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QUOTES FOR THE DAY:

"A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes." Mark Twain.

"The truth is rarely pure and never simple." Oscar Wilde.

SOMEONE IS LYING BIG TIME:

I'm going to the end of what I'm about to write to tell all my readers what I think is going to happen –"NADA", as in "nothing" – at least not in the short term, and, most certainly having no effect on the election. From my readings, the total impact of the Hunter Biden (HB) hard drive revelations may cause 200 people nationwide to change their votes, as everyone has already made up their minds. So, if I'm right, all the Blues can relax and all the Reds can fret. That's the way I see it. But, now let's take a look at what's happened and where this might go in the future.

We start with the sheer hatred and venom from former intel leaders for president Trump in the persons of Clapper and Brennan. Quoting from Holman Jenkins in the WSJ, " With no evidence, 50 former U.S. intelligence officials have claimed the leak of Hunter Biden e-mails has, 'all the classic earmarks of a Russian information operation.'"

What total BS!! These two convince 48 others to sign such a statement without any of them have done the slightest due diligence. But, you, Mr. and Mrs. America gravely nod, "oh, must be so." I am so disappointed that members of the intel community, with which I have had close ties for thirty years, would publish such unsubstantiated garbage.

The DOJ, FBI and the current head of National Intelligence all state the Biden hard drive is not a Russian disinformation deal. The very best and most obvious example being what I brought up in issue 71. The Hunter Biden (HB) emails reflect that HB seems to have introduced his father, Joe Biden (JB) to a top executive at Burisma seeking to get rid of a prosecutor who was investigating the company. As JB would say, "Come on man". It may well have happened, but what ridiculousness! Why would the Russians think this amateurish ploy would have any traction when there was so much rope with which to hang the prosecutor for all his other missteps? It wasn't just JB who was trying to fire the prosecutor, so was the International Monetary Fund. Brennan, Clapper, you've done a great disservice to your colleagues, to the intel community and to the American public.

And, now more wackiness. It is reported that, while HB brought his lap top into the repair shop and signed the paper work, the owner could not physically identify him because he is, "legally blind". WHAT? You run a computer repair shop and you're legally blind- Come on man. On to Tony Bobulinski (TB). First, he is shown in an old photo wearing the insignia of an ensign in the Navy. I went to gather further information on him, curious as to how he got involved with HB as a partner and CEO of what became known as Sinohawk, a partnership focused on developing business ties with China. TB is referred to as a retired Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. Whoa! wait a minute - retired as a lieutenant - makes no sense. The Naval officer ranks are: Ensign, Lt. Junior Grade, then Lieutenant, followed by Lt Commander, **Commander, Captain and various Admiral** ranks. To have had a career in the Navy and retire as a Lieutenant does not compute. I was an officer in the Air Force (non career), but if you were career, you had certain promotion windows. If you got passed over the first time you had one more chance. If you didn't get promoted the second time you were given a nice thank you and separated from the service. How could TB make a career in the Navy and never go beyond Lieutenant. And, how, with such an undistinguished career, did he wind up being a buddy of HB's and CEO of a seemingly high powered partnership named, Sinohawk?

There is zero information about any of the many marketing efforts that HB was involved in that speak to anything other than the value of his name and connections. This is a guy with a one word resume- BIDEN. I wont take the readers through all the stories. You can look them up on the NY Post. One of HB's partners is already in Jail, another is heading there shortly.

This is, undeniably, a big story, but very few media outlets want to let it see the light of day. It's a long way from proving that JB ever profited from any of the projects, but HB, and JB's brothers, Jim and Frank and one of their wives, were all feeding at the trough. I guess it could be speculated they might have put something away for, "the big guy" for when he retires. And, is there anyone out there, red or blue, who can say they believe JB's contention that he knew nothing about HB's dealings?

At the end of the day, with the FBI having sat on all this information since last December, there could have been a much different result to the political circus that became an impeachment, had these facts been known to the public.

So, not to worry, Twitter, Facebook and NY Times, it's looking pretty good for your candidate; just kinda tragic to abrogate your journalistic responsibilities along the way. But, know this; it doesn't go away with the election. I saw a Biden supporter on TV this morning bemoaning the fact that an ongoing investigation would be so unfair to the incoming Biden administration. Oh, boo hoo, what have they done to Trump for four years?

THE MOST DANGEROUS JOB:

Of course the pandemic world in which we all live is more than scary; no day is without risk. But, in a normal world, what is a high risk profession? Coming in at third place are roofers with 51.5 fatalities per 100,000. Second place goes to Fishers and related fishing workers at 77.4 fatalities per 100,000. And, the winner (poor choice of words) is, logging workers at 97.6 fatalities per 100,000. Hey, wait a minute, there's one profession that's exponentially more dangerous – the presidency of the United States. In the history of our 45 presidents: Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley and Kennedy were assassinated. Attempts were made on the lives of Teddy Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan. And, W.H. Harrison, Taylor, Harding and FDR died in office. That's 11 presidents, and a risk factor of 24.4%. I would bet that Lloyds of London would charge more for the president's life insurance premium than his annual salary.

A POTPOURRI:

82,000 new Covid- 19 (CV) cases in a single day. More than 41,000 hospitalized in the U.S., 40% more than last month. Where are we going with this? Bravo, United Health Care which has announced a plan to help mitigate the growing menace of the flu season. They will be providing free test kits and Tamiflu prescriptions to, "at risk seniors".

In some cities, surviving gun fire is as important as surviving CV. In New York City, 1,515 people have been shot this year, twice as many as all of 2019. And, the envelope please – in Chicago – the winner, 3,405 have been shot, a 300% increase from last year. No analytics are presented, but must be heavily influenced by the heavy frustrations and deprivations caused by the pandemic.

Election day, November 3, 2020. I always thought, especially in National election years, you had to make your choice by election day. Like, you know – your IRS return on 4/15. Turns out – not so. In 23 states your ballot doesn't have to be in by Nov. 3. Get the due dates for these states: Ala, 11/13; UT, 11/16; IL, 11/17; MI, 11/17; CA, 11/20; WA, 11/23. What's going on here?

Harvard, exclusive, but not really. They accept only 4.5% of applicants. But, what would you say if I told you there was a school accepting only .0017 percent of applicants, or 12 out of 7,000. Couldn't guess it, right? Well, it's Hot Dog High, the training program for those fortunate 12 people who are selected each year to be Wienermobile drivers for Oscar Mayer's fleet of six hot dog shaped vehicles. As one of the lucky candidates said, "This is the happiest day of my life and I've been married." Your faithful scribe, PB