) New Business
A. Electrical Register Discharged Settlement with FL Board on Renewal Application
B. Architectural Register Discharged Settlement with NV Board on Renewal Application
C. CDA Application, request for attorney to represent before Board in full control of operations
D. O&M Board request that their CE applicants take the NSCE exam through Guam
(8) Open Discussion Information & Announcements
A. PEALS FY2019 Board Meeting Schedule
B. Board National Council Meetings
C. Interim PEALS ERA
D. Survey Board Member to serve on NCEES FE & PLS Survey Committee
(9) Public Comments
(10) DPW Permit & DLM Surveyors’ Report
(11) Adjournment

Date: Thursday, May 30, 2019 Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: PEALS Board Conference Room, Suite 208, 718 Marine Corp Drive Suite 208, Tumon, Guam 96913 (671) 646-3113/5 www.guam-peals.org

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