Trump’s list: Those who might lose their security clearance

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Donald Trump has acted on a threat to revoke the security clearance of former CIA Director John Brennan, citing a constitutional responsibility to protect classified information. Brennan, who served in the Obama administration, had become
an increasingly sharp critic of Trump. Trump says he is reviewing security clearances for nine other individuals. Some have been publicly critical of the president, while others are linked to special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation.
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into Russian election interference, which Trump calls “a witch hunt.”

A look at the 10 individuals:

JOHN BRENNAN

In a written statement, Trump cited “erratic conduct and behavior by President Barack Obama.”

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CIA director as justification for revoking Brennan’s security clearance. Trump also accused Brennan of “lying” and “wild outbursts.” At a news conference last month in Finland, Trump stood alongside Russian President Vladimir Putin and openly

justified revoking Brennan’s clearance as a direct order from the president.

Putin
questioned U.S. intelligence agencies' conclusions that Moscow tried to influence the 2016 election in his favor. After Brennan criticized Trump's performance as "nothing short of treasonous" and accused him of being "wholly in the pocket,"
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It should gravely worry all Americans, including intelligence professionals, about the cost of speaking out. My principles are worth far more than clearances. I will not relent.

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“If they’re saying that the only way I can speak is to be in an adulation mode of this president, I’m sorry. I don’t think I
can sign up to that,” Clapper said.

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JAMES COMY

Trump fired Comey from his post as FBI director in May 2017 over the bureau’s Russia investigation.

Comey had also announced in July 2016...
that the FBI would not recommend charges against Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton for her email practices as Obama's secretary of state. Trump believes the investigation was handled unfairly because of what he alleges is
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of national intelligence and a past CIA director. He’s also been critical of the president. Hayden said last month when the White House first issued the security clearance threat that losing it wouldn’t affect what
he says or write:

He published a book this year called "The Assault on Intelligence: American National Security in an Age of Lies."

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SALLY YATES

Trump fired Yates early in 2017 after
she refused to enforce the new president's ban on travel to the U.S. by residents of several mostly Muslim countries. Yates served in the Obama administration and had agreed to stay in the job under
Trump
She also had informed the White House that Michael Flynn, Trump's first national security adviser, was potentially compromised because of his contacts with Russian officials. Trump allowed Flynn to keep his security clearance after
Yates' disclosure but later fired Flynn citing misstatements he said Flynn made to Vice President Mike Pence.

Referring to Trump's summit with Putin, Yates tweeted, “Our President today not only chose a tyrant over his...
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Rice was national security adviser during Obama’s second term and has criticized Trump policies. She wrote an op-ed for The New York Times in July, saying.
the U.S. had “so much to lose and so little to gain” from the Trump Putin summit — “given this very atypical US President,” she added in a tweet —

ANDREW MCCABE

McCabe is
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a former FBI deputy director who led the investigation into Clinton's email practices. Attorney General Jeff Sessions fired McCabe this year after FBI disciplinary officials and the Justice Department concluded he hadn’t been candid during...
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Trump has
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But McCabe didn’t become involved in the Clinton probe until after his wife’s bid for elected office.

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PETE STRZ

The longtime FBI agent was recently fired from the bureau.

his lawyer
said this week. Strzok had worked on the Mueller investigation but was removed after anti-Trump text messages that Strzok exchanged with an FBI lawyer became public. Trump has used the text messages to buttress
his claim that the FBI is biased again him.

Strzok lawyer Aitan Goelman said in a statement Wednesday that security clearances shouldn’t be taken away as a mean of “punishing people who have criticized the
President,
or coercing others into silence. He said by stripping Brennan's clearance and threatening other with the same fate, "the President has taken us down one more step on the path toward authoritarianism."
LISA PAGE

Page is the former FBI lawyer who exchanged anti-Trump text messages with Strzok.

Trump has begun referring to Page as the “lovely Lisa Page” in his tweet about the Russia investigation.
BRUCE OHR

The Justice Department official has come under Republican scrutiny for his contacts with Glenn Simpson, co-founder of Fusion GPS. The opposition research firm hired former British spy Christopher Steele during
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information on Trump and his ties to Russia.

Ohr’s wife, Nellie, worked for Fusion GPS during the campaign — a fact Trump has tweeted about.
in recent days to highlight his assertions of political bias as motivation for the Russia investigation.