

# Congress Probes White House-Linked Campaign to Deceive Media on Iran Nuclear Deal

The other shoe drops. Adam Kredo writes in the [inquiry](#) is part of a larger effort by lawmakers to discern the origins of a [engulfed in controversy](#) since the *Free Beacon* and other media outlets exposed its efforts to [held strategy sessions](#) with White House officials to force support for the deal in Congress.

New information from the Pompeo inquiry shows that Cirincione downplayed his ties to the White House's pro-Iran efforts to create the impression that he was a neutral foreign policy observer. Cirincione did several interviews at NPR and other outlets boosting the nuclear deal, and billed himself as a top source for reporters seeking information about the administration's diplomacy.

"After the Obama administration cited your organization, the Ploughshares Fund, as a key surrogate in its selling of the Iran nuclear deal, the attention of the media and the American public turned to your group," Pompeo wrote in a Wednesday letter to Cirincione. "Ploughshares' contributions, totaling \$700,000 to National Public Radio (NPR) over the past several years, raised concerns of bias and journalistic ethics."

"Specifically, your behavior as the leader of this organization during the Iran deal debate has left many with questions," wrote Pompeo, who has been investigating these ties since the *Free Beacon* disclosed that NPR had [denied](#) on [included Ploughshares video](#) about the deal titled, "How we won."