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FBI obtained secret warrant last summer to monitor Trump adviser Carter Page

The court order, issued by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, allowed agents to monitor Page's communications, officials said. The order is the first indication that the FBI had reason to believe during the 2016 presidential campaign that a Trump campaign adviser was in touch with Russian agents.

By Ellen Nakashima, Devlin Barrett and Adam Entous

Trump campaign's Russia ties: Who's involved



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Spicer apologizes after receiving sharp criticism for saying Hitler didn't use chemical weapons

The White House press secretary had criticized Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's alleged use of chemical weapons, saying that even Adolf Hitler — who used gas chambers to kill millions of Jews — did not sink to that level of warfare and “was not using the gas on his own people in the same way that Assad is doing.”

By Jenna Johnson and Ashley Parker

Hitler refused to use sarin during WWII. The mystery is why.

U.S. says new evidence discredits Russia's claim on sarin attack

The Trump administration declassified an intelligence report to counter Moscow's explanation for the deadly attack, pointing to evidence that a Russian-made, Syrian-piloted aircraft dropped at least one munition carrying the nerve agent sarin. “I think it's clear that the Russians are trying to cover up what happened there,” one official said.

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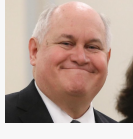
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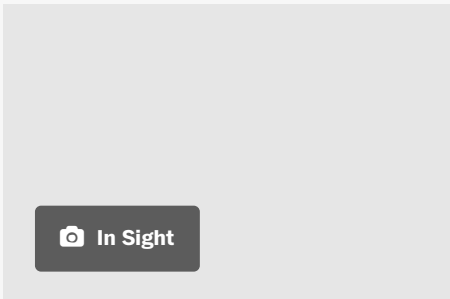
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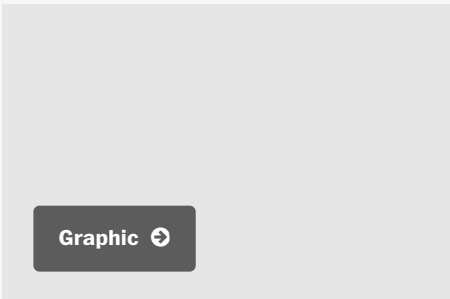
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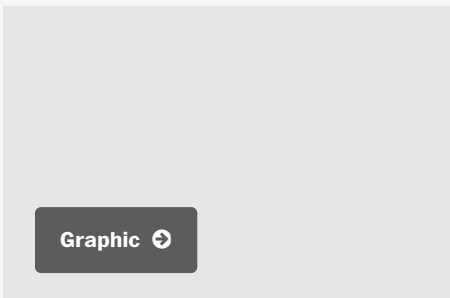
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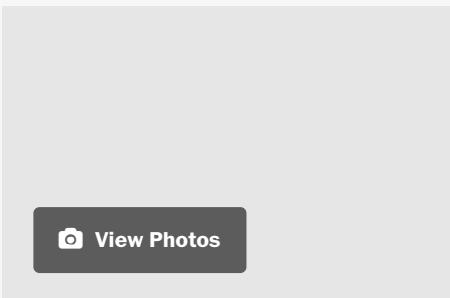
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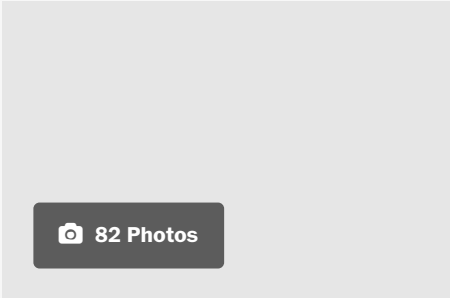
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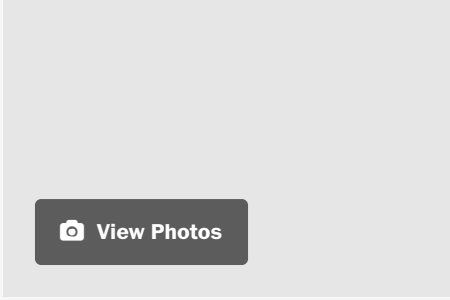
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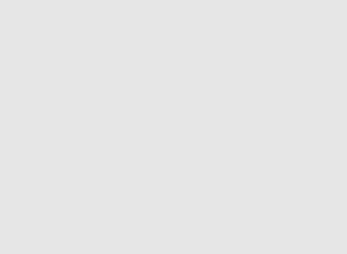
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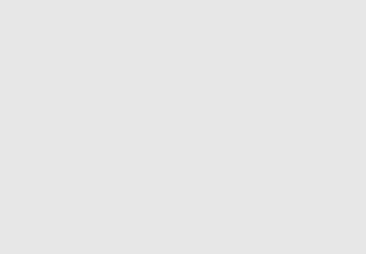
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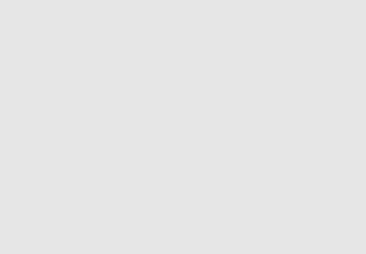
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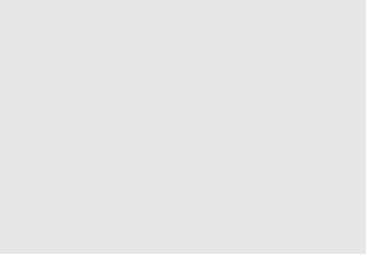
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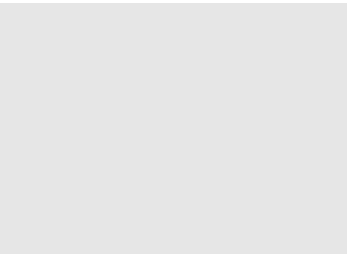
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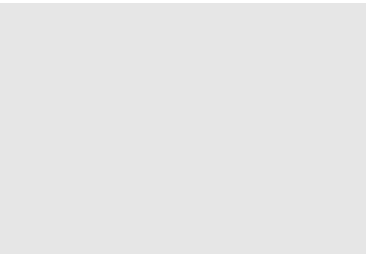
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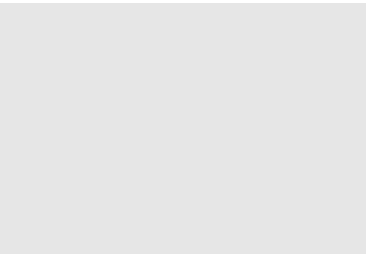
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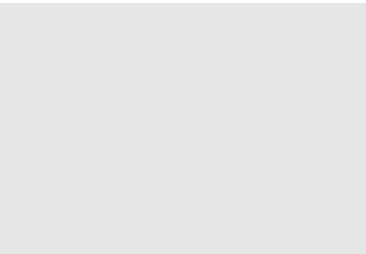
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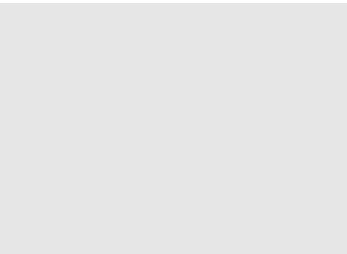
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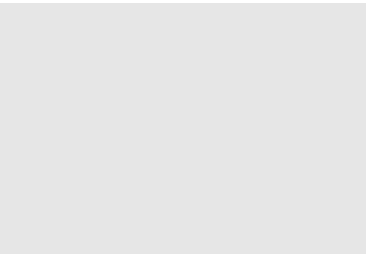
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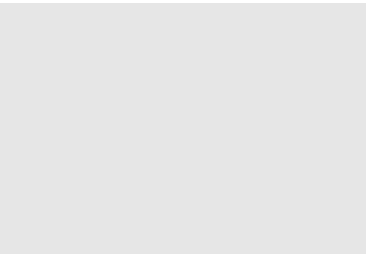
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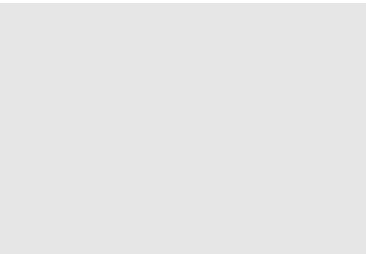
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