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“SPYGATE is in full force!” Trump exclaimed, citing text messages between the FBI officials Peter Strzok and Lisa Page. “Is the Mainstream Media interested yet? Big Stuff!”

But a CNN review of the text messages between Strzok and Page show no evidence to back up Trump’s claims that the Trump-Russia investigation started in December 2015. And it appears that Trump was relying on a Fox Business host who suggested there were new, unredacted text messages. But those texts had actually been sitting on a Senate committee website for four months.

Trump tweeted roughly an hour [after Fox Business’ Lou Dobbs claimed on air](#) that “the FBI May have initiated a number of spies into the Trump campaign as early as December of 2015.”

That report came after the far-right website Gateway Pundit seized on a Twitter user and a Reddit forum posting the texts on Monday to claim the FBI was running spies into the Trump campaign in December 2015.

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