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The most important remaining nomination for Biden to announce is the most important one he will ever make: for Attorney General of the United States. 1/8

If Biden nominates Sally Yates, it will be a pretty clear signal that the D voices who believe that Trump and his enablers must be held accountable for a uniquely lawless presidency have carried the day. 2/8

Since I'm hoping Biden will nominate Yates, it is encouraging that Biden has waited so long to announce his selection for AG. (It is going to come now after the Electoral College formalizes Biden's election on Monday.) 3/8

(Trump's outrageous attempt to overturn the 2020 election--"overturn" being a term Trump actually used in a tweet--has probably made it more likely that Biden will take a hard line on all this. He certainly should.) 4/8

If Yates is nominated, the writing will be clearly on the wall for Trump, who in its wake would probably make a deal with Pence involving his resignation some time before inauguration day and a pardon for all his federal crimes. 5/8

That would be an *admission* by Trump and Pence that federal crimes had been committed (pardons can't be granted for non-existent crimes) 6/8

and it would strip Trump of his Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination in any Biden Administration *investigation* of Trump's criminality during his presidency. 7/8

It also wouldn't immunize him against prosecutors in NY State (Cyrus Vance and Letitia James), who are showing every sign of intending to prosecute Trump for civil and criminal violations of NY State law. 8/8

If either or both end up indicting Trump for either civil or criminal offenses, Biden's AG would almost have to respond with federal investigations or prosecutions, as they would almost certainly implicate federal violations as well.) 1/9

Stay tuned, then, for Biden's soon-to-be announced nomination for Attorney General of the United States. It's the big one. 2/9