

McCain Confirms He Was Behind The Trump 'Pee Dossier And Comey

The senator describes that fateful decision in his upcoming book, 'The Restless Wave.'

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In his new book, Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) confirms that he gave a controversial dossier about President Trump to former FBI chief James Comey.

“I agreed to receive a copy of what is now referred to as ‘the dossier,’” McCain writes in the upcoming book, titled *The Restless Wave*, referencing information compiled by former British intelligence officer Christopher Steele. “I reviewed its contents. The allegations were disturbing, but I had no idea which if any were true. I could not independently verify any of it,

and so I did what any American who cares about our nation’s security should have done.”

The Daily Beast obtained an advance copy of the book, due out May 22.

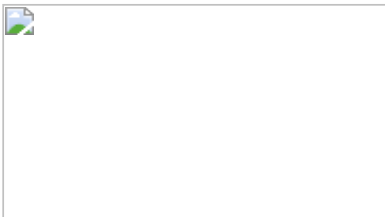
McCain writes that in November, 2016, he spoke with Sir Andrew Wood, a former British diplomat, at the Halifax International Security Forum. Wood alerted him to Steele's work after which, David Kramer, Senior Director for Human Rights and Human Freedoms at the McCain Institute, traveled to London to meet with Steele. Prior to this, as *The Washington Post* reported, Steele had already met with American officials in Rome to discuss his findings.

McCain recounts how he put the dossier in a safe in his office and called Comey’s office to request a meeting: “I went to see him at his earliest convenience, handed him the dossier, explained how it had come into my possession.”

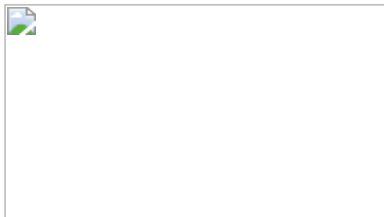
“I said I didn’t know what to make of it, and I trusted the FBI would examine it carefully and investigate its claims. With that, I thanked the director and left. The entire meeting had probably not lasted longer than ten minutes. I did what duty demanded I do,” McCain concludes.

In other sections of the book, previously viewed by The Daily Beast and other outlets, the Arizona senator reflects on his life and in some parts harshly criticizes Trump.

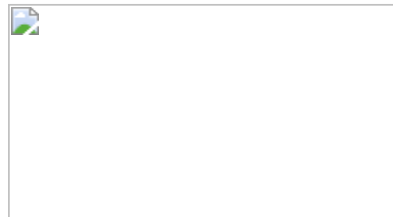
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“He has declined to distinguish the actions of our government from the crimes of despotic ones,” McCain writes. “The appearance of toughness, or a reality show facsimile of toughness, seems to matter more than any of our values.”