

RYAN ROUTH'S ELEVEN PHONES AND TWO IRAN MENTIONS

DOJ has submitted a detention memo for Ryan Routh, the man held on suspicion that he was trying to assassinate Donald Trump.

The memo cites a letter, left in a box with a neighbor months ago, that seems to confirm that he was trying to assassinate Trump (and offering six figures to anyone else who would accomplish the task). That same letter describes that Trump, "ended relations with Iran like a child and now the Middle East has unraveled." The detention memo also cites the passage from Routh's manuscript that I noted here, apologizing to Iran for voting for Trump.

I am man enough to say that I misjudged and made a terrible mistake and Iran I apologize. You are free to assassinate Trump as well as me for that error in judgment and the dismantling of the deal.

The memo describes a number of other things that suggest an operational security far exceeding that of a mentally ill man seeking glory. As I noted in the earlier post, the phone he had on his person while surveilling the golf course was one for which he had posted the WhatsApp number while Asif Merchant, charged in an attempt to recruit hitmen to target Trump, was still at large on July 10.

But in addition to that phone, Routh had six cellphones in his truck, at least two of which used different carriers, and four more cell phones in the box he left at a neighbor's. As I mentioned, Merchant provided the informant in that case instructions on acquiring secure phones.

As previous reports described, the license plates

on his truck were stolen, and he had two other sets of plates in the truck. One of the phones in the truck had been used to search for directions to Mexico.

Again, it certainly may be that Routh was simply disturbed. But more of this looks like Iran may have been involved.