

Trump at Langley, the CIA's Lion's Den

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On Saturday, Trump entered the lion's den, visiting and speaking at CIA headquarters.

The agency under departed director John Brennan wanted his scalp – delegitimized and undermined, based on phony claims of Russian US election hacking, helping him defeat Hillary.

He's now America's 45th president. His incoming CIA director Mike Pompeo has yet to be confirmed. Senate Democrats Ron Wyden (OR), Patrick Leahy (VT) and Richard Blumenthal (CT) delayed his confirmation, solely for political reasons.

It was scheduled for Friday, Trump's inaugural day. A joint statement said "in these dangerous times, (his) nomination (must) be thoroughly vetted, questioned and debated."

With or without Pompeo in charge, the CIA constitutes a major threat to Trump, all other prominent figures challenging dirty business as usual – and most important world peace.

The late Chalmers Johnson called the agency incompatible with democratic freedoms. Its "unchecked power" threatens everyone everywhere. Its existence "shorten(s) the life of the American republic."

At Langley, Trump spoke to around 400 CIA personnel, coming in on their day off to hear him. With Pompeo accompanying him, he criticized Senate Democrats for delaying his confirmation, saying they're "playing little political games."

Trump wants him heading the agency posing his greatest threat, saying he was the only one he interviewed for the job. "I didn't want to meet anybody else. I said cancel them, cancel them."

He told House Speaker Paul Ryan "I don't want to lose this guy." Does he believe Pompeo as his man heading the CIA can protect him from potential agency anti-Trump long knives?

Does he believe a peace offering by showing up as his "first (post-inaugural) stop," and saying he's "behind you 1000%...(N)oobody...feels stronger about the intelligence community and CIA than Donald Trump" can save him if agency dark forces want him eliminated?

Last week, he blasted now departed CIA head John Brennan for being "the leaker of (anti-Trump) fake news"- referring the fabricated dodgy dossier, claiming Russia has compromising information about him, alleging it could be used for manipulative purposes.

No one is afforded a honeymoon with America's leading rogue agency without playing by its rules, established by America's deep state.

If Trump goes his own way, contrary to longstanding US practices, especially geopolitically, he'll be vulnerable to impeachment or assassination.

Peacemaking at Langley, with his man in charge once confirmed, won't help if he's targeted for removal.

His vulnerability, or lack of it, will be better known once his policies become clear. Unprecedented vilification throughout the political season and post-election aftermath isn't an encouraging sign.

The best advice he should heed is watch your back. Even that won't help if America's deep state wants him removed and replaced. Rough and tumble times ahead seem likely.

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