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Here's the full version of that mystery sentence from AG Barr's summary of the Mueller report

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US Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein (right) listened while Attorney General William Barr spoke Thursday. BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

When Trump-appointed Attorney General William Barr released a letter late last month summarizing the Mueller report, it quickly came under a lot of scrutiny.

People noticed that Barr's letter featured only a [handful](#) of direct quotes from Mueller's report, and [one particular detail they wondered about](#) was a "T" that Barr scrupulously bracketed in the following quote from Mueller's report.

[Barr's letter](#) read: "[T]he investigation did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities."

The bracket suggested, particularly to those who wondered whether Barr was spinning the soon-to-be-released report favorably for his boss, that it was not a full sentence and was preceded by something.

For weeks, people could only guess what the beginning of that sentence said.

But, now, [with the Mueller report released](#), we finally know what came before that half-sentence — and it turns out it was not flattering to President Trump.

Here's the full version of that sentence:

"Although the investigation established that the Russian government perceived it would benefit from a Trump presidency and worked to secure that outcome, and that the Campaign expected it would benefit electorally from information stolen and released through Russian efforts, the investigation did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities."

And that sentence was actually the end of a larger paragraph, which began:

“As set forth in detail in this report, the Special Counsel’s investigation established that Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election principally through two operations. First, a Russian entity carried out a social media campaign that favored presidential candidate Donald J. Trump and disparaged presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Second, a Russian intelligence service conducted computer-intrusion operations against entities, employees, and volunteers working on the Clinton Campaign and then released stolen documents. The investigation also identified numerous links between the Russian government and the Trump Campaign.”

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