

《美国政坛接连上演大戏：FBI局长被辞 前国家安全顾问又被喊话》

导读:前美国国家安全顾问迈克尔·弗林被要求上交相关文件，前FBI局长被开除，川普将如何应对



A US Senate panel investigating Russian interference in last year's election has issued a formal demand for documents from President Donald Trump's former national security adviser.

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Michael Flynn has failed to voluntarily co-operate with the investigation, the Senate Intelligence Committee says.

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He was forced to resign in February after failing to disclose the content of his talks with Russian diplomats.

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Meanwhile, the fallout continues over the firing of the FBI director.

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The White House maintained that James Comey was removed on Tuesday for his handling of the inquiry over Hillary Clinton's emails.

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But US media reported that he had recently asked the Justice Department for more resources for his Trump-Russia investigation.

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Flynn: documents demanded

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The Senate Intelligence Committee said it issued a subpoena after Mr Flynn rejected its request on 28 April to submit documents relevant to the investigation.

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Mr Flynn, a retired army lieutenant-general, misled the White House about discussing US sanctions against Russia with the country's envoy, Sergei Kislyak, before Donald Trump's inauguration in January.

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His links to Russia are being scrutinised by the FBI and the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, as part of wider investigations into claims Moscow sought to tip the election in favour of Mr Trump, and into contacts between Russia and members of the president's campaign team.

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The rare use of a subpoena by senators makes it clear that the committee is forging ahead with its investigation into the alleged Trump-Russia links, the BBC's Laura Bicker in Washington says.

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Comey fired: Fallout continues

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Reaction to Mr Comey's firing continued on Wednesday, with a White House spokeswoman saying that President Trump had been considering sacking the FBI director since he was elected.

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But critics accuse the Republican president of firing the nation's top law enforcement official because he was leading the Russian inquiry.

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The White House has rejected calls to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate allegations the Trump campaign colluded with the Kremlin over last year's election.

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The Senate Intelligence Committee invited Mr Comey to testify next week.

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In a farewell letter to staff, Mr Comey said he would not "spend time on the decision or the way it was executed".

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"It is very hard to leave a group of people who are committed only to doing the right thing," he added.

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"My hope is that you will continue to live our values and the mission of protecting the American people and upholding the Constitution."

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President Trump stood by his actions, saying Mr Comey was fired "because he was not doing a good job".

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On Wednesday, Democratic senators Dianne Feinstein and Richard Durbin told US media that Mr Comey had asked the deputy attorney general for more resources - mainly staff - for the FBI investigation.

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Justice Department spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores called those reports "totally false".

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Either way, Republicans and Democrats vowed the House and Senate Intelligence Committees' investigations into the Russia claims would continue.

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Republican Senator Lindsey Graham said if Mr Trump believed replacing Mr Comey would halt the inquiries "he made a big mistake".

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