

Trump, Who Has A Golden Apartment, Called FBI Director Comey A 'Showboat'

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Trump also thanked Comey in his letter firing him for telling he wasn't under investigation, an exchange he said happened three times.

"I actually asked him if I was under investigation", said **Trump**, adding that he talked to Comey once over dinner and twice by phone.

Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe would not confirm whether or not Comey had said that to **Trump**, adding that it was not standard practice for the FBI. Such a disclosure would be unusual. The reasoning the White House officially gave then - in writing - was Comey's handling of the Clinton email investigation, based on a review by the deputy attorney general, Rod Rosenstein. He spoke out publicly for the first time Thursday about his firing of former FBI Director James Comey.

"It is no longer possible for the FBI to conduct its investigation into the **Trump** campaign's involvement in Russian electoral interference in any meaningfully independent way", said Julian Sanchez, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute.

NBC broke into regularly scheduled programming Thursday to air a special <u>report</u> featuring part of Lester Holt's interview with President Donald Trump, which was completed earlier that day at the White House.

Mr **Trump's** decision to oust Mr Comey sparked comparisons to Nixon, who fired the special prosecutor running the Watergate investigation, and the action left the fate of the Russian Federation probe uncertain.

In her village of Pieusse, Le Pen got 271 votes last Sunday, five more than Macron's 266. "I feel like we are in danger". Her family is well-known in the area for its sparkling wine, which she believes will help her win support.

A senior White House official said former Republican congressman Mike Rogers is being considered as a candidate to replace FBI Director James Comey, who was sacked late on Tuesday by President Donald Trump.

Meanwhile, as Rosenstein huddled with Intelligence Committee leaders, NBC <u>released</u> an interview in which **Trump** said the decision to oust Comey was his.

She maintained that Mr **Trump** "very much had been thinking about letting Mr Comey go since 9 November".

McCabe appeared before the committee with CIA director Mike Pompeo, NSA Director Admiral Mike Rogers, and National Intelligence Director Dan Coats.

McCabe gave no information on the status of the Federal Bureau of Investigation probe, which dates back to July a year ago when the agency became aware of alleged Russian hacking of Democratic party computers and communications.

At a <u>May 10 press briefing</u>, Sanders said the president, members of Congress and the Department of Justice had lost confidence in Comey.

No word yet on who may come in to handle the transition or whether Reid is headed to another company. During his time at Epic, Reid also appeared alongside Simon Cowell on the first two seasons of U.S.

Vice President Mike Pence repeated that line Wednesday morning on Capitol Hill, saying the president had decided "to accept the recommendation of the deputy attorney general to remove Director Comey".

"I have nothing to do- this was set up by the Democrats", **Trump** said.

J. Edgar Hoover, who led the country's top police agency for 48 years from 1924, had a legendary upper hand over the White House thanks to secret files on politicians he amassed over decades.

He also said Mr Comey had "broad support" within the agency, which contradicted White House officials.

His links to Russian Federation are being scrutinised by the FBI and the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, as part of wider investigations into claims Moscow sought to tip the election in favour of Mr **Trump**, and into contacts between Russian Federation and members of the president's campaign team.