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First, I want to add a bonus **Shocking Surprise under President Trump** to the list I published the other day here.

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#9 - Janet Yellen reappointed Fed Chair

Donald Trump attacked and criticized the Fed and Chair Janet Yellen during the campaign. He blamed her and them for many of our economic woes along with the stock market being on the edge of a cliff about to plummet. Once 20,000 was hit, Trump changed his tune dramatically, exclaiming how great it was to achieve that milestone with more upside ahead.

As Yellen's term as chair expires at the end of 2018, Donald Trump does an about face and reappoints her for a second four year term. At that time, the Fed successfully raised interest rates to 2.5% without adversely slowing down the economy. At the same time, the stock market's bull market kept on going with the Dow exceeding 23,000.

Now back to the originally scheduled quick update on today's Fed meeting.

It doesn't feel like it's been six weeks since the December meeting when the FOMC raised interest rates 1/4%, but it really has. Can we get time to stand still for a month or so in order for us all to catch up? With President Trump occupying the headlines on a daily basis, Janet Yellen & Co. must be ecstatic that they out of the limelight and crosshairs for that matter.

Today concludes the Fed's two day meeting and expectations are for no rate hike, especially after that weaker than expected GDP report last week. While the market is pricing in at least two rate hikes this year, I think they are on the low side. I would not be surprised to see a minimum of four increases in 2017 with the risk to the upside.

However, as you know, I still don't think the Fed should hike at all. They are fighting a battle that doesn't yet exist and risking another leg higher in the dollar's bull market which will have grave long-term consequences. For now, I have been discussing, the dollar's is seeing a mean reverting move to the downside as it gears up for a bigger rally later in the year.

The model for today's stock market is plus or minus 0.50% until 2pm and then a rally into the close. One of our Fed models is active today and that suggests at least a 75% chance of a higher close.

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