

Donald Trump intervened to give security clearance to Jared Kushner



Washington, March 2 (RHC)-- The New York Times reports President Donald Trump ordered then-Chief of Staff John Kelly to grant his son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, a top-secret security clearance last year -- over the objections of intelligence officials.

The Times cited four people briefed on the matter, who say Trump sought to overrule the judgment of the CIA and then-White House counsel Don McGahn, who argued Kushner should not have been granted access to top-secret documents.

Kushner failed to report over 100 foreign contacts on his initial application for clearance, which was denied by the FBI after a background check into his financial history and contacts with foreign investors that took more than a year. Kushner later revised his application three times, and was ultimately granted permanent security clearance last May.

The U.S. president has repeatedly denied intervening on his son-in-law's behalf.

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