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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Tonight; Russiagate Report; Schiff Accused of Leaking Classified Information]

BRET BAIER: Another story we're following tonight, California Senator Adam Schiff is being accused by a fellow Democrat of leaking classified information relating to the Russiagate scandal. Schiff's office is denying those claims. Senior congressional correspondent Chad Pergram has all the details this evening from Capitol Hill.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Tonight; Russiagate Exposed; Staffer Says Schiff Leaked Classified Information]

CHAD PERGRAM: "Treasonous" and "illegal." That's how a Democratic whistleblower characterized Adam Schiff, accusing him of green lighting the leak of classified information to undercut President Trump during the 2017 Russiagate investigation.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY KAROLINE LEAVITT: The President has already said he wants to see Adam Schiff held accountable for the countless lies he told the American people in relation to the Russiagate scandal.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Tonight; Selective Release; Report Alleges Material Designed to Indict Trump]

PERGRAM: The whistleblower was a veteran House Intelligence Committee staffer. The FBI summary obtained by Fox says Schiff told aides he would "leak classified information which was derogatory to" the President in hopes of scoring an indictment for the Commander in Chief.

CONGRESSMAN RICK CRAWFORD (R-AR) [on FNC's *America Reports*, 08/12/25]: It's beyond unseemly. This was just an egregious breach and really a reprehensible act on the part of Adam Schiff.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Tonight; Unsubstantiated Claims; California Senator Fires Back at Whistleblower]

PERGRAM: Schiff's office caused this baseless smears, saying the whistleblower was "not reliable, not credible, and was fired." Schiff was the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee as it probed possible 2016 election interference.

THEN-CONGRESSMAN ADAM SCHIFF (D-CA) [on 03/20/17]: If the Trump campaign or anyone associated with it aided or abetted the Russians, it would not only be a serious crime, it would also represent one of the most shocking betrayals of democracy in history.

PERGRAM: Schiff, who led the Democrats first impeachment of President Trump, now faces an unrelated criminal investigation for alleged mortgage fraud.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP [on 07/22/25]: Now it looks like Adam Schiff really did a bad thing. They have them.

PERGRAM: Democrats say the GOP is trying to shift the narrative.

SENATOR CHRIS VAN HOLLEN (D-MD): Look, this is nonsense. This is an effort to change the subject away from the Epstein files.

PERGRAM: The FBI summary indicates that Schiff hoped Hillary Clinton would win in 2016, Schiff aspired to run the CIA, Bret.

BAIER: Chad Pergram live on the Hill. Chad, thanks.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Targeting Trump; Whistleblower Claims Schiff Approved Classified Leaks]

JOHN SOLOMON [on FNC's *Hannity*, 08/11/25]: This whistleblower literally sat in the meeting, he says. He tells the FBI, Adam Schiff authorized the leaking of classified secrets to dirty up Donald Trump and to try to build towards either a select committee in Congress or a special prosecutor.

VAN HOLLEN: I would just refer every American to the bipartisan report that was done by the Senate Intelligence Committee about what happened in the 2016 election. That was unanimous, and it was bipartisan.

BAIER: Well, allegations that California Senator Adam Schiff was leaking classified intel. The FBI director posting last night: "We found it, we declassified it. Now Congress can see how classified info was leaked to shape political narratives and decide if our institutions were weaponized against the American people." A spokesperson for Senator Schiff says "Kash Patel's latest smear against Senator Schiff is absolutely and categorically false. It's just the latest in a series of defamatory attacks from the president and his allies meant to distract from their plummeting poll numbers and the Epstein file scandal." So, we are in the middle of an investigation. We will see where it goes, Josh, but it is something.

JOSH HOLMES: It is something and look, the problem is accountability delayed is it's impossible to fully calculate the damage that this discourse did to this period of time. We've all moved on, obviously, since those four years, and everything about it. We reelected President

Trump and everything else. But the amount of damage that was done now allegedly directly by Adam Schiff, is incalculable at some level and one of the reasons why they absolutely feared Kash Patel becoming FBI director is because he was there. He was on the committee when Adam Schiff and his colleagues were doing this exact thing. He's now gotten to the bottom of it. I hope there is accountability, because it's certainly justified.