

# VIPS Memos

## Memos by the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity

### VIPS: Extradition of Julian Assange Threatens Us All

MEMORANDUM FOR: The governments and people of the United Kingdom and the United States

FROM: Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS)

SUBJECT: Extradition of Julian Assange Threatens Us All

April 30, 2019

### VIPS Fault Mueller Probe, Criticize Refusal to Interview Assange

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

FROM: Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS)

SUBJECT: The Fly in the Mueller Ointment

April 16, 2019

### VIPS Urge Trump to Avoid War in Venezuela

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

FROM: Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS)

SUBJECT: Avoiding War with Russia over Venezuela

April 4, 2019

### VIPS: Mueller's Forensics-Free Findings

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Attorney General

FROM: Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS)

SUBJECT: Mueller's Forensics-Free Findings

March 13, 2019

**Moscow Has Upped the Ante in Syria**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Moscow Has Upped the Ante in Syria

September 9, 2018

**VIPS Tells Media Support for Brennan is Not Unanimous**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Media

SUBJECT: Support for Brennan Far From "Unanimous"

August 29, 2018

**VIPS Asks Twitter to Restore Van Buren's Account**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Twitter Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Suspension of VIPS Associate Peter Van Buren's  
Twitter Account

August 8, 2018

**VIPS Plead for Humanitarian Asylum for Julian Assange**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The US Embassies of Ecuador and the United  
Kingdom, and the U.S. State Department

SUBJECT: Humanitarian Asylum for Julian Assange

August 6, 2018

**VIPS to Trump: Intel on Iran Could be CATASTROPHIC**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Intelligence on Iran Fails the Smell Test

August 1, 2018

**Memo to the President Ahead of Monday's Summit**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Info Your Summit Briefers May Have Missed  
July 15, 2018

**VIPS Call on Senate Intel Panel to Vote Against Haspel**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Senate Select Committee on  
Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Opposition to Gina Haspel as CIA Director  
May 8, 2018

**VIPS Call on Trump Not to Pull Out of Iran Nuclear Deal**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Being "Played" By Bogus Evidence on Iran  
May 7, 2018

**Trump Urged to Seek Evidence Before Attacking Syria**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Evidence Required for Military Decision on Syria  
April 13, 2018

**Trump Should Withdraw Haspel Nomination, Intel Vets Say**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Request to Withdraw Nomination of Gina Haspel  
March 25, 2018

**Growing Risk of U.S.-Iran Hostilities Based on False  
Pretexts, Intel Vets Warn**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: War With Iran  
February 26, 2018

**Intel Vets Tell Trump Iran Is Not Top Terror Sponsor**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Is Iran the "World's Leading Sponsor of Terrorism?"

December 21, 2017

### **Intel Vets Challenge 'Russia Hack' Evidence**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Was the "Russian Hack" an Inside Job?

July 24, 2017

### **Intel Vets Voice Doubts on Syrian Crisis**

OPEN MEMORANDUM FOR: The American People

SUBJECT: Mattis 'No Doubt' Stance on Alleged Syrian CW

Smacks of Politicized Intelligence

April 26, 2017

### **Trump Should Rethink Syria Escalation**

MEMORANDUM FOR: President Trump

SUBJECT: Syria: Was It Really "A Chemical Weapons Attack"?

April 11, 2017

### **A Demand for Russian 'Hacking' Proof**

MEMORANDUM FOR: President Obama

SUBJECT: A Key Issue That Still Needs to be Resolved

January 17, 2017

### **US Intel Vets Dispute Russia Hacking Claims**

MEMORANDUM FOR: U.S. Senate

SUBJECT: Allegations of Hacking Election Are Baseless

December 12, 2016

### **Obama Warned to Diffuse Tensions with Russia**

ALERT MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: PREVENTING STILL WORSE IN SYRIA  
October 2, 2016

**US Media Ignores CIA Cover-up on Torture**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Vice Chairman, Senate  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
SUBJECT: U.S. Media Mum On How Your Committee Faced Down  
Both CIA and Obama  
September 16, 2016

**Merkel Urged to Temper NATO's Belligerence**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany  
SUBJECT: NATO Summit in Warsaw  
July 6, 2016

**Intel Vets Call 'Dissent Memo' on Syria 'Reckless'**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National  
Security Affairs  
SUBJECT: Beware Foggy Bottom Dissent  
June 25, 2016

**Intel Vets Urge Fast Report on Clinton's Emails**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Those "Damn Emails" – "Really a Concern"  
May 23, 2016

**VIPS Offers Advice to Candidates**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Ben Carson, Hillary Clinton, Ted Cruz,  
John Kasich, Marco Rubio, Bernie Sanders, Dr. Jill Stein,  
and Donald Trump

February 26, 2016

**A Call for Proof on Syria-Sarin Attack**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of State Kerry & Foreign Minister  
Lavrov

SUBJECT: A Call for Proof on Syria-Sarin Attack  
December 22, 2015

**U.S. Intel Vets Decry CIA's Use of Torture**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Veteran Intelligence Professionals Challenge CIA's  
"Rebuttal" on Torture  
September 19, 2015

**Obama Should Release MH-17 Intel**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Releasing an Intelligence Report on Shoot-Down of  
Malaysia Airlines Flight 17  
July 22, 2015

**Judith Miller's Blame-Shifting Memoir**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Americans Malnourished on the Truth About  
Iraq

SUBJECT: A New "Miller's Tale" (with apologies to Geoffrey  
Chaucer)  
April 7, 2015

**US Intel Vets Oppose Brennan's CIA Plan**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: John Brennan's Restructuring Plan for CIA  
March 9, 2015

## **Curbs on Surveillance State Urged**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board  
Subject: Two Administrations and Congress Dismantled the  
Constitution How Can It Be Restored?

March 5, 2015

## **Udall Urged to Disclose Full Torture Report**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Senator Mark Udall

SUBJECT: Stopping Torture

December 29, 2014

## **Warning Merkel on Russian 'Invasion' Intel**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany

SUBJECT: Ukraine and NATO

August 29, 2014

## **Obama Should Release Ukraine Evidence**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Intelligence on Shoot-Down of Malaysian Plane

July 29, 2014

## **Needed: Obama-Putin Summit on Ukraine**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Urgent Action on Ukraine

May 4, 2014

## **Obama Urged to Show Restraint on Ukraine**

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Russia, Ukraine, and the U.S. National Interest

April 28, 2014

## **NSA Insiders Reveal What Went Wrong**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Input for Your Decisions on NSA  
January 7, 2014

## **Obama Urged to Fire DNI Clapper**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Fire Clapper  
December 11, 2013

## **Time for Proof on Syrian CW Attack**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of State John Kerry and Foreign  
Minister Sergey Lavrov  
SUBJECT: Time for Proof on Syrian CW Attack  
October 1, 2013

## **Obama Warned on Syrian Intel**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Is Syria a Trap?  
September 6, 2013

## **An Appeal to Gen. Dempsey on Syria**

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Martin Dempsey, Chairman, Joint  
Chiefs of Staff  
SUBJECT: Syria and Our Oath to Defend the Constitution  
August 30, 2013

## **Brennan's Loose Talk on Iran Nukes**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Chair, Senate Select  
Committee on Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Due Diligence on John Brennan



February 22, 2013

**A Persian Gulf 'Hot Line' Proposed**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Avoiding Spiraling Violence in the Persian Gulf  
July 31, 2012

**Avoiding Another Long War**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Avoiding Another Long War  
January 4, 2012

**Obama Warned Israel May Bomb Iran**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: War With Iran  
August 3, 2010

**Intelligence Vets Back Torture Probe**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Accountability for Torture  
September 27, 2009

**Memo to President Obama on Torture**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Torture  
April 29, 2009

**Obama Urged to Back Chas Freeman**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Dennis Blair, Director of National  
Intelligence

SUBJECT: Obama's DNI Urged to Back Freeman

March 8, 2009

### **Dangers of a Cornered George Bush**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Memo

FROM: Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity & Dr. Justin Frank

SUBJECT: Assessing the potential dangers and possible countermeasures available to constrain GW Bush

July 27, 2007

### **How Not to Counter Terrorism**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Memo

SUBJECT: Have Bush administration policies made Americans safer from the threat of terrorism since 9/11?

June 18, 2007

### **Intel Vets Question the Iraq-UK Crisis**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Memo

SUBJECT: Brinkmanship Unwise in Uncharted Waters

March 29, 2007

### **Intelligence Vets' Memo to Congress**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Speaker of the House, Senate Majority Leader

SUBJECT: Denouement on Iraq: First Stop the Bleeding

March 14, 2007

### **Bush Urged to Counsel with "Wise Women" on Iraq**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Recommendation: Try a Circle of "Wise Women"

August 24, 2005

### **Advice for Bush's State of the Union**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Your State-of-the-Union Address  
January 13, 2004

**One Person Can Make a Difference**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colleagues in Intelligence  
SUBJECT: One Person Can Make a Difference  
October 13, 2003

**Intelligence Vets Urged to Speak Out on Iraq Intel**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colleagues in Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Now It's Your Turn  
August 22, 2003

**Intelligence Unglued**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Intelligence Unglued  
July 14, 2003

**VIPS to Annan: Return UN Inspectors to Iraq**

LETTER TO: The Honorable Kofi Annan, Secretary General, The  
United Nations  
May 19, 2003

**The Iraq War Intelligence Fiasco**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
SUBJECT: Intelligence Fiasco  
May 1, 2003

**The Stakes in the Search for Weapons of Mass Destruction**

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Stakes in the Search for Weapons of Mass  
Destruction

April 24, 2003

**Arafat Interviewed by VIPS' Christisons**

INTERVIEW: Arafat Interviewed by Christisons

March 26, 2003

**Iraq Intel: Forgery, Hyperbole, Half-Truth**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Forgery, Hyperbole, Half-Truth: A Problem

March 18, 2003

**Cooking Intelligence for War in Iraq**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Confused Americans

SUBJECT: Cooking Intelligence for War

March 12, 2003

**Powell's UN Speech and the Case for War**

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

SUBJECT: Today's Speech By Secretary Powell At The UN

February 5, 2003

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