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Aaron:

ODAG classified production is attached. Let us know if you have any questions. I have pinged Dana regarding his conversations with the WH. He recalls only one conversation with Don McGahn, and he has not yet provided notes and thought he may not have any. I will ping him again.

Scott

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Steve,

Here it is.

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Let us know you got it.

John

John A. Eisenberg

Deputy Assistant to the President, Deputy Counsel to the President for

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What follows are notes I typed in the vehicle immediately upon exiting Trump Tower on 1/6/17. Although I wrote this less than five minutes after the meeting and have tried to use actual words spoken, including quoting directly in some places, I have not used quotation marks throughout because my purpose was to capture the substance of what was said. I am not sure of the proper classification here so have chosen SECRET. Please let me know if it should be higher or lower than that.

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[REDACTED] I said we were doing that.

At the conclusion of our session, the COS asked whether there is anything we haven't mentioned that they should know or that might come out. I said there was something that Clapper wanted me to speak to the PE about alone or in a very small group. COS asked whether the group of COS, VPE, and PE was okay or whether I wanted to be alone. I told him it was up to the PE, who quickly said that he and I would meet alone.

After others left the room, we sat at the table. He began by telling me that I had had one heck of a year but that I had endured myself honorably and had a great reputation. He said I was repeatedly put in impossible positions. He said you saved her and then they hated you for what you did later, but what choice did you have? He said he thought very highly of me and looked forward to working with me, saying he hoped I planned to stay on. I assured him I intended to stay. He said good.

They executed the session exactly as I had planned. I told him that I wanted to meet with him to tell him more about

1.4)(c) that is in the reports written by [REDACTED] (although I didn't use that name). I said that the written reports

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I said, the Russians allegedly had tapes involving him and prostitutes at the Presidential Suite at the Ritz Carlton in Moscow from about 2013. He interjected, "there were no prostitutes; there were never prostitutes." He then said something about him being the kind of guy who didn't need to "go there" and laughed (which I understood to be communicating that he didn't need to pay for sex). He said "2013" to himself, as if trying to remember that period of time, but didn't add anything. He said he always assumed that hotel rooms he stayed in when he travels are wired in some way. I replied that I do as well.

I said I wasn't saying this was true, only that I wanted him to know both that it had been reported and that the reports were in many hands. I said media like CNN had them and were looking for a news hook. I said it was important that we 1.4)(C) not give them the excuse to write that the FBI has the material or [REDACTED] and that we were keeping it very close-hold. He said he couldn't believe they hadn't gone with it. I said it was inflammatory stuff that they would get killed for reporting straight up from the source reports.

He then started talking about all the women who had falsely accused him of grabbing or touching them (with particular mention of a "stripper" who said he grabbed her) and gave me the sense that he was defending himself to me. I responded that we were not investigating him and the stuff might be totally made up but it was being said out of Russia and our job was to protect the President from efforts to coerce him. I said we try to understand what the Russians are doing and what they might do. I added that I also wanted him to know this in case it came out in the media.

He said he was grateful for the conversation, said more nice things about me and how he looks forward to working with me and we departed the room.

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I had dinner with President Trump in the Green Room at the White House last night at 6:30 pm. We sat facing each other at a small oval table set for two and placed in the center of the room. There were two servers (who I had the chance to chat with a bit because I arrived about 10 minutes early; they were both retired Navy submariners and we had a fun discussion about height clearance in submarines). The servers were only in the room when they delivered food or retrieved plates.

The conversation, which was pleasant at all times, was chaotic, with topics touched, left, then returned to later, making it very difficult to recount in a linear fashion. Normally I can recall the pieces of a conversation and the order of discussion with high confidence. Here, given the nature of it, there is a distinct possibility that, while I have the substance right, the order was slightly different. It really was conversation-as-jigsaw-puzzle in a way, with pieces picked up, then discarded, then returned to.

The President spoke an overwhelming majority of the time. He never asked me an open-ended question or left it to me to choose a topic of conversation. There were almost no periods of silence during the 1 hour and 20 minutes, except once or twice when the President paused as the servers entered. I felt comfortable throughout, although never relaxed, given the focus conversation required.

At various times, he talked about the Inauguration and crowd size, the campaign and his effective use of free media ("earned media"), the extraordinary luxury of the White House (which he favorably compared to Mar-a-lago), his many activities during the day and week, his young son's height, the viciousness of the campaign (where I interjected about Adams and Jefferson; he said he had been given a book about it, which was upstairs), how he had not been mocking a handicapped reporter, had not assaulted any of the women who claimed he did (reviewing in detail several of the allegations), and many other things. I will attempt to recount in some detail only those parts that related in some way to my work.

He touched on my future at various points. The first time he asked "so what do you want to do," explaining that lots of people wanted my job ("about 20 people"), that he thought very highly of me and had heard great things, that the people of the FBI really like me, but he would understand if I wanted to walk away given all I had been through, although he thought that would be bad for me personally because it would look like I had done something wrong, that he of course can make a change at FBI if he wants, but he wants to know what I think. There was no acknowledgement by him (or me) that we had already talked about this twice.

I responded by saying that he could fire me any time he wished, but that I wanted to stay and do a job I love and think I am doing well. I explained that I never expected to be back in government but had found this job hugely rewarding and wanted to serve out my term. I added that I was "reliable" in one way but not in the way political people sometimes use the term. I explained that he could count on me to always tell him the truth. I said I don't do sneaky things, I don't leak, I don't do

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weasel moves. But I was not on anybody's side politically and could not be counted on in that traditional political sense, which I said I thought was in the president's best interest. He asked whether the FBI leaks and I answered that of course in an organization of 36,000 we were going to have some of that, but I said I think the FBI leaks far less than people often say. I predicted he, like all Presidents, would discover the entire government leaks like crazy and explained that it often comes from the first or second hop out from those actually working on the sensitive thing.

He replied that he needed loyalty and expected loyalty. I did not reply, or even nod or change my facial expression, which he noted because we came back to it later.

The conversation then swerved into a long discussion of the email investigation (which we returned to at least once more). This was where I spoke the most and laid out for him my thinking (with frequent interruption) in a manner similar to my discussions with Senators Feinstein and Grassley during our one-on-ones. The one detail I added was about the AG directing me not to use the word "investigation."

He knew the sequence of events extremely well, breaking them down in his lexicon into Comey One, Comey Two, and Comey Three developments and he walked through how he saw each played out during the campaign, in great detail. He asked whether it was true "there was a revolt" after Comey One. I said that was nonsense and I had worked hard to see if folks had concerns. I added that I surely didn't need to tell him that the media sometimes gets stuff wrong. I explained that the investigators all agreed there was no case; he said he disagreed and thought there was a case. He asked me at several points how I had held up under all the abuse. I explained the freedom that comes from doing the right thing in the right way, surrounded by people who are helping make the decisions in the same way.

At this point he asked me (and asked again later) whether "your guy McCabe" has a problem with me, explaining that "I was pretty rough on him and his wife during the campaign." I explained that Andy was a true professional and had no problem at all. I then explained what FBI people were like, that whatever their personal views, they strip them when they step into their bureau roles and actually hold "political people" in slight contempt, without regard to party.

At about this point, he asked me to compare AG Holder and AG Lynch. I said I thought AG Holder was smarter and more sophisticated and smoother than AG Lynch, who I added is a good person. He said Holder and President Obama were quite close. I replied that they were and it illustrated, in my view, a mistake Presidents make over and over again: Because they reason that problems for a President often come from Justice, they try to bring Justice close, which paradoxically makes things worse because an independent DOJ and FBI are better for a President and the country. I listed off John Mitchell, Ed Meese, an Al Gonzales as examples of this mistake and he added Bobby Kennedy.

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At about this point, he turned to what he called the "golden showers thing" and recounted much of what he had said previously on that topic. He repeated that it was a complete fabrication and "fake news." I explained again why I had thought it important that he know about it. I also explained that one of the reasons we told him was that the media, CNN in particular, was telling us they were about to run with it. He said it bothered him if his wife thought there was even a one percent chance it was true in any respect. He said he had spoken to people who had been on the Miss Universe trip with him and they had reminded him that he didn't stay over night in Russia for that. He said he arrived in the morning, did events, then showered and dressed for the pageant at the hotel (he didn't say the hotel name) and left for the pageant. Afterwards, he returned only to get his things because they departed for New York by plane that same night. He said he thought maybe he should ask me to investigate the whole thing to prove it was a lie. I did not ask any questions. I replied that it was up to him, but I wouldn't want to create a narrative that we were investigating him, because we are not and I worried such a thing would be misconstrued. I also said that it is very difficult to disprove a lie. He said "maybe you're right," but several times asked me to think about it and said he would also think about it.

We returned to the topic of my job and in response to his question I explained how I had ended up with the position and that I had been pleasantly surprised that President Obama thought of the role the way I did. He wanted competence and independence and didn't want the FBI involved in policy. He wanted to be able to sleep at night knowing the FBI was well run.

The President then spoke again about being glad I wanted to stay. He said Mattis said great things about me, as did Sessions. He explained he had asked a lot of people about me and heard great things. He then returned to loyalty, saying "I need loyalty." I replied that he would always get honesty from me. He paused and said that's what he wants, "honest loyalty." I replied "you will get that from me." (It is possible we understood that phrase differently, but I chose to understand it as consistent with what I had said throughout the conversation: I will serve the President with loyalty to the office, the country, and the truth. I decided it would not be productive to push the subject further.)

At about this point he asked again about "your guy McCabe" and whether he was "going to be okay." I again affirmed Andy's ability and professionalism and said the President would come to see and benefit from both.

He then asked who I thought I should "deal with" and he suggested Reince Priebus. I explained that in the prior administration my WH contacts were with the COS, or the people in Mike Flynn's job and Tom Bossert's job. He said "Reince doesn't know we are having dinner," but he will tell him and that I should deal with Reince. He then went on to explain that he has serious reservations about Mike Flynn's judgment and illustrated with a story from that day in which the President apparently discovered during his toast to Teresa May that [REDACTED] had called four days

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ago. Apparently, as the President was toasting PM May, he was explaining that she had been the first to call him after his inauguration and Flynn interrupted to say that [REDACTED] had called (first, apparently). It was then that the President learned of [REDACTED] call and he confronted Flynn about it (not clear whether that was in the moment or after the lunch with PM May). Flynn said the return call was scheduled for Saturday, which prompted a heated reply from the President that six days was not an appropriate period of time to return a call from the [REDACTED] of a country like [REDACTED] ("This isn't [REDACTED] we are talking about."). He said that if he called [REDACTED] and didn't get a return call for six days he would be very upset. In telling the story, the President pointed his fingers at his head and said "the guy has serious judgment issues." I did not comment at any point during this topic and there was no mention or acknowledgment of any FBI interest in or contact with General Flynn.

As we got up, he said we should have my family back for dinner. When I didn't reply, he added, "or a tour, whatever you think is appropriate." As we stepped from the Green Room, he said "Reince knows we are having dinner" (the opposite of what he said earlier) "deal with him; I will tell him." He then walked me into the East Room. I said I had been there before when President Obama held a big dinner for senior staff and appointees around Christmas. We then shook hands and parted.

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I went to the White House today for a 4 pm "meet and greet" with COS Reince Priebus. As I walked in from West Exec, I saw and briefly chatted with Bill Priestap and Jen Boone, who were there to do a defensive briefing [REDACTED]

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As I waited in the West Wing lobby, Mike Flynn stopped by and sat down. We chatted for about five minutes about his new job, the challenges in building a staff, and working with folks who had never been in government before, how he maintains fitness, etc. There was no mention by either of us of [REDACTED]

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COS Priebus's assistant came and got me and took me to his office. He greeted me and we sat with his desk between us. He explained that this was a chance to get acquainted, and he guided the conversation in a variety of directions.

Early in our conversation he brought up the immigration order and asked if I was a lawyer. He asked if I agreed that the order appear facially valid. I said I did, as I believed OLC had; the President has broad authority in the area. I added that because immigration was not an FBI issue, I had not followed the court discussion carefully and did not know what considerations there might be beyond the face of the order.

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We touched on a variety of subjects, including "how the [REDACTED] ended up in the report." I explained that the analysts from all three agencies agreed it was relevant and that portions of the material were corroborated by other intelligence. They discussed whether [REDACTED] and decided it made most sense to [REDACTED] I said I agreed with that decision and thought it very important that it be included and briefed to a select audience. He pressed again and said that the material was [REDACTED] I explained that the primary source [REDACTED] much of it was consistent with and corroborative of other intelligence, and that the incoming president needed to know the rest of it was out there.

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I explained to him that at our dinner the President had expressed interest in having me investigate the Golden Showers thing. I repeated what I had told the President about not wanting to create a narrative that we were investigating him.

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He then asked about leaks of the fact of [REDACTED] and that it was briefed to the incoming president. I said I didn't know where it came from but I suspect it came from folks who have left government. He asked whether it could have come from the FBI. I said it was possible but extremely unlikely in view. We talked about leaks in general and I explained my view that they almost always come from one or two hops out and that every president is plagued by them. He asked if we had ever caught an FBI leaker. I said we had, but it was a rare thing because it almost always turned on our willingness to go after reporter records. He then recalled the Obama administration conflict with James Rosen of Fox. He also mentioned the leak of the read-outs of the Presidents calls with foreign leaders.

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He then asked me if this was a "private conversation." I replied that it was. He then said he wanted to ask me a question and I could decide whether it was appropriate to answer. He then asked, "Do you have a FISA order on Mike Flynn?" I paused for a few seconds and then said that I would answer here, but that this illustrated the kind of question that had to be asked and answered through established channels. I said the answer [REDACTED] I then explained that the normal channel was from DOJ leadership to the WH counsel about such things. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I would normally make sure the AG and DAG were aware and they would likely inform the WH Counsel and he could decide whether to inform the COS. I explained that it was important that communications about any particular case go through that channel to protect us and to protect the WH from any accusations of improper influence.

He said he understood and then asked me what I would talk to Denis McDonough about. I said two kinds of things: policy, like Going Dark, and particular operational issues if we were facing a terror threat or there was an intelligence operation that was sensitive. He would call me to cut through the clutter and find out directly what he needed to know. Reince responded that that was helpful and he hoped I would call him to offer thoughts whenever I thought they would benefit from them, whether not it related to the FBI. He said they would welcome the feedback. I said I would.

He said he understood my dinner with the President had gone very well and that he was interested in my staying on. I repeated what I had told the President, including that we had agreed not to announce anything. Reince asked me how it worked and I explained that I had a ten-year term and, although the President could fire me anytime he liked, I would just continue my term. There was nothing to announce.

During the conversation, Reince also touched the email investigation, offering his view that the Clinton team had misplayed my final announcement and should have pushed it harder as good news. He also said, reflectively, that it wasn't the Russians' fault that she failed to campaign in Michigan, and it wasn't my fault that she set up her email the way she did. He then pressed me on why it wasn't chargeable "gross negligence," and I took him through the facts and the law. At some point I added that it also wasn't my fault that Huma Abedin forwarded emails to Anthony Weiner.

Reince then took me to the Oval Office to greet the President on my way out. The President was seated behind his desk, speaking to Sean Spicer. He introduced me to Mr. Spicer, who shook my hand and departed. Reince stayed, seated to my right as I sat in a chair facing the President.

The President then spoke about a variety of topics, touching on the email investigation (wondering aloud what it would have been like to run against Bernie

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Sanders if I had recommended charging Hillary Clinton). He asked (as he had at our dinner) whether my deputy had a problem with him, and recounting how hard he had been on the campaign trail, saying "the number 2 guy at the FBI took a million dollars from the Clintons." I again explained that Andy McCabe was a pro. He asked whether he had ever mentioned to me the campaign attacks. I said "never," and again explained he was a true pro and you would come to value him. I said if he had it to do over again I'm sure he would urge his wife not to run, but that the guy put everything aside and did his job well.

The President talked about the leak of the "read-outs" from his calls with Australia and Mexico, explaining that the leaks couldn't have come from the "other side," and he understood we were helping look into that. Reince interjected that "Kellogg" was looking at it and we were helping. I said I would follow up to find out what was going on.

The President brought up the "Golden Showers thing" and said it really bothered him if his wife had any doubt about it. He then explained, as he did at our dinner, that he hadn't stayed overnight in Russia during the Miss Universe trip. Twice during this part of the conversation, Reince tried to interject a comment about the [REDACTED] and "why it was even in there," but the President ignored him. The President said "the hookers thing" is nonsense but that Putin had told him "we have some of the most beautiful hookers in the world." (He did not say when Putin had told him this and I don't recall [REDACTED])

He then pivoted to the Russians wanting an apology from Bill O'Reilly. I said I had seen that and O'Reilly's reply, which was to "call him in 2023." The President then said that O'Reilly's question about whether he respected Putin had been a hard one. [REDACTED] He said he does respect the leader of a major country and thought that was the best answer. He then said, "You think my answer was good, right?" I said the answer was fine, except the part about killers, because we aren't the kind of killers that Putin is. When I said this, the President paused noticeably. I don't know what to make of it, but he clearly noticed I had directly criticized him.

The conversation then moved to other pleasantries and we wrapped up with a handshake.

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The President called me on my CMS phone at 8:13 am today (March 30, 2017). The call lasted 11 minutes (about 10 minutes when he was connected). We were connected by Royal Crown switchboard.

He began by joking that I was getting more publicity than he. I replied that I hate it. He then said he was trying to run the country and the cloud of this Russia business was making that difficult. He said he thinks he would have won the health care vote but for the cloud. He then went on at great length, explaining that he has nothing to do with Russia (has a letter from the largest law firm in DC saying he has gotten no income from Russia), was not involved with hookers in Russia (can you imagine me, hookers? I have a beautiful wife, and it has been very painful), is bringing a personal lawsuit against Christopher Steele, always advised people to assume they were being recorded in Russia, has accounts now from those who travelled with him to Miss Universe pageant that he didn't do anything, etc.

He asked what he could do to lift the cloud. I explained that we were running it down as quickly as possible and that there would be great benefit, if we didn't find anything, to our Good Housekeeping seal of approval, but we had to do our work. He agreed, but then returned to the problems this was causing him, went on at great length about how bad he was for Russia because of his commitment to more oil and more nukes (ours are 40 years old).

He said something about the hearing last week. I responded by telling him I wasn't there as a volunteer and he asked who was driving that, was it Nunes who wanted it? I said all the leadership wanted to know what was going on and mentioned that Grassley had even held up the DAG nominee to demand information. I said we had briefed the leadership on exactly what we were doing and who we were investigating.

I reminded him that I had told him we weren't investigating him and that I had told the Congressional leadership the same thing. He said it would be great if that could get out and several times asked me to find a way to get that out.

He talked about the guy he read about in the Washington Post today (NOTE: I think he meant Sergei Millian) and said he didn't know him at all. He said that if there was "some satellite" (NOTE: I took this to mean some associate of his or his campaign) that did something, it would be good to find that out, but that he hadn't done anything and hoped I would find a way to get out that we weren't investigating him.

As the conversation ended, he said that he hadn't brought up the McCabe thing because I had said he was an honorable guy (NOTE: I think he meant that he "hadn't brought it up" in this conversation, but he could have meant something else). I repeated that he was. He then said he hadn't brought it up but that McAuliffe is close to the

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Clintons and had given him money but I had said he was an honorable guy. I repeated that he (Andy) was an honorable person.

He finished by stressing that he was trying to make deals for the country, the cloud was hurting him (and mentioned going to G-7 with it hanging over him), and he hoped I could find a way to get out that he wasn't being investigated.

I told him I would see what we could do and that we would do the work well and as quickly as we could.

10:05: I called the Acting Attorney General and relayed the substance of the above and said I was telling him so he could decide what guidance to give me, if any.

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To: (b)(6)

(OGC) (FBI)

: Gauhar, Tashina (b)(6)

Cc: RYBICKI, JAMES E. (DO) (FBI)

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RE: [REDACTED] --- TOP SECRET//NOFORN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] we've transferred the FBI's redactions from the draft to the finals.

Also, per my discussion with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] unless we hear otherwise from you.

Stu

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From: Evans Stuart NSD USA GOV

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:52 PM

To: [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); (b)(6) Tashina Gauhar

Cc: RYBICKI, JAMES E. (DO) (FBI)

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] --- TOP SECRET//NOFORN [REDACTED]

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Thanks [REDACTED] Two quick comments.

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From: [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) {mailto:[REDACTED]}
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:20 PM
To: Evans Stuart NSD USA GOV; (b)(6) Tashina Gauhar
Cc: RYBICKI, JAMES E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] --- TOP SECRET//NOFORN [REDACTED]

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Here are FBI's proposed redactions [REDACTED]. Thanks.

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From: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

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To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)

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Cc: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Beers, Elizabeth

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R. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

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Bcc:

Subject: FW: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

Date: Fri Jul 07 2017 16:46:55 EDT

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2017-5-2 Deputy Director Andrew McCabe's role in handling politically ch....pdf
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FBI document dated 4-29-2015.pdf

Jim:

Have you reviewed DOJ's draft response? [REDACTED] has ok'd.

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Please advise.

Thank you.

Greg

Gregory A. Brower

Assistant Director

FBI Congressional Affairs

(Direct) [REDACTED]

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(Mobile [redacted])

b7E per FBI

From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 1:31 PM

To: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]

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[redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]

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Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

b7E per FBI

Subject: FW: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

Importance: High

See attached DOJ's revised draft response to two incoming letters from Chairman Grassley concerning conflict concerns. If others should review this draft, please coordinate appropriately. In particular, DOJ has asked [redacted]

b5 per FBI

[redacted] DOJ is looking for feedback by this afternoon. Thanks,

Beth Beers

FBI Office of Congressional Affairs

[redacted]

b7E per FBI

From: Kishore, Deepthy C. (OLA) (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 12:07 PM

To: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

b7E per FBI

Subject: RE: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

Beth,

Attached is a draft combined response to the incoming CEG letters of 6/28 and 5/2. This draft has been updated with edits from ODAG but is still being reviewed by OLC. Can you let me know by this afternoon if FBI has any comments? In particular, I'd appreciate if you could take a look at [redacted]

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For your convenience, I've re-attached the incoming letters, as well as the redacted FBI document that was previously provided to the Committee.

Thanks,

Deepthy

From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:14 AM
To: Lasseter, David F. (OLA) (b)(6); Kishore, Deepthy C. (OLA) (b)(6)
Cc: Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA) (b)(6); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

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Appreciate the update – thanks. If possible, we'd like to see a draft.

Beth Beers

FBI Office of Congressional Affairs

[REDACTED]

b7E per FBI

From: Lasseter, David F. (OLA) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:03 AM
To: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]; Kishore, Deepthy C. (OLA) <Deepthy.C.Kishore2@usdoj.gov>
Cc: Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA) (JMD) (b)(6); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

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Beth—good morning. We are working towards a single response to both. We will endeavor to get this out by week's end.

Thanks,

David

From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Kishore, Deepthy C. (OLA) (b)(6); Lasseter, David F. (OLA) (b)(6)
Cc: Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA) (b)(6); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

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Deepthy & David – our front office is asking about this one - what's the status of DOJ's response? Are you intending to respond to both the May 2nd and the June 28th letters with one response? Do you

need anything additional from the FBI? Will we see the response before it's final? Much thanks,

Beth Beers

FBI Office of Congressional Affairs

[REDACTED]

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From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:08 PM

To: 'Kishore, Deepthy C. (OLA)' (b)(6)

Cc: Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA) (JMD) (b)(6) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

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From: Kishore, Deepthy C. (OLA) (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 5:59 PM

To: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]

Cc: Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA) (JMD) (b)(6) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

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Beth,

Thanks so much for the explanation and quick response. Just to make sure I understand [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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And thanks for clearing the proposed draft response to the May 2 letter. We'll forward it to others here

for clearance and will let you know if we have additional questions concerning that response.

Finally

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Thanks again,
Deepthy

From: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 5:17 PM
To: Kishore, Deepthy C. (OLA) (b)(6)
Cc: Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA) (b)(6) ; (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

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FBI clears the attached DOJ response.

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Beth Beers

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From: Kishore, Deepthy C. (OLA) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:22 PM
To: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA) (JMD) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

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It seems that Chairman Grassley's June 28 letter raises the same general issues as his May 2 letter, which I've attached here. That is, both letters suggest that DOJ should assess any potential conflicts of interest raised by Deputy Director McCabe's participation in certain ongoing investigations. The main difference seems to be that he's now requesting unredacted copies of the memo that FBI previously provided to Grassley, on 12/14/16.

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I'd appreciate hearing any additional thoughts you might have about this; I'm also available to discuss this by phone any time tomorrow.

Thanks for your help,

Deepthy

From: Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 10:38 AM
To: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Kishore, Deepthy C. (OLA) (b)(6)

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Subject: FW: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

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Another incoming on Acting Director McCabe. Please continue to work with Deepthy on these responses.

Thanks,

Ken

From: Flynn-Brown, Josh (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Burton, Faith (OLA) (b)(6); Lasseter, David F. (OLA) (b)(6)
Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA) (b)(6)
Cc: CEG (Judiciary-Rep) <CEG@judiciary-rep.senate.gov>; Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6); Davis, Patrick (Judiciary-Rep) (b)(6); Sawyer, Heather (Judiciary-Dem) (b)(6)
Subject: 2017-06-28 CEG to DOJ (McCabe Continuing Conflicts Follow Up)

Faith, David, and Ken:

Attached is a letter from Senator Grassley to Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein. Please confirm receipt, and please send all formal follow-up correspondence electronically in PDF format to CEG@judiciary-rep.senate.gov, (b)(6) Jason Foster, and me. I've also cc'd Ranking Member Feinstein's staff.

Very Respectfully,

Josh Flynn-Brown

Investigative Counsel

Chairman Charles E. Grassley

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary

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From: (b)(6) Stuart Evans (NSD)

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tashina586>

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Subject: FW: (s) Ohr Interviews — ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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- 12. Interview_of_Bruce_Ohr-5.15.17
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From: Schools, Scott N. (b)(6)

To: O'Neill, Michael (b)(6)

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Subject: (U) Document request supplement

Date: Thu Jul 05 2018 16:32:13 EDT

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Sean:

These are the documents that may not have gotten into the secret database. On the TS side, was able to load the missing documents myself.

Scott

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(U) a ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Bruce OHR, date of birth (DOB) [REDACTED] currently b6 per FBI
 the Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of b7C per FBI
 Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) was
 interviewed at FBI Headquarters, 935 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC.
 After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Special Agents and
 the nature of the interview, OHR provided the following information:

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR stated he had recently been contacted by Christopher
 Steele on three separate occasions via WhatsApp or FaceTime. On 12 March
 2017, Steele told OHR he was concerned about receiving a letter from
 Senator Grassley asking Steele to disclose additional details regarding
 the dossier Steele compiled on Donald J. Trump. Steele also expressed
 concern about [REDACTED]

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ On 15 March 2017, Steele told OHR if asked, Steele would
 tell the investigating congressional committees what he could about the
 dossier, but Steele must protect the sources and methods used to collect
 the information.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ On 26 March 2017, Steele told OHR he expected a letter from
 the congressional committee investigation at any moment. Steele was aware
 that Glen Simpson has already revived such a letter. Steele further told
 OHR that [REDACTED] an attorney representing [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] was acting in an informal capacity with Senator Mark Warner's
 staff, and was in contact with Steele. Steele noted since he resided in

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(U) ~~SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN~~ Interview of Bruce Ohr 27

03/27

(S) Continuation of FD-302 of March 2017
the United Kingdom

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~~Steele would answer~~

written questions from investigators

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ On 5/8/2017, SA [REDACTED] and SSA [REDACTED] interviewed BRUCE OHR, a [REDACTED] currently the Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) at FBI Washington Field Office, 601 4th Street, Washington, DC. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, OHR provided the following information:

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR and STEELE communicated via text message in WhatsApp and arranged a call for 5/3/2017 at 8:00 AM. STEELE told OHR that business was good.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ STEELE had been worried about Director Comey's upcoming testimony to Congress especially his response to questions that would be raised by Representative Grassley. STEELE was specifically concerned about anything Director Comey would say [REDACTED]. STEELE was happy with Director Comey's response.

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ In a previous conversation, STEELE had expressed concern for the well-being of a source. STEELE described the current disposition of this source as "stable".

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ STEELE informed OHR that the disclosure laws in the UK were more narrow than in the United States and therefore limited his ability to testify before Congress. STEELE cited specifically that he was restricted from [REDACTED].

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ [REDACTED] and had been on the staff of the [REDACTED]. At the time of the interview, [REDACTED] was working with the [REDACTED].

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ [redacted] Interview of Bruce Ohr 8 May 05/08
Continuation of FD-302 of 2017 . On /2017 . Page 2 of 2

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ GLENN SIMPSON of FUSION-GPS and [redacted] would be visiting STEELE b6 per FBI
soon and were in the process of "lawyering up" (NFI). b7C per FBI

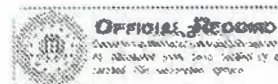
(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ JONATHAN WINER was bringing over a letter separately (NFI).

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ STEELE was interested in working with the FBI and had
additional information if the FBI was interested a

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ On 5/12/2017, SA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] interviewed BRUCE OHR, [redacted] currently the Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) at FBI Washington Field Office, 601 4th Street, Washington, DC. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, OHR provided the following information:

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ STEELE sent OHR a text message in WhatsApp some time around Tuesday and they set up a call via WhatsApp for Wednesday 2:00 PM EST.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Over the course of their telephone call, STEELE informed OHR that he had received a letter from the Senate Intelligence Committee (SIC)a The letter requested answers to the following questions:

1. Had STEELE provided information to the US Government?
2. What was the scope of STEELE's investigation?
3. Did STEELE have any additional information to provide?

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ STEELE mentioned that SIC was considering sending staffers to the UK.

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ SSA [redacted] requested that OHR ask STEELE if he would be willing to have a conversation with FBI agents in the UK. OHR agreed to pass along the message.

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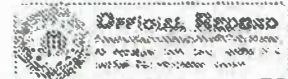
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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ On 5/15/2017, SA [REDACTED] and SSA [REDACTED] interviewed BRUCE OHR, a [REDACTED] currently the Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) at FBI Washington Field Office, 601 4th Street, Washington, DC. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, OHR provided the following information:

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(U) a ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ CHRISTOPHER STEELE sent OHR a text message in WhatsApp on or around Friday, 5/12/2017. The two set up a call via WhatsApp for Saturday at 9:00 AM EST.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Per FBI's previous request, OHR asked STEELE if he would be willing to meet with FBI agents. STEELE responded that the answer was an immediate yes but that he would need to check with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] OHR was clear that this would be nothing more than a conversation with the FBI and STEELE said that would be alright.

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ STEELE informed OHR that he had information regarding a conversation between a [REDACTED]

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(U) a ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ STEELE contacted OHR via Whatsapp at 9:45 AM on Monday, 5/15/2017. STEELE said that [REDACTED] a a were both ok with him talking to the FBI.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ SSA [REDACTED] told OHR that he would communicate with headquarters regarding FBI agents meeting with STEELE and let him know when he received a response.

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR met [REDACTED] in 2007, sometime before a January 2008 conference they both attended. OHR remembers he was at a conference when [REDACTED] and their first interaction took place prior to that event. As the Chief of DOJ's Organized Crime and Racketeering Section at the time, OHR met [REDACTED] in London at [REDACTED] was an expert on Russia, specifically Russian organized crime, and was concerned the west was not taking the Russian threat seriously. Russian oligarchs are brilliant yet cold-blooded and do not act like adults as they kill people for nothing. Over the years OHR and [REDACTED] had a few more meetings before OHR left [REDACTED] and joined or founded Orbis. [REDACTED] OHR and [REDACTED] would see each other once a year in London or the U.S. [REDACTED] had paid clients, yet provided OHR with the same short intel reports from a variety of subsources that were well placed. OHR introduced a [REDACTED] to his eventual handler, SA [REDACTED] from the FBI's New York Field office.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR believes that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR believes Russian oligarchs will provide information to the FBI because in Russia everyone talks to the police. Following the 2014 Ukrainian invasion OHR met [redacted] OHR recalled b1 per FBI
 (S) the three talked about engaging with prospective oligarchs, and that b3 per FBI
 meeting led to a meeting between the FBI, [redacted] b6 per FBI
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(U//FOUO) In the 2011 timeframe, [redacted] introduced the FBI to the source that predicated the FIFA case. The source may not have been the source who initiated the case, but contributed to the start of the case. b7E per FBI

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ In late July 2016, possibly Saturday, July 30, 2016, [redacted] called OHR and asked to meet for breakfast as he/she was in Washington, D.C. and had some serious stuff to talk about. [redacted] planned to also tell SAA [redacted] about the information he/she had collected. OHR met [redacted] for breakfast where OHR was told that Carter Page had met with high level officials in Russia. Page met with Sechin and one other person. The media had already documented Page's trip to Moscow at that time. The FSB had Trump over a barrel. [redacted] (S)
 [redacted] reported to [redacted] In addition, [redacted] was furious at Paul Manafort and was making a case against him. [redacted] were almost ready to talk to the U.S. about the money Paul Manafort stole. [redacted] claimed he had already given some of this reporting to SAA [redacted] and planned to give the rest to him. At that time, [redacted] had provided [redacted] with two reports regarding these topics while Glen Simpson had four. OHR provided copies of notes he took during and after the meeting with [redacted] which are enclosed as attachments.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR knew Glen Simpson hired [redacted] to dig up Trump's connections to Russia. OHR's wife is a Russian translator and was hired to conduct open source research. Even though she did not know the goal of the project, she was able to surmise the purpose as the individuals she was researching were close to Trump. OHR knew that Glen Simpson was hired by a lawyer who does opposition research. OHR knew [redacted] reporting on Trump's ties to Russia were going to the Clinton Campaign, Jon Winer at the U.S. State Department and the FBI. OHR was aware that Simpson was passing [redacted] information to many individuals or entities and at times [redacted] would attend meetings with Simpson. b7E per FBI

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR met [redacted] in Washington, D.C. in late September, possibly close to the time when the Yahoo news article was published on September 23, 2016. During that meeting, [redacted] advised the Alfa server in the US is a link to the Trump campaign and Sergei Millian's Russian/American organization in the U.S. used the Alfa server two weeks b7E per FBI

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(S) prior. [redacted] is alleged to be an Intelligence Officer working with Carter Page. [redacted] was desperate that Donald Trump not get elected and was passionate about him not being the U.S. President. OHR believes [redacted] wanted to blunt or foil the Kremlin's plans. Simpson and [redacted] could have met with Yahoo or Michael Isikoff jointly, but OHR does not know if they did. OHR provided copies of notes he took after the meeting with [redacted] which are enclosed as attachments.

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR never believed [redacted] was making up information or ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ shaming it. He/she would say this is what [redacted] are telling me. There are always Russian conspiracy theories that come from the Kremlin. One time OHR heard a theory from [redacted] [redacted] OHR honestly believes [redacted] reported what he heard from [redacted] but that doesn't make that story true.

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Jon Winer possibly knew [redacted] OHR met Winer in 1999 or 2000 when Winer was the U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Law Enforcement. Winer was very interested in Russian Organized Crime and enthusiastic about the subject, yet at times difficult to deal with. OHR knew Glen Simpson and others were talking to Victoria Nuland at the U.S. State Department.

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR does not know how [redacted] handles or communicates with his/her sub-sources. OHR does not know the identity of a [redacted] a [redacted] sub-sources.

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR provided the following contact information for [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S//FOUO/NF)~~ OHR had breakfast at Peet's Coffee, 11th and E St. NW, Washington, D.C. with Glenn Simpson at 10:00 A.M. on December 10, 2016. During breakfast Simpson provided OHR with an 8GB Verbatim USB micro digital media drive (thumb drive). OHR does not know what is on the thumb drive but believes it is in regards to the work [REDACTED] was hired to do for Simpson. The thumb drive was entered into evidence at WFO as original evidence. [REDACTED] and a working copy CD-ROM was produced for investigative use. An evidence FD-302 was generated and serialized to this file. b7E per FBI

(U) ~~(S//FOUO/NF)~~ OHR took notes after the meeting with Simpson to preserve his memory and referred to them during the interview. OHR's notes are an attachment to this document. b6 per FBI
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(U) ~~(S//FOUO/NF)~~ Simpson identified Michael Cohen, a lawyer in Brooklyn, NY as having many Russian clients in the Brighton Beach, NY area. Cohen is the go-between Russia and the Trump Campaign and replaced Paul Manafort and Carter Page. Cohen's wife's last name is Shusterman [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Cohen may have attended a meeting in Prague, possibly in September, regarding the Trump Campaign and the Russians.

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[redacted] Simpson does not know his namea b7C per FBI(U) a ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ A former Trump campaign official, possibly Rick Wilson, was talking about some of the Trump ties to Russia and the Trump Campaign tried to sue him for violating his non-disclosure agreement.(U) a ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ A Russian senator and mobster named Torshin may be involved in running the Central Bank of Russia. Torshin's name comes up in in Law Enforcement Organized Crime circles as he is well known in a famous Spanish case that shows direct linkages between Russian Organized Crime, Torshin and the Russian Governmenta Torshin may have funneled Russian money to the National Rifle Association (NRA) to use in support of Trumpa An NRA lawyer, [redacted] found out about the money pipeline and was very b6 per FBI
upset, but the election was over by the time she learned of it. Simpson b7C per FBI
stated there are pictures or Torshin with Trump. Simpson provided OHR with an article on the NRA and Torsion. The article is an attachment to this documenta(U) a ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Some of Simpson's staff believe the NRA spent an abnormally large amount of money during the election, possibly indicating Russian involvement, but others in his company disagree.(U) a ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ The New York Times story from October 3, 2016, that downplayed the connection between Alfa Bank servers and the Trump campaign was incorrect. There was communication and it wasn't spam. [redacted] b1 per FBI
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[redacted] b7E per FBI(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Simpson received a bizarre tip on December 9 that the [redacted]
[redacted] Simpson is not sure whether to believe this.(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Simpson still thinks Sergei Millian is a key figure connecting Trump to Russia. Looking at Millian led Simpson's company to Cohen. Simpson would be surprised if Millian was still in the U.S. Simpson believes Millian is an SVR officer, however he is deducing this from Millian's alias, not because he was told Millian was SVR. Millian may have overseen many financial transfers from Russia to assist the Trump campaign.(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Simpson asked [redacted] to speak to the Mother Jones reporter as it was Simpson's Hail Mary attempt. b7E per FBI~~SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN~~

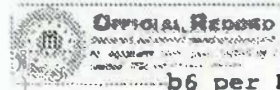
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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR asked Simpson if he was concerned about his personal safety. Simpson responded that he learned from his Russian investigative reporting what they were capable of but there was no way for him to know if they were coming after him. Simpson mentioned that someone called and asked him to find out where all of the Alfa Bank stories were coming from. Simpson did not state this was a threat from the Russians, but that was the impression made upon OHR based upon the timing of the comment and using that story as a response to OHR's question.

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(U) ~~S//OC/NF~~ On December 20, 2016, at 11:00 A.M. OHR provided writer with an 8GB SanDisk Cruzer Glide USB micro digital data storage drive (thumb drive)e Glen Simpson at Fusion GPS hired OHR's wife, Nellie Ohr, to conduct research for his firm. OHR voluntarily provided his wife's research to the FBI. OHR provided the interviewing Agent with the thumb drive and indicated it contained the totality of the work Nellie Ohr conducted for Simpson, but the Fusion GPS header was strippede Nellie Ohr is a Russian linguist/analyst and a former Russian History professor. The thumb drive was entered into evidencee

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