

Spygate Truth

Episode # The FBI's Case Collapses

Note to Readers

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- The text of the narrator's script is in Blue on the right half of the page.
- The interview text is in Red on the right half of the page.
- The name & title of the speaker is in Red on the left side of the page.

Video

Audio

John Spiropoulos In Studio

The FBI repeatedly ignored information that weakened its case against Carter Page. That's the finding of the Inspector General for the Department of Justice. At one point the FBI suppressed evidence that should have closed the case and stopped all the spying. That's the focus of this report.

Video/Graphics

The warrant authorizing the spying on Team Trump was based on the Steele dossier. But Steele couldn't corroborate any of it.

Video/Graphics

He relied a primary source. But in January 2017 that source told the FBI that he too couldn't corroborate the dossier.

William Barr
U.S. Attorney General

WB In January, after the election, the entire case collapsed when the principal source says "I never told, I never told Steele this stuff. And, this was speculation. I have zero information to support this stuff.

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

LG So, in January 2017, the person who did all of the assembling of the information for the now famous Steele dossier tells the FBI, I disavow everything in there.

John Spiropoulos In Studio

We now know that Igor Danchenko was the Primary Sub-source for the dossier. And while he shredded the credibility of the dossier in his interview with the FBI, the

45 FBI kept it a secret for 34 months. What
46 happened? Let's flashback.
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48 Video/Graphics The date: January 24, 2017.
49 Video/Graphics The Location: FBI Washington Field Office.
50 It's Danchenko's first of 3 days of FBI
51 interviews in January.
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53 Video/Graphics Case agent Stephen Somma asked the
54 questions
55 Video/Graphics Intel Analyst Brian Auten wrote the memo.
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57 Video/Graphics The first 19 pages are mostly about
58 Danchenko's education, work history and
59 his sources.
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61 Video/Graphics Then Danchenko is shown various
62 paragraphs in the dossier. He's asked if he
63 knows who the source is? Does the text
64 accurately reflect what he told Steele?
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66 John Spiropoulos In Studio If you just read the memo, it's hard to grasp
67 the whole storyline. The because the memo
68 doesn't include the dossier paragraphs that
69 are being discussed. To make any sense of
70 this at all, you need is to compare the memo
71 with the dossier. That's what the IG's
72 investigators did. And that's how they
73 discovered Steele's misstatements and
74 exaggerations.
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76 Video/Graphics Back to the interview. When agent Somma
77 asks about Danchenko's source network,
78 Danchenko's attorney jumped in.
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80 Video/Graphics Quoting the memo: "The...attorney balked
81 at the use of the term "network," stating that
82 the preferred term "was social circle."
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84 John Spiropoulos In Studio So, it's Danchenko's old friends and
85 drinking buddies back in Russia feeding him
86 information. Danchenko would then brief

87		Steele who would ask for corroboration.
88		Danchenko objected.
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90	Video/Graphics Page 46	Quoting the memo, Danchenko told Steele
91		“he did not want to go back to his friends ‘3
92		or 4’ times to get additional material.
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94	Video/Graphics	The reason given on page 46 "it would look
95		bad and it would raise suspicions.”
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97	Video/Graphics Page 47	“Steele pushed [Danchenko] to...follow-up
98		with people or corroborate the reporting but
99		[Danchenko] was unable to do so.”
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101	John Spiropoulos In Studio	There it is. At the bottom of page 47. A
102		single sentence. Danchenko couldn’t
103		corroborate anything in the dossier. A single
104		sentence. stated so matter-of-factly as if it’s
105		insignificant.
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107	Senator Lindsey Graham	LG Here’s the question for me. Did the
108	w/Judge Jeanine July 18, 2020	intel analyst who wrote the memo tell
109		anybody up the chain, “oh, by the
110		way, our case just fell apart. “
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112	John Spiropoulos In Studio	Neither the intel analyst nor the case agent
113		told anybody the case fell apart. They
114		because they didn’t think it did or at least
115		that’s what they told the IG. No regrets. No
116		second thoughts.
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118	Video/Graphics	The IG reports <u>Analyst Brian Auten</u>
119		<u>“did not have any “pains or heartburn” about</u>
120		<u>the accuracy of the [dossier] based on what</u>
121		<u>Danchenko said.”</u>
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123	Video/Graphics	As for the case agent “it did not occur to
124		[Somma] that [Danchenko] contradicted
125		information in the FISA.”
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127	John Spiropoulos In Studio	This memo went to 2 FBI Supervisory
128		Special Agents. They said they read it but

129 didn't realize its significance. What about
130 the top brass?
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132 Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) LG It's impossible for me to believe that
133 McCabe and Comey who got briefed
134 regularly about Crossfire Hurricane
135 did not know about this.
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137 Video/Graphics FBI Director Comey and Deputy Director
138 McCabe received a 2-page summary of the
139 interview.
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141 John Spiropoulos In Studio The 2-page summary of the interview is still
142 classified. But the IG has read it. And he
143 says there's no mention of Danchenko
144 torpedoing the credibility of the dossier.
145 Meanwhile, there's an even bigger problem.
146 Nobody told the government's lawyers or
147 the FISA Court that Danchenko blew a hole
148 in the case.
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150 Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) LG I'll be shocked if somebody does not
151 go to jail now for defrauding the FISA
152 Court because those people who
153 submitted the warrant application in
154 April of 2017 and June of 2017,
155 months after the interview of the Sub-
156 Source saying it was all garbage.
157 They should be real good candidates
158 to go to jail.
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160 John Spiropoulos In Studio Eventually, the FISA court learned about the
161 Danchenko interview. The problem? It was
162 told a big lie. So the FISA spying went on
163 for 6 more months. What was the court
164 FISA told? Who lied? That's the focus of
165 our next episode. This is John Spiropoulos
166 reporting.