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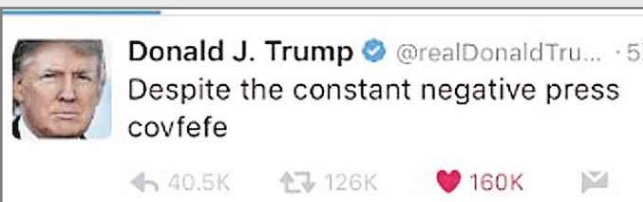
■ The House intelligence committee said yesterday it is issuing subpoenas for President Trump's former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, and Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, as part of its investigation into Russian activities during last year's election. In addition to those subpoenas, the committee issued ones to the National Security Agency, the FBI and the CIA for information about requests that government officials made to unmask the identities of U.S. individuals named in classified intelligence reports. The subpoenas were announced as the special counsel overseeing the government's investigation into possible Trump campaign ties to Russia has approved former FBI Director James Comey to testify before the Senate intelligence committee, according to a Comey associate.

■ Women's groups are threatening to sue the Trump administration after a leaked, draft regulation revealed a plan to let employers opt out of providing no-cost birth control to women for religious and moral reasons. The White House refused to comment, calling the document posted online by the news site Vox an "al-

leged draft." A government website shows that a rule on preventive services under the Affordable Care Act, which includes birth control, is under final review by the White House Office of Management and Budget. Advocates on both sides and leading lawmakers in Congress were treating the leaked draft as an actual administration document.

■ The presidential tweeter is back in full. For more than a week, the tweets from @realDonaldTrump were pretty boring during the president's first big foreign trip. Trump yesterday unleashed a string of tweets. The most mystifying was a post-midnight tweet that contained the nonword "covfefe," immediately below. Trump hasn't explained it, but it spurred a debate in the Twitterverse. That tweet was later deleted. At 6:09 a.m., he posted a mysterious tweet about "covfefe," bottom. Asked later, White House press secretary Sean Spicer said "a small group of people know exactly" what Trump meant. — AP

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See social-media reactions to Trump's 'covfefe' tweet.  
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President Donald Trump yesterday. ■ Video: [newsday.com/nation](http://newsday.com/nation)

## Russians might get LI site back

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is moving toward returning an Upper Brookville mansion to Russia, five months after Barack Obama ordered it shuttered as retaliation for alleged Kremlin interference in the election, *The Washington Post* reported yesterday.

Obama made the call to close the mansion in late December. He also expelled nearly three dozen operatives and imposed sanctions on Russia.

The mansion, which sits on 14 acres, has 36 rooms and an in-ground swimming pool. The Soviet Union bought the property in 1952 to house the Soviet delegate to the United Nations, according to a Sept. 18, 1952, *Newsday* article.

In December, Nassau County assessment records listed the brick and stone estate as a "Russian Federation Mission" with a market value of \$9,350,400.

The White House did not immediately return requests for comment.

Last night, a State Department spokeswoman said officials have looked into the matter with their Europe bureau, but she had no other comment.

During the presidential campaign, Trump praised Russian leader Vladimir Putin, with whom Obama had a mostly frosty relationship. The president has repeatedly denied allegations his 2016 campaign colluded with Moscow and Kremlin-friendly groups.

The Trump administration is considering potential restrictions on the activities of the Russian occupants of the Long Island mansion, as well as facilities on Maryland's Eastern Shore that also were closed in December, before it permits them to return, the *Post* reported.

Upper Brookville Mayor Elliot Conway said he would check with the State Department today before commenting on the hamlet once again hosting a Russian delegation after the unceremonious expulsion.

Conway said he's not surprised if the diplomats want to return.

"Upper Brookville is the best place in the United States to raise a family and live and I can understand why they might want to come back," he said.