Regarding “Nunes, in secretly recorded tape, says GOP needs to protect Trump” (Page A12, Friday), listen to the audio and read the transcript of U.S. Rep. Devin Nunes’ fundraiser. Nunes, R-Calif., does not say we should retain a Republican-controlled Congress in order to preserve the current conservative legislative policy agenda (e.g., taxes, immigration, etc.). If he said that, there would be no constitutional problem.

Instead, Nunes makes clear that, “If Sessions won’t unrecuse and Mueller won’t clear the president, we’re the only ones.” In short, only a Republican House can defend Donald Trump. Clearly, Nunes didn’t need explicitly to use the word “protect” to suggest he wants the Republicans to retain control of the House in order to protect the president — something that obviously would violate their constitutional duty; the implication is apparent. Keep in mind as well Nunes’ questionable record as chair of the House Intelligence Committee. Unlike the Senate Intelligence Committee, Nunes prematurely shut down the investigation and refused to entertain all the relevant facts.

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