

## The Attorney General

Washington, D.C.

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The Honorable IvanRivera Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 290 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable JordiHarris
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The Honorable MitchMatrix Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary United States House of Representatives 2132 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Leojackbraham Ranking Member, Committee on Judiciary United States House of Representatives 1504 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman IvanRivera, Chairman MitchMatrix, Ranking Member JordiHarris, and Ranking Member Leojackbraham:

As a supplement to the notification provided on Thursday, June 25, 2020, I am writing today to advise you of the principal conclusions reached by Special Counsel Tankslayer10 in regard to the evidence used to commence Article I of the impeachment proceedings against President Reset4k.<sup>1</sup>

## The Special Counsel's Initial Report

On Thursday, the Special Counsel submitted to me a "confidential report explaining the prosecution or declination decisions" he has reached, as required by 28 C.F.R § 600.8(c). This first volume of the report is entitled "Report on the Investigation into Allegations Against the President During the Summer 2020 Presidential Election." Although this is only the first volume released by the Special Counsel, I am inclined to believe that it is within public interest to describe the report and to summarize the conclusions reached by the Special Counsel and the current results of his investigation.

The report explains that the Special Counsel and his staff thoroughly investigated accusations that President Reset4k sought to bribe members of Congress. In the report, the Special Counsel noted that while his investigation is incomplete, he decided to send me the initial volume of his findings in order to assist the Congress in "providing complete context whilst they rush through a serious Constitutional procedure."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://trello.com/c/sBFK0OYO/2296-h-res-3-impeachment-of-president-reset4k

The Special Counsel interviewed 2 witnesses and has not issued any subpoenas as of yet. The initial report does not recommend any indictments. Below, I summarize the findings set out in the Special Counsel's report.

Report on the Investigation into Allegations Against the President During the Summer 2020 Presidential Election. The Special Counsel's report is divided into 3 parts. The first describes the foundations of the accusations made against the President in regard to bribery. The second follows up with details of the allegations against the President. Lastly, the third part outlines the legal determinations made by the Special Counsel. The Special Counsel made an immediate determination that the President is not subject to prosecution while in office. This determination was made considering practice used throughout history, with the Special Counsel noting the legal opinion of the Department of Justice<sup>2</sup> made on October 16, 2000 that determines that the prosecution of a President in office would be unconstitutional. The Special Counsel utilized 18 U.S. Code § 201 to determine whether or not any individual committed an act of bribery.

The Special Counsel's initial investigation determined that former Representative Jtdalejr88 and Representative Krenth "considered and communicated" with the President in regard to his offer, therefore violating 18 U.S. Code § 201(b)(2), which defines what constitutes a public official accepting a corrupt bribe. The initial report stated that Special Counsel would not be pursuing prosecution against these individuals, as they were instrumental in the "fact-finding mission of the Special Counsel's office." He also mentioned that he would let our nation's legislative body determine any punishment against these members of our community.

The Special Counsel's investigation into the President of the United States determined that President Reset4k did indeed violate 18 U.S. Code § 201(b)(1), which determines the legal definition of an illegally offered bribe. The Special Counsel went on to explain what would constitute "corruption" in section b of the statute. It was stated in the report that the examination of corruption involves the determination of whether there has been "a breach of public trust and/or abuse of position." In the typical applications of criminal law, corruption becomes a federal offense when a public official asks or accepts "anything of value in return for being influenced in the performance of their official duties." The Special Counsel took this into consideration and concluded that the President has indeed violated 18 U.S. Code § 201(b)(1), on two counts, one for attempting to induce Jtdalejr88 and one for attempting to induce Representative Krenth.

## Status of the Department's Review

The relevant regulations contemplate that the Special Counsel's report will be a "confidential report" to the Attorney General. See 28 C.F.R. § 600.8(c). As I have previously stated, however, I am mindful of the public interest in this matter. For that reason, my goal and intent is to release as much of the Special Counsel's report as I can consistent with applicable law, regulations, and Departmental policies.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.justice.gov/olc/opinion/sitting-president's-amenability-indictment-and-criminal-prosecution

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/public corruption

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As I observed in my initial notification, the Special Counsel regulations provide that "the Attorney General may determine that public release of" notifications to your respective Committees "would be in the public interest." 28 C.F.R. § 600.9(c). I have so determined, and I will disclose this letter to the public after delivering it to you.

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Clair "Lady Justice" Brown Attorney General