McFarlane’s Journey

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(THREAD) Here's some key background info on Robert "Bud" McFarlane & his circuitous journey to Trump Tower & a possible role in #Russiagate.

1) McFarlane has published feverishly on the need for America to reach a detente w/ Russia so we can get their Liquefied National Gas (LNG).

2) As part of his push for a US-Russia detente over access to Liquefied Natural Gas, McFarlane co-founded the U.S. Energy Security Council.

3) McFarlane is one of the most connected, knowledgeable, & _engaged_ right-wing foreign policy advisers in DC. Especially on Russia & LNG.

4) In 2016, McFarlane was originally a named foreign policy adviser to the Carson presidential campaign. Then Carson withdrew from the race.

5) McFarlane was immediately picked up as a foreign policy adviser to the John Kasich campaign. Then Trump became the near-certain nominee.

6) Trump declared himself the nominee _the day before_ his big foreign policy speech at the Mayflower Hotel--the biggest speech of his life.

7) The Mayflower Speech was important--and suspicious--in many ways the media has not yet reported on. It was a pivot-point in #Russiagate.

8) McFarlane was one of a _very_ small number of VIP invitees to Trump's invite-only Mayflower Speech. Another? Russian spy Sergey Kislyak.

9) What hasn't been reported on much is that the Mayflower Speech should never have happened, and the fact that it did is itself suspicious.

10) But first we must understand what the Mayflower Speech was: a speech that heaped calumny on the US, NATO, Iran, China... & _not_ Russia.
11) Instead, the Mayflower Speech was basically _about_ Russia. Trump mentioned the Cold War obsessively & proposed friendship with Russia.

12) In the biggest speech of his life, using a Teleprompter, w/ his whole foreign policy team there, Trump proposed making a deal w/ Russia.

13) Present @ the Mayflower: Manafort; Trump Jr.; Phares; Kushner; Miller; Sessions; Lewandowski. VIPs like McFarlane & Russian spy Kislyak.

14) In the Mayflower Speech, Trump proposed working w/ Russia to fight ISIS & other deals "good for Russia." Watch:

15) The Mayflower Speech was Trump's first public promise to Russia--w/ Kislyak just feet away--regarding his future foreign policy w/ them.

16) The Mayflower Speech was also an audition for Trump re: McFarlane, a Carson/Kasich foreign policy adviser now w/o a campaign to assist.

17) McFarlane & Kislyak both met Trump briefly @ the VIP event, possibly spoke w/ one another, & entered the ballroom from the VIP event.

18) But the Mayflower event should never have happened. On 4/21, the Trump campaign announced he'd speak on 4/27 at the National Press Club.

19) The Trump camp was an NPC/National Interest invitee & wouldn't pay for the space. The space held 700 people & was set up for big events.

20) On 4/26, well less than 24 hours before he was due to speak at the National Press Club, the Trump campaign suddenly cancelled the event.

21) They said the 700-seat NPC space was too small for the interest in the speech, so they moved it to... a 500-seat space at the Mayflower.

22) Not only did the switch risk confusing reporters/attendees, it now would cost money & be at a smaller and less politically august venue.

23) And indeed the claim of "high interest" in the speech was also a lie: the media reported "scores" attended the speech, not hundreds.

24) What the Mayflower _did_ have was 581 private rooms & private-access VIP areas. Also, it offered more control over invitees and VIPs.

26) We do know McFarlane knows Phares &—given his DC connections—possibly almost everyone else on Trump's April 2016 foreign policy team.

27) We know McFarlane is friends with oil-man T. Boone Pickens and knows or is known by virtually every major oil/gas player _in the world_.

28) We know McFarlane committed crimes during Iran-Contra and in 2013 the FBI accused him of secretly working for a U.S. geopolitical enemy.

29) We know The Atlantic called him the "mentor" of Trump's Deputy NSA, KT McFarland, & that he basically got her that job in December 2016.

30) We know he met personally w/ Trump & Flynn at _least_ once at Trump Tower: on December 5, during a critical 48-hr period in #Russiagate.

31) During those 48 hours Flynn/Kushner smuggled Kislyak into TT to meet w/ Trump & Russia sold 19% of its oil company to a secret buyer.

32) According to the Steele dossier, that 19% Rosneft share was for Trump. And it claims Russia sought the very detente McFarlane wanted.

33) We know on 4/27 McFarlane was skeptical of Trump. We know by 12/5 he was hand-picking Trump's Deputy NSA & meeting w/ Trump personally.

34) What we don't know is how/why the best-connected right-wing foreign policy adviser on Russian LNG in the US got from Point A to Point B.

35) No one's asked. But McFarlane's the best plausibly deniable US-Russia go-between Trump could want, for _many_ reasons, so we _must_ ask.

Right now the media must turn over _every possible rock_ in #Russiagate. This is a still-untouched rock. That's why I wrote this tweetstorm.

Bud McFarlane hand-picked his protege, KT McFarland, to be Trump's Deputy NSA. KT was considered a very odd, certainly under-qualified pick.

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