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The former president make a very unpatriotic offer on behalf of the Patriots. In 2008 before, the NFL's deflategate there was Spygate the New England Patriots were under Fire for filming opponents, hand signals and one senator from Pennsylvania was hot on the case, then a Republican and ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Arlen Specter launched an investigation into the Scandal. This was potentially bad news for the NFL but according to Specter Mutual friend of his and Patriots owner. Robert Kraft thought he could make the investigation disappear spectres Memoir life among the cannibals documented, a discussion with that friend, quote, on the signal stealing, a mutual friend. Had told me that if I laid off the Patriots, there'd be a lot of money in Palm Beach. I replied, I couldn't care less that one line. Always nagged at investigative reporter. Don Van natta junior. He needed to know who was that. Mutual friend who allegedly offered a bribe to a sitting. Senator years later, he believes that he has the answer. Donald J Trump that's according to the late, Senator son, Shane inspector as detailed in Don Van natta Juniors, ESPN report, Shane and telling ESPN his dad was upset, quote, he told me about the call in the wake of the conversation and his anger about it. My father was upset when such overtures would happen because he

felt as if it were tantamount to a bribe. So To Tatian, though, the case law on this subject says it isn't? He would tell me these things when they occurred, we were very close ESPN, reported that campaign Finance experts are split on whether this amounted to a bribe in a legal sense, we reached out to both Trump and crafts for comment. Their spokespeople referred us to their denials in the ESPN story in 2020. Shane inspector supported President Biden's election did but says his statements are in no way politically motivated in Fact van, Atta, Junior notes, that Shane and only answered his question definitively after Senator spector's long time, Communications aide, Charles Robbins implicated Trump even before the alleged involvement of Donald Trump. It was clear that Senator Specter was deeply frustrated by the entire Spygate issue. Here's what he told me on my radio program in February of 2008 shortly before launching his one-man investigation. Light slap on the wrist for what is involved here it was. The it was the harshest event in NFL history to whole hell of a lot, Michael the harshest in history of choice and they find the money. And what I think was of concern to a lot of people including me was Belichick's response when he was asked by the media, why he brushed it off. Pacific wash, worthy ever apply there. There was no, it was don't bother me. Senator Arlen Specter passed in 2012 for years

before Donald Trump was elected president. Joining me now is a son Shane. Inspector, he's a lawyer and adjunct law professor at Stanford Berkeley Hastings and pain, full disclosure, he is my friend of more than 30 years. Shannon did ESPN get the story, right? Yes, sir. They did. What, what exactly did your father tell you?

And said that he got off the phone with Donald Trump who had passed along an offer from Bob Kraft the Patriots owner that, if my father laid off his investigation of Patriots, that there'd be a lot of money for him at Palm Beach. And how did your father interpret that offer? He felt it was close to it and offer of a bribe of not an offer of a bribe and he has some legal research and for that and only he found that it did not quite fit. The Bribe definition under US Supreme Court precedent, but he was very angry about it and and disappointed in. Donald Trump was his friend. You supported now President Biden in the campaign. Do politics have anything to do with this. Asian coming to light now. Don't like they don't look if I were interested in trying to get Donald Trump, I would have tried to make us think about this 2016 when he ran for president or in 2020. When he ran for re-election for president, I got a phone call from ESPN. It goes back now, 18 months

ago or so, asking me questions about this part of my father's book. I answered the questions and that's all there is to it. I I heard the

But maybe I was out again president, probably not just not sell. Well this is poo President Trump is you think about the phone calling have a president Belinsky in 2019 this is like the phone call with my father. They wrote inappropriate phone calls were elected officials inappropriately mixing official business with campaign matters. The causal in freediving people that this phone call to my father is going to end up being a foot. Note history. Well, it's a pretty big footnote because I took note of the fact that the morning after the tragedy in San Jose this week, the killing the slaying of nine individuals. When I looked online at the Washington Post, the number one story in the post, was this report from ESPN? What accounts for that? I think there is tremendous hatred of President Trump in this country.

Anything that reinforces that hatred is going to be read and watched I think however that it is I'll analysis, it's not going to change any opinion. I don't think there's anybody in America with a good opinion of President Trump on Tuesday this week and has been a thinking of him today based upon the story on the SBA. When the story broke, I received an email from Roger, Stone, the subject of which I'm going to

quote, literally he said this is all bullshit and it's hearsay. What's your response?

Between Donald Trump and my father in 2008, and he wasn't in the phone, call that occurred. Just after that being my father and me, you were the conversation that occurred at our home with my wife. And I, and my dad of the following weekend though, I don't think Roger knows much about that, nor much about evidence for that matter because you really want to get technical about it, it would be admissible under a variety of hearing. Exceptions. How typical was it? I'm curious now about the big picture as to what if anything this says about the climate in Washington, in the time that your father was there which was a long time, Pennsylvania's, longest-serving United States Senator. How often would offers like this be made to him he would mention to me once every ice a few years but he felt somebody across the line mixing in conversations about official business with campaign. Two visions, it made him very angry. It's the kind of thing that does happen in Washington. Occasionally it happens in state, capitals around the country as well. It is wrong. It's not an appropriate conversation at some people have it in their character to say, things like that. So I most people fortunately do not Shane it a final thought.

Your father was a lot of things. He was not corruptable mean, those of us who knew him and knew him well, knew that he had a deep sense of Integrity. Donald Trump knew him fairly well. Does it belie? The story in any way that Donald Trump would have even made such an overture to your dad, because if he knew him, he'd know that Arlen Specter would have no tolerance for that.

I just think that's the way that Donald Trump is. I don't think he cares that much about the listener, hears more about the speaker and this is the way he's always operated. He's got himself in trouble for doing stuff like this. He was impeached in 2019 over something just like this. In relation to the phone call with my father, he was not outed by my father was late because of their friendship. My father, I think prize is All teacher was friends on it. Of course, that was a different Donald Trump than the one we have come to know from from the public issue. We did. Of course, put the fact of the phone call in his book, he was very angry about the fall and very angry about the Patriot party. Was it a break point in their relationship? No, it was not a great point and their relationship, he continued to have affection for Donald Trump. They had known each other since the 1980s, Trump had begun to follow my father's career in the 1960s when he was a student at Penn,

and they have a warm relationship. I think the right word to use is a, he was disappointed in his friend, Donald Trump, but he wasn't going to report him to the FBI. Chain. And thank you for that. Let's see what you're saying on my Smerconish Twitter and Facebook pages. This comes, I think, from the world of Twitter, I have no doubt that Trump tried to bribe Senator Specter. I mean, seriously, we only have to go as far as his mentor, Roger Stone to realize. What sort of malarkey he uses to take advantage of those in government. Well, Jared, I didn't know that was coming but you heard me, offer you what, Roger Stone thinks of this whole story. I'll be more delicate this time and

He thinks it's all Bs and hearsay, and couldn't be proven and yada yada yada make up your own mind. I want to remind you go to my website. It's Ricotta's [s.com](https://www.ricotta.com) answer. This week's survey question.

Please did the covid-19 virus originated naturally or by lab leak of ahead. 90 percent of Millennials and gen Z don't want to go back to the office, we're going to take a closer look at how different

Generations view work habits and later. Imagine if you were, A task to take a bullet for the president, that's what's expected of the men and women of the Secret Service. And a new book details, how the service has also been stretched pretty thin for a long, long time.

