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**SCHIFF'S ABUSE OF POWER**

*Subpoena-gate and the use of police state tactics by Chairman Schiff*

**Bottom Line**

Chairman Schiff's actions, which involve the use of his official position to obtain and subsequently publicly release information concerning the private communications of a Member of Congress, current and former Congressional staff, a journalist and others, is highly concerning. There appears to be no legislative purpose for Chairman Schiff's actions, which point to a blatant political intent. The resulting legal and ethical issues must be addressed.

**Background**

Chairman Schiff issued a total of 5 subpoenas for telecommunication records from AT&T (3) and Verizon (2). The targets of his subpoenas were Igor Fruman, Lev Parnas, Rudy Giuliani, and Ambassador Gordon Sondland. The unprecedented subpoenas were issued pursuant to committee rules, but without the consent of the Ranking Member or a vote of the committee. As a result of these subpoenas, thousands of pages of records were produced containing large volumes of metadata and other information. Anyone who placed a call to or received a call from one of Chairman Schiff's targeted numbers (between January and October 2019) will have their information within documents produced to the House Intelligence Committee.

**Timeline**

**September 30, 2019—**

The first subpoena was sent to AT&T on September 30th and requested phone records for five telephone numbers. Those numbers belonged to Igor Fruman, Rudy Giuliani and Lev Parnas. A total of 3,831 pages of phone records were produced by AT&T.

**November 1, 2019—**

AT&T was sent an additional subpoena for phone records on November 1st, for one number belonging to Giuliani Partners LLC. A total of 30,278 lines of records were produced.

Verizon was also subpoenaed on November 1st for one number belonging to KS Tacoma Hotels, LLC. This number was used by Ambassador Gordon Sondland. A total of 5,000 lines of call records and additional information was produced.

**November 20, 2019—**

AT&T was subpoenaed for 29 missing items from previous returns for three phone numbers, two belonging to Mayor Giuliani and one to Mr. Parnas. Two pages were produced from this request.

**November 27, 2019—**

Verizon was subpoenaed for the identities of the owners of 4 phone numbers that appeared in previous productions. In response, Verizon revealed the identities to be DITCO-WHCA (White House Communications Agency), John Solomon (journalist), and Joseph diGenova (a personal lawyer for President Trump). The identity of the owner of the fourth phone number is unknown.