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Per Playbook:
Backstory on Raffensperger recording Trump's call:
After Graham's attempt in Nov to get him to throw it, Brad felt threatened, so he recorded Saturday's call
After Trump tweet attacked him yesterday, BR released it to WaPo & AJC
Here:

2-"It started on Saturday when Trump and his team reached out to talk to Raffensperger, who, according to an adviser, felt he would be unethically pressured by the president. Raffensperger had been here before:

3-"In November he accused Trump ally and South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham of improperly exhorting him to meddle in the election to help Trump win Georgia. Graham later denied it.

4-"So why not record the call with the president, Raffensperger's advisers thought, if nothing else for fact-checking purposes. "This is a man who has a history of reinventing history as it occurs," one of them told Playbook.

5-""So if he's going to try to dispute anything on the call, it's nice to have something like this, hard evidence, to dispute whatever he's claiming about the secretary. Lindsey Graham asked us to throw out legally cast ballots.

6-"So yeah, after that call, we decided maybe we should do this." The call took place Saturday afternoon. "Mr. President," announced Mark Meadows, the White House chief of staff, at the top of the call, "everyone is on the line." Little did he know.

7-"Trump made his ask and did most of the talking for the next hour, trafficking in the same conspiracy theories about election fraud that no court or criminal investigator has found credible. At the end of the call, Trump complains, "What a schmuck I was."

8-"Raffensperger's team kept quiet about the call and the recording and waited. The president made the next move, claiming on Sunday morning via Twitter that Raffensperger was "unwilling, or unable, to answer" questions about his baseless claims of widespread voter fraud.

9-""Respectfully, President Trump: What you're saying is not true," Raffensperger replied at 10:27 a.m. "The truth will come out." It wasn't an empty promise..."