

Trump may read summary of Ukraine call on live television

"READ THE TRANSCRIPT!" U.S. President Donald Trump **exhorts** regularly on Twitter, referring to a telephone call with Ukraine's president that led to an **impeachment inquiry**. Now he is threatening to do just that — on live television.

exhort 忠告; 劝诫

impeachment 弹劾; 控告

inquiry 调查; 质询

whistleblower 检举者; 告发者

The Trump administration in September released a detailed summary of the 30-minute call — not a precise transcript — based on notes taken by aides, as Democrats in the House of Representatives began looking into Trump's call following a **whistleblower** complaint.

The House, which is controlled by Democrats, approved rules on Thursday for the next, more public, stage in the inquiry into the Republican president's attempt to have Ukraine investigate a domestic political rival.

The inquiry centres on whether Trump **solicited** foreign interference and aid in a U.S. election, which federal law prohibits. Democrats are also investigating whether Trump withheld \$391 million in American aid to Ukraine, as **leverage** to get President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to announce an investigation into former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter.

solicit 征求; 请求

leverage 利用; 手段; 杠杆

Biden is a leading contender for the Democratic nomination to face Trump in the November 2020 presidential election. Hunter Biden sat on the board of a Ukrainian energy company. There has been no evidence of wrongdoing on their part.

Trump has insisted he did nothing wrong. He told the Washington Examiner he would fight back with a defence of the Ukraine call and use his well-**honed** art of the slogan, offering T-shirts **emblazoned** with "Read the transcript."

trump 王牌; 法宝

hone 磨

emblazon 装饰