

Trump whistleblower complaint declassified, contains 'no surprises,' GOP lawmaker says



President Donald Trump speaks during a news conference at the InterContinental Barclay New York hotel during the United Nations General Assembly, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019, in New York.(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

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Whistleblower complaint on Trump-Ukraine call declassified, contains 'no surprises,' GOP lawmaker says

Utah Republican Rep. Chris Stewart announced on Fox News' "The Ingraham Angle" and on social media late Wednesday that the explosive whistleblower complaint concerning President Trump's July call with Ukraine's leader has been declassified — and Stewart said that it doesn't contain any damning information. "The entirety of it is focused on this one thing, and that's the transcript of one phone call," he said. Stewart added that he was initially "anxious" before viewing

the complaint but concluded “this is going to go nowhere. ... there are just no surprises there.”

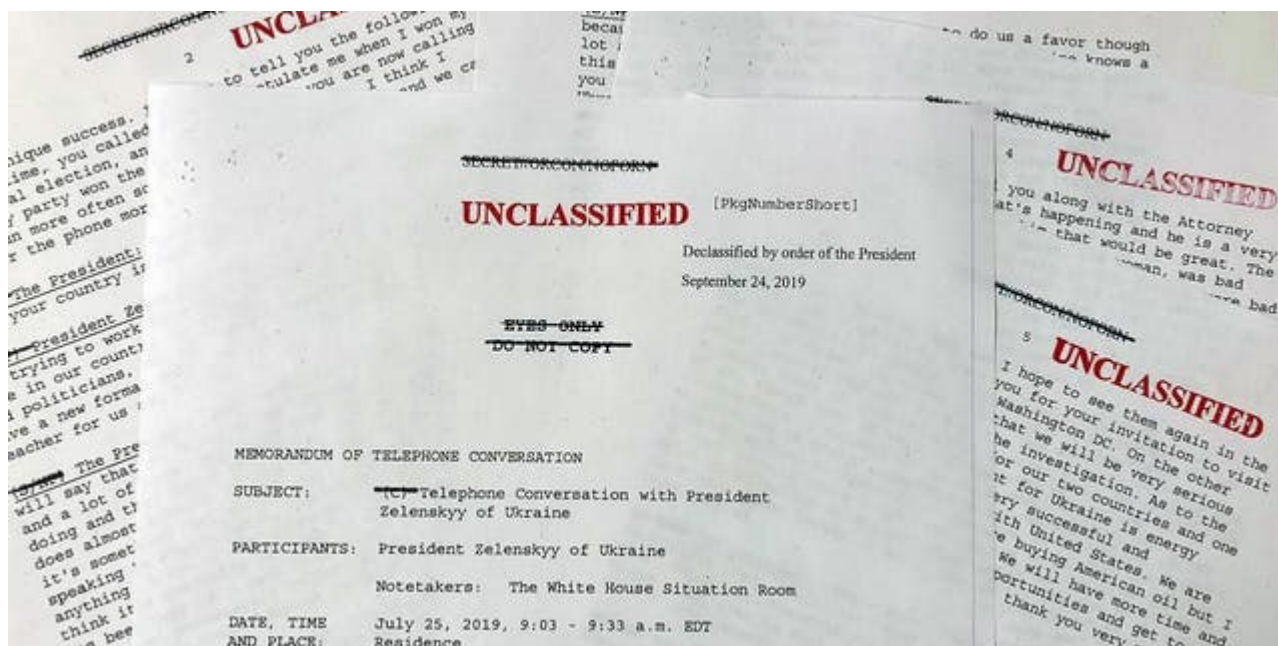
Stewart was among bipartisan select group of intelligence committee lawmakers in the House and Senate who gained access to the whistleblower complaint in a classified setting on Wednesday. House Democrats emerging from a secure room would not divulge details of the document, but described it as disturbing and urgent. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said it “exposed serious wrongdoing.” The complaint was not immediately available to the public but was expected to be released Thursday morning. **Click here for more on our top story.**



Acting Director of National Intelligence to testify before Congress on whistleblower complaint

Rep. Stewart’s claim came hours before Acting Director of National Intelligence Joseph Maguire was set to testify before Congress on Thursday. On Wednesday, Maguire denied a Washington Post report that he had threatened to turn in his resignation over concerns that the White House might try to make him stonewall Congress over the whistleblower controversy. Meanwhile, Fox News is told there was serious conversation among lawmakers as to how far Maguire could go in an open session at the hearing. One source tells Fox News the administration may have declassified the document so it could be discussed

publicly during the hearing.



Read the transcript of Trump's call with Ukrainian president

The White House on Wednesday released a declassified transcript of President Trump's July call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. It showed that Trump sought a review of former Vice President Joe Biden's efforts to have Ukraine's former top prosecutor fired. The president made the request on the call only after Zelenskyy first mentioned Ukraine's corruption issues, and after Trump separately requested as a "favor" that Ukraine help investigate foreign interference in the 2016 elections, including the hack of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) server involving the data security company CrowdStrike.

Multiple news outlets, including the New York Times, CNN, and the Washington Post, inaccurately reported that the "favor" related specifically to investigating Biden. The transcript also did not show that Trump leveraged military aid to Ukraine to obtain a "promise" on a Biden investigation, as a widely cited report in the Post had claimed. **Click here to read the transcript.**

The president's comments signaled that the White House would seek to turn the tables against Democrats who have initiated a formal impeachment inquiry. Biden, Trump's potential challenger in the 2020 presidential election, said the allegations against the president are impeachable, but his job is to "beat him" in the election.

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