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Trump's acting chief of staff admits Ukraine was a Ukraine quid pro quo

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Mick Mulvaney, acting chief of staff, speaks at the White House on Thursday. (Alex Brandon/AP)

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The quid has been updated.

After weeks of President Trump and the White House suggesting there was no quid pro quo — or that it wasn't a "big" one — acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney on Thursday admitted that. But that's it. And that's why so fed up Republicans are. Mulvaney's quid pro admission was a mere footnote to his claim that there was nothing wrong with the quid, but that is absolutely appropriate.

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"Did it, yes, quid pro quo," Trump said Thursday. "There was nothing."

"There was no quid pro quo, but there was a lot of discussion with the other side were winners," Trump said Sept. 25.

"There was no quid pro quo," he said again Oct. 3.

He also repeatedly insisted other people were saying it.

... Ma, tell me what's a very friendly and very, very, very,