

Donald Trump changed his immigration speech—because a tweet made him mad

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This is my Twitter finger. You don't want to make it angry.

Remember that little gem from the Clinton campaign?



Hillary Clinton

"A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons."
—Hillary

Funny, right? It's not as if anyone, even Donald Trump, would change international policy just because someone popped a few words onto Twitter. Right? [Wrong.](#)

As Donald Trump arrived in Phoenix late Wednesday, fresh from a visit to Mexico City's presidential palace, he had in his hands a big immigration speech that omitted the usual line that Mexico would have to pay for his proposed wall along the U.S. southern border.

Just after landing, though, Mr. Trump discovered that Mexican President Enrique

Peña Nieto had tweeted that he had told the Republican presidential nominee during their private meeting earlier that day that his country would refuse to pay for the wall. Mr. Trump was peeved ...

Peeved. I'm certain that's exactly how Donald Trump described it to those on Flying Small-Hands Compensation Force One. "You know, this Peña Nieto has peeved me. My dander is definitely on the rise." Maybe the word "ire" was used.

So Mr. Trump hurriedly inserted a new sentence in his immigration speech, and he soon boomed out from the podium his traditional declaration that the wall would be paid for by Mexico—adding, "They don't know it yet but they're going to pay for the wall."

And so concludes your first example of how Donald Trump would handle sensitive international relations. Next up? That time the Chinese said something about his hair.

What else did Trump say when seeing Peña Nieto's tweet?

"I have to add back the line that Mexico will pay," Mr. Trump said, according to the people with him, adding that he couldn't let that tweet go unanswered. He couldn't let the tweet go unanswered. No. Of course he couldn't.