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The Federal Bureau of Investigation sent a government investigator posing as a research assistant to meet with former Trump campaign adviser George Papadopoulos and question him about the campaign's ties to Russia in London in September 2016, according to a report.

The woman, who called herself “Azra Turk,” had set up the meeting to “discuss foreign policy issues,” but she there as part of the FBI’s counterintelligence investigation into whether the Trump campaign was colluding with Russia, according to the [New York Times](#).

At the meeting, which was at a London bar, she asked Papadopoulos whether the Trump campaign was working with Russia.

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The *Times* acknowledged that the new revelation, as described by “people familiar with the operation,” would bolster President Trump’s claims that the former administration spied on his campaign:

The decision to use Ms. Turk in the operation aimed at a presidential campaign official shows the level of alarm inside the F.B.I. during a frantic period when the bureau was trying to determine the scope of Russia’s attempts to disrupt the 2016 election, **but could also give ammunition to Mr. Trump and his allies for their spying claims.** [emphasis added]

The revelation comes as the Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz readies the release of his findings this month or next on whether the DOJ or the FBI acted improperly during the FBI’s investigation into the Trump campaign.

It also comes as Attorney General William Barr announced Wednesday he has put together a team to review whether the FBI had a proper reason for “spying on” the Trump campaign.

Democrats have blasted Barr’s use of the word “spying” to describe the previous administration’s surveillance efforts against the Trump campaign.

However, it has been publicly reported that the FBI asked Cambridge University professor Stefan Halper to reach out to members of the Trump campaign and act as an FBI informant. It has also been reported that the FBI obtained four warrants to surveil another Trump campaign adviser, Carter Page.

It is not clear whether Barr already knew of the FBI’s use of “Turk” when he made his comments.

“Many people seem to assume that the only intelligence collection that occurred was a single confidential informant” and the FISA warrant against Page, Barr said at a hearing on Wednesday.

“I would like to find out whether that is in fact true. It strikes me as a fairly anemic effort if that was the counterintelligence effort designed to stop the threat as it’s being represented.”

The *Times* report said Horowitz has looked into the activities of Halper.

Indeed, the FBI tasked “Turk” to work with Halper, according to the report. She accompanied Halper in one his meetings with Papadopoulos and met with him and “other campaign aides” separately.

The two exchanged emails while she was in London in 2016, according to the report. She emailed Papadopoulos, saying that meeting him was the “highlight” of her trip to London.

She also wrote, “I am excited about what the future holds for us :).”

In his book, *Deep State Target*, Papadopoulos describes her as “attractive” and said she almost immediately began questioning him about whether the Trump campaign was working with Russia.

The report said that an FBI agent — a “seasoned counterintelligence investigator out of New York” had asked Halper, a trusted FBI informant, to set up a meeting in London with Papadopoulos.

He asked to meet with him to discuss a Mediterranean natural gas project, and offered \$3,000 for his time and a research paper. Turk was to pose as his assistant.

Papadopoulos wrote that Halper also questioned him about hacked emails and whether Russia was helping the campaign.

The *Times* report said, “British intelligence officials were also notified about the operation,” but it was “unclear” whether they provided assistance. The British government has denied spying on the campaign.

The F.B.I. failed to glean any information of value from the encounters, and Ms. Turk returned to the United States.

Halper also met with Page and another campaign aide, Sam Clovis.

Page has said he first met Halper at a conference he was invited to in London in July, before the FBI said they had a reason to launch a counterintelligence investigation. The *Times* reported that that meeting was coincidental.

Halper would later be invited to be part of a group of China experts to meet with White House advisers in 2017. He informed the FBI of the invitation, the report said.

The Trump administration would later consider Halper for an ambassadorship, according to Axios.

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BSdetector • 16 hours ago

Notice the desperate calls for Barr to resign. The flak is always heaviest when you're over the target. Barr knows it all but he's smart enough not to tip his hand. Declassification is coming. Indictments are coming. Justice is coming. Barr isn't going anywhere.

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NavyVetTN → **BSdetector** • 12 hours ago

It's why Trump has been under fire for so long as well. They know his policies are working and he has the right ideas to get things done, but he is an outsider and all of it would disrupt their system of bribes and patronage, and he finally has the AG he needs to expose it and drain the swamp.

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Americana → **NavyVetTN** • 7 hours ago

Yes, Trump has bribes and patronage operating as his chief means of Trump business expansion. It's why Trump was willing to BRIBE PUTIN w/the \$50 MILLION TRUMP TOWER MOSCOW PENTHOUSE in order to secure the Trump Tower Moscow deal. That Trump Tower Moscow deal might also have led to a consistent patronage situation w/Vladimir Putin where Trump would be in charge of money laundering Putin's billions outside Russia via Trump-branded developments. Pretty interesting, huh?

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Fran McGibbon → BSdetector • 8 hours ago

Let us all keep him in our prayers.

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Inspector Harry Callahan • 21 hours ago

This why Barr was a great hire for Trump and the Dems are running scared. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

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Smackademic, PhD. Depl. Stud. → Inspector Harry Callahan • 7 hours ago

Imagine were we'd be if Sessions had done his job. What did the Deep State have on Sessions?

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MmmGood → Smackademic, PhD. Depl. Stud. • 7 hours ago

Deep state knew Sessions lied during his confirmation hearings about his own interactions with Russia during the 2016 presidential campaign. That's what they had on him.

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homemaine • 15 hours ago

Isn't obvious why these scum bags are trying to discredit Barr? The goal is to make it appear EVERYTHING he says or investigates is not legitimate. And the fake news will do everything in their power to help that to happen. The dems are petrified.

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NavyVetTN → homemaine • 12 hours ago

Bingo! With the amount of work going on right now investigating why the Russian Hoax happen in the first place and Barr admitting he is going to look at everything and everyone involved, they should be terrified.

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suzy_que → NavyVetTN • 11 hours ago

I worry about his safety!

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HighPlainsDrifter → homemaine • 12 hours ago

And the MSM is complicit.

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HighPlainsDrifter • 12 hours ago

Hey, just a couple of weeks ago some troll on here said that I was a lunatic for accusing Obama's intel agencies of spying. This must be fake news! How could the troll be wrong?

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NavyVetTN → HighPlainsDrifter • 12 hours ago

Leftists have their own definitions for words and cant be bothered to read.a dictionary or listen to facts, because reality to them is relative and truth is subjective.

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HighPlainsDrifter → NavyVetTN • 12 hours ago

So true. And to add, the never ever want the full story, that would change their narrative.

Example: Nick Sandmann, (white privileged racist Trump supporter) instigates a racist aggression towards Native American (the left's narrative). Reality, see the several videos on YouTube that completely disintegrates this narrative.

Jussie Smollett, Ferguson, Baltimore...etc.

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Craig → HighPlainsDrifter • 12 hours ago

I have been making that claim for about a year and a half...ever since I discovered CTH. It is all laid out, due to tge tireless efforts of Sundance.

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Richie 4MAGAus • 16 hours ago

After getting Papadopoulos' book, I have a new found respect for him. They really hosed this guy to try and get at Trump. I hope Barr follows through and payback is a b#\$ch. I am ready to see Obama officials being treated like Flynn. I wouldn't have said that 2.5 years ago but that was before they ruined so many lives because they had butthurt.

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Thomas Wayne → Richie 4MAGAus • 8 hours ago

I read it also. The media is not near telling the truth about him. The funniest part to me was when they tried to trap him for bringing \$10,000 in cash back to the US (that the spies gave him). He left it overseas with his attorney. LOL

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Richie 4MAGAus → Thomas Wayne • 3 hours ago

I got it in audiobook format, since I drive a lot for work. After hearing the first chapter I felt like sending him an apology letter. I bought into the idea he was an idiot but the guy is really smart. I loved the 10k part too. I'm glad he left it with his attorney in Greece. I plan on listening to the book again next week while I'm on the road.

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SBinCali • 21 hours ago

This is what happens when you bring Chicago politics to Washington...Obama turned the government against people who opposed him and his legacy...and few in this country understand what he did or even care. His transformation is still moving forward.

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Scotty → SBinCali • 18 hours ago

What is this legacy you speak of?

Kinda like bigfoot sightings that turn out to be sightings of Tranny mike

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Kay Harbour → Scotty • 13 hours ago

The only legacy Obama has is one of corruption and crime

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Fran McGibbon • 8 hours ago

So they feed him with lies and then try to get him to repeat the lies so they can claim the right to spy. What a sad day in our nation when these corrupt officials decide they know what is best. Power and money is all they ever care about. Thank GOD we have a President who does not care of either, but only for the well being and safety of the American people.

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Thomas Wayne → Fran McGibbon • 8 hours ago

They paid him cash to grease the wheels also. He took the money, for work, and gave them nothing but the truth; he knew nothing about Russia/Trump collusion. They gave him \$10,000 while he was overseas, and tried to catch him bringing it back to the USA. LOL, he left it with his attorney overseas.

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Free Stinker™ ToxicMAscULINITY • 12 hours ago

This ends with Obama in Prison

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MmmGood → Free Stinker™ ToxicMAscULINITY • 7 hours ago

More likely with Biden as president.

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geirsmith → Free Stinker™ ToxicMAscULINITY • 8 hours ago

Yes, prison for Obama.

Obama's Satan.

He's the gay, black Chicago criminal that was made POTUS.

Why did they do that?

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Craig • 13 hours ago

Yet the MSM and Brennan and Clapper said there was no spying....

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Politically Accurate → Craig • 13 hours ago

The execrable Jamal Brennan and Crapper are low-grade wh0res for the Marxist, Kenyan, America-hating, Islamonazi-loving, race baiting, Cobstitution-raping, economy-wrecking, military and law enforcement-loathing, corruption-enabling, justice-weaponizing, Christian-loathing, pathologically anti-Semitic turd like who defiled the White House for eight years. All three of these pieces of excrement need to be investigated and prosecuted for their crimes, and ultimately provided lifetime public housing as wards of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

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geirsmith → Politically Accurate • 7 hours ago

Obama's the Abominable Antichrist! Spread this news to the world! You'll be saved by that! But hurry up fast.

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RetiredTexasSoldier • 14 hours ago

FBI, Famous But Incompetent. Not to mention corrupt.

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Kay Harbour → RetiredTexasSoldier • 13 hours ago

Thanks Obama

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Eric Trantum • 14 hours ago

The FBI went totally off the rails with this and I hope AG Barr gets to the heart of this matter and everyone involves sizzle like bacon in a hot pan!!

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MmmGood → Eric Trantum • 7 hours ago

I doubt it. If they did Manafort would have raised it in his criminal trial. But hey, dream away.

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Blankho • 15 hours ago

Clapper and Brennan in jail would be a glorious end to CNN.

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Xxiled • 5 hours ago

Papadopoulos on Tucker last night said it was the CIA that sent this woman, rather confusing but if indeed it was the CIA Brennan is in some serious trouble.

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TellItLiketItIs → Xxiled • 5 hours ago

If he says the CIA instead of the FBI then he'll sell more books.

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Xxiled → TellItLiketItIs • 5 hours ago

possibly, you may be right, like I said, confusing...because everyone else is saying it was the FBI, Papadopoulos says CIA....?

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L Garou → Xxiled • 5 hours ago

Brennan and Comey sitting in a tree, S-U-B-V-E-R-T

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brewdarms • 9 hours ago

The only Russians trying to infiltrate Trumps campaign were actually Americans working for Obama.

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deplorabus_unum → brewdarms • 9 hours ago

Yeap, because Misfud which they tried to pawn off as a Russian asset is -- that's right -- a western intelligence asset.

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Enoch • 7 hours ago

The closet thing to sedition I've seen in my lifetime, and the DNC and FBI are both culpable.

Got Shovel?

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Pole_cat • 8 hours ago

They were Saboteurs, Stop calling them Spies and Informants! **EVERY contact with these people was INITIATED BY THEM.** They were pro-active subversives, SENT IN to set up this FRAUD. ANYONE calling them an 'informant' is a FOOL or FELLOW SUBVERSIVE!

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Jtibo • 8 hours ago

Everyone knows the FBI and the DOJ acted illegally against the trump campaign during the 2016 election

The real question is what is the govt going to do about the illegal activity so it doesn't happen again

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Yshaggy shag → Jtibo • 6 hours ago

yeah but the question is why, was it for the safety if the country

or was it to stop Trump from becoming President,

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MmmGood → Jtibo • 7 hours ago

How do? That wasn't in Mueller's Report, which was issued by Trump's Justice Department.

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Jtibo → MmmGood • 3 hours ago

Go find reality not everything is in the illegal Mueller report

The Mueller appointment was not a legal appointment and a violation of the constitution

You can not find the truth if you have an illegal appointment that is just a political witch hunt to satisfy the Democrats

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Fartknocker007 • 13 hours ago

Hussein Obongo

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geirsmith → Fartknocker007 • 7 hours ago

Need to reveal Obama, who is Satan-in-Person!!!

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JSnake • 16 hours ago

Do we know who this "Azra Turk" is? Has she been doxxed?

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HighPlainsDrifter → JSnake • 12 hours ago

Apparently she's a honeypot. Any racy pics?

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