## **Operation Midnight Hammer**

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So, Trump executed the Operation Midnight Hammer that decimated three of Iran's nuclear facilities. And now, according to House and Senate Democrats, they are outraged because Trump did not engage or consult Congress.

The fact is, supported by the <u>Associated Press</u>, Trump did notify Congressional leaders about Operation Midnight Hammer. While congressional Democrats are complaining about not knowing of the operation until it was over, they are leaving out important details. For example, Hakeem Jefferies could not be reached when the notifications were being made.

<u>Jim Himes</u>, ranking Democrat member on the House Intelligence Committee, and <u>Mark Warner</u>, vice chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, both claim that they should have been notified and that Trump should have come to Congress. Again, the fact is Trump did notify the chairs for both committees. Trump is not required to notify ALL of Congress, nor is he required to notify ALL of the members of any committee. He did notify the chairs and it was the decision of the chairs to notify or not the committee members.

It should be noted that Trump met with his <u>national security council</u> for several days prior to authorizing the covert operation. There are two aspects that need to be understood. First is the word "covert." This means "<u>not openly shown, engaged in, or avowed</u>." In other words, the operation was discussed in private and carried out in secrecy. It is a well-known fact that the more people in government who know about something that is not to be talked about, the greater the chances of that something being leaked. If all the members (67 total) of the National Security Council (19), the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (21), and the House Intelligence Committee (27) knew about Operation Midnight Hammer prior to its execution, there is no doubt that many aspects of the operation would have been leaked. The animosity that Democrats have with Trump would have probably been sufficient to reveal the inner workings of the operation alone. One-third of the 67 members mentioned above are Democrats, and they are the ones who are complaining the most about not being informed.

The second aspect is that the Democrats in both houses of Congress should have known that Trump was meeting to discuss Iran and actions to take out its nuclear facilities. After all, it was widely discussed in the media and even discussed at White House press briefings. If the Democrats were so concerned about Congress being informed, they certainly could have spoken up, but did not!

Waiting to attack Trump for his actions after the operation took place is reprehensible and further demonstrates the media and Democrats desire to corrupt the democratic process and take down Trump.

The characterizing, made by some Democrats, that Trump violated the War Powers Act and that the operation was "unconstitutional", along with AOC's call for Trump's impeachment, is in keeping with the infantilism of these so-called Democrat leaders.

In 1973, Democrats controlled both the House and Senate. Overriding Richard Nixon's veto, the enacted the <u>War Powers Resolution</u> (PL 93-148). Since its enactment, over <u>200 military actions</u> have taken place without consulting Congress or getting congressional approval prior to the actions. These actions were taken by both Republican and Democrat presidents without raising the ire of either party to the degree that the liberal media and Democrats have with Trump's Operation Midnight Hammer.

What raised the media's and Democrats hackles is that they never got wind that Operation Midnight Hammer was being planned or even carried out until after the operation actually took place. Even as Trump was asking Iran to come to the peace table with Israel, stating that Iran must not have any nuclear weapons, and was in closed meeting with his security council daily, no leaks were made. This was unprecedented given that more than 300 major leaks occurred in Trump's first administration and a number of significant leaks have occurred so far in his second term.

## **Two Key Times**

At <u>7:30 pm</u> (EDT) the bombers exited Iran air space. At <u>7:50 pm</u> (EDT) Trump announced the strike on Truth Social

In his 7:50 pm announcement Trump told the nation, thereby **also informing Congress**, about Operation Midnight Hammer. It is important to know is that Iran was caught completely off guard and did not fire any weapons against US aircraft or missiles. The targeted sites were destroyed and there were no US casualties. The immediate and long-term success of this operation is, in part, a result of the secrecy in which it was planned and executed.