

Week in Review: Strzok fired from FBI, Trump revokes John Brennan's security clearance, Omarosa releases WH tapes

Week in Review: August 13, 2018 – August 17, 2018

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- **On Monday**, Peter Strzok, the FBI agent removed from the Russia investigation over anti-Trump text messages, was fired.
- Former White House aide Omarosa Manigault Newman released audio of a phone conversation with President Trump after she was fired by Chief of Staff John Kelly.
- During a visit to Fort Drum, Trump signed a \$716 billion defense bill named after Senator John McCain.
- After nearly two weeks of witnesses, prosecutors rested their case against Paul Manafort.

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- **On Tuesday**, President Trump escalated his attacks against former White House staffer Omarosa Manigault Newman, calling her a “dog” on Twitter.
- White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters she “can’t guarantee” that Trump has never used a racial slur after Manigault Newman claimed Trump is on tape using the N-word.
- The Pennsylvania Supreme Court released a report listing more than 300 clergy members accused of sexual abuse, and identifying at least 1,000 child victims.

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- **On Wednesday**, White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said President Trump revoked the security clearance of former CIA Director John Brennan, a critic of the president
- Jurors heard closing arguments in the fraud trial of former Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort.
- In an interview with NBC News, Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey said temporarily suspending the account of InfoWars founder Alex Jones could alter Jones’s behavior.

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- **On Thursday**, Omarosa Manigault Newman, a former aide to President Trump, released a recording of Lara Trump offering her \$15,000-a-month job after she was fired from the administration.
- Former CIA Director John Brennan called Trump’s claims of no collusion “hogwash” and said Trump revoked his security clearance to scare “others who might dare to challenge him.”
- Jurors began their deliberations in the fraud trial of former Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort.

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- **On Friday**, President Trump said he was canceling plans for a military parade, blaming a \$92 million price tag and local politicians in Washington, D.C.
- A federal court threw out the Trump administration’s attempt to delay a chemical plant safety regulation written by the Obama administration.
- The second day of jury deliberations began in the federal trial of Paul Manafort.

Sources: The Atlantic Politics and Policy Daily; The Hill.