

Spygate Truth

Episode #3 The FBI's Biggest Blunder

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The Inspector General found the FBI made 17 significant errors and omissions in its investigation of Team Trump. This report focuses on the biggest blunder of all.

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The FBI and Department of Justice submit a search warrant application to the FISA Court asserting there...

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“was probable cause to believe that Page an agent of a foreign power.”

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That Page was an intermediary between Russia and the Trump campaign

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“In a well-developed conspiracy of cooperation.”

Gavel

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The problem? The FISA request was based on Christopher Steele's dossier.

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The information in the dossier was not corroborated
By Steele
By His Primary Sub-Source or
By the FBI.

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Yet the FBI and Department of Justice told the Court the FISA was “true and correct.” It wasn't.

Video/Graphics	So was Carter Page really a foreign agent? No. He was actually a <u>long-time source</u> for the U.S. Central Intelligence agency. The CIA gave that vital information to the Crossfire Hurricane team in August 2016.
Video/Graphics	The CIA email went first to FBI attorney Kevin Clinesmith who sent it to FBI Case Agent Stephen Somma.
John Spiropoulos In Studio	What happened next changed the course of history. Let's set the scene. It's late September 2016. A lawyer at the Justice Department is preparing a FISA application to spy on Carter Page. The lawyer emails a draft of the FISA to FBI case agent Somma, with a question.
Video/Graphics	The Inspector General's report cites the lawyer's question and Somma's response on page 157.
Video/Graphics	The Justice Department lawyer asks: Do we know if there is any truth to Page's claim that he has provided information to the [CIA]?
Video/Graphics	FBI agent's Somma's response: "He did meet with [the CIA] however, it's dated and I would argue it was/is outside scope. I don't think we need it in..." [the FISA application]
Video/Graphics	The result: the FISA Court was not told critical information that...
Michael Horowitz Inspector General Department of Justice	MH That Carter Page had been approved as an operational contact for that other agency from 2008 to 2013.

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Horowitz never mentions the CIA by name...only as "that other agency".

Michael Horowitz
Inspector General
Department of Justice

MH that Page had provided information to the other agency concerning his prior contacts with certain Russian intelligence officers and that an employee of the other agency assessed that Carter Page had been candid with them. The FBI never followed up on that information.

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

LG And why does that matter? Because if the court had known that there's a lawful reason for Mr. Page to be talking to the Russian guy, he wasn't working against his country. He was working with his country which undercuts the idea he's a foreign agent.

John Spiropoulos In Studio

The Inspector General concluded that the failure to tell the FISA court about Page's past work for the CIA was one of the FBI's 17 major errors and omissions in the investigation. What else could go wrong? Plenty. Details in our next episode. This is John Spiropoulos reporting.