

NATIONAL ENQUIRER'S SERIAL SPY NOVEL: FEATURING HILLARY, FLYNN, ASSANGE, PENCE, AND RYAN



The claim that “Trump catches Russia’s White House spy” – clearly an attempt to smear Mike Flynn – actually got me to drop the \$4.99 for a copy of the National Enquirer to read the hit job. And it’s actually more than a contrived effort to claim Flynn is a Russian spy: it’s a four-page spread, implicating Hillary and Mike Pence, too.

The story about Flynn is, instead, mostly a story about Jack Barsky, the former Russian spy who has gotten a lot of press of late tied to the release of his book. Just Thursday, CNN published an interview with him claiming, “What is clear is that email accounts of Democrat operatives were hacked and those hacks originated in Russia. Anything beyond that is pure speculation.” But amid a two-page story of Barsky’s life (as if the details of his life – and Barsky himself – were newly discovered), NE includes two quotes. A “national security intelligence source” warns of other Russian spies:

Jack Barsky is a Russian spy that was caught. But what is really frightening is that there are others out there like him embedded deep into Washington D.C. ... Barsky being tracked down will greatly help the president smoke out other rats

in his ranks.

And amid a four paragraph discussion of Mike Flynn, NE quotes an “administration source.”

The revelations [about Barsky] come as still-unfolding details continue to worm their way into the public eye about Trump’s own White House “turncoat” – now-ousted national security adviser and retired Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn.

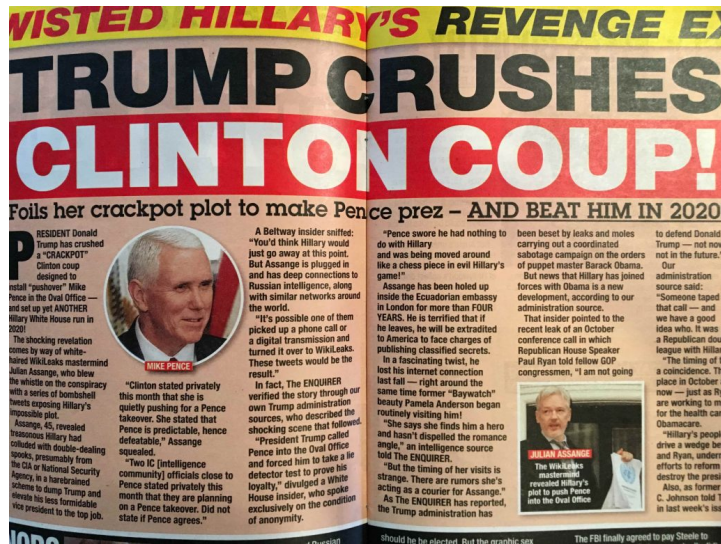
Flynn was booted from Trump’s cabinet after intercepted phone calls exposed how he had colluded with Russian officials – and then had the chutzpah to lie about it when questioned by Vice President Mike Pence.

“He was, in essence, the Russian spy in Trump’s midst,” said an administration source who spoke to The ENQUIRER on the condition of anonymity. “Trump was lucky to root him out when he did.”

The unfolding Russian spy drama will overshadow the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee hearing investigating alleged ties between Trump’s campaign and Putin, source said.

Of course, Trump transition official Devin Nunes has already *canceled* the next hearing into ties between Trump’s campaign and Putin, but perhaps Trump plans on magnifying this hit job in upcoming days, replete with spooky language – “embedded,” “smoke out other rats,” “worm their way,” “turncoat,” “root him out,” – to shift the focus on disloyalty within the Trump Administration.

Which brings us to the other main story in this four-page spread.



It describes how “Trump crushe[d] Clinton coup” designed to install Mike Pence, purportedly revealed by Julian Assange in these two tweets (and some follow-up):



It treats Assange’s claims about his arch enemy as credible because, as a “Beltway insider sniffed ... Assange is plugged in and has deep connections to Russian intelligence, along with similar networks around the world.”

The story cites a “White House insider” describing Trump giving Pence a loyalty oath.

President Trump called Pence into the Oval Office and forced him to take a lie detector test to prove his loyalty. Pence swore he had nothing to do with Hillary and was being moved around like

■ a chess piece in evil Hillary's game!

After alleging Baywatch's Pamela Anderson might be a cut-out and/or love interest for Assange, the story then turns on Paul Ryan, citing a quote first published in October, the audio of which was released by Breitbart the same day as the Assange tweets, March 14. The NE claimed that Hillary leaked the call to sow dissent before the health care vote.

■ The timing of the leak is not a coincidence. The call took place in October and leaked now – just as Ryan and Trump are working to muster support for the health care bill to replace Obamacare. Hillary's people leaked it to drive a wedge between Trump and Ryan, undermine their efforts to reform health care and destroy the president!

In short, the second article is even more fevered than the one implicating Flynn.

Finally, in addition to a short piece attacking Chris Matthews, the spread includes a non-denial denial of Christopher Steele's dossier, claiming it showed "Trump orgies" and "graphic sex involving hookers," which is not precisely what pee gate claimed. It then dismisses the claims because "Trump neither drinks nor uses drugs," as if that would rule out orgies.

Undoubtedly, all this was placed with the cooperation of the White House, if not direct quotes from Trump (which is something he has a history of doing). While the Flynn story has been viewed – particularly alongside unsubstantiated claims that Flynn is cooperating with the FBI – as an attempt to damage him for snitching, it almost certainly dates to earlier than more recent attacks on Flynn, and in conjunction with stories of loyalty oaths from Pence appears tame by comparison.

Trump wants to justify a witch hunt among the National Enquirer set. And at least thus far,

Flynn and warnings of replacement by Pence are no more than the excuse for launching it.