

Donald Trump claims total exoneration as opposition urges full report



Washington, March 25 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump has claimed “complete and total exoneration” after the Justice Department announced Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation found no evidence of collusion between Trump’s campaign and Russia in the 2016 election.

Attorney General William Barr, a Trump appointee, said in a four-page summary of the report released on Sunday that Mueller’s team had concluded that no one in Trump’s campaign “conspired or coordinated with the Russian government.”

However, Mueller’s findings left unresolved the issue of whether Trump obstructed justice by undermining the investigations. Many of the president’s opponents had accused him of obstructing the Russia probe when he fired former FBI Director James Comey in 2017.

Both Trump and Russia have repeatedly denied the accusations. Trump had sought to discredit the investigation, calling the Mueller probe the “greatest witch hunt” in the U.S. history.” He has said there was no collusion with Russia and denying he obstructed justice.

Democrats, however, have rejected the determination made by the Justice Department on the evidence presented by Muller following his extensive investigations. They said they wanted to see Mueller's report for themselves as they launch congressional investigations of their own into the 2016 election and Trump's business and financial dealings.

House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said that Mueller did not clear Trump on the obstruction accusations, adding that it "demonstrates how urgent it is that the full report and underlying documentation be made public without any further delay."

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