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Week in Review: August 20, 2018 – August 24, 2018

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- The White House hosted an event honoring what it termed the “heroes” of Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- In an open letter, Pope Francis responded to last week’s Pennsylvania grand jury report concluding that more than 1,000 victims had been abused by 300 Catholic priests across the state.

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- Paul Manafort, President Trump’s former campaign chair, was found guilty on eight counts, including bank fraud.
- Trump’s former lawyer and longtime aide Michael Cohen pleaded guilty to eight counts, including campaign-finance violations, tax fraud, and making false statements to banks.
- The Environmental Protection Agency unveiled its proposal to roll back Obama-era regulations on coal power plants.

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- White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders maintained that President Trump “did nothing wrong” after Michael Cohen said he violated campaign-finance laws at Trump’s behest.
- Cohen’s lawyer, Lanny Davis, said his client would refuse a pardon from Trump
- California Rep. Duncan Hunter, who was indicted on Tuesday for misusing campaign funds, accused the Department of Justice of having a “political agenda” and conducting a “witch hunt.”

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- Attorney General Jeff Sessions responded to attacks from President Trump in a statement, saying the Justice Department “will not be improperly influenced by political considerations.”
- Reality Winner, a former contractor with the National Security Agency, was sentenced to five years and three months in prison for leaking information about Russian hacking attempts.
- Hawaii braced for Hurricane Lane, a Category 4 Storm.

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- Sen. John McCain’s family released a statement stating that he would discontinue medical treatment for his brain cancer, meaning his death was imminent.
- President Trump encouraged the Justice Department to investigate his political adversaries, urging them to “look into all of the corruption on the ‘other side.’”
- The former head of the CDC was arrested on charges of sexual abuse, forcible touching and harassment.

Sources: The Atlantic Politics and Policy Daily; The Hill; The New York Times; The Washington Post