

**Manafort tries to pen positive op-ed on Ukraine work: special counsel**  
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**Special counsel thwarts Paul Manafort [pictured] efforts to escape the conditions of his plea agreement.**

By [Sarah N. Lynch](#) for Reuters, Dec 5, 2017 WASHINGTON - The special counsel investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election on Monday accused President Donald Trump's former campaign manager, Paul Manafort, of working with a Russian colleague to draft an opinion piece about his political work for Ukraine. In court filings, a prosecutor working with Special Counsel Robert Mueller's team said Manafort was working on the article as recently as Nov. 30. Had it been published, prosecutors say it would have violated a Nov. 8 court order not to discuss the case publicly. The Russian colleague who was working with Manafort allegedly to shape public opinion about his work for a Ukrainian political party has ties to Russian intelligence agencies, according to the filing. Manafort ultimately never published the opinion piece, after prosecutors reached out to his attorneys to alert them, they said in the filing. [&hellip;]  
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