

Russia

JS

2/16/17

- Broad issue of elections.

- Spr + early summer, we began looking @ R activities @ campaign activities. The

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- We saw that US activity was [REDACTED]  
(b)(1), (b)(3)

While some of [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(3)

[REDACTED] which we would see all motivation was there. (b)(1), (b)(3)

is that was the plan. Coord effort to get info in public domain.

- We saw thing targeting voting system & voting machines with 2-3 car. control 70-80% of voting machines in US. May have pulled back.

- What they were doing -

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(1)

in context, campaign calling re legitimacy of vote.

Trump said, "If you are listening... Triggered recollection of conv at GP. Foreign intel. He told source "I am aware that elements of R approved Trump campaign that JS



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had information pertained to, in July 2016. Conv. in April they told us in July

We opened a case Full FARA case. Criminal FARA. Open criminal, NS investigations. Begin looking at people who might have had relationship to R, etc.

- On 8/10, opened 3 cases, Page Papadopoulos, & Manafort. 6 days later opened a Flynn case

[Redacted]

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(b)(7)(E) per FBI

In mid-Sept, we get the dossier of [Redacted] Collection for Trump campaign & [Redacted]

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(b)(7)(E) per FBI

linked by Glenn Simpson. Third [Redacted] Once Trump

got info, when Phila. to engage. We didn't correct [Redacted] the case for us of his own accord. Prob Ted Cruz was source.

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Michael Cohen is one of Trump's advisors. He is an atty. Counsel for Trump Assoc.

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Low credibility. We worked of domestic partners to vet. Glenn Simpson employs Bruce Shul's wife. Bruce & [Redacted] are in contact [Redacted]

left [Redacted] & stayed in touch w/ Bruce. Long years of acquaintance, [Redacted]

[Redacted] went to [Redacted] in mid-summer, took til mid-Sept.

- Opened up list of cases on Ukraine & others.

- 10 [Redacted] FISA on page -

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away from campaign. Trying to understand  
rule in a court offer from ~~G~~R. We  
had earlier case in NY & he was an uncharged  
mid in indictment. We gave him defense  
briefing - 2013 & 14. Had also come up in  
'07 & '08.

- By mid-Sept, dossier started a leak.  
Sent letter to D. He was deposed in  
mid-Sept. By Oct, both campaign & CP  
well aware.

- In case of Flynn, not seeing anything  
B noting his own statements.



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- No contact of Stephen Miller or Karl  
Deatrich. Former CJS & former speechwriter.  
- Now looking @ that lead

We have spoken w/ GP overly 3x &  
have CHR into them. He is representing  
- GP met w/ Jos Milford, Met of R Gov  
& Eng. & Putin's niece. GP sent email  
to CP. Early 2016. Work timing. Milford  
says R has email.

- Milford said R had "email" &  
did not communicate. GP says he never told  
anyone. Had Email to CH: Met of Milford,

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offer to use connections to intro  
Mentoring campaign to R government.

- Paul Manafort -

CEO + COO had kleptocracy from Ukraine.  
CRM AFMCI case had stalled. That M.  
contains whether he was loyal

- Crime annotation + modifying via a  
MAGSO. Reimbursement sub. ~~Contract~~ Platform  
is changed. He can trace connections  
Manafort is continuing a CRM side to  
CI on Manafort. Connection Janakowski.  
Manafort steps out + Page steps in.

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- We're largely done - Is there anything of prosecutive merit. Now that he is re-hired, should we re-interview?

(b)(7)(E) per FBI

~~Demetrius~~

Allyson denial

- May re-interview again.

① Page - (SM + RD?)

② GP

③ PM - CRM

④ MF - CI/CRM - could interview

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(b)(3) per FBI

(b)(6) per FBI

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- We are looking from CI what can R check + other intel sources up to protect US. Effort not focused on individuals. That's something we have done for decades. If individuals pop up trying to id problem, but gain insight into what work we doing.

~~best~~ NY T wrong

- Corroborate the dossier

- A lot of dossier occurred but but some came from public source.

Q - Rebe in company

- long time friend? Mangled



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Russia briefing

2/2/17

- ① - Page → compare contact of Russia
- ~~Page~~ & Flynn, Page, Manafort.

(b)(1), (b)(3)

- Page → m 4/16.
- 3/16 DT id Page & Page as among 5 NS adviser

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(b)(7)(E) per FBI

[REDACTED]

Page advised at individual [REDACTED] FBI did defense briefing

- Late summer / early fall 2016, [REDACTED] contact [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED] hired by Record #2. The by Glenn Simpson for Clinton (?)
- Steele reported Page → Russia in July 16. He met w/ Igor Sessou (man near [REDACTED]) & Igor [REDACTED]. b.D. raises w/ Page 3 dossier on [REDACTED] H.C.

- Reported a well-developed conspiracy
- Late Aug & Sept. by FBI trying to corroborate. 9/23 [REDACTED] a lead

(b)(7)(E) per FBI

[REDACTED] denied leading Page writes letter to FBI. He then get distanced from campaign

- By [REDACTED] Oct, FBI cap & running.
- Since [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

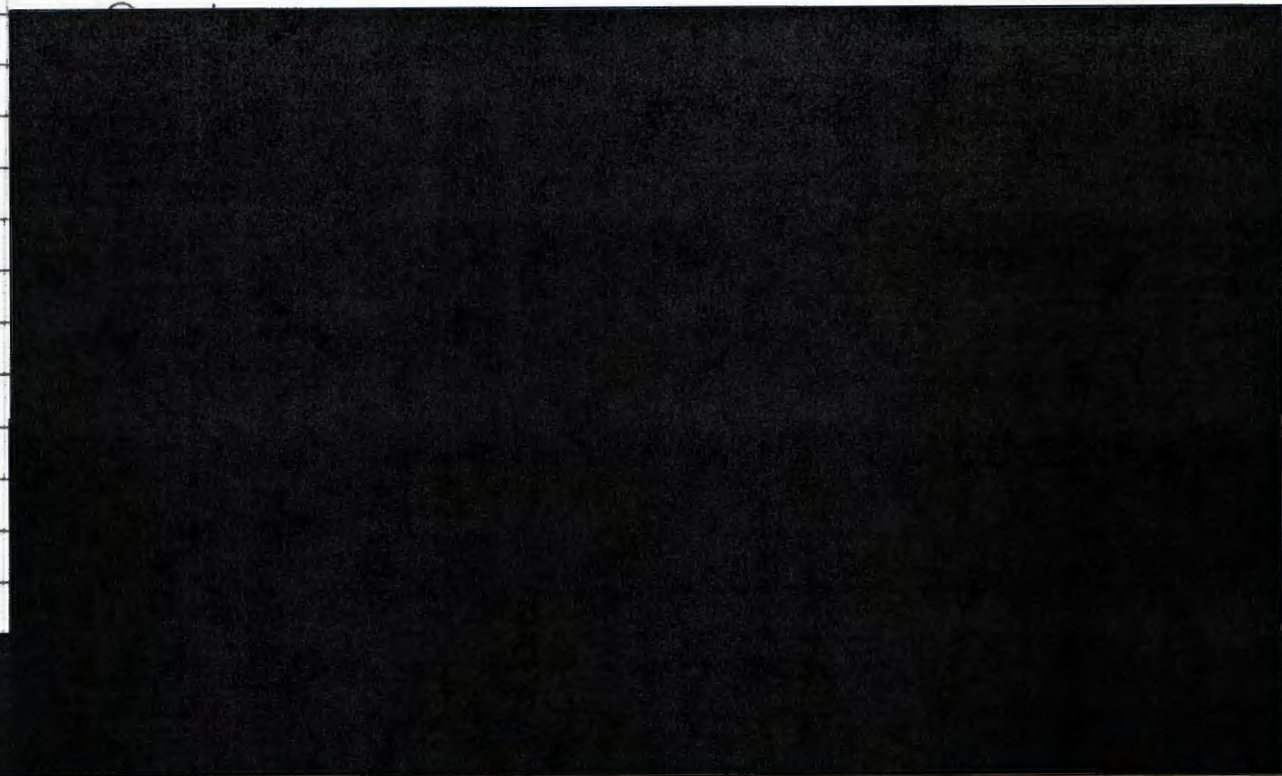
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~~TS~~ had 1 main source.



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2/16/17 FBI Brief

NSD - George Santos - Jim  
SH  
Mary  
TSB  
Scott

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Election Threat

spring/summer - directed at election

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• had success w/ DNC + saw take info

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DATE 3/22/2021  
FBI INFO. CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG  
REASON: 1.4(C)  
DECLASSIFY ON 20921231

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✓  
All three are part of the calculating  
combination of factors  
piracy → campaign  
↳ see additional activities

(b)(1), (b)(3)

community agreement → all parties were there

• DNC emails - show confidence that

(b)(1), (b)(3)

↳ typical of secret activity

(b)(7)(E) per FBI



\* Cyber Brief if want it.

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**(b)(1), (b)(3)**

Area direction + control of Russian Govt.

↳ Question of Response?

Report at the end of year - condensed

↳ Same changes -

**(b)(1), (b)(3)**

1.2 legitimacy of vote  
was year comment by Trump → <sup>emails</sup> find 20,000

↳ After this, Foreign Service remembered  
a conversation w/ Papadopolis.

- Pap. told them, aware that  
spike elements of Trump Govt approached  
by Russia that had info  
damaging to  
→ not to whom  
→ or response

Thinking relates to  
intensity

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- So opened investigation

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Full [redacted]

• umbrella investigation → insub.

• Look → connections to Russia / (b)(1), (b)(3)

4 National Security Investigations

Aug 10 - Page  
Papadopolous  
Paul Manafort  
6 days later - Flynn.

- Advisors to Trump  
- connections to Russia

• PABE - NSL's, CHS

mid  
• Sept. → [redacted] Dossier

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alleges a variety of allegations including collusion

- Manafort  
- then Carter Page

→ ultimately to "Cohen" Cady for Trump

[redacted] relationship

(Simpson) → [redacted]

asked Simpson

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to get info once nomination

→ @ client 2: Dem. philanthropist who continued to seek intelligence.

(Michael Cohen → attorney)

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[Redacted]

- voluntary
- subsurface network
- credible
- salacious + specific

need to look at  
vet/collaborate/  
disprove.

↳ Broad work

- Glen Simpson → Employed Bruce Otter's wife.
- Bruce continues to talk to Simpson
- Cases open / Dossier info - <sup>took at sub sources</sup>
- ↳ open host of other cases related to Russia.

\* Oct [Redacted] - FISA → Page

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[Redacted]

- pushed away prior to election  
(along w/ Manafort)
- page had prior connections to Russia.  
2013-2014.

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mid September - [Redacted] had started to  
leak → so page already knew  
and had made public stmts  
that not involved. ~~TOP SECRET~~

Flynn → Doesn't seem to lead to anything  
Public relationships + planned to close  
then calls come up.

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[Redacted]



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→ Frol - 3 interviews

CATS

- increasing level of directness, but short on confrontation

- Re

→ approached & → yes

→ e-mail that describes meetings

(b)(3) 2016

+ references if interested.

• lines w/ timing of reporting.

admit contact, but has said that Russia has "smiff" + has not said anything.

(b)(1), (b)(3)

→ Do not Believe he is Being truthful.  
Believe not truthful.

Email

→ Not w/ informed + Russian Am. to UK

introduce contact to govt of Russia.

Broker contact

establish relationship.

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Manafort -> CRM/Kepner investigation  
but was not moving fast.

• Ukraine

FBI -> Russia/Ukraine

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investigation  
of Manafort

[redacted] reports showed changes of  
Russian positions

-> see happening, but can't  
tie.

Manafort - continue criminal  
- separate path w/ Ukraine/Russia

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[redacted] says Page stepped up  
when Manafort stepped down

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## Flynn - Current Status

→ FBI/CSS → targety concluded

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→ targety done

1) Any prosecutive merit?

2) Now that resigned → Do we want to interview?

- why

- what and

- what topics

(302)

→ If haven't security  
but will get it.

(FBI)

Look at CI.

→ what is buying nation doing  
discuss

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\* Effort focused on country's motive  
to impact the US.

- Not for WH or

- ID people who are of interest?

→ resolve threat

maybe defensive briefing  
maybe arrest.

-NYT article is wrong - in numerous ways.

- RAG
- PEP
- Manufact
- FLYM

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[Redacted] → effort to corroborate

[Redacted]

subsources

• some can be corroborated,  
but much was added by the time  
went in the report.

fact vs. opinion }  
(b)(3) [Redacted] → some } see below

HSAS → [Redacted] Olt.  
-GSA

GSA → low transition team infrastructure

Q → Need to preserve it

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(b)(3) [Redacted]



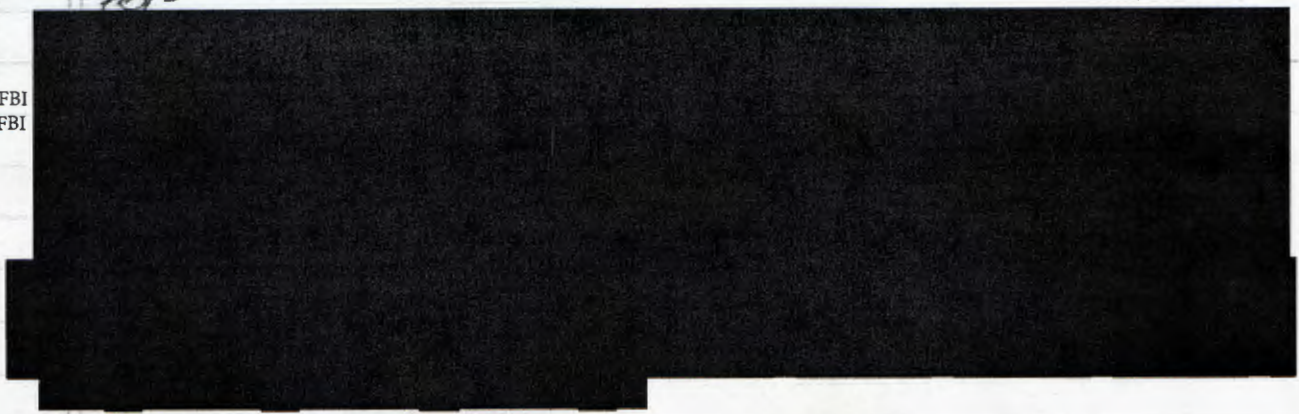
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9/21/17 - FBI [Rep 188ve]

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REASON: 1.4(C, D)

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FBI -



- sub sources - in the file  
- described

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(b)(7)(E) per FBI



- Probet sources - Key equity.  
- setting + Validating procedures for sources  
- what we do to test  
- significant harm if in hands of foreign adversary.

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S/NF

- some substantiated by public info  
→ hard to then evaluate - which came 1st.

\* Continue to expend a lot of resources  
to try to validate / determine validity  
of the dossier.

Q → Scott: Can we address through redactions?  
[redacted] FBI → a lot of redactions.

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\* Key if leak  
\* public fact that respondent would tell  
sources that FBI cooperates.

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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- Payment History
  - reimbursed for expenses } [redacted]
  - paid for info }

- NOT TRACKED OR PAID BY FBI for Russia
- Came to handler for the info

- Before closed, → were looking forward +  
considering \$15,000 for both past +  
future.

- expenses for meeting ([redacted] reimburse)
- incentive going forward.

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~~SHAK~~

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> → offer to paid 15,000

closed w/out paying  
(after disclosed disclosure)

\* \$5,000 - FBI drillip down  
payment for other

[REDACTED]

CFM source

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Timing

\* call on July 3, + met on  
July 5, 2016 → Source Handler met in [REDACTED]  
• 1 or 2 docs received.

↳ went to [REDACTED] who reached out to NY.

[REDACTED]

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Informed relationship back to 2010.

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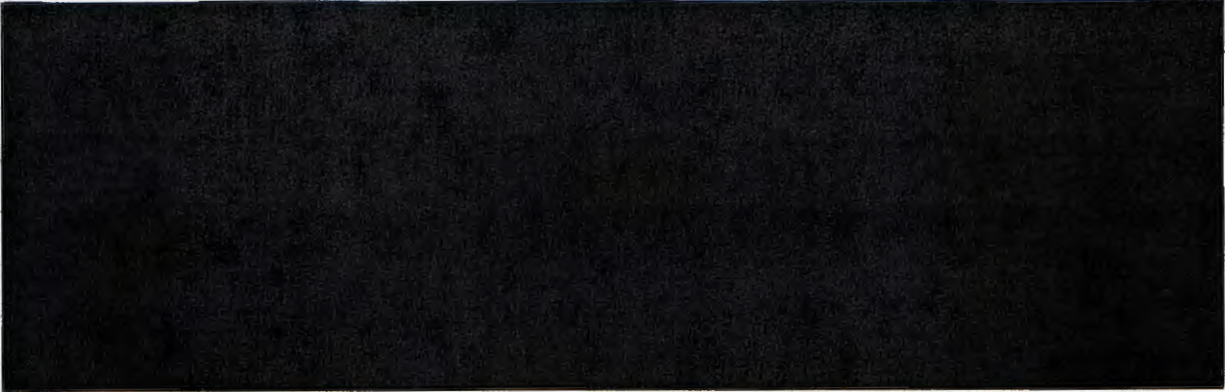
↳ [REDACTED] NY go back + forth for several weeks.  
at one point [REDACTED] had NY Briefed an "END"



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Sept 19 - some info to FBI.

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by Doc. - FBI received [redacted] reports

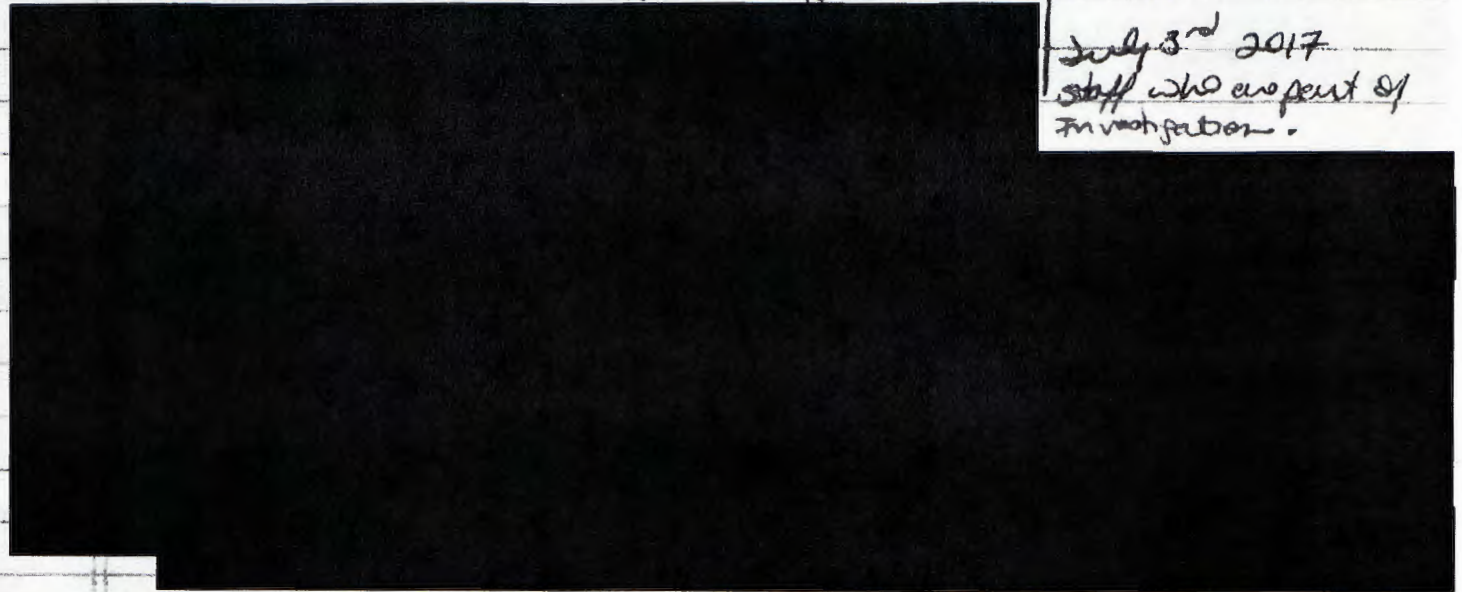
[redacted] provided [redacted]

- some to other people who gave them to FBI

- origin "political research" by law firm

- source 1 -> not told motivation or actual requester

- Review & [unclear]  
July 3rd 2017  
staff who are part of investigation.



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~~SHANE~~

\* Dossier  
\* public leader  
reason

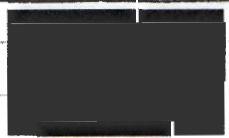
\* ICA  
- 10 dossier  
+ other info

\* other [redacted] reporting  
- about 3

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Some public  
some not  
public

11:30 -> Boyd meeting



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HRSC1 -  
\* ~~Boyd~~ -> subpoena  
• ATG call?  
• POC?

Timeline  
\* Crowley - letters (3) 9/12  
letter  
-> focus on B/T  
timing  
• Re Crowley Briefing

PyBull - interviews  
CHATS

\* Separate - osc investigation - Hatch Act  
Request from Crowley

• Director -> Burr/Warner  
Dir advised that no info that true

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Hi (b)(3), (b)(6) Per our discussion, attached please find the communications we are reviewing in response to Hill request. Thanks for your help with this. Please feel free to reach out if you need additional information.

Best,

Tash

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Scott,  
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Thanks,

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