What GOP memo says — and what it doesn’t

File’s accuracy difficult to assess without sources

By Casio Day

WASHINGTON — After more than a week of partisan bickering and social media-fueled building, the House Republicans’ memo is finally ready for their faith.

President Donald Trump declared Thursday the GOP majority of the House intelligence committee released it. And the public version of the four-page, GOP-authored document began Friday. Here are a few key takeaways:

What’s the gist? The memo makes a series of allegations of misconduct on the part of the FBI and the Justice Department in deriving a warrant under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA, to launch former Trump campaign foreign policy advisor Carter Page.

Specifically, it takes aim at the FBI’s use of information from a former British intelligence agent, Christopher Steele, who provided a collection of memos containing several allegations of ties between Trump’s associates and Russia.

The memo says the FBI and the Justice Department didn’t tell the FISA court.

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After memo’s publication, Trump claims vindication

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factors to clean up, new threats have sprung up in
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