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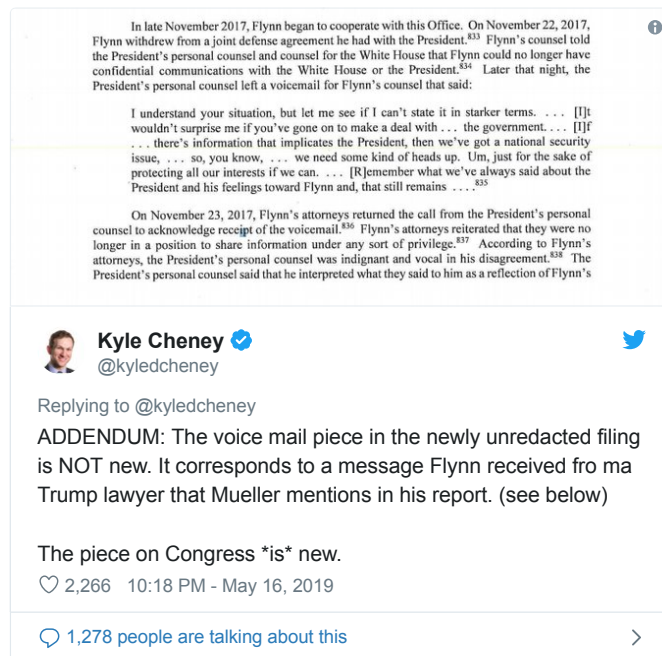
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1/ Congress may explore this issue:

"Because of attorney-client privilege issues, we did not seek to interview the President's personal counsel about the extent to which he discussed his statements to Flynn's attorneys with the President."

- Mueller report, Vol. I, footnote 839



2/ Mueller was very cautious here. I could imagine a prosecutor pushing to find out the conversations behind this highly questionable voice mail to Flynn's attorney, by suggesting the attorney himself had significant liability and raising the specter of the crime-fraud exception.

3/ Most attorneys would recuse themselves in the face of that aggressive approach, and the specter of an inquiry of the circumstances around the voicemail might cause many defense counsel to back down and permit some disclosure to the prosecutor. But Mueller showed restraint.

4/ Trump's legal team appeared to take very aggressive positions towards Mueller's team, and in many ways they achieved significant success. Their greatest success was convincing Mueller not to subpoena Trump. This was another success for them.

5/ Mueller took a careful, restrained approach that is admirable. Trump's team took full advantage of that restraint, and their posture towards Congress can be seen as an extension of their strategy towards Mueller.

But the House may not be as cautious as Mueller. /end

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