

1 obligations to that client?

2 A. No, it wouldn't have been consistent.

3 Q. Did you speak with anyone at Baker
4 Hostetler about the work that you had been engaged
5 to do on then Candidate Trump?

6 A. Not that I recall.

7 Q. So the point in time at which you were in
8 meetings that included -- the meetings that you had
9 related to the Court hearing at Prevezon that
10 you've already discussed, the dinner, the Court
11 hearing, and then a subsequent dinner, they occur
12 right around the same time that Natalia
13 Veselnitskaya and Rinat Akhmetshin and the
14 individual you described as a translator, Anatoli
15 Samochornov, met -- or it has been reported met
16 with individuals in the Trump campaign. Did that
17 topic just never come up during those three days?

18 A. It never came up. I don't know what else
19 to say. It never came up.

20 Q. So you at the time had no idea that they
21 were meeting with or met -- and actually, in fact,
22 met with members of the Trump campaign?

23 A. I didn't have any idea about that meeting
24 until quite recently.

25 Q. So in an August 1, 2017 news briefing

1 White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders
2 said "The Democrat linked firm Fusion GPS actually
3 took money from the Russian government while it
4 created the phoney dossier that's been the basis
5 for all of the Russia scandal fake news." What is
6 your response to that statement?

7 A. It's not true?

8 Q. And what in particular is not true about
9 it?

10 A. Well, it's a false allegation leveled by
11 William Browder before this committee and in other
12 places for the purpose of his advantage. She's
13 repeating an allegation that was aired before this
14 committee and in other places that we were working
15 for the Russian government and it's not true.

16 Most importantly the allegation that we were
17 working for the Russian government then or ever is
18 simply not true. I don't know what to say. It's
19 political rhetoric to call the dossier phoney. The
20 memos are field reports of real interviews that
21 Chris's network conducted and there's nothing
22 phoney about it. We can argue about what's prudent
23 and what's not, but it's not a fabrication.

24 Q. And I think you've already answered you
25 contend that you were not taking money from the

1 Russian government and that was in relation to the
2 litigation work you had done with Baker Hostetler,
3 correct?

4 A. Yes. They are a well-regarded law firm
5 that has obligations to determine the sources of
6 funds when they take a client and, to my knowledge,
7 they did so and the money was not coming from the
8 Russian government.

9 Q. So that was for the Prevezon work for
10 Baker Hostetler. Did you take money in any way,
11 shape, or form that could be attributed to the
12 Russian government for the work that you were
13 doing -- the opposition research work that you were
14 doing on then Candidate Trump?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did, to the best of your knowledge,
17 Mr. Steele take money in any way, shape, or form
18 that could be attributed to the Russian government
19 for the work that he did on the memos as part of
20 the opposition research on Candidate Trump?

21 A. No.

22 I'll add one more thing to the response to
23 Sarah Huckabee Sanders, which is her assertion that
24 we are a Democrat linked opposition research firm.
25 I think I addressed this earlier, but to be clear,

1 we don't have a business of -- we're not an
2 appendage to the Democratic party. We run a
3 commercial business, we're all ex-journalists. We
4 take clients from both sides of the aisle. We have
5 a long history of that, I'm proud of that. I'm
6 happy to say I have lots of Republican clients and
7 friends.

8 Q. To the extent there have been allegations
9 or indications that the work that Mr. Steele did,
10 his research into Russian interference in the 2016
11 election, or your work could have been influenced
12 by Rinat Akhmetshin, do you believe that is true
13 and if -- do you believe it's true?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Do you believe that the work that
16 Mr. Steele did on Russian interference and possible
17 ties to the Trump campaign or your work could have
18 been influenced by Natalia Veselnitskaya?

19 A. No.

20 MS. SAWYER: I think my time is up for this
21 round. So I appreciate your patience and we'll
22 take a break.

23 MR. FOSTER: It's 5:34.

24 (A short break was had.)

25 MR. DAVIS: We'll go back on the record.

1 It's 5:43 p.m.

2 EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. DAVIS:

4 Q. Mr. Simpson, could you walk us through
5 your itinerary to the best you remember it from
6 June 8th through 10th of 2016, especially any
7 interactions you had with Prevezon team members
8 during those three days?

9 MR. LEVY: Beyond what he's discussed today?

10 MR. DAVIS: Yes.

11 BY THE WITNESS:

12 A. I took the train to New York. I don't
13 recall, but I may have had other business. I don't
14 remember. I think there was a dinner. I went back
15 to my hotel, went to bed. Got up the next morning.
16 I don't remember the sequence, but I remember
17 meeting with Weber Shandwick, the PR firm, about
18 preparations for -- I think we expected there was
19 going to be a trial. I think that's what it was
20 about. It might have been about the press coverage
21 of the hearing. I just don't remember. I went to
22 the hearing and I think -- if I remember the
23 sequence correctly, I went to the hearing, then I
24 had the meeting with those guys, the Weber
25 Shandwick guys, and then I hightailed it home. My

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1 son's junior prom was that night or senior prom and
2 I was under some pressure to go home and be a dad.

3 Q. And then on the 10th, that first day back
4 in D.C.?

5 A. I don't think that was my first day back.
6 I was back the evening of the 9th.

7 Q. Sorry. The first full day.

8 A. I think it was a weekend. So I don't know
9 what I was doing. Probably just relaxing. I went
10 to the dinner, it was at a restaurant called
11 Barcelona up on Wisconsin Avenue, it was a social
12 occasion. I brought my wife, other people brought
13 their wives. We talked about books and other other
14 nongermene topics. It was just a social
15 occasion.

16 (Exhibit 6 was marked for
17 identification.)

18 BY MR. DAVIS:

19 Q. I'm going to show you an exhibit. I think
20 we're on 6. We understand these are meeting notes.
21 Do these phrases about -- including Mr. Browder
22 mean anything to you or relate to any of the
23 research that you conducted or otherwise aware of
24 regarding Mr. Browder?

25 MR. LEVY: When say "meetings notes," meeting

1 notes about what meeting?

2 MR. DAVIS: These are the meeting notes from
3 the June 9th meeting at Trump Tower. These are
4 Mr. Manafort's notes or they're contemporaneous.

5 BY THE WITNESS:

6 A. I could tell -- obviously you know who
7 Bill Browder is. Cyprus Offshore, Bill Browder's
8 structure, you know, investment -- Hermitage
9 Capital, his hedge fund, set up numerous companies
10 in Cyprus to engage in inward investment into
11 Russia, which is a common structure, both partially
12 for tax reasons but also to have entities outside
13 of Russia, you know, managing specific investments.
14 I can only tell you I assume that's what that
15 references. I don't know what the 133 million --

16 MR. FOSTER: Can I interrupt? And you know
17 that from research that you did and provided to --

18 MR. SIMPSON: Yes.

19 MR. LEVY: Let him finish.

20 MR. FOSTER: -- research that you did and
21 provided to Baker Hostetler and their client?

22 MR. SIMPSON: Yes. There was a -- I can
23 elaborate a little bit. As part of the research
24 into how Hermitage Capital worked we looked at
25 various things, their banking relationships, the

1 way they structured their investments in Russia. I
2 don't remember how many, but there was a large
3 number of shell companies in Cyprus that were used
4 to hold the investments of individual clients of
5 Hermitage. So one of the things we discovered from
6 that was the likely identities of some of
7 Hermitage's clients.

8 BY MR. DAVIS:

9 Q. Do any of the other entries in here mean
10 anything to you in light of the research you've
11 conducted or what you otherwise know about
12 Mr. Browder?

13 A. I'm going to -- I can only speculate about
14 some of these things. I mean, sometimes --

15 MR. LEVY: Don't speculate.

16 BY THE WITNESS:

17 A. Just would be guesses.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. I can skip down a couple. So "Value in
20 Cyprus as inter," I don't know what that means.
21 "Illici," I don't know what that means. "Active
22 sponsors of RNC," I don't know what that means.
23 "Browder hired Joanna Glover" is a mistaken
24 reference to Juliana Glover, who was Dick Cheney's
25 press secretary during the Iraq war and associated

1 with another foreign policy controversy. "Russian
2 adoptions by American families" I assume is a
3 reference to the adoption issue.

4 Q. And by "adoption issue" do you mean Russia
5 prohibiting U.S. families from adopting Russian
6 babies as a measure in response to the Magnitsky
7 act?

8 A. I assume so.

9 Q. The information here, is this generally
10 consistent with the type of information you or
11 Baker Hostetler were providing about Mr. Browder
12 and his activities?

13 MR. LEVY: Can you repeat that question.

14 MR. DAVIS: Is the information here, to the
15 best you can decipher it, consistent with the
16 information that you and Baker Hostetler and HRAGI
17 were relaying to other parties about Mr. Browder's
18 activities?

19 MR. LEVY: He's just told you that a lot of
20 what's here he doesn't know what it means, he
21 doesn't have knowledge or recollection as to these
22 terms.

23 MR. DAVIS: The parts you do recognize.

24 BY THE WITNESS:

25 A. Couple of the items touch on things that I

1 worked on, Cyprus, Bill Browder.

2 Q. I'm going to jump back to the Russia
3 investigation. You'd mentioned before you've had
4 some subcontractors that you've worked with long
5 enough that you call them super subs; is that
6 correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Orbis or Mr. Steele, is that one such
9 super sub in your opinion?

10 A. It's a loose term. We don't have a list
11 of super subs.

12 MR. FOSTER: Is he one of them?

13 MR. SIMPSON: There is no list. So I can't
14 tell you if he's one of them. He's a reliable
15 subcontractor who's worked with us in the past and
16 we've been very satisfied with the quality of his
17 work.

18 MR. LEVY: Just to reiterate, I think as you
19 described these super subs earlier loosely, even
20 with some of these super subs Mr. Simpson said that
21 he would talk about clients only on a need-to-know
22 basis even with the super subs, so-called.

23 BY MR. DAVIS:

24 Q. Beyond the memoranda prepared by
25 Mr. Steele, did Fusion create any other work

1 product relating to this investigation?

2 MR. LEVY: Which investigation?

3 MR. DAVIS: The investigation into Mr. Trump
4 and his associates.

5 MR. LEVY: In addition to what?

6 MR. DAVIS: Sorry. The investigation into
7 Mr. Trump and his associates.

8 MR. LEVY: I'm sorry. Just repeat the whole
9 question.

10 MR. DAVIS: Sure. In addition to the
11 memoranda compiled by Mr. Steele, did Fusion itself
12 create any other work product as part of this
13 investigation?

14 MR. LEVY: I just want to make sure there's
15 no confusion. It wasn't Fusion that created the
16 memoranda.

17 MR. DAVIS: Right, but it was a subcontractor
18 giving it back to Fusion.

19 MR. LEVY: That's correct.

20 BY MR. DAVIS:

21 Q. With that understanding, did Fusion create
22 any work product of its own?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And can you describe what type of work
25 product that was?

1 A. I believe I described it before. We do a
2 lot of public records research, things that are in
3 the news, things that are in court documents. We
4 summarize those things and try to document, you
5 know, and attach them to the underlying source
6 material.

7 Q. So you create sort of summary memoranda of
8 those documents?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. And to whom is that distributed?

11 MR. LEVY: As a general matter?

12 MR. DAVIS: Well, within the course of this
13 investigation.

14 MR. LEVY: Inasmuch as that answer calls for
15 client communications the answer might be
16 privileged, might touch on obligations Mr. Simpson
17 has. So he's not going to answer that question.

18 MR. FOSTER: Did you provide work product to
19 your client?

20 MR. LEVY: Again, the answer to that question
21 might implicate privilege or his obligations.

22 BY MR. DAVIS:

23 Q. Is the version of the Steele memoranda
24 that was published by BuzzFeed identical to the
25 version that Orbis provided Fusion?

1 A. To my knowledge, yes.

2 Q. The version published by BuzzFeed contains
3 several redactions, not merely the ones by
4 Mr. Gubarev, G-U-B-A-R-E-V, that were later added.
5 Were those redactions in the versions Mr. Steele
6 provided to you?

7 MR. LEVY: So wait. You're asking about the
8 version in Exhibit 3?

9 MR. DAVIS: Right.

10 MR. LEVY: And you're asking if the
11 redactions that appear here were delivered to
12 Fusion?

13 MR. DAVIS: Right.

14 BY THE WITNESS:

15 A. No.

16 Q. Do you know who added those redactions?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Did any version of the memoranda list
19 source and subsource names rather than referring to
20 sources anonymously?

21 A. I'm not sure I understand the question.

22 Q. In the version that we have as an exhibit
23 obviously it doesn't give identifying information
24 for sources, it says source A, subsources, things
25 like that. Was there ever a version that listed

1 the actual source names rather than substituting
2 them?

3 A. These are the versions that we received.

4 Q. They're what?

5 A. These are the memos that we received.

6 Q. Those are the memos you received. Okay.

7 MR. FOSTER: But he's asking if you received
8 any other memos that listed the sources?

9 MR. LEVY: He did not -- what I think he said
10 is that he did not receive any versions of these
11 memos that listed the sources.

12 MR. FOSTER: Okay. Did you receive any other
13 documentation from Mr. Steele that listed the
14 sources?

15 MR. SIMPSON: I don't want to get into source
16 information.

17 BY MR. DAVIS:

18 Q. Again, I don't want to repeat questions
19 that have been asked, but I don't want to
20 unintentionally omit anything. Did the version
21 provided to the FBI include all source names?

22 A. I don't know that there was a version
23 provided to the FBI.

24 Q. When Mr. Steele first met with the FBI in
25 the summer of 2016 do you know if he provided the

1 first memoranda that he created?

2 MR. LEVY: He's already answered that
3 question.

4 BY THE WITNESS:

5 A. No, I don't know.

6 Q. Do you know if he provided any other
7 memoranda to the FBI on a rolling basis at all at
8 any point?

9 MR. LEVY: He's answered that question too.

10 BY THE WITNESS:

11 A. I don't know.

12 Q. So I'd like to go back to Exhibit 4, I
13 believe. On page 3, paragraph 18 Mr. Steele's
14 attorneys are describing the December memoranda and
15 they state "The Defendants" -- again, that's
16 Mr. Steele and Orbis -- "continued to receive
17 unsolicited intelligence on the matters covered by
18 the pre-election memoranda after the U.S.
19 presidential election and the conclusion of the
20 assignment for Fusion."

21 They reiterate this point on Exhibit 5 on
22 page 4. Request 11 asks "Please state whether such
23 intelligence was actively sought by the
24 Defendant" --

25 A. Where are you at?

1 Q. Page 4, request 11. It states "Please
2 state whether such intelligence was actively sought
3 by the second Defendant or merely received as
4 presently pleaded." The response they say is "Such
5 intelligence was not actively sought, it was merely
6 received."

7 Did anyone -- are you aware of who sent this
8 unsolicited intelligence to Mr. Steele?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Could you describe his methods of
11 compiling the dossier a little more? I think
12 before you described field interviews. He seems to
13 be talking about unsolicited information coming to
14 him rather than information he sought out?

15 A. I can try. When you're doing field
16 information gathering you have a network of people,
17 sources. It's not like a light switch that you
18 turn on and off, these are people you work with.
19 So they call you and tell you stuff. You know, you
20 don't close the window and stop answering phone
21 calls, you know, when the engagement ends. So I
22 assume this is stuff that came in straggle,
23 whatever you call it.

24 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did
25 Mr. Steele pay any of his sources or subsources in

1 the memoranda for information?

2 A. I don't know. I think there's been a
3 little bit of confusion I would like to clear up.
4 Some people were saying that he was paying people
5 for information. I don't know whether he does or
6 not, but that's not basically how I understand
7 field operations to work. You commission people to
8 gather information for you rather than sort of
9 paying someone for a document or to sit for an
10 interview or something like that. That's not how I
11 understand it works.

12 Q. To make sure I understand, are you saying
13 you don't pay for particular information, you would
14 have an established financial arrangement with
15 someone?

16 A. If he did at all, but I did not ask and he
17 did not share that information. He did not invoice
18 me for any such.

19 Q. Did Mr. Steele ever discuss his opinion of
20 Mr. Trump with you?

21 A. We didn't discuss our political views of
22 Mr. Trump, I don't think, at least not that I
23 specifically remember, if that's what you mean.

24 Q. That is.

25 If I recall correctly, you said earlier that

1 once Fusion had exhausted public documentary
2 sources you turned to Mr. Steele and some other
3 subcontractors for human intelligence; is that
4 correct?

5 A. Yeah, field intelligence.

6 Q. Would your engagement with your client
7 have ended had you not turned to human
8 intelligence?

9 A. I have no idea. I mean, I can't
10 speculate.

11 Q. Well, to clarify, when say you had
12 exhausted the public documentation, are you saying
13 you reached the end of your work or was there still
14 more?

15 A. No. It's a broad project, there's lots of
16 things going on. We're pulling legal filings and
17 bankruptcies and all sorts of other stuff on all
18 kinds of issues. I was talking about specific
19 lines of inquiry.

20 Q. To the best of your knowledge, do Rinat
21 Akhmetshin and Christopher Steele know each
22 other?

23 A. I don't know.

24 Q. To the best of your knowledge, has
25 Mr. Akhmetshin ever worked with Orbis?

1 A. Not to my knowledge.

2 MR. FOSTER: If Mr. Akhmetshin were one of
3 the sources in the dossier, would you know that?

4 MR. SIMPSON: I believe he would have told me
5 that by now given the public controversy over this
6 matter, but he hasn't.

7 BY MR. DAVIS:

8 Q. I'm sorry. Is the "he" --

9 A. Chris Steele.

10 Q. How often would you say you interacted
11 with Mr. Akhmetshin during the 2016 elections
12 season?

13 A. Infrequently, intermittently.

14 Q. When was the last time you spoke with him?

15 A. I don't remember, but I don't think it
16 was -- I just don't remember.

17 Q. To the best of your knowledge, was Ed
18 Lieberman aware of your Trump research project?

19 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.

20 MR. FOSTER: Could you just tell us generally
21 who else other than your client was aware of the
22 Trump research project as it was going on. So
23 excluding your client and excluding your
24 subcontractors, who else knew that you were doing
25 it?

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1 MR. SIMPSON: Journalists.

2 MR. FOSTER: In the summer of 2016?

3 MR. SIMPSON: Yes.

4 MR. FOSTER: And they knew that because you
5 were telling them about it?

6 MR. SIMPSON: We get calls from journalists
7 who are working on stories about all kinds of
8 subjects and some things we can answer questions on
9 and others we don't. I'm a former journalist, as I
10 think you know, and we do lots of different kinds
11 of research and people who are working on a story
12 will call us and say what do you know about, you
13 know, Carter Page and we'll say, well, here's the
14 things that we know.

15 MR. FOSTER: And they're aware you're being
16 paid to do that research for a client?

17 MR. SIMPSON: I don't know. Generally that's
18 not an issue.

19 MR. FOSTER: So my question was who knew that
20 you were doing the research, the Trump-Russia
21 research at the time?

22 MR. LEVY: He answered the question. He told
23 you he spoke with journalists and told them what he
24 had found.

25 MR. FOSTER: Right. I was trying to clarify.

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1 My question was whether or not they knew you were
2 being paid to do that research.

3 MR. LEVY: He answered that question too and
4 he said he did not explain that to the journalists.

5 MR. SIMPSON: It's hard to generalize. I run
6 a business, it's a research business. Reporters
7 know we have clients who pay us to do research.
8 So, you know, I don't remember any specific queries
9 about whether we were being paid or not, but I
10 think most journalists would assume that someone
11 had paid us to do research.

12 MR. FOSTER: They knew you were doing a Trump
13 oppo research project as opposed to a Hillary
14 Clinton oppo research project?

15 MR. LEVY: From 2015 through the end of the
16 election?

17 MR. FOSTER: Can you let the witness answer,
18 please.

19 MR. SIMPSON: The word "they" is extremely
20 broad. Journalists would call and ask questions
21 about specific things and from that they might
22 conclude that we were doing a Trump oppo project.

23 It's just worth pointing out that in a
24 political season all kinds of people are doing
25 research on all kinds of things. Some people are

1 interested in trade, other people are interested in
2 guns. So you wouldn't necessarily intuit exactly
3 what we were doing. Most people are interested in,
4 you know -- they're interested in the story they're
5 working on. So some people will say, hey, I'm
6 interested in whether Donald Trump gets his ties
7 from third-world countries and they wouldn't ask
8 about anything else.

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q. You mentioned before, if I recall
11 correctly, that Fusion was having issues with
12 persons attempting to hack it?

13 A. That's a current concern, yes.

14 Q. When did that concern -- when did you
15 first become aware of that concern?

16 A. Relatively recently.

17 Q. So after the election?

18 A. Yes.

19 MR. FOSTER: Did you tell journalists that
20 you had engaged Mr. Steele in the summer of 2016?

21 MR. SIMPSON: I don't specifically remember
22 doing that until the fall.

23 MR. FOSTER: After the election or before?

24 MR. SIMPSON: Before the election.

25 MR. FOSTER: Can you remember the context in

1 which you told them that?

2 MR. SIMPSON: Yes.

3 MR. FOSTER: Can you describe it for us,
4 please.

5 MR. SIMPSON: Sure. Essentially there was --
6 at some point the controversy over the Trump
7 campaign's possible relationship with the Kremlin
8 became, you know, one of the main -- major issues
9 in the campaign and there were things that Chris
10 knew and understood to be the case that only he
11 could really explain in a credible way, and I
12 thought that -- we thought that he should be the
13 one that explains them, you know. So we sat down
14 with a small group of reporters who were involved
15 in investigative journalism of national security
16 issues and we thought were in a position to make
17 use of him as a resource.

18 MR. FOSTER: Do you recall whether that was
19 before or after he ended his relationship with the
20 FBI?

21 MR. SIMPSON: Before.

22 BY MR. DAVIS:

23 Q. Do you recall what the first published
24 article -- when the first published article came
25 out that referenced material from the memoranda?

1 A. Not specifically.

2 MR. FOSTER: Earlier you talked about
3 evaluating the credibility of the information in
4 the memoranda that you were being provided by
5 Mr. Steele and, by way of summary, you talked about
6 your belief that he was credible and that you had
7 worked with him before and the information he had
8 provided you had been reliable in the past. Did
9 you take any steps to try to assess the credibility
10 of his sources, his unnamed sources in the material
11 that he was providing to you?

12 MR. SIMPSON: Yes, but I'm not going to get
13 into sourcing information.

14 MR. FOSTER: So without getting into naming
15 the sources or anything like that, what steps did
16 you take to try to verify their credibility?

17 MR. SIMPSON: I'm going to decline to answer
18 that.

19 MR. FOSTER: Why?

20 MR. LEVY: It's a voluntary interview, and in
21 addition to that he wants to be very careful to
22 protect his sources. Somebody's already been
23 killed as a result of the publication of this
24 dossier and no harm should come to anybody related
25 to this honest work.

1 MR. FOSTER: I'm not asking him to identify
2 the sources. I'm just asking what steps he took to
3 try to verify or validate the information.

4 MR. LEVY: He's given you --

5 MR. FOSTER: If he can answer generally
6 without identifying the sources, I'd ask him to
7 answer.

8 MR. LEVY: He's given you over nine hours of
9 information and he's going to decline to answer
10 this one question.

11 MR. FOSTER: And several others.

12 MR. LEVY: Not many.

13 BY MR. DAVIS:

14 Q. I think you mentioned that you were in
15 London when you first heard that someone was
16 interested in hiring Fusion to work on the Trump
17 research; is that correct?

18 MR. LEVY: Repeat the question.

19 MR. DAVIS: If I recall correctly,
20 Mr. Simpson said that he was in London when he
21 first heard that somebody was interested in hiring
22 Fusion to do Trump research?

23 BY THE WITNESS:

24 A. That's my recollection.

25 Q. Were either of the clients on this project

1 not American citizens?

2 A. Were either of the clients on this --

3 MR. LEVY: Clients on which project?

4 BY MR. DAVIS:

5 Q. Were any clients on the Trump research not
6 American citizens?

7 A. I don't mind answering that if that's
8 okay. They're domestic clients.

9 MR. FOSTER: You said earlier that the
10 information that you gather in your work is owned
11 by the client, it's not owned by you, and so
12 therefore you also referenced your nondisclosure
13 agreements and that you felt like if you had
14 information that related to national security or
15 law enforcement that the nondisclosure agreement
16 did not prevent you from disclosing that
17 information to third parties. Is that a fair
18 summary?

19 MR. LEVY: Wait. You said a lot there.
20 Which third parties are you talking about?

21 MR. FOSTER: Well, to law enforcement.

22 MR. LEVY: I think he's answered this
23 already. You're asking him whether it was
24 permissible under his contractual obligations to
25 report a crime to the national security community,

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1 and he said yes, it's fine for him to do that.

2 MR. FOSTER: Right. I'm trying to summarize
3 the previous answer as a premise to my next
4 question. Is that an accurate summary of what you
5 said before?

6 MR. LEVY: Summarizing testimony is dangerous
7 after he's given nine hours of it. If you want to
8 ask him a question, ask him a question.

9 MR. FOSTER: Is there a specific provision in
10 your NDA that provides an exception for disclosure
11 to law enforcement or intelligence agencies?

12 MR. LEVY: I think he earlier didn't talk
13 about the contract, but if you want to talk about
14 it as a matter of practice what your understanding
15 is, go ahead.

16 MR. SIMPSON: I don't know.

17 MR. FOSTER: My colleague Ms. Sawyer asked
18 you earlier about public reports that the initial
19 client on the Trump work was a Republican and that
20 it's also been publicly reported that later there
21 was another client who was a supporter of Hillary
22 Clinton. Are you the source for any of those
23 public reports?

24 MR. LEVY: A hundred percent of what you were
25 saying was referring to news articles, right.

1 MR. SIMPSON: I've been asked about this by
2 various journals as to what I've heard, whether
3 they can report things that they've heard
4 elsewhere, and I have not -- I don't know if you'd
5 classify that as being a source, but I've been
6 asked those questions and I've avoiding getting
7 into specifics. But I have -- if people have
8 accurate information of a general nature like that,
9 I generally would not -- I would confirm things.

10 MR. FOSTER: Sorry. I didn't understand your
11 answer.

12 MR. MUSE: It's quite clear.

13 MR. SIMPSON: Depends on what you say a
14 source is. If someone calls me and say I hear
15 client No. 1 was a Republican, then I'd say I don't
16 have any problem with you writing that. That's not
17 quite the same thing.

18 MR. FOSTER: So you confirm the accuracy of
19 information?

20 MR. LEVY: He didn't say that.

21 MR. SIMPSON: There are certain things that
22 I've chosen not to deny. You know, generally
23 speaking, I deal with a lot of journalists. I'm
24 not going to mislead people.

25 BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. To the extent you can clarify, is it that
2 there were two sets of clients, one of whom was
3 Republican and one of which was a Clinton
4 supporter, or was it one person's whose views
5 changed?

6 MR. LEVY: We're not going to get into the
7 identity of clients. As you know, we've agreed to
8 an interview about questions 5 through 13 of the
9 March 24 request. Questions 1 through 4 talk about
10 the identities of the clients. The Chair and the
11 Ranking Member agreed with counsel for Mr. Simpson
12 about the scope of this interview and that question
13 is outside of it. In addition, the answer to that
14 question would implicate privilege and obligations.
15 He's talked to you for nine hours, he's given you a
16 lot of information, and he's not going to answer
17 questions about identities of clients.

18 MR. DAVIS: You've asserted attorney-client
19 work product privilege --

20 MR. LEVY: There is no such privilege. I've
21 asserted the attorney work product privilege, we've
22 asserted privileges under the First Amendment,
23 we've asserted the attorney-client privilege, and
24 we've asserted privileges of confidentiality. It's
25 a voluntary interview and he's declining to answer

1 the question.

2 MR. DAVIS: I understand that.

3 BY MR. DAVIS:

4 Q. So with the Prevezon matter, then, is it
5 correct the law firm involved was Baker Hostetler
6 and the ultimate client was Prevezon, is that
7 right, while you were working there?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. So any attorney-client privileges within
10 the context of that information would be -- the
11 holder of that privilege is Prevezon; is that
12 correct?

13 MR. LEVY: That's a legal conclusion that
14 he's not qualified to draw.

15 MR. DAVIS: You don't feel that you can speak
16 to it without their permission?

17 MR. LEVY: Speak to what?

18 MR. DAVIS: To questions that would be
19 covered by attorney-client privilege.

20 MR. LEVY: I'm not sure he's qualified to
21 answer that question.

22 BY MR. DAVIS:

23 Q. Did you work with any law firms in
24 relation to the Trump investigation?

25 MR. LEVY: Again, we're not getting into the

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1 identity of any clients --

2 MR. DAVIS: I didn't say client.

3 MR. LEVY: I understand. Or their lawyers.

4 MR. FOSTER: I think the issue we're trying
5 to deal with is in order to assess your claims of
6 privilege the committee needs to understand at
7 least as much about the context of the dossier work
8 as it does about the Prevezon work in terms of who
9 was involved. So if there's a law firm involved or
10 if he was reporting to a law firm or acting under
11 the direction of a law firm, then we need to be
12 able to assess whether or not that was in
13 anticipation of litigation, whether he was doing it
14 by the direction of a law firm in order to assess
15 your assertions of privilege.

16 MR. LEVY: I understand. We've identified
17 our position. We've been talking -- Mr. Simpson
18 has been answering your questions since 9:30 this
19 morning, it's now 6:15. He's been fully
20 cooperative and he's here because the Chair and the
21 Ranking Member agreed to a limited scope. The
22 questions you're asking are outside of that scope
23 and this is part of why appearing at a hearing was
24 going to be impossible. Through this agreement
25 we're here. He's given you a ton of information.

1 If you want to discuss the privilege with counsel
2 after the interview, you may do so. He's answered
3 a ton of questions today and he's going to decline
4 to answer this last one.

5 MR. FOSTER: The last one was did you work
6 with a law firm on the Trump matter?

7 MR. LEVY: He's declining to answer.

8 MR. FOSTER: There were several points in the
9 interview where you made a point of saying your
10 firm is not a Democratic linked firm in reference
11 to the Sarah Huckabee Sanders quote. It's been
12 publicly reported that you did opposition research
13 for a client targeting Mr. Romney in the 2012
14 election. Obviously we've been talking about the
15 Trump opposition research. Have you ever done
16 opposition research regarding Mr. Obama?

17 MR. LEVY: We're not going to get into
18 specific client matters that are outside the scope
19 of this interview. He's told you he's represented
20 clients on the right and left, but he's not going
21 to get into other matters beyond Prevezon and what
22 he did in the 2016 election.

23 MR. SIMPSON: I did investigate Senator
24 Obama's campaign in 2008 when I was working for the
25 Wall Street Journal and wrote an article that

1 caused his campaign chair to resign. The record is
2 replete -- or the public report of my work is
3 replete with examples of investigations I've done
4 of Democrats that resulted in them losing their
5 elections and being prosecuted.

6 MR. LEVY: At the Wall Street Journal?

7 MR. SIMPSON: Yes.

8 BY MR. DAVIS:

9 Q. Are you party to a joint defense agreement
10 related to your Prevezon work?

11 MR. LEVY: He's not going to talk about
12 privileged discussions or agreements, and he's
13 probably not qualified to answer anyway.

14 BY MR. DAVIS:

15 Q. Is Fusion GPS paying Cunningham Levy for
16 the firm's representation of you or as a third
17 party?

18 MR. LEVY: That's privileged also. He's not
19 getting into payments to his lawyers and it's
20 beyond the scope of this interview which has now
21 gone on for almost nine hours.

22 BY MR. DAVIS:

23 Q. Has Fusion GPS ever offered directly or
24 indirectly to pay journalists to publish
25 information?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Are you aware of any Fusion clients
3 offering directly or indirectly to pay journalists
4 to publish information from Fusion?

5 MR. LEVY: While working for Fusion on a
6 Fusion matter or as a general matter?

7 MR. FOSTER: Can you let the witness answer.

8 MR. LEVY: Well, if the question's clear he
9 can answer any question --

10 MR. FOSTER: I think the question was clear.

11 MR. LEVY: -- within the scope of the
12 interview --

13 MR. DAVIS: Are there any of Fusion's
14 clients offering --

15 THE REPORTER: Guys.

16 BY MR. DAVIS:

17 Q. I'll repeat the question. Are you aware
18 of any of Fusion's clients offering directly or
19 indirectly to pay journalists to publish
20 information from Fusion?

21 A. Not to my knowledge or recollection, no.

22 MR. FOSTER: What was the end date of the
23 Trump engagement?

24 MR. LEVY: He told you he didn't recall
25 exactly.

1 MR. SIMPSON: That's not correct. The
2 election was the end date. I assume you're asking
3 about the general election? The election date
4 would have been the end.

5 MR. FOSTER: So you didn't do any work on the
6 Trump matter after the election date, that was the
7 end of your work?

8 MR. SIMPSON: I had no client after the
9 election.

10 MR. FOSTER: It's 6:21. Let's go off the
11 record for a minute.

12 (A short break was had.)

13 MS. SAWYER: We'll go back on the record.
14 It's 6:30.

15 EXAMINATION

16 BY MS. SAWYER:

17 Q. We appreciate your time today, your
18 patience in answering our questions.

19 You've been asked a number of questions just
20 about -- well, strike that.

21 Were any of the particular factual findings
22 or conclusions that you reached with regard to the
23 research that was being done related to Russian
24 interference in the 2016 election including
25 possible ties to the Trump campaign, were any of

1 the factual findings or conclusions influenced in
2 any way by the identity of the client for whom you
3 were doing that work?

4 A. All the questions you've asked I guess
5 this one I've not given a lot of thought to.
6 Offhand, not that I can think of.

7 Q. So you weren't trying to reach a
8 particular conclusion based on the identity had
9 they asked you to find -- well, strike that.

10 I think what I'm trying to get some sense of
11 comfort around is to the extent there might be
12 concerns that the work being done was driven in a
13 direction designed to reach a particular conclusion
14 for a client or because of the client's identity
15 was that the case?

16 A. I think it's safe to say that, you know,
17 at some point probably early in 2016 I had reached
18 a conclusion about Donald Trump as a businessman
19 and his character and I was opposed to Donald
20 Trump. I'm not going to pretend that that wouldn't
21 have entered into my thinking. You know, again, I
22 was a journalist my whole life. So we were, you
23 know, trained not to take sides and practiced in
24 not taking sides.

25 So most of what I do as a research person is

1 we try to avoid getting into situations where one's
2 etiology or political views would cloud your work
3 because it's a known hazard, but, you know, I
4 reached an opinion about Donald Trump and his
5 suitability to be president of the United States
6 and I was concerned about whether he was the best
7 person for the job.

8 Q. And given that you had been trained not to
9 allow etiology to cloud your work, it sounds like
10 you reached a conclusion and had concerns about
11 Candidate Trump. What steps did you take to then
12 ensure that your conclusion didn't cloud the work
13 that was being done?

14 A. Well, to be clear, my concerns were in the
15 category of character and competence rather than --
16 I didn't have any specific concerns for much of the
17 time about his views, which I don't share, but that
18 wasn't really the issue. Most of what we do has to
19 do with do people have integrity and whether
20 they've been involved in illicit activity. So
21 those were the things I focused on.

22 Q. So the conclusion that you reached, was it
23 informed by the research that you were -- your
24 personal conclusion, was it informed by the
25 research that you were conducting?

1 A. Yes. We deal in factual information and
2 over the course of this project we gathered lots of
3 facts about Donald Trump.

4 Q. You mentioned that earlier and I think you
5 made clear a number of times in the course of the
6 day that the specific work on Russian interference
7 and possible ties to the campaign that Mr. Steele
8 was doing was one part of that bigger picture, and
9 I did want to ask you about some of that bigger
10 picture of the work and get a sense from you, if I
11 could, you know, some of the background and
12 findings. In particular one of the things you had
13 mentioned -- well, you just mentioned right now as
14 we were speaking the term "illicit activity."
15 What, if any, research did you conduct that gave
16 you any concerns about then Candidate Trump and
17 potential illicit activity?

18 A. I think the thing I cited to you was his
19 relationship with organized crime figures, and that
20 was a concern.

21 Q. And what can you share with us about the
22 findings, your findings?

23 A. Well, I've tried to share as much as I
24 could think of over the course of today. As I say,
25 there were various allegations of fraudulent

1 business practices or dishonest business practices
2 or connections with organized crime figures. In
3 fact, you know, there was numerous others that I
4 can't remember the names of. It was a long history
5 of associations with people accused of involvement
6 in criminal activity.

7 You know, just to reiterate, the facts of
8 these investigations are the facts and we don't try
9 to drive an investigation to any particular
10 conclusion, certainly not based on our political
11 views. So I think it would be, you know, not
12 believable for me to tell you I didn't reach, you
13 know, views about Donald Trump's integrity, but,
14 you know, those were -- those didn't influence the
15 research in terms of the findings. Those were the
16 findings.

17 Q. You mentioned specifically and I think
18 with regard to organized crime particularly ties to
19 Felix Sater is one. You indicated a connection to
20 Yudkovich Mogilebich, I think it is.

21 A. Mogilebich.

22 Q. Mogilebich, which we can spell for you.
23 Tell me if I have this correct.

24 M-O-G-I-L-E-B-I-C-H.

25 A. Yes.

1 THE REPORTER: What's the first name?

2 MR. SIMPSON: Semyon, S-E-M-Y-O-N.

3 BY MS. SAWYER:

4 Q. Yudkovich, did I get that --

5 A. I believe I was probably talking fast and
6 I think I might have made a reference to
7 Yanukovych, which is the former president of the
8 Ukraine.

9 Q. With regard to any of that work, did you
10 create work product based on that work?

11 A. I don't specifically recall what we would
12 have created.

13 Q. And with regard to that work, did you
14 share any of that information with law enforcement
15 agencies?

16 A. No. I mean, just to reiterate, the only
17 contact that, you know, occurred during this
18 engagement was -- at least to my knowledge, was
19 Chris's dealing with the FBI. Other than that, I
20 don't remember having any dealings with the FBI.

21 Q. You had also mentioned earlier in the day
22 work -- that there was an investigation about money
23 from Kazakhstan?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And could you tell me about that and what

1 you investigated and what you learned.

2 A. There was some parallel litigation in
3 New York involving attempts by the government of
4 Kazakhstan to recover money that had been allegedly
5 stolen from Kazakhstan, billions of dollars in a
6 colossal bank failure. The name of the bank was
7 BTA Bank. It's been well established in various
8 courts that the government's allegations are
9 basically true, which is that large amounts of
10 money were illicitly removed from this bank,
11 laundered across Europe and into the United States
12 apparently. Allegedly.

13 So there was a civil case, at least one civil
14 case in New York involving -- filed by the city of
15 Almaty, A-L-M-A-T-Y, against some alleged Kazakh
16 money launderers. I don't remember exactly how,
17 but we learned that -- it wasn't from Chris. We
18 learned that Felix Sater had some connections with
19 these people, and it's been more recently in the
20 media that he's helping the government of
21 Kazakhstan to recover this money. There's been
22 media reports that the money went into the Trump
23 Soho or it went into the company that built the
24 Trump Soho. I can't remember the name.

25 Q. So the connection in that instance was to

1 Felix Sater and through Felix Sater to --
2 potentially to Donald Trump?

3 A. Yes. It was a company that Felix Sater
4 and Donald Trump were involved in together.

5 Q. And the research you did on that project,
6 was that public source research? Did you have any
7 other -- did you have human intelligence sources on
8 that project?

9 A. I think I probably did have some human
10 sources. That's my answer.

11 Q. And did you use subcontractors at all on
12 that work?

13 A. I can't say specifically whether it was --
14 I remember commissioning some public record-type
15 research on Felix Sater and his history in
16 New York.

17 Q. Did you feel in the course of that that
18 you had uncovered evidence of any criminal activity
19 by Donald Trump?

20 A. In the course of that I don't think so. I
21 think my concern was the associations with known
22 organized crime figures.

23 Q. And that included Felix Sater?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Anyone else in particular?

1 A. There were others.

2 MR. LEVY: Beyond what we've discussed today?

3 MS. SAWYER: Yes, beyond what we've already
4 discussed.

5 BY THE WITNESS:

6 A. Another figure involved in the Trump Soho
7 project was a central Asian person named Arif,
8 A-R-I-F, is the last name. The first name is
9 generally spelled Tevfik, it's T-E-V-F-I-K. If you
10 search under a different transiteration of that
11 name you can find open source reporting alleging
12 that he's an organized crime figure from Central
13 Asia and he had an arrest for involvement in child
14 prostitution.

15 Q. You mentioned as well that you had
16 reviewed tax bills. Were these specifically Donald
17 Trump's tax bills?

18 A. They were Trump properties and I believe
19 we may have reviewed some public information about
20 estate taxes and things like that. We didn't have
21 access to his tax returns.

22 Q. Did you reach any conclusions based on
23 your review of his tax bills? I think you
24 mentioned that in connection with trying to assess
25 either financial connections or his financial

1 standing. Did you reach any conclusions with
2 regard to either of those?

3 A. Yes. I concluded -- we concluded that his
4 statements about what individual properties were
5 worth were greatly exaggerated and at odds with the
6 information that he'd supplied, you know, in legal
7 filings with tax authorities and other records,
8 corporate records.

9 Q. Did any of that indicate anything that
10 showed a connection to Russia or the Russian
11 government or Russian officials or Russian
12 oligarchs?

13 A. Not that I can recall.

14 Q. You mentioned as well, you brought up
15 Trump golf courses. What in particular were you
16 looking into with regard to Donald Trump's golf
17 courses?

18 A. The original inquiry was into the value of
19 the courses, whether he had to borrow money to buy
20 them, whether they were encumbered with debt, how
21 much money they brought in, what valuations he put
22 on them, and property tax filings.

23 Q. And in general can you share what findings
24 and conclusions you reached?

25 MR. LEVY: With regard to?

1 MS. SAWYER: To the work on the golf
2 properties.

3 BY THE WITNESS:

4 A. A number of them don't make any money.
5 His valuations of the properties are questionable.
6 I guess those would be the main findings.

7 Q. You just mentioned broadly but didn't
8 describe it, you mentioned research on Scotland. I
9 don't know if it was particular properties or
10 something with regard to Scotland. Can you just
11 describe what that research was.

12 A. Sure. He has golf courses in Scotland and
13 Ireland and one of the facets of UK or anglo
14 company law is that private companies have to file
15 financial statements, public financial statements.
16 So when you're looking at a guy like Donald Trump
17 who doesn't like to share information about his
18 company, it's useful to find a jurisdiction where
19 he's required to share that information with the
20 local government.

21 So we went and ordered the records -- the
22 financial statements of the golf courses. There's
23 also a long-running land use controversy -- I think
24 there's multiple long-running land use
25 controversies over those properties. We haven't

1 really touched on this at all, but there were also
2 environmental issues that were part of the
3 research.

4 Q. With regard to the public financial
5 statements, did you reach any conclusions based on
6 that?

7 A. That they were not profitable entities. I
8 don't specifically recall. I just remember that
9 these were not doing very well and that he'd sunk a
10 lot of money into them and he hadn't gotten a lot
11 of money back yet.

12 MS. QUINT: You mentioned a couple of times,
13 Mr. Simpson, that you had particular familiarity
14 with Mr. Manafort and even that you were more
15 familiar with him in particular than Chris Steele
16 was. In general and it might not be easy to be
17 general about it, but what was your focus when you
18 had looked into Manafort? What main areas were you
19 familiar with?

20 MR. SIMPSON: Over the years, originally at
21 the Wall Street Journal we learned of his
22 relationship with Ukrainian and Russian oligarchs.
23 So it was generally continued in that vein. He was
24 subject of some litigation over his business
25 dealings in New York. There was a lawsuit filed by

1 the opposition politician from Ukraine accusing him
2 of involvement in corruption in Ukraine. So as
3 just a -- not for any particular client, but just
4 because these matters are something I follow I had
5 collected those documents. I think there's
6 probably some other litigation that I collected
7 that was in a similar vein.

8 MS. QUINT: And it was all documentary or did
9 you have human sources for your Manafort research?

10 MR. SIMPSON: I don't think -- for the most
11 part it was just what you call gathering string,
12 just accumulating files on people or subjects that
13 are of interest.

14 BY MS. SAWYER:

15 Q. The committee, certain members of the
16 committee, the Chairman and Ranking Member along
17 with Senators Graham and Whitehouse had sent a
18 request for documents and information on July 19.
19 I understand your efforts to identify that
20 information are ongoing and I know that in response
21 to one of my questions about Mr. Page your attorney
22 has already said that the request for information
23 is pending and being reviewed. I just wanted to
24 ask you a couple of questions about some of the
25 other individuals that we had identified in that

1 letter and in particular in request No. 6?

2 MR. LEVY: Do you have an exhibit or should I
3 just get my copy out?

4 MS. SAWYER: I'm happy to enter it as an
5 exhibit or I can just read the names. I don't
6 think there's any reason we need to --

7 MR. LEVY: Just read the names to move it
8 along, that's fine.

9 MS. SAWYER: I don't think there's any
10 reason -- there's nothing in this letter to inform
11 your answer otherwise.

12 BY MS. SAWYER:

13 Q. So with regard to Alpha Group, sometimes
14 I've heard Alpha Group, sometimes I've heard Alpha
15 Bank. I don't know if they're two distinct
16 entities. Do you know anything about Alpha Bank or
17 Alpha Group with regard to Russian interference in
18 the 2016 election?

19 A. Alpha Group is not a corporate person,
20 it's not an entity. It's just a collective name.
21 Alpha Bank is a bank. I know a limited amount. I
22 know, you know, journalists were working on some
23 issues related to this and they asked us about it,
24 but the information didn't come from us.

25 Q. So you were asked by journalists about it,

1 but you're saying whatever information you had was
2 not generated by Fusion GPS?

3 A. That's right. I know they're a big player
4 and they have long, deep ties to Vladimir Putin.
5 One of the founders, Pyotr Aven, P-Y-O-T-R, second
6 word Aven, A-V-E-N, was an associate of Vladimir
7 Putin when he was in the mayor's office in Saint
8 Petersburg around the time same that Bill Browder
9 was doing business with the mayor's office.
10 They're very powerful politically and economically
11 in Russia and they have -- in the tens of billions
12 are the assets of the founders and they have all
13 sorts of interests. They have epic disputes with
14 western corporations, including BP. So people in
15 my business tend to just have a lot of
16 institutional knowledge about them and, you know, I
17 shared my institutional knowledge about them.

18 Q. You mentioned other founders. Are those
19 other founders Mikhail Fridman and German Khan?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you have any information there have
22 been reports about potential communications between
23 a server at Alpha Bank and potentially servers that
24 belong to the Trump organization or Trump -- some
25 entity associated with Donald Trump? Do you have

1 any information about those particular reports?

2 A. That's kind of an open-ended question. I
3 think what I said is we were asked about that and
4 it wasn't -- that information wasn't generated by
5 us and I'm happy to say it's beyond our competence
6 to have generated, but in the course of being asked
7 about it, you know, people gave us information. I
8 don't know what else to say.

9 Q. And what information were you given?

10 A. A bunch of data. I mean, we were shown
11 like do you know what this would mean, does this
12 mean, and it's beyond -- it's really -- it's
13 certainly beyond my competence.

14 Q. So the data that you were shown, you could
15 not draw any conclusions from it?

16 A. I did not draw any conclusions from the
17 data.

18 Q. Another individual that there's been a lot
19 of press reporting on is Sergei Millian. Other
20 than what -- what, if anything, can you tell us
21 about did you conduct any research into
22 Mr. Millian? And, if so, what conclusions did you
23 reach with regard to Russian interference in the
24 2016 election?

25 A. We learned from sources that he had

1 connections to the Trump organization and we did an
2 open source investigation of him. We found a
3 picture of him with Donald Trump and another real
4 estate investor in Florida. We've discovered
5 that's not his real name or at least not the name
6 he came to the United States with and that before
7 he became a real estate broker he was a linguist
8 and translator. Speaking generally, people with
9 advanced training in linguistics are oftentimes
10 involved in intelligence matters, but I don't know
11 whether he is or isn't. Various reporters became
12 interested in him because he was boasting about his
13 connections to the Trump organization in the Trump
14 campaign. So we got lots of inquiries about who
15 was he, was he a spy, you know, that sort of thing.

16 Q. And did you make a determination whether
17 or not he had actual ties to the Trump campaign?

18 A. Well, some of the -- yes. I mean, he
19 was -- I think he's Facebook friends with Michael
20 Cohen. I'm sorry. It was some social media
21 connection. It was either Twitter friends or
22 Facebook friends. It was public information. We
23 took it from that that they did know each other. I
24 guess we gradually learned of Michael Cohen's role
25 in the Trump campaign as opposed to in the Trump

1 organization.

2 Q. And what did you learn about Mr. Cohen's
3 role in the Trump campaign?

4 A. We learned that his job included dealing
5 with inquiries about Russia and he seemed to get
6 all of the serious inquiries, investigative
7 inquiries about Russia. He seemed to know a lot
8 about that. We learned that he was a very
9 intimidating person who had a history of
10 threatening reporters with libel suits. We learned
11 that he's married to -- his father-in-law is a
12 Ukrainian emigre, that he had some Ukrainian
13 clients and connections to the taxi industry in
14 New York which is heavily populated with Russian
15 emigres, and we learned that he was involved in
16 some of Trump's projects where there was a lot of
17 Russian buyers. The only other thing I can think
18 of is that he was also the person who dealt with
19 allegations against Mr. Trump from the tabloids.

20 Q. And with regard to Trump projects with
21 Russian buyers, what specific projects had a number
22 of Russian buyers?

23 A. I don't specifically remember. Florida
24 maybe. I think it was Florida. Sorry.

25 MS. SAWYER: Just give us a minute.

1 I think that's really all of our questions.
2 I don't know if there's follow-up that you all had.

3 MR. FOSTER: Just very quickly. I can do it
4 from right here.

5 So I asked you -- or you were asked earlier
6 about representations that you're not -- you don't
7 see your firm as being Democrat linked and in my
8 previous question I asserted that there had been
9 public reports that you had done work, opposition
10 research during the 2012 election aimed at
11 Mr. Romney, but I didn't ask you to confirm that.
12 Is that correct?

13 MR. LEVY: Work for clients outside the scope
14 of the interview is not within the scope of the
15 interview.

16 MR. FOSTER: It's relevant to his claim that
17 he's not a Democrat linked firm.

18 MR. LEVY: He's answered that question. He's
19 given you multiple answers to that question and
20 significant information in support of his answer to
21 that question, and that small fact which may or may
22 not be pertinent is that he's going to decline to
23 answer because it's outside the scope of this
24 interview.

25 MR. SIMPSON: I decline to answer.

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1 MR. FOSTER: In some of the questioning in
2 the last round there was some talk of your -- you
3 didn't have a particular aim in your research, you
4 were following the facts wherever they lead. Is it
5 fair to say -- is it a fair description to say that
6 your job was opposition research aimed at
7 Mr. Trump? That's been widely reported and
8 characterized that way. Do you think that's a fair
9 characterization of what your job was?

10 MR. LEVY: He's been talking for nine and a
11 half hours, a lot of which was describing his work.
12 To simplify it in any particular way at this point
13 I think is unfair to the witness.

14 MR. FOSTER: You weren't hired to find
15 positive information about Mr. Trump, were you?

16 MR. SIMPSON: To the contrary. I think when
17 you're doing research on any subject you're trying
18 to figure out what the truth is. So if Donald
19 Trump's got a good business record and he's really
20 worth billions of dollars, that's important
21 information. In fact, you shouldn't be feeding
22 reporters stories about how Donald Trump is not
23 worth billions of dollars if he's worth billions of
24 dollars. So, you know, I think the connotation of
25 negativity, I get, you know, where you're coming

1 from, but, in fact, you're just trying to figure
2 out what's true.

3 It's like with the Prevezon case, we were
4 trying to figure out who's telling the truth, is it
5 our guys or is it Browder. I do my job well and I
6 get rehired when I give them the right information,
7 when I give them accurate information. So if
8 Donald Trump turned out to be a great businessman,
9 that's what I would have to tell people.

10 MR. FOSTER: Nothing further from me.

11 MR. LEVY: Before we go off the record, will
12 we be entitled to a copy of the transcript?

13 MR. FOSTER: You'll be able to review the
14 transcript and request corrections, make an
15 errata.

16 MR. LEVY: Will it be kept confidential?
17 We'd like to make a request that it be kept
18 confidential given the sensitivity of the matters
19 discussed today.

20 MR. FOSTER: Your request is noted.

21 MR. LEVY: Noted, but no decision on it?

22 MR. FOSTER: No decision.

23 MR. LEVY: And upon reviewing the transcript,
24 when will we have that opportunity?

25 MR. FOSTER: We can arrange that off the

1 record.

2 MR. LEVY: When we do we just reserve the
3 right obviously to correct the record or supplement
4 it.

5 MR. FOSTER: That's why we'd allow you to
6 review it.

7 MR. LEVY: Thank you very much.

8 MR. DAVIS: Nothing further. We're going off
9 the record at 7:04.

10 (Whereupon the interview was
11 concluded at 7:04 p.m.)

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2 I, TINA M. ALFARO, Certified Shorthand
3 Reporter No. 084-004220, Certified Realtime
4 Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the State of
5 Illinois, do hereby certify:

6 That GLENN SIMPSON, whose interview is
7 hereinbefore set forth, was duly sworn by me and
8 that said deposition is a true record of the
9 testimony given by such witness.

10 I further certify that I am not counsel
11 for nor in any way related to any of the parties to
12 this suit, nor am I in any way interested in the
13 outcome thereof.

14 In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set
15 my hand this ____ day of _____, 2017.

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20 Tina M. Alfaro, CSR, CRR

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McCabe testimony

- ① Why did he do
- ② w/ whom
- ③ USG response
- ④ Masking/unmasking

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- Steele -

- Opening - Comey & I reviewed GCo must review & concur.
- Why not GP? He didn't say he was interacting.

- 302s generated based on interview of agents of fiv gov.

- Steele reporting on his own.

- Not pd during time reporting a campaign matters.

- 1023s -

- Ch met w/ Steele -

- Trip on 10/16 -

- BY FBI [REDACTED]

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- Who auth to make -

- D, DD, AD @ OPA

- GC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

- McCain met w/ Comey -

(*) Steele ~~was~~ was paid in 8/16
for work done 3/16 - 5/16

- Handling agent, not of source

- Spreadsheet - Maffei, Strzok, Priestap -
- [REDACTED] Priestap, Strzok can answer.

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- Who he worked for a fact you'd want to know? Yes

- Would have wanted to know source's name

- Clinton press conference -

- My perception - DOJ would have hard
time coming forth w/ decision

- Way they structured their
engagement on the case

- ~~Not~~ DOJ had credibility concern

- Approach to AG & DAG. Should have
no role but did not receive.

- We didn't bring it. They did
not play leadership role to low
level w/in the Department.

- Matter issue -

- Addl resources that would undermine.

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- Reporting said AG pressing Comey
to shut it down.

Minority -

- ~~No discussion of disclosing Trump campaign.~~
- No conc about disloyalty Cth is connection of disproporionate impact on election.

- Steals -

Firing

- 1/6/17 Briefing -

- Why tell not under inv. -

- True

- D wanted to answer qn directly

- 1/27/17 Meeting -

- Loyalty - was that R invest?

- He thought Wood & Franklyn concept.

Did - Papadopoulos tell WH about FBI interview, Acc to Schiff, GP interview & POTUS loyalty request same ~~for~~ day.

- Same as Schiff.

2/14/17 -

- Was stated that Pres said MF tried to VP inaccurate, ie. did FBI know if POTUS knew of Flynn - 7 conversation.

- Pres asking him to drop on Mr. Gandy concerning to D & me. Don't recall discussing O/S. No impact.

- No confirmation of POTUS knowledge lying to FBI

- AG expected to recuse.

Majority

- Structural anomaly - DAG/AG did not exercise leadership.
- Press conference -
 - It was a recommendation -
 - Discussed how & whether AG can weigh in.
 - Concept of S.C. did not come up.
 - We were very clear on how DOJ career folks on team saw the case.

Pete's role on Clinton -

- Started as Supervisory Inv.
- Eventually he became Section Chief in CD @ HQ.
- SES promotion board
- Voluntary interviews negotiated by DOJ & terms of who would be present.
- DOJ decided to pursue access for evidence & people voluntarily. not / friction btw FBI & DOJ.
- Who was making decision - George Toscan, Laughman reported to GAT & oversaw line attorney Richard Scott & Julie Edelstein. John Carlin also in the loop. Carlin not as actively involved.

- I don't know whether he met w/ Steele in 7/16.
- In late summer, early fall, I learned that Ohr had relationship.
- July 2016 - Steele/Ohr mtg.
- We would have known about DNC connection.
- DNC connection - Don't know when or who, but someone team.

Minority -

- Comey said agents did not discern physical indications of deception.
- Yates: Did not tell what Flynn said to FBI.
- 3/30/17 -
 - What can they do to lift the cloud?
 - Get it out that not me him
 - Reused Andy. Our perception. "Veiled Threat."

~ 4/11/17

- Called back. Asked him to call Acting DAG.
- Very upset to you we lost that thing you know.
- 5/16/17 Comes w/ Kichich & Harrow -

5/9/17 - Went to see AG. Told
me AG fined I would need
to serve at Acting D.

- No discussion of me re firing
- AG - Don't know if you heard but back
had to join D of FBI. Didn't say
why. Potter decided to join. Might
not be very long.
 - I said I had a lot of questions.
 - I didn't ask if he didn't say.

6/8/17 Testimony -

- ~~AG~~ JISC - fined b/c of
R m. ~~AG~~ my assessment on
well. Amalgam of ISSU.
- I learned about com.
- People

DAG did not want to include - Russia -

DAG -

Stewart Majority -

- Described dossier as unsubstantiated.

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- Can you see

- Anything less than what was in
package was insufficient.

- Sessi

- Haven't ~~del~~

- Tests - awful.

① Steele
- McCain provided dossier

② -

② Orr -
- Acc to Gandy, met in 7/16.

③ Comey conversations w/ POTUS - no obj

④ DAG comm with POTUS

⑤ Texts - disclosure of texts to Congress
- Some people concerned about disclosure
of texts to media.

⑥ Press conference - Reasons for.

⑦ ~~Press.~~

> Did not seek my counsel.

⑧ Sessions interviewed? No -

⑨ Did GP tell WH he was interviewed?

⑩ POTUS/AG as open cases did
not come up

* Minority
- Papered down - report back on
timing of his interview.



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Jackie
LN4

- Sally went to WTC on 1/26. Dinner of
Conway on 1/27.

Seawall -
Mciprity -

- Michael Grimm indictment press conference?

CFT team - Conway, McCole, Baker, Pate,
Trisha Anderson, Papp, Meffo, Bresky,
Rukhmit Michael Steinbach, [redacted]
[redacted]

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Pate & here - al long or 16 looking,
should come off.

Texts → tragic.

- Other Andy = Andrew Koston

Minority -

- Russian threat summary

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- D W-S had told ind @ Soros
Foundation re the information.
- Email in Atlantic Council that
recounted info.

- Voting machines.

Majority -

- Andy's conflict

- October 2016 - letter
- I did not participate in discussion.

- Andy recused from MYB after 10/28 -
- Cook dropped from call on 10/22 b/c
classified

- Hacking of DNC
Access Podesta
Release of same } NO DIT motivated

- Minority -

- Unmarked Flyer - no.

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① No 302 of Steele Only ① sub-source use
interview

② D -

③ No

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[REDACTED] John

Mefta 'briefed' both DS.

⑥ Can talk about effort to verify
original source fact.

[REDACTED]

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First one was marked a 302.

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- 102 - doc of interview w/ address on
investigation.

⑧ Personnel matter.

People would be in physical jeopardy.
- We don't turn over source & methods
- Source information

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- Aug 17 was candidate. Trump, Christie, Flynn
- Pence got same brief -
- 12-2 countries -
- Staff briefing, late Aug, early Sept.
- Clinton -

Probably didn't take attendance.

- SOP - not b/c of X-fine Hurricane.

- [REDACTED] reporting not diff't.

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- Never given 1023s - Don't want to open door.

- Document secure contact due info.

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August 25, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Wray:

On March 6, 2016, I wrote to then-Director Comey asking a series of questions stemming from press reports about the FBI's interaction with Mr. Christopher Steele [REDACTED] and purported author of the political opposition research dossier of allegations of collusion against President Trump and his associates. While the Committee did receive some responsive information during a classified briefing and classified document review, most of the questions went unanswered. The information the Committee received contained material inconsistencies. To address these, I sent Mr. Comey a follow up letter on April 28, requesting that the FBI answer all the questions in the original letter, explain the inconsistencies, and answer some additional questions. Although Mr. Comey indicated at his oversight hearing on May 3, 2017, that the FBI would provide the Committee answers, the President fired him shortly thereafter. Since then, the Committee has not received additional information from the FBI about these issues. The Committee continues to need this information to perform its constitutional duty of oversight of the FBI. Because the details are classified, I have enclosed a classified memorandum describing the situation. (b)(6) per FBI
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Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Davis of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

Enclosure: As stated.

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AI BACKGROUND:

- On September 22, [REDACTED] met with OLA and Tash and advised that the [REDACTED] requested by HPSCI.

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DI: ION:

- The Department has no desire to frustrate or impede the legitimate interest of the Committee, but the reality is that the subpoena implicates very strong DOJ equities that we have been protecting for decades if not centuries. That being said, we very much want to accommodate the Committee's request in a way that preserves the equities we have been protecting for so long.
- Those equities include the desire to protect ongoing criminal investigations from the appearance of or actual political interference. As long ago as 1940, Attorney General Jackson sent a letter to Congress explaining why the Department would not provide investigative reports generated as part of an ongoing criminal investigation, and in 2000, the Department set forth our view of the appropriate level of engagement with Congress pertaining to ongoing criminal investigations.
- We do not seek to protect these equities out of lack of respect for Congress but rather to ensure that the public has confidence that the decision whether to bring criminal charges is free from political influence.

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- In our best case scenario, Congress would avoid conducting a simultaneous investigation of a matter known to be under criminal investigation because that facilitates the most effective criminal investigation. In the ordinary course of an investigation, agents and prosecutors make careful decisions about when to interview witnesses, how to confront witness, and what information to share with them. These tactics are intended to test the credibility of the witnesses and to avoid witnesses' being educated by the accounts of other witnesses or by being made aware of investigative developments we would like to keep secret. Despite this best case scenario, we have not, as I understand we have on previous occasions, asked Congress to stand down. Rather, you have called witnesses with relevant information about our investigation without our objection. Frankly, it remains to be seen what if any impact that will have on the investigation. [NB: As a result of his testimony before HPSCI this week, Roger Stone publicly released his opening statement to the Committee and a longer version of the events that is now available to any witness who might corroborate or refute his account.]
- Furthermore, information about intelligence sources, how they are developed, and how they are evaluated and managed is extremely sensitive information for the FBI. Their charge is to prevent terrorist attacks before they happen and any actions that could have the effect of chilling potential sources or the American allies who sometimes provide those sources would be detrimental to the FBI's mission.
- Despite our attempt to stay out of each other's way, your subpoena requests documents that were generated as part of an ongoing investigation of the utmost importance to the Department and the nation. While there is an intelligence component to the investigation, we are different than the CIA and other intelligence agencies in that our investigations could lead to criminal charges and ultimately loss of liberty.
- When your staff met at DOJ on September 14, they were asked to tell us why they needed the information you have requested to help us assess how we might accommodate your needs. They either declined to say or did not know. Regardless, our offer of a briefing was designed to give us an opportunity to address concerns that we think you have or that you will share with us. For example, we think that you may think that despite what you may have heard in classified briefings, [REDACTED]. A briefing would address that issue. A briefing could also specifically address some of the questions your subpoena raises more readily than documents, including, for example, whether and how much Steele was paid by the FBI and for what. If there are other specific concerns that you have that we might address in a briefing, please tell us what they are, and we will try to figure out how to answer those.
- On the other hand, Steele is not a percipient witness. He does not purport to have firsthand knowledge of the events described in the dossier, and thus, the information he may have

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provided in connection with other FBI investigations seems particularly unrelated to your and our investigation.

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- We are also prepared to offer Steele [REDACTED] as part of the briefing. He would be prepared to answer questions about when Steele provided information to the FBI and what he did with it.
- I understand that you may view our desire to protect DOJ equities as merely an impediment, but to us this discussion is way more than that. These lines regarding ongoing DOJ investigations were not drawn by me. They were drawn by people much smarter than me, but it is my job to protect the Department's ability to conduct criminal investigations free from political interference. But, I also respect Congress and I want us to find common ground. I hope you will help. I think the American people expect us to figure this out.

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9/21/17. Bill Priestap, Greg Brown, [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED] Evans, Tash & me

- SSC1 [REDACTED] has been briefed on the questions.

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- [REDACTED] don't want to go -

[REDACTED]

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- He reported a really dangerous people. He will security.

- He operated sub-source who operate? sub-source. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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- DOJ may have documents.

[REDACTED]

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- Points were discussed.

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- [redacted] is in NY.

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- He did not talk about sub-sources.

- When? [redacted] briefed by SSCI.

Individuals who are part of staff investigation

- Decided several weeks by, ~ May

W17.

- End of meeting

May told Burr & Warner he had no
info to confirm [redacted]

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SS - leadership - ^{master} (4)
 ^{remains} (2)

Q1 - Jurisdiction jurisdiction Q
Ⓐ → not about jurisdiction

- ↳ Flynn picked it up.
- said Flynn denied
- did not think duplicit
marks didn't refer
to the "Department"
for

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- May flower → not opening in respect to
- no one else besides what I feed you.

→ no info to support
Peters

→ Why?

Q2 - Asked for Document/Transcripts?)

Q3-

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incidental to senior.

~~SHANE~~

- summary report of FLINN?
are we going to get this?

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- [REDACTED] - Steel

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- trying to corroborate
- said don't know
smoke, no fire yet.

- Feinstein > Any more of the Dossier.

• Comey > said would get more to her.

mm • Papadopoulos } asked Qs.
• Manafort }

Comey - said motives to Putin.

* Collusion > Didn't need Russian help
No evidence that Trump
campaign colluded.

~~SLIP~~

Feinstein → Manafort is the serious player

Conroy → have nothing
Re RP → How did he know about the offer?

Happened in May?
News of hacking hadn't happened yet.

Feinstein kept asking - How serious is this?

→ All Classified
• fact of investigation is classified

Conroy → Much in the press is not true.

FD - How long → Several months

May never get crim. charges

Feinstein → Have never seen Russia non-response to PNG.

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Meet w/ FBI - Re leg. issues

Q 2 - authentic CI investigation - initial CI investigation

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• FBI will find paperwork - predominantly sexual w/ narrative error of known to Director + subordinates

Q 3 - circular reporting question

④ -> FBI - NO. no connectivity b/w sources

Q 4 - who paid FERRIS GRS? Did

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ever find for

GRS activities

* Source Lte -> did not know law firm John Deffa - briefed that and then

• FBI -> was an FBI source, so not as relevant that paid by other source. + years of reliable reporting Counterargument -> took this at face value

S.E. also
discovery
4 asked

Q 6 - verification of dossier

SC -> work is being directed

FBI -> extensive efforts -> fact by fact

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1023 -> etc source, would use 1023, not 302

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302 -> ~~qualifiers~~ are not any for

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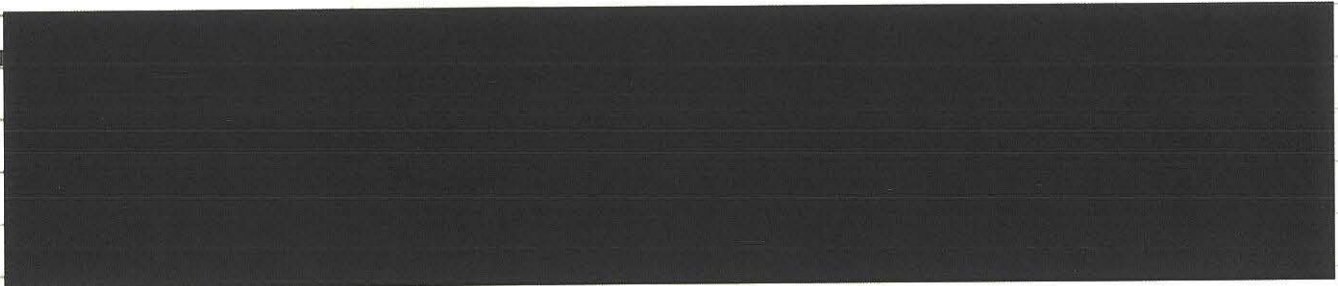
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1023 -> kinks in once opened

Q 8 - personnel -> will not talk about it.

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Q -> Defensive Briefing

- covered no unknown reports
- unclassified for the most part.
- script to use the briefing -> for just FBI piece
Does not include IC element of the briefing.

① 8/17/16
 • Trump, Christie, Flynn

② VP -> subsequent briefing in September

- ID'D countries of concern -> Russia + China

③ Trump
 Pence
 Clinton
 Kaine
 + staff } prior to election

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Q

Scott -> can we run down who else was actually at the briefing?

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- Briefings -> Both campaigns
SOP, not sk of specific investigation

[REDACTED]

FBI - presidential value of providing

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[REDACTED]

1023 - [REDACTED] Reporting -

• may be open to
• Defensive unity

[REDACTED]

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FBI Indicators - Requests

① Blotter
② Rydicki

Now

① Becker
② Rele
③ Steinbach

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Hi John. Per our conversation, attached is the most recent version that incorporates [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Standing by.

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Thanks.

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