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Omarosa Unhinged is on the launch pad -- Is she auditioning for costar/Arch-enemy status in *Celebrity Apprentice President*?

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8/14/18 Bulletin – Amarosa’s Unhinged is on the launch pad – [NBC’s Meet the Press with Chuck Todd](#) devoted 21 minutes Sunday to Amarosa Manigault Newman and her new book, Unhinged: An Insider’s Account of the Trump White House, set for release today, Tuesday, August 14th. Both the book and Newman’s entire recent story line revolve around tapes – including a dispute about a tape that Newman claims to have heard, in which then-reality TV host Trump is reported to use the N-word. Portions of one more recent tape were played – Newman’s recording of a meeting with White House Chief of Staff John Kelly, who told her she was being fired. Kelly says: “We’re going to talk to you about leaving the White House. It’s come to my attention over the last few months that there’s been, in my opinion, some pretty significant integrity issues...” Kelly indicates the firing decision is his, not President Trump’s, and suggests that if she, in effect, goes quietly and cooperatively, her future path will be smoother. Nelson thought she was clearly being threatened, and commented to Todd: “that’s downright criminal.” She adds: “and then, they tried to buy off my silence, which is also unlawful.” The following day, on [the Today show](#), when describing her Situation Room meeting with John Kelly, she told Savannah Guthrie: “and the moment I said I would like to leave, and they said I can’t go it became false imprisonment... I’m going to tell you there are other people who’ve been treated this way by General Kelly, there’s a lot of very corrupt things happening in the White House, and I am going to blow the whistle on a lot of this.” Regarding legal issues,

and in particular regarding taping the conversation in the Situation Room, Newman also told Guthrie: “I have protections. The moment that I decided to blow the whistle on a lot of the corruption going on in the White House there are protections that are afforded to me.”

Nelson told Todd she was offered a job, conditioned on a non-disclosure and non-disparagement agreement, and added it wasn’t a real job, saying “they told me I could work from home, if I even wanted to work, they didn’t really care if I showed up, in fact there are several former employees from the White House who actually signed this agreement, who are all being paid \$15,000 for their silence” [ed: that could refer to monthly pay.] On the N-word, and her White House experience more generally – Newman wrote in her book that during a phone conversation “I was told exactly what Donald Trump said yes – the N-word and others in a classic Trump-goes-nuclear rant – and when he’d said them. During production he was miked and there is definitely an audio track.” Newman told Todd that although she herself had not heard the tape before her book went into print, she has personally heard it since then: “... and I heard his voice as clear as you and I are sitting here... I have heard for two years that existed, and once I heard it for myself, it was confirmed what I feared the most... that Donald Trump is a con... and has been masquerading as someone who is actually open to engaging with diverse communities, but when he talks that way, the way he did on this tape, it confirmed that he is truly a racist.” Nelson acknowledged her role in promoting Trump up to when she was fired, but offered as an explanation: “being used by Donald Trump for so long I was like the frog in the hot water... I will say this to you; I was complicit with this White House deceiving this nation. They continue to deceive this nation by how mentally declined he is, how difficult it is for him to process complex information...” Nelson also says, apparently referring to White House staff and not to the Cabinet: “I was working to try to find someone who could take my place. I was the only African-American at the table. If I left, which I did, when I left there has been no new appointment of an African-America assistant to the President, which means that people are making decisions about us without us.”

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