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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney on Friday defied a subpoena for his testimony in the House impeachment probe at the last minute, in what is likely the Democrats' final effort to hear privately from witnesses about President Trump's contacts with Ukraine before their inquiry goes public.

Mulvaney did not appear for his closed-door deposition in the Capitol, citing White House claims of immunity, according to an official working on the inquiry. The official said Mulvaney's outside counsel informed House investigators "one minute" before his scheduled deposition that he would not appear.

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