

Democrats begin to release impeachment inquiry transcripts



Washington, November 5 (RHC)-- In the U.S. on Capitol Hill, Democrat lawmakers have begun to release transcripts of testimonies from the closed-door impeachment inquiry into whether U.S. President Donald Trump withheld military aid from Ukraine to pressure the Ukrainian president to investigate Trump's political rival Joe Biden and his son Hunter.

One of the released transcripts shows the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch, said she felt threatened by the president's words after she read a transcript of the July 25 phone call between Trump and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky.

In another, a former ambassador and top aide to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Michael McKinley, testified he told Pompeo three times they should make a public statement in support of Yovanovitch, contradicting Pompeo's claims in an ABC News interview last month that he had never heard from McKinley about his concerns.

President Trump is continuing to demand to know the identity of the whistleblower whose complaint sparked the impeachment inquiry. Trump has previously compared the whistleblower to a treasonous spy who deserved the death penalty, raising concerns about the official's safety.

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