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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Grand Jury Probe into Russia Investigation]

CRAIG MELVIN: Also, been some buzz overnight with regard to the Justice Department. What more can you tell us about that?

PETER ALEXANDER: A senior Trump administration official, Craig, tells NBC News that the Attorney General, Pam Bondi, has now ordered the Justice Department to turn back the clock in effect, to revisit the 2016 election, directing DOJ prosecutors to convene a grand jury to investigate the Obama White House and the intelligence community's assessment of Russian interference in 2016. In effect, what were once musings by President Trump during the campaign and since taking office now are part of a watershed moment for the DOJ taking action just days after the President himself, without evidence, accused former President Obama of treason. It is unclear what the charges might be and who could be charged. For their part, Democrats and former Justice Department officials have condemned this move. They say it is a dangerous political stunt. And, to be clear, a bipartisan Intelligence Committee review found significant evidence of Russian interference in 2016, contradicting the idea that there was an Obama conspiracy against President Trump, Craig.