

Trump phone call an attempt to overthrow the U.S. government



By John Wojcik

In a shocking hour-long Jan. 2 phone call that Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia declared was “an attempt to overthrow the government of the United States,” President Donald Trump demanded that the Georgia secretary of state recalculate the vote in that state in his favor.

In a statement, President-elect Joe Biden called the phone call “an assault on American democracy.”

Trump demanded that Republican Brad Raffensperger, the Georgia secretary of state, “find” enough votes to overturn his (Trump’s) defeat and to do it “in a hurry.” The Washington Post, NBC, and other major news outlets have released tapes of the call, a clearly illegal attempt by the president to trash democracy and fix the vote. It is behavior consistent with that of authoritarian dictators.

Trump, White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, and several Trump lawyers were all on the illegal call ordering that Raffensperger act quickly to overturn the vote before Tuesday, Jan. 5, the date of the Senate runoff elections in Georgia.

The Secretary of State was patient with Trump’s demands, but pushed back, insisting that Joe Biden won Georgia and there was no fraud.

Trump threatened the Republican secretary of state with “criminal consequences” if he refused to reverse the results of the November election. NBC continued all day Sunday to release additional

excerpts of the taped call. Trump told Raffensperger that if he did not “find 11,780 votes” for the Trump-Pence ticket, he was taking “a big risk.” That number would overturn the Biden-Harris margin in Georgia by just a single vote.

Raffensperger and his office’s general counsel can be heard on the tape rejecting Trump’s demands, saying that the president’s false claims are based on debunked conspiracy theories and that Biden’s victory in Georgia was fair and accurate.

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Incredibly, GOP allies from all corners are continuing to support the president’s attempts to overturn the election results.

Peter Navarro, a top Trump adviser, said on MSNBC that he expected Vice President Mike Pence to back the 12 GOP senators, led by Ted Cruz of

In an extraordinary call, Trump pressures Georgia secretary of state to recalculate the vote in his favor - sparking calls for a second impeachment.

Texas, and the 100-plus GOP members of the House who are opposing certification of the election results on Jan. 6. "He (Pence) can postpone this whole thing (certification) for ten days," Navarro claimed, "and Inauguration Day itself can be postponed until a special commission audits the election results."

Republicans opposing congressional certification of the Electoral College vote on Jan. 6 say they will demand the formation of such a commission. Pence, who will preside over the joint congressional session in his role as president of the Senate, has said he will welcome the GOP challenges.

Besides Meadows, also on the phone with Trump, as he made his demands, was right-wing lawyer Cleta Mitchell, who has emerged in the news for the first time on the issue of the election. Prior to the call, Mitchell has had no known involvement with Trump or his attempts to overturn the vote.

Trump's tone and arm-twisting threats on the call were reminiscent of mafia boss behavior. Joyce Vance, former Alabama U.S. Attorney who has a

history of battling organized crime, said, "The phone call is exactly what you would expect from a mob boss trying to enforce his rule."

She called for a Justice Department investigation on a possible violation of numerous laws, including those against extortion and other forms of illegal pressure on government officials.

In the political arena, it would be entirely appropriate for Congress to impeach Trump—again—for this action, regardless of what the Republican-controlled Senate would do. Impeachment is a political act entirely in the hands of the House and there have to be consequences for a president assaulting the constitution and democracy itself.

The phone call made to Raffensperger on Saturday is more serious than the one to the Ukrainian president for which Trump was impeached last year. In that case, Trump was illegally trying to influence an election; this time, he is plotting to actually overturn one.

Communist Parties Denounce Morocco's Attacks on Saharwi Republic

By Emile Schepers

A number of communist and workers' parties from around the world have denounced the arrangement whereby the U. S. will recognize Moroccan sovereignty over the Western Sahara in exchange for the Kingdom of Morocco normalizing its ties with Israel. When Spain decided to give up this colony in 1975, Morocco moved to invade it, despite the expressed wishes of the people of Western Sahara for independence. Since 1991 a cease fire between Morocco and the Polisario Front has been in force. But a move in recent months by the Moroccan government to intensify economic exploitation of the part of Western Sahara is leading to the danger of a major armed clash.

The Communist Party of Israel, or Maki, pointed out that the deal also entails the U. S. selling 4 advanced aerial drones to Morocco, and that it is a violation of U.N. Security Council Resolutions. The Israeli communists recalled that the Kingdom of Morocco has had a long relationship with the Israeli government, which included Israeli help in the "disappearance" of Moroccan leftist leader Mehdi Ben Barka in 1967.

The Communist Party of Spain added its voice

to the protest. The Spanish communists remind us that this action, in the waning moments of Trump's presidency, is only the latest such move by the current U.S. administration — moves which have included the transfer of the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and the recognition of Israeli rule over the Golan Heights and the illegal settlements. "Once again President Trump, like Morocco, ignores and disobeys the authority of the U. N." and Security Council and Decolonization decisions, as well as international law.

The South African Communist Party (SACP) expressed once more its solidarity with the people of the Western Sahara. The SACP also called for the African Union to "reject the imperialist machination on our continent, and assert its democratic role . . . on African affairs. . . . It is clear that the Trump administration's proclamation involves other imperialist objectives, not to mention continued colonial oppression of the people of Western Sahara, occupation of their land, exploitation of their resources, the apartheid oppression of the Palestinian people, and occupation of their land by the apartheid Israeli regime."

Emboldened by the Trump administration, Morocco escalates attacks on the Western Sahara, Africa's last colony.

The D.C. terrorist attacks: September 11th and January 6th



By Laurent Ross

On Sept. 11, 2001, I was a political appointee of D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams, running a \$17 million scholarship program. My office was just blocks from the Capitol, and I had a great view of the dome from my 10th story window. A member of my leadership team, Ken Howard, came into my office to tell me that a plane crashed into the World Trade Center.

I dismissed him, being quite busy at the moment and thinking that I didn't have time to worry about a small private plane colliding with New York's tallest building. Little did I know how close my own life came to ending that very day. If United Airlines Flight 93 had not been brought down by its brave passengers in Shanksville, Pa., I might not have been alive this evening, writing this missive.

Ironically, it was the very same Ken Howard, who STILL works in the same scholarship office some three mayors later, who kept texting me throughout the afternoon. And again, I ignored him. When Ken texted me that the Capitol had been breached, I imagined that some three or four disgruntled Trumpites had managed to get onto the floor of the House and cause some disruption. I was sure that they had been arrested and were cooling their heels in D.C. Jail, just 17 blocks east of the Capitol.

But just like on 9/11, Ken insisted, texting me with the latest updates. And, remembering how I'd ignored him (for a short while) on that day in 2001, I finally decided to take a look at CNN. Never have I

been so shocked by what I saw on that channel.

I saw our capital city under terrorist attack for a second time. But this time the terrorists were my fellow Americans, a group of raging idiots who have fallen hook, line, and sinker for their con artist president's raving lunacy of how he had won the U.S. presidential election. This time the ringleader was the very President of the U. S. He gave the terrorists a pep talk before they began their march.

Anyone who participated in this insurrection against the U. S., anyone who entered the Capitol grounds or the building itself, should be tried and imprisoned. And the first person who should be tried and punished is Trump. Trump's cabinet needs to meet and use the 25th Amendment to remove him from office. We need to put this man on trial.

And let's not forget the other domestic instigators, those fascist members of Congress who decided to go along with Trump's con and cause problems in order to delay the certification of Joe Biden's Electoral College win. They should be denounced by their fellow congressmen. If this evening, they continue with these tactics that go against reality itself, they should be censured by Congress.

Finally, every American should think long and hard about the Republican Party and its enabling a man like Trump to totally ignore reality. Those Republicans who stand up and let it be known that Trump is a disgrace can be forgiven. But we must pledge to do everything in our power to see that those who continue this charade never hold another public office.

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Dirty Dozen Senate secession caucus stalling certification of 2020 election

By Mark Gruenberg

In a last-gasp attempt to overturn the November election—and the U.S. Constitution with it—a group of congressional Republicans launched a futile effort on Jan. 6 to nullify Democratic President-elect Joe Biden's win then.

Led by Sens. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., and Ted Cruz, R-Texas—both eyeing a GOP presidential run in 2024—the lawmakers in both houses of Congress challenged the electoral votes from key swing states the former VP won. States under fire include Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Georgia, Arizona, and Michigan. Their challenges forced the Democratic-run House and the GOP-controlled Senate to quickly adjourn the formal electoral vote counting session on Jan. 6, and spend up to 3 hours of debate per challenge before votes in each chamber.

The congressional GOP circus also energized the mob of backers of Republican Oval Office incumbent Donald Trump swirling around the U.S. Capitol. The thousands of Trumpites, like their leader, falsely claim the election was rigged, vote fraud was massive and Trump really won.

The last time the Trumpites hit town, Dec. 12 after the U.S. Supreme Court, including the 3 Trump-named justices, threw out the definitive challenge, to Pennsylvania's votes, the white nationalist-dominated mob rioted in the capital's streets.

Trump planned to address the crowd. His tweets had urged them to come—and prompted some calls for his re-impeachment before Biden is scheduled to take over on Jan. 20.

Los agricultores de la India continúan sus demandas

Prensa Latina

Los agricultores indios que protestan en las afueras de Nueva Delhi anunciaron un desfile en la ciudad el próximo 26 de enero, Día de la República, si el gobierno desatiende sus principales demandas.

Unas 40 organizaciones, integradas en el Frente Unido de Agricultores (Samyukta Kisan Morcha), convocaron para esa fecha varias manifestaciones, incluyendo una marcha de tractores en la capital del país, reflejó el portal Peoples Dispatch.

El gabinete del primer ministro, Narendra Modi, se niega a aceptar la reivindicación clave de los granjeros, sobre la retirada de las tres leyes del sector aprobadas en septiembre último por el Parlamento.

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Decenas de miles de campesinos protestan desde noviembre por esa causa y denuncian que las nuevas ordenanzas dismantlarán los mercados regulados y perjudicarán sus medios de vida.

Líderes sindicales y representantes del gabinete prevén celebrar mañana una nueva ronda de conversaciones. En el anterior sexto encuentro, celebrado el 30 de diciembre, el Ejecutivo aceptó dos de las cuatro demandas.

El gobierno acordó mantener a los agricultores fuera del alcance de las multas por la quema de rastrojos de las cosechas y aceptó eliminar un proyecto de Ley de Electricidad. Los sindicatos piden la continuación del

subsidio que se otorga para el riego. Sin embargo, el gabinete se negó a retirar el trío de leyes agrícolas y a otorgar una garantía legal sobre el Precio Mínimo de Apoyo, un mecanismo mediante el cual el gobierno adquiere las cosechas de los agricultores.

El Sindicato de Trabajadores Agrícolas de Toda la India convocó una huelga para el 7 y 8 de enero. La organización All India Kisan Sabha, participante en las protestas a la entrada de Nueva Delhi, movilizará a otros miles de agricultores del país.

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El gobierno de la India y los sindicatos de agricultores que exigen la eliminación de un trío de leyes que consideran dañinas para el sector celebrarán una nueva ronda de conversaciones.

La anterior sexta jornada de diálogo entre representantes del Ejecutivo y los líderes sindicales se celebró el pasado 30 de diciembre con saldo de algunos avances

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