

Here is one version of how events may evolve over the next few weeks:

- ◆ Trump visits Russia in his official presidential capacity for an important meeting with Putin, to coordinate international efforts on coronavirus response.
- ◆ While in Russia, he experiences an acute medical issue requiring an immediate treatment and is hospitalized there. His doctors strongly advise against flying back to the U.S. until his condition stabilizes.
- ◆ Trump's family goes to Russia to visit him, and then they decide to stay there for a while to support him during his illness.
- ◆ Claiming serious but temporary health concerns, Trump announces that he resigns from his current presidential term to focus on completing his treatment, that makes Mike Pence the President for the rest of this term.
- ◆ Trump still maintains he squarely won the presidential election, and promises his campaign will continue its fight in courts to prove it, saying he is planning to fully recover and return to the U.S. well before January 20, 2021 to be sworn in for his second presidential term.
- ◆ After some people in the U.S. call for a criminal investigation and indictment of Trump, pointing that he is not currently in office and does not have an immunity, President Pence declares that those calls are unsubstantiated and politically motivated attempts to derail his second presidential term, and issues a blanket pardon to Trump to foreclose those attempts "out of abundance of caution".
- ◆ Regardless of the pardon issued for federal offenses, some states announce criminal investigations into Trump. Trump declares that those attempts are politically motivated and orchestrated by Biden and Democrats to steal the election. Moreover, he says, they are plainly illegal because he has already received full pardon from Pence for all alleged crimes, although he did not commit any.
- ◆ As those investigations evolve, Trump says he has recovered, but cannot immediately return to the U.S. because of the fear of political persecution. He promises to be back exactly on time for his inauguration.
- ◆ On January 20, 2021, Biden is sworn in as the next President of the United States. Trump declares Biden is not a legitimate President and stays in Russia.