

COUNT THEM: THIRTY. FIVE. DAYS.

I'm not going to elaborate on MSNBC's Maddow program last night, featuring David Cay Johnston to whom Donald Trump's 2005 tax filing had been "leaked."



It was two pages, revealing little more than adjusted income, income tax assessed, and the lack of any charitable contribution deduction.

One of the two pages was also marked CLIENT COPY.

Not going to get into the rambling statement issued by the White House before the show either, unusual from this administration only for its lack of spelling errors.

But I'm going to point to the calendar.

Today is March 15. It's a little over a month to Tax Day when filings for 2016 income are due.

35 days until the deadline at the end of the night on April 18.

35 days until Donald Trump has yet another tax filing for which he has no excuse to share with voters and their representatives in Congress.

Non-Tax Filing Stuff:

Kushner family may get \$400M from Chinese Anbang Insurance Group – This reeks, absolutely stinks. Anbang is linked to top officials in China's government; it's negotiating a stake in a

Manhattan property owned by Kushner (read: Trump's in-laws). There's no end to the corruption with this administration.

Volkswagen toying with a Fiat Chrysler merger – This smells of desperation to me. Can't imagine the largest shareholders of VW willingly giving up any control in spite of the financial damage from the company's emissions fraud. Not to mention the whole Too-Big-Too-Fail size of this potential merger when Volkswagen Group is responsible for nearly 10% of all Germany's jobs.

Trump may undo years of clean air by screwing with emissions standards – Speaking of emissions and fraud, Trump will be speaking in Detroit today where he is expected to propose undoing mileage standards and emissions regulations. Not only is the automotive industry finally headed in the right direction toward alternative energy after nearly two decades of R&D and implementation, but apparently the public needs to be sicker ahead of the loss of health care insurance.

Robot killed worker, spouse files suit – Horrible and sad; incident happened in 2015. Husband filed suit last week against five robotics companies he claims are responsible for the robot's failure.

Energy Transfer Partners wants tribal plea rejected – Oil could start flowing through DAPL within the week if U.S. District Judge James Boasberg rejects Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Sioux tribes' appeal based on religious grounds.

There. That should keep you busy for a while. Treat this like an open thread.