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‘Not one decent cell in his body’



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

Epstein trashed former friend Trump in emails

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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

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New prosecutor named in Trump election case

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WASHINGTON – A new state prosecutor has been chosen in the Georgia election racketeering case against President Donald Trump and others for alleged interference in 2020. State courts removed Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis from the case because of a conflict over her romantic relationship with another prosecutor. The state Supreme Court upheld her removal. Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee ordered the Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia to find a replacement for Willis by Nov. 14 or he would dismiss the case. Peter Skandalakis, the council’s executive director, named himself after other potential prosecutors declined the landmark case against a sitting president. “The filing of this appointment reflects my inability to secure another conflict prosecutor to assume responsibility for this case,” Skandalakis said in a statement. “Several prosecutors were contacted and, while all were respectful and professional, each declined

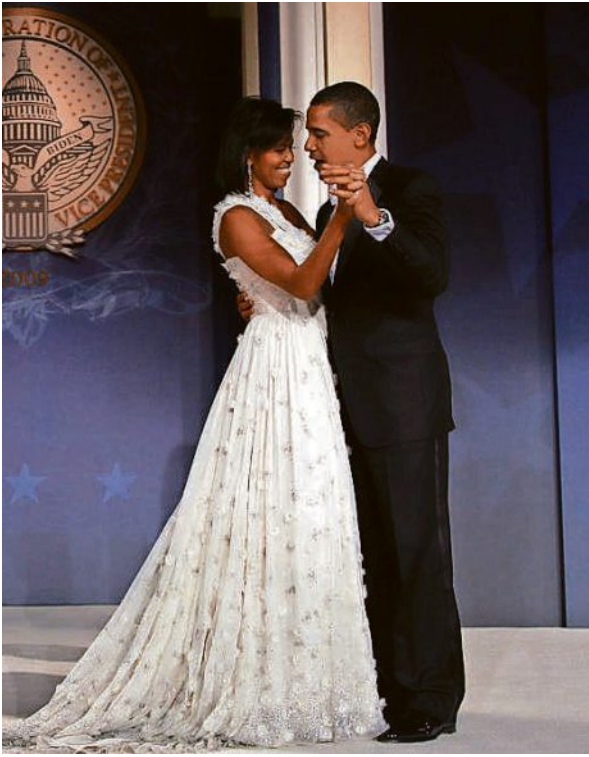


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the appointment.” Trump’s private lawyer in Georgia, Steve Sadow, predicted the case would be dismissed. “This politically charged prosecution has to come to an end,” Sadow said in a statement. “We remain confident that a fair and impartial review will lead to

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Former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama dance at the Inaugural Ball in 2009. Michelle Obama’s dress was designed by Jason Wu, a relative newcomer to the fashion industry at the time.

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Michelle Obama’s fashion choices inform her legacy

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It didn’t take long for former first lady Michelle Obama to reminisce about the White House’s East Wing. Obama was speaking about her new book, “The Look,” in front of an audience in Washington, DC, for a live taping of the podcast “IMO: The Look,” when she compared the brightly colored outfits she wore as first lady to the work she did in the East Wing, which President Donald Trump tore down in October to build a ballroom. “It felt like the East Wing was where there was color and light and joy,” Obama told moderator and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Wesley Morris. The podcast is a companion series to the “IMO” podcast Obama hosts with her brother, Craig Robinson. She explained that, for her and her husband, former President Barack Obama, the East Wing was about welcoming the American people – both in a literal sense, as it served as the visitor’s entrance to the White House, and through the work they did there.

“We were thinking about those kids like us who were outside of the gates of the South Lawn looking in ... not knowing what it is to be in the White House ... because a lot of those kids didn’t feel invited in,” Michelle Obama said. “Our goal was to make that house as open as possible, and the East Wing, that was the place where that got done.” Throughout her White House tenure and beyond, Obama’s fashion choices have been driven by that desire to welcome and embrace the public. In her new book, written with her longtime stylist Meredith Koop, the former first lady takes readers on a journey through the evolution of her clothes, hair and makeup from a kid growing up on the South Side of Chicago to her time in the White House and now, as a political and cultural symbol. “The point isn’t the look,” she said, alluding to the book’s title. “It’s us looking out for the country. It’s us looking out for the nation. It’s us looking out for all those people who are depending on us. ... The look goes both ways.” During her eight years as first lady, Obama was constantly on the move. Some days, she said, she would go from giving a speech to digging in her vegetable garden on the White House lawn with children. The clothes she wore needed to keep up with that activity, Obama said.

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