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Newly released correspondence with the late Jeffrey Epstein shows the degradation of his relationship with President Donald Trump, in which he called Trump "borderline insane." STEPHANIE KEITH/GETTY IMAGES FILE

'Not one decent cell in his body'

Epstein trashed former friend Trump in emails

Josh Meyer USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - "Dirty." "(Expletive) crazy." "Borderline insane." A Mafia don but with the "great dangerous power" of being America's president and commander-in-chief.

That's how the late Jeffrey Epstein described his former longtime friend and confidant Donald Trump, according to a trove of the convicted sex offender's texts and emails released Nov. 12 by the House Oversight Committee.

But perhaps the most intriguing thing Epstein said about Trump in the 20,000-plus pages of emails provided by his estate was this:

"I am the one able to take him down.

The White House and Trump himself tried to spin the document release - and a later one by Republicans - as being a giant nothingburger.

On Nov. 14, Trump said on social media he was asking the Department of Justice to investigate Democrats he says "spent large portions of their life" with the disgraced financier: "Bill Clinton, Larry Summers, Reid Hoffman, J.P. Morgan, Chase, and many other people and institutions."

At the same time, Trump railed against Republicans working with Democrats to force the full release of Epstein's federal case files, and urged them to stop digging into his relationship with the disgraced financier.

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Launch of New Glenn is hailed as a success



A group of Blue Origin workers, friends and family were on the beach in Cape Canaveral on Nov. 13 for the launch of Blue Origin's second New Glenn rocket. The rocket launched at 3:55 p.m. from Launch Complex 36 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, sending NASA's twin ESCAPADE spacecraft on their trek to Mars. MALCOLM DENEMARK/FLORIDA TODAY

Massive booster makes landing on drone ship

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Towering taller than the length of a football field, Blue Origin's outsized New Glenn rocket notched a successful,

second-ever launch on Nov. 13, deploying NASA's twin ESCAPADE spacecraft into low Earth orbit.

And in an engineering feat matched only by SpaceX, the massive 188-foot first-stage booster, aptly named Never Tell Me the Odds, landed atop Blue Origin's drone ship Jacklyn about 375 miles offshore in the Atlantic Ocean.

"Today @NASA's ESCAPADE mission to Mars launched aboard @blueorigin's New Glenn rocket — another milestone for @POTUS' promise that America will lead the World in space exploration," NASA Acting Administrator Sean Duffy said in a tweet. He shared a video of the 3:55 p.m. liftoff from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.

"ESCAPADE puts America one step closer to walking on Mars by studying

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Poll: Limited support for military action on drugs

Jason Lange and Matt Spetalnick REUTERS

WASHINGTON - Only 29% of Americans support using the U.S. military to kill suspected drug traffickers without a judge or court being involved, a rebuke of President Donald Trump's strikes in the Caribbean and eastern Pacific Ocean, a Reuters/Ipsos poll has found.

The six-day poll, which closed on Nov. 12 as Washington continued a military buildup around Latin America that has focused especially on Venezuela, showed 51% were opposed to the killings of drug suspects and the rest were unsure where they stood.

In a sign of division within Trump's See ACTION, Page 3A

party, 27% of Republicans in the poll opposed the practice, while 58% supported it, with the rest unsure. Three quarters of Democrats opposed the practice compared to one in 10 who supported it.

The Trump administration has



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