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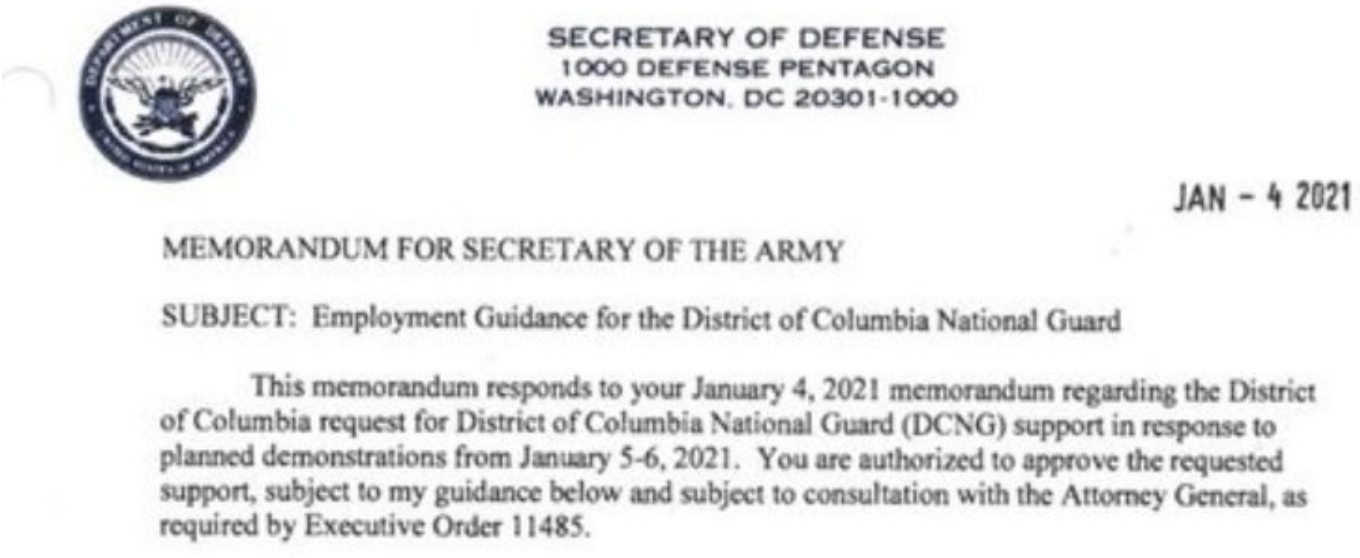
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The acting Secretary of Defense appears to have intentionally removed the authority of the D.C. National Guard to leave the Capitol undefended.

Was this coup d'état Trump's plan all throughout the campaign in 2020? Open source evidence suggests it.

This memo, published the same hour as hostile forces gathered in D.C. for the terrorist attack, seems tailor-made to give the insurrectionists an unholy advantage.

No other National Guard has to ask permission to defend us. D.C.'s needed *personal* authorization of the SecDef.



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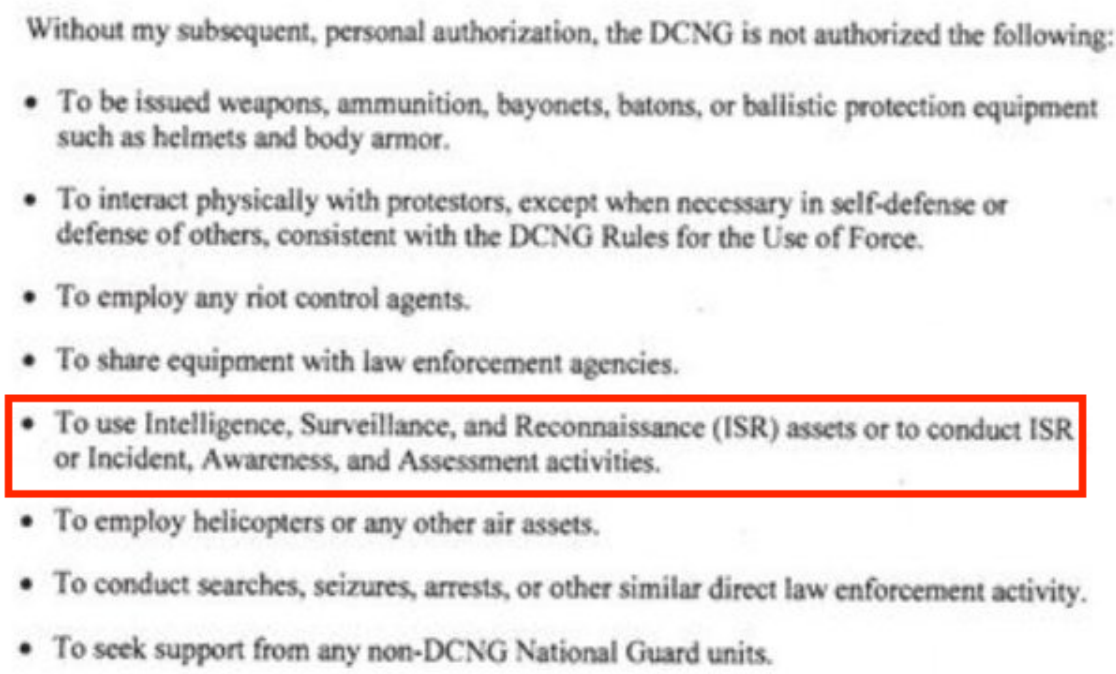
MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Employment Guidance for the District of Columbia National Guard

This memorandum responds to your January 4, 2021 memorandum regarding the District of Columbia request for District of Columbia National Guard (DCNG) support in response to planned demonstrations from January 5-6, 2021. You are authorized to approve the requested support, subject to my guidance below and subject to consultation with the Attorney General, as required by Executive Order 11485.

We had already heard that the D.C. National Guard was forbidden from preparing for a violent insurrection, but this jumped out at me: forbidden from using any intelligence, surveillance, or reconnaissance assets.

Not only were they forbidden from moving - they were *blinded.*


Without my subsequent, personal authorization, the DCNG is not authorized the following:

- To be issued weapons, ammunition, bayonets, batons, or ballistic protection equipment such as helmets and body armor.
- To interact physically with protestors, except when necessary in self-defense or defense of others, consistent with the DCNG Rules for the Use of Force.
- To employ any riot control agents.
- To share equipment with law enforcement agencies.
- To use Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) assets or to conduct ISR or Incident, Awareness, and Assessment activities.
- To employ helicopters or any other air assets.
- To conduct searches, seizures, arrests, or other similar direct law enforcement activity.
- To seek support from any non-DCNG National Guard units.

This blinding of America's guardians from the onslaught of right-wing terror groups started *early in 2020* just as the Democratic Party selected Joe Biden as a candidate for president.

That is when Trump and his co-conspirators began:
- Hyping a fake left-wing threat
- Deploying "Federal law enforcement" and measures that are against the Geneva convention
- Instructing DHS intelligence to *not* report on right-wing violence
- Justifying vigilante violence

Bryan Murphy turned whistleblower in mid-2020 when Trump's political appointees instructed DHS Intelligence & Analysis to:

1. Cease reporting on Russian interference in favor of China and Iran

2. Downplay right-wing domestic terror in favor of "Antifa."

https://t.co/jKNjrOP8VF

DHS Intelligence & Analysis produced a Homeland Threat Assessment (HTA) that Trump's political appointees covered up because WHITE SUPREMACY and RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE would apparently look bad...for Trump.

(Bending intel analysis is a big no-no, guys.)

In March 2020, Mr. Murphy's team at DHS I&A completed a Homeland Treat Assessment ("HTA"). Completion of the HTA was a requirement set forth by Acting Secretary Kevin McCleenan prior to his departure from DHS. Mr. Murphy was intimately involved in the editing and crafting of the HTA. Following its completion, the HTA was distributed by Mr. Glawe to Messrs. Wolf, Cuccinelli, and Gountanis. Shortly after the distribution, Mr. Glawe was informed that further distribution of the HTA was prohibited due to concerns raised by Messrs. Wolf and Cuccinelli regarding how the HTA would reflect upon President Trump. Two sections were specifically labeled as concerns: White Supremacy and Russian influence in the United States. Mr. Murphy stated to Mr. Glawe that this constituted an abuse of authority by Messrs. Wolf and Cuccinelli, and Mr. Glawe concurred with that assessment.

For months, Trump's co-conspirators put pressure on the DHS intel agency to not only downplay attacks from the people who *just attacked the Capitol,* but to make the left-wing out to be the real danger.

In May 2020, Mr. Glawe retired, and Mr. Murphy assumed the role of Acting Under Secretary. In May 2020 and June 2020, Mr. Murphy had several meetings with Mr. Cuccinelli regarding the status of the HTA. Mr. Cuccinelli stated that Mr. Murphy needed to specifically modify the section on White Supremacy in a manner that made the threat appear less severe, as well as include information on the prominence of violent "left-wing" groups. Mr. Murphy

It's almost like the GOP knew they were going to have a coup d'état that they would blame on the ephemeral "Antifa."

Which is *exactly what they did* even though the coup failed.

But this conspiracy apparently started *many months* before. https://t.co/KLJCq3iqAk

Chad Wolf himself tried to alter intelligence assessments to include left-wing threats for which there was no credible intel...right during Barr's "Federal law enforcement actions."

Which seem increasingly like the proving ground for January 6.

On July 8, 2020, Mr. Murphy attended a meeting with Mr. Wolf and his Deputy Chief of Staff, Scott Erickson ("Mr. Erickson"). Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Wolf about the status of the HTA. Mr. Wolf relayed the concerns previously outlined by Mr. Cuccinelli regarding the sections on White Supremacy and Russian influence. Mr. Wolf asked for a copy of the HTA so it could be reviewed by policy officials, and so that information regarding the ongoing unrest in Portland, Oregon, could be added into the HTA. Mr. Wolf asked Mr. Murphy if he would accept his edits. Mr. Murphy responded that he would not concur with any edits that altered the underlying intelligence in the HTA, as any such action would constitute an abuse of authority and improper administration of an intelligence program.

Brian Murphy blew the whistle and attempted to speak to Congress prior to the election, but Trump's DHS obstructed *that* effort as well. So the hearing came in December.

Murphy was initially asked to testify before the House Intelligence Committee in September, but the session was stalled over a dispute about Murphy and his legal team's access to classified information relevant to his complaint. He was scheduled to appear before the committee for a staff-led interview Friday morning.

Later in the summer, after Murphy reported the abuses, Trump's co-conspirators were caught using the DHS to try to create a media narrative that supported vigilante violence including murder.

A preview of what they potentially had planned. https://t.co/yTNOwpiI14

Federal law enforcement was told to create sympathy around a cold-blooded killer, to make him seem like a positive or even patriotic figure.

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By Julia Ainsley

WASHINGTON – Federal law enforcement officials were directed to make public comments sympathetic to Kyle Rittenhouse, the teenager charged with fatally shooting two protesters in Kenosha, Wisconsin, according to internal Department of Homeland Security talking points obtained by NBC News.

In preparing Homeland Security officials for questions about Rittenhouse from the media, the document suggests that they note that he "took his rifle to the scene of the rioting to help defend small business owners."

Trump's co-conspirators instructed government professionals to push a narrative of Rittenhouse committing murder in self-defense - before the courts had any chance to act as triers of fact.

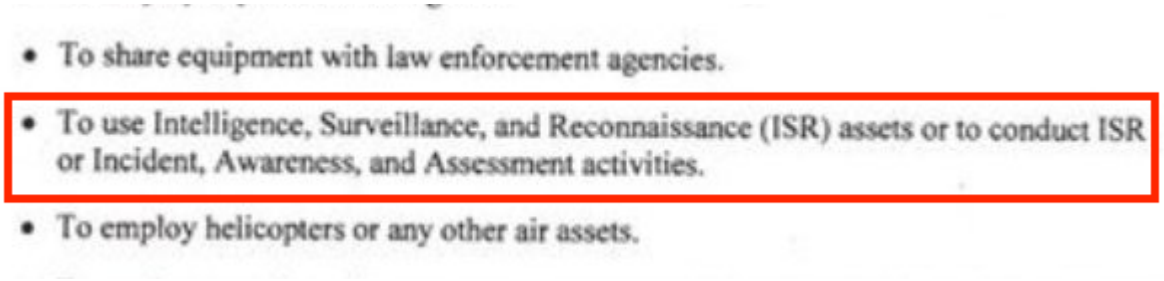
All this in the face of evidence that paramilitaries were deploying on U.S. soil.

the Trump administration. “Even in the early hours after the incident, it was known private militias had self-deployed. ...They seemed more interested in Rittenhouse's reputation than calling for calm and actual law and order.”

Neumann, who left the Trump administration in April, recently endorsed former Vice President Joe Biden for president.

The Rittenhouse talking points also say, "Kyle was seen being chased and attacked by rioters before allegedly shooting three of them, killing two."

Now let's go back to the SecDef's order that D.C. National Guard couldn't even use ISR assets. Never mind their bullshit about "we didn't like the optics" - this interference directly with DCNG's mission, and for no reason given.



- To share equipment with law enforcement agencies.
- To use Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) assets or to conduct ISR or Incident, Awareness, and Assessment activities.
- To employ helicopters or any other air assets.

What would Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance do on home soil?

- identify hostiles
- observe behavior
- track movements
- decode communications
- intercept plans
- provide leadership with actionable intel

THEY WOULDN'T LET THE D.C. NATIONAL GUARD DO ANYTHING.

So to recap:

1. DHS I&A picked up Russian interference and right-wing paramilitary threats to the homeland in March 2020.

2. Trump's political appointees interfered without authority in the production and dissemination of intelligence products.

3. Trump's political appointees specifically ordered the DHS intel agency to not report credible threats from Russia and right-wing paramilitaries and *to* report on China, Iran, and left-wing anarchist groups that were not the same level of imminent threat.

4. In August, right-wing paramilitaries deployed, and when a teenager murdered two Americans, Trump's political appointees instructed DHS officials to downplay any right-wing threat and to generate sympathy for the alleged murderer with propaganda talking points.

5. Trump political appointees at DHS interfered with Congress and specifically with a whistleblower telling the American people that there was an imminent right-wing paramilitary and Russian hostile intelligence threat to the 2020 election by refusing to give access to documents.

6. Before right-wing paramilitaries in D.C. (where Russian-speaking individuals were arrested) attempted to murder elected officials on January 6, the acting Secretary of Defense took back authority common to all other National Guards - and forbid them the use of intelligence.

7. Despite the failed coup attempt, GOP politicians attempted weakly to deploy the talking points that the right-wing paramilitaries were infiltrated with "Antifa" to blame the coup d'état on fictitious left wing groups.

SUMMARY:

Just from open source information, it appears that there was a year-long conspiracy to hide the threat of violent right-wing paramilitaries while hyping a fake threat from the Left because Trump knew he could never win the election, so a coup d'état was the only answer.