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FOIPA Request No.: 1391365-000
Civil Action No.: 18-cv-154
Subject: Communications between Peter Strzok and
Lisa Page (February 1, 2015 – Present)

Dear Mr. Marshall:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings with indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552

Section 552a

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367 pages of potentially responsive records were reviewed.

136 pages are being released in whole or in part.

1 page is being withheld in full per exemptions.

112 pages are being withheld duplicate.

56 pages are being withheld referral/consult.

62 pages were determined to be non-records/non-responsive to the FOIA request.

Below you will also find additional informational paragraphs about your request. Where applicable, check boxes are used to provide you with more information about the processing of your request. Please read each item carefully.

Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].

This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.

- We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.
- In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "Part 1" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "Part 2" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "Part 3" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Although your request is in litigation, we are required by law to provide you the following information:

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Please direct any further inquiries about this case to the Attorney representing the Government in this matter. Please use the FOIPA Request Number and/or Civil Action Number in all correspondence or inquiries concerning your request.

- See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Acting Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of Bates Stamped documents, FBI(18-cv-154)-10169 through FBI(18-cv-154)-10535. The enclosed documents represent the twenty-third interim release of information responsive to your request.

The FBI conducted email searches for any email communication between Peter Strzok and Lisa Page. This search located both official government records and non-record personal communications between these two individuals.

The FBI reviewed 500 pages of these emails. While conducting this review, the FBI individually analyzed the emails to determine whether they pertained to official government business constituting records under the FOIA or whether they consisted of purely personal communications between the two individuals. As a result of the FBI's review, it determined 62 pages were non-record, personal communications not subject to the FOIA; and 305 pages consisted of responsive FBI records.

As previously indicated, document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning another agency (ies). We are consulting with the other agency (ies) and are awaiting their response. Our office has processed all other information currently in our possession. The FBI will correspond with you regarding those documents when the consultation is completed.

To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

Please be advised that as of June 8, the Record Information/Dissemination Section (RIDS) resumed operating at full staffing levels amidst the ongoing COVID-19 national emergency. The enclosed FOIPA release represents a work product that could be generated for you under these unprecedented circumstances and the limited time we were fully staffed during the month of June. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to release as much information, to as many requesters as possible, as this emergency continues.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)
 DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET
 FOIA Request No.:1391365-000 Civil
 Action No.: 18-cv-154

Total Withheld Page(s) = 231

Bates Page Reference	Reason for Withholding (i.e., exemptions with coded rationale, duplicate, sealed by order of court, etc.)
FBI(18-cv-154)-10174	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
FBI(18-cv-154)-10185	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-10184
FBI(18-cv-154)-10186	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
FBI(18-cv-154)-10195	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-3395
FBI(18-cv-154)-10198	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
FBI(18-cv-154)-10203	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
FBI(18-cv-154)-10209 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10211	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
FBI(18-cv-154)-10218	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
FBI(18-cv-154)-10220	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
FBI(18-cv-154)-10225	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
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FBI(18-cv-154)-10233 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10235	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-3544 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-3545
FBI(18-cv-154)-10236 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10241	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-3546 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-3549
FBI(18-cv-154)-10243 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10246	Referral/Consult
FBI(18-cv-154)-10249 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10252	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-3555 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-3558
FBI(18-cv-154)-10257 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10260	Referral/Consult
FBI(18-cv-154)-10261 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10263	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
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FBI(18-cv-154)-10268	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
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FBI(18-cv-154)-10275 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10277	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-3567 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-3570
FBI(18-cv-154)-10280 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10283	Referral/Consult
FBI(18-cv-154)-10286 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10289	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-3580 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-3584

FBI(18-cv-154)-10290 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10299	Referral/Consult
FBI(18-cv-154)-10300 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10309	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-3580 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-3584
FBI(18-cv-154)-10310 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10311	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)-3587 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-3588
FBI(18-cv-154)-10314 thru FBI(18-cv-154)-10316	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)- 10317 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10319
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FBI(18-cv-154)-10329 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10334	Referral/Consult
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FBI(18-cv-154)-10370	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)- 3651
FBI(18-cv-154)-10371 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10372	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
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FBI(18-cv-154)-10384 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10391	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
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FBI(18-cv-154)-10437 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10438	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)- 3381 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 3382
FBI(18-cv-154)-10439	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
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FBI(18-cv-154)-10446	Referral/Consult
FBI(18-cv-154)-10447	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
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FBI(18-cv-154)-10449 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10452	Referral/Consult
FBI(18-cv-154)-10453 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10460	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
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FBI(18-cv-154)-10470 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10474	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
FBI(18-cv-154)-10475	Referral/Consult
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FBI(18-cv-154)-10506 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10507	Referral/Consult
FBI(18-cv-154)-10508 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10511	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)- 10512 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10513
FBI(18-cv-154)-10514	Duplicate to FBI(18-cv-154)- 3726
FBI(18-cv-154)-10515 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10516	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
FBI(18-cv-154)-10521	Other - Non-records/Non-responsive to the FOIA request
FBI(18-cv-154)-10522 thru FBI(18-cv-154)- 10528	Referral/Consult
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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 6:15 PM
To: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Guardian: The story of the Trump dossier: secret sources, an airport rendezvous, and John McCain

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Several interesting things in here

https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/jan/11/trump-russia-report-opposition-research-john-mccain?CMP=share_btn_fwSorry

The story of the Trump dossier: secret sources, an airport rendezvous, and John McCain

What began as opposition research during the Republican primary slowly grew from a covert investigation into an extraordinary but unverified global story

Julian Borger in Washington

Wednesday 11 January 2017 12.19 EST Last modified on Wednesday 11 January 2017 17.06 EST

The extraordinary but unverified documents published on Tuesday on Donald Trump's ties with Moscow began life as a piece of opposition research, which has become as much a part of US politics as yard signs and coloured balloons.

There is a small industry of research and investigative firms in Washington, typically staffed by a mix of former journalists and security officials, adept at finding information about politicians that the politicians would rather stay hidden. The firms often do not know who exactly is hiring them; the request could come from a law firm acting on behalf of a client from one of the parties.

In this case, the request for opposition research on Donald Trump came from one of his Republican opponents in the primary campaign. The research firm then hired one of its sub-contractors who it used regularly on all things Russian: a retired western European former counter-intelligence official, with a long history of dealing with the shadow world of Moscow's spooks and siloviki (securocrats).

By the time the contractor had started his research, however, the Republican primary was over. The original client had dropped out, but the firm that had hired him had found a new, Democratic client. This was not necessarily the Hillary Clinton campaign or the Democratic National Committee. Opposition research is frequently financed by wealthy individuals who have donated all they can and are looking for other ways to help.

By July, the counter-intelligence contractor had collected a significant amount of material based on Russian sources who he had grown to trust over the years – not just in Moscow, but also among oligarchs living in the west. He delivered his reports, but the gravity of their contents weighed on him. If the allegations were real,

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their implications were overwhelming.

He delivered a set to former colleagues in the FBI, whose counter-intelligence division would be the appropriate body to investigate. It is believed he also passed a copy to his own country's intelligence service, but it felt constrained in what action it could take and left it up to the Americans to do their own investigation and draw their own conclusions.

As summer turned to autumn, the investigator was asked for more information by the FBI but heard nothing back about any investigation. The bureau seemed obsessed instead with classified material that flowed through a private email server set up by Clinton's aides. The FBI's director, James Comey, threw the election into a spin 11 days before the vote by announcing his investigators were examining newly discovered material.

The former intelligence official grew concerned that there was a cover-up in progress. On a trip to New York in October, he was persuaded to tell his story to David Corn, the Washington editor of Mother Jones, who first reported the existence of the material on 31 October.

The FBI however continued to refuse to comment on the issue, despite reports that it had requested and perhaps acquired a warrant for further investigation from the Foreign intelligence surveillance (Fisa) court. The silence was not altogether surprising. The FBI counter-intelligence division, headquartered in Washington, is extremely secretive, much more so than the New York field office, which had strong links to former prosecutor and mayor Rudy Giuliani, who was by then working for Trump. The threat of leaks from New York about Clinton emails had reportedly pushed Comey into making his October surprise announcement.

In mid-November, the documents took another route into Washington that ultimately led to them being mentioned in the joint intelligence report on Russian interference that was delivered to President Obama and President-elect Trump. On 18 November, the annual Halifax International Security Forum opened in the Canadian city, bringing together serving and former security and foreign policy officials from around the world.

Senator John McCain, a hawkish Republican, was there and was introduced to a former senior western diplomat who had seen the documents, knew their source and thought him highly reliable. McCain decided the implications were sufficiently alarming to dispatch a trusted emissary, a former US official, to meet the source and find out more.

The emissary hastily arranged a transatlantic flight and met the source at the airport as arranged. (The Guardian has agreed not to specify the city or country where the meeting took place.) The meeting had a certain cold war tradecraft to it, as he was told to look for a man with a copy of the Financial Times. Having found each other, the retired counter-intelligence officer drove the emissary to his house, where they discussed the documents and their background.

The emissary flew back within 24 hours and showed McCain the documents, saying it was hard to impossible to verify them without a proper investigation. McCain said he was reluctant to get involved, lest it be perceived as payback for insulting remarks Trump had made about him during his rambunctious campaign.

However, on 9 December, McCain arranged a one-on-one meeting with Comey, with no aides present, and handed them over.

"Upon examination of the contents, and unable to make a judgment about their accuracy, I delivered the information to the Director of the FBI. That has been the extent of my contact with the FBI or any other government agency regarding this issue," the senator said in a statement on Wednesday morning.

It is not clear whether the FBI decided to include a summary of the documents in its report.

It is not clear what underpinned the FBI's decision to include a summary of the documents in its highly classified briefing to the president and president-elect and their top staff, before the bureau had completed its investigation. It may have been as a defensive measure, to prove for posterity that it was not involved in a cover-up, or because its investigators believed them to be credible.

Whatever the motive, it was quickly leaked – first to CNN, which reported on the material on Wednesday. That triggered a controversial decision by BuzzFeed to publish an unredacted version of the documents on its website. It is unclear where the BuzzFeed version came from. The author of the reports had been insistent on blotting out references to his Russian sources in the copies he gave to the press, including the Guardian, out of fear for their safety. The unredacted version could have come from the original client, who commissioned the research, or from intermediaries between the counter-intelligence contractor and the client.

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 8:16 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: follow up

FYI. I also told Quinn I'd like to follow up tomorrow.

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/11/2017 8:15 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted] WF (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: follow up

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Fyi [redacted] you or I should probably inform [redacted] How's your relationship with him?

Bill, unless you object, I'll let Parmaan know.

----- Original message -----

From: "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/11/2017 8:12 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: follow up

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Pete,

Just for visibility...let us know if you want to discuss.

Rich

Richard P. Quinn
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Media/Investigative Publicity

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[redacted] (m)

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----- Original message -----

From: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/11/2017 6:52 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: follow up

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----- Original message -----

From: Michael Isikoff [REDACTED]

Date: 1/11/17 6:35 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: follow up

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Mike-- I'm told that Chris Steele, the operative in question, had worked as a consultant to the FBI's Eurasian organized crime section on the FIFA case, developing info about Russian organized crime connections to FIFA. And that the [REDACTED] is the one he turned over the dossier to Rome. [REDACTED]
Anything you think I should know, please let me know.

Mike

c [REDACTED]

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 10:22 PM
To: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: NYT

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Pretty good reporting

WASHINGTON — Seven months ago, a respected former British spy named Christopher Steele won a contract to build a file on Donald J. Trump's ties to Russia. Last week, his lurid account — unsubstantiated accounts of frolics with prostitutes, real estate deals that were intended as bribes and coordination with Russian intelligence of the hacking of Democrats — was summarized for Mr. Trump in an appendix to a top-secret intelligence report.

The consequences have been incalculable and will play out long past Inauguration Day. Word of the summary, which was also given to President Obama and to congressional leaders, leaked to CNN on Tuesday, and the rest of the media followed with sensational reports.

Mr. Trump denounced the unproven claims Wednesday as a fabrication, a Nazi-style slander concocted by "sick people." It has further undermined, at least temporarily, his relationship with the intelligence agencies and cast a shadow over the new administration.

Parts of the story remain out of reach — most critically the basic question of how much, if anything, in the dossier is true. But it is possible to piece together a rough narrative of what led to the current crisis, including lingering questions about the ties binding Mr. Trump and his team to Russia. The episode also offers a glimpse of the hidden side of presidential campaigns, involving private sleuths-for-hire looking for the worst they can find about the next American leader.

The story began in September 2015, when a wealthy Republican donor who strongly opposed Mr. Trump put up the money to hire a Washington research firm run by former journalists, Fusion GPS, to compile a dossier about the real estate magnate's past scandals and weaknesses, according to a person familiar with the effort. The person described the opposition research work on condition of anonymity, citing the volatile nature of the story and the likelihood of future legal disputes. The identity of the donor who funded the effort is unclear.

Fusion GPS, headed by a former Wall Street Journal journalist known for his dogged reporting, Glenn Simpson, most often works for business clients. But in presidential elections, the firm is sometimes hired by candidates, party organizations or donors to do political "oppo" work — shorthand for opposition research — on the side.

It is routine work and ordinarily involves creating a big, searchable database of public information: past news reports, documents from lawsuits and other relevant data. For months, Fusion GPS gathered the documents and put together the files from Mr. Trump's past in business and entertainment, a rich target.

After Mr. Trump emerged as the presumptive Republican nominee in the spring, the Republicans no longer wanted to finance the effort. But Democratic supporters of Hillary Clinton were very interested, and Fusion GPS kept doing the same deep dives into Mr. Trump's record, but on

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interested, and a source of a reporting the same deep dives into Mr. Trump's records, but on behalf of new clients.

In June, the tenor of the effort suddenly changed. The Washington Post reported that the Democratic National Committee had been hacked, apparently by Russian government agents, and a mysterious figure calling himself "Guccifer 2.0" began to publish the stolen documents online.

Mr. Simpson hired Mr. Steele, a former British intelligence officer with whom he had worked before. Mr. Steele, in his early 50s, had served undercover in Moscow in the early 1990s and later was the top expert on Russia at the London headquarters of Britain's spy service, MI6. When he stepped down in 2009, he started his own commercial intelligence firm, Orbis Business Intelligence.

The former journalist and the former spy, according to people who know them, had a similar dark view of President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, a former K.G.B. officer, and the varied tactics he and his intelligence operatives used to smear, blackmail or bribe their targets.

As a former spy who had carried out espionage inside Russia, Mr. Steele was in no position to travel to Moscow to study Mr. Trump's connections there. Instead, he hired native Russian speakers to call informants inside Russia and made surreptitious contact with his own connections in the country as well.

Mr. Steele wrote up his findings in a series of memos, each a few pages long, that he began to deliver to Fusion GPS in June and continued at least until December. By then, the election was over, and neither Mr. Steele nor Mr. Simpson had a client to pay them, but they did not stop what they believed to be very important work. (Mr. Simpson declined to comment for this article, and Mr. Steele did not immediately reply to a request for comment.)

The memos described two different Russian operations. The first was a yearslong effort to find a way to influence Mr. Trump, perhaps because he had contacts with Russian oligarchs whom Mr. Putin wanted to keep close track of. According to Mr. Steele's memos, it used an array of familiar Russian tactics: the gathering of "kompromat," compromising material such as alleged tapes of Mr. Trump with prostitutes in a Moscow hotel, and proposals for business deals attractive to Mr. Trump to win his allegiance.

The goal would probably never have been to make Mr. Trump a knowing agent of Russia, but to make him a source who might provide information to friendly Russian contacts. But if Mr. Putin and his agents wanted to entangle Mr. Trump using business deals, they did not do it very successfully — Mr. Trump has said he has no major properties inside Russia.

The second Russian operation described was recent: a series of contacts with Mr. Trump's representatives during the campaign, in part to discuss the hacking of the Democratic National Committee and Mrs. Clinton's campaign chairman, John D. Podesta. According to Mr. Steele's sources, it involved, among other things, a late-summer meeting in Prague between Michael Cohen, a lawyer for Mr. Trump, and Oleg Solodukhin, a Russian official who works for Rossotrudnichestvo, an organization that promotes Russia's interests abroad.

By all accounts, Mr. Steele has an excellent reputation with American and British intelligence colleagues and had done work for the F.B.I. on the investigation of bribery at FIFA, soccer's global governing body. Colleagues say he was acutely aware of the danger he and his associates were being fed Russian disinformation. Russian intelligence had mounted a complex hacking and leaking operation to damage Mrs. Clinton, after all, and a similar operation against Mr. Trump was an obvious possibility.

But much of what he was told, and passed on to Fusion GPS, was very difficult to check. And some of the claims that can be checked seem problematic. Mr. Cohen, for instance, said on

Twitter on Tuesday night that he has never been in Prague; Mr. Solodukhin, his purported Russian contact, denied in a telephone interview that he had ever met Mr. Cohen or anyone associated with Mr. Trump. The president-elect on Wednesday cited news reports that a different Michael Cohen with no Trump ties may have visited Prague and that the two Cohens might have been mixed up in Mr. Steele's reports.

But word of a dossier had begun to spread through political circles. Rick Wilson, a Republican political operative who was working for a "super PAC" supporting Marco Rubio, said he heard about it in July, when an investigative reporter for a major news network called him to ask what he knew. Other campaigns and super PACs were also developing more limited opposition research into Mr. Trump's Russia ties.

By early fall, some of Mr. Steele's memos had been given to the F.B.I. and to journalists. An MI6 official, whose job does not permit him to be quoted by name, said that in late summer or early fall, Mr. Steele also passed the reports he had prepared on Mr. Trump and Russia to British intelligence. Mr. Steele was concerned about what he was hearing about Mr. Trump, and he thought that the information should not be solely in the hands of people looking to win a political contest.

After the election, the memos, still being supplemented by his inquiries, became one of Washington's worst-kept secrets, as reporters scrambled to try to confirm or disprove their contents.

Word also reached Capitol Hill. Senator John McCain, Republican of Arizona, heard about the dossier and obtained a copy in December from David J. Kramer, a former top State Department official who works for the McCain Institute at Arizona State University. Mr. McCain passed the information to James B. Comey, the F.B.I. director.

Remarkably for Washington, many reporters for competing news organizations had the salacious and damning memos, but they did not leak, because their contents could not be confirmed. That changed only this week, after the heads of the C.I.A., the F.B.I. and the National Security Agency added a summary of the memos, along with information gathered from other intelligence sources, to their report on the Russian cyberattack on the election. Now, after the most contentious of elections, Americans are divided and confused about what to believe about the incoming president. And there is no prospect soon for full clarity on the veracity of the claims made against him.

"It is a remarkable moment in history," said Mr. Wilson, the Florida political operative. "What world did I wake up in?"

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Jonathan Martin, Mark Mazzetti and Eric Schmitt contributed reporting.

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 10:39 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: follow up

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----- Original message -----

From: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/11/2017 9:31 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: follow up

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I just figured you were enjoying a well-deserved drink! ☺

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/11/2017 9:29 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: follow up

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Of course, if I speak the way Samsung autocorrects my grammar and spelling, I should never speak to anyone again. Sorry for "youbofnyou"

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/11/2017 9:11 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: follow up

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Bill, do we want an AD telling him? Of coutee i defer to youbofnyou want to, but might be more appropriate at a lower level (he's an alat, I think, not a legat). I'm not sure how to think about this.

----- Original message -----

From: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/11/2017 9:02 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
[redacted] WF) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: follow up

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Peter: I can inform [redacted] it's 3 AM there now, so I will call him first thing tomorrow AM. Thanks. Bill

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/11/2017 8:15 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted] (WF) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: follow up

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Fyi, [redacted] you or I should probably inform [redacted] How's your relationship with him?

Bill, unless you object, I'll let Parmaan know.

----- Original message -----

From: "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/11/2017 8:12 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: follow up

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Pete,

Just for visibility...let us know if you want to discuss.

Rich

Richard P. Quinn
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Media/Investigative Publicity

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[redacted] (m)

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----- Original message -----

From: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/11/2017 6:52 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: follow up

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From: Michael Isikoff [redacted]
Date: 1/11/17 6:35 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: follow up

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Mike-- I'm told that Chris Steele, the operative in question, had worked as a consultant to the FBI's Eurasian organized crime section on the FIFA case, developing info about Russian organized crime connections to FIFA. And that the [redacted] is the one he turned over the dossier to Rome [redacted].
Anything you think I should know, please let me know.

Mike

c [redacted]

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: IG Investigation Quote

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Thanks. Looks good from our perspective

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/12/2017 2:49 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)"
 [redacted] "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)"
 [redacted] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"
 [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
 [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: IG Investigation Quote

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Adding Pete and Jon and [redacted]

But looks fine to me.

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Subject: IG Investigation Quote

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Thanks [redacted]

"I am grateful to the Department of Justice's IG for taking this on. He is a professional and independent investigator and I look forward to cooperating with him and his office. I hope very much he is able to share his conclusions and observations with the public because everyone will benefit from thoughtful evaluation and transparency."

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Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the Director
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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:19 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: IG Investigation Quote

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CD is good

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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/12/2017 3:07 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: "Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: IG Investigation Quote

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This includes Jim's edits. Please let me know if you are good. Thanks, [redacted]

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Subject: RE: IG Investigation Quote

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From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 2:50 PM

To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted]

Cc: Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

[redacted] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]

Subject: RE: IG Investigation Quote

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But looks fine to me.

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Cc: Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]

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Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the Director
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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Daily Mail

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From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/12/2017 3:12 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Daily Mail

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<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4113576/Former-MI6-spy-hiding-Russians-Trump-dirty-dossier-1million-two-years-working-undercover-supplying-FBI-information-cracked-open-corruption-FIFA.html>

[Textbox below :-]

Christopher Steele supplied the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with information on corruption at FIFA, international soccer's governing body, it was revealed today.

It was his work on corruption in international soccer that lent credence to his reporting on Trump's entanglements in Russia, US officials said.

Emails seen by Reuters indicate that, in the summer of 2010, members of a New York-based FBI squad assigned to investigate 'Eurasian Organized Crime' met Steele in London to discuss allegations of possible corruption in FIFA, the Swiss-based body that also organizes the World Cup tournament.

People familiar with Steele's activities said his British-based company, Orbis Business Intelligence, was hired by the Football Association, Britain's domestic soccer governing body, to investigate FIFA. At the time, the Football Association was hoping to host the 2018 or 2022 World Cups. British corporate records show that Orbis was formed in March 2009.

Amid a swirl of corruption allegations, the 2018 World Cup was awarded to Moscow and Qatar was chosen to host the 2022 competition.

The FBI squad whose members met Steele subsequently opened a major investigation into alleged soccer corruption that led to dozens of U.S. indictments, including those of prominent international soccer officials.

Senior FIFA officials, including long-time president Sepp Blatter, were forced to resign.

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 5:45 PM
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: 11 Questions

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Ha, just sent on fbinet. But you beat me. :)

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From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/13/2017 5:43 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: 11 Questions

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[redacted]
Assistant General Counsel
National Security Law Branch
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Bureau of Investigation
[redacted]

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 6:21 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Letter to Director Comey FBI re Quid Pro Quo Investigation

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I'm free from 2:00-3:30. If needed, I can free myself from 3:30 on.

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 6:19 PM
To: Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter to Director Comey FBI re Quid Pro Quo Investigation

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Smaller group: there are a couple more due outs following the Director's All House Members appearance this afternoon, plus all the outstanding stuff we still have to respond to. Could we get together for 30 minutes or so on Tuesday afternoon to touch base? Name your time: I'm free between 1-5...

Thanks all.

From: Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 5:54 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Steinbach, Michael B. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: FW: Letter to Director Comey FBI re Quid Pro Quo Investigation

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All,

Attached is a letter received from Chairman Chaffetz this afternoon. We can deal with this next week, but I wanted to put it on your radar...

Jason

From: Casey, Sharon [redacted]

Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 11:12 AM

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sent: Friday, January 10, 2015 11:12 AM

To: Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)

[redacted]

Cc: Leavitt, Tristan [redacted] McKenna, Liam [redacted]

Subject: Letter to Director Comey FBI re Quid Pro Quo Investigation

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Attached please find a letter from Chairman Chaffetz of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Thank you,
Sharon Casey



Sharon Ryan Casey
Deputy Chief Clerk
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2157 Rayburn Building, Washington, DC 20515

[redacted]

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 7:16 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Letter to Director Comey FBI re Quid Pro Quo Investigation

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I'll make it work

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/13/2017 7:15 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI)"
[redacted] "Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)"
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[redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"
Cc: "Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter to Director Comey FBI re Quid Pro Quo Investigation

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Jason, Pete, does 3-4 work?

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From: "Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/13/2017 7:03 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted] "Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: "Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter to Director Comey FBI re Quid Pro Quo Investigation

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I can do it between 3 and 4, assuming Jim can cover another meeting for us (which I think he can). I have other obligations before and after that time that I cannot move.

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/13/2017 6:58 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]

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[Redacted] KYBICKI, James E. (DU) (FBI) [Redacted] Strzok, Peter P.
(CD) (FBI) [Redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"
[Redacted] "Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)"
[Redacted] OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]
[Redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [Redacted]
Cc: "Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter to Director Comey FBI re Quid Pro Quo Investigation

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b7C -1
b7E -6

I can be available whenever works for the team. [Redacted]

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Date: 01/13/2017 6:18 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)"
[Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] "Strzok, Peter P.
(CD) (FBI)" [Redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"
[Redacted] "Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)"
[Redacted] OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]
[Redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [Redacted]
Cc: "Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter to Director Comey FBI re Quid Pro Quo Investigation

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Smaller group: there are a couple more due outs following the Director's All House Members appearance this afternoon, plus all the outstanding stuff we still have to respond to. Could we get together for 30 minutes or so on Tuesday afternoon to touch base? Name your time: I'm free between 1-5...

Thanks all.

From: Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 5:54 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] (DO) (FBI)
[Redacted] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] Steinbach,
Michael B. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)
[Redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [Redacted] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD)
(FBI) [Redacted] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI) [Redacted] Anderson,
Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI) [Redacted] OGC) (FBI)
[Redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [Redacted] Page, Lisa C.
(OGC) (FBI) [Redacted]
Cc: Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Letter to Director Comey FBI re Quid Pro Quo Investigation

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b7E -6

All,

Attached is a letter received from Chairman Chaffetz this afternoon. We can deal with this next week, but I wanted to put it on your radar...

Jason

From: Casey, Sharon [redacted]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
 [redacted]
Cc: Leavitt, Tristan [redacted] McKenna, Liam
 [redacted]
Subject: Letter to Director Comey FBI re Quid Pro Quo Investigation

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Attached please find a letter from Chairman Chaffetz of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Thank you,

Sharon Casey

Sharon Ryan Casey

Deputy Chief Clerk



Committee on Oversight and Government Reform



2157 Rayburn Building, Washington, DC 20515



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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

Subject: Accepted: Meet re MYE
Location: OCA conference room

Start: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:00 PM
End: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Required Attendees: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

When: Jan 17, 2017 3:00:00 PM
Where: OCA conference room

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 8:41 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Hpsci

b6 -1
b7C -1

No kidding! Fortunately severe weather and fruit rarely come together. Avoid a hurricane at a banana plantation I guess.

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/13/2017 8:30 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Hpsci

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Such fascinating facts: loves weather, hates fruit. You're totally intriguing... 😊

Have a good weekend all!

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/13/2017 8:20 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Hpsci

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b7C -1
b7E -6

Will do.

Also, for me, yay ice storm. (No sarcasm, I love weather)

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/13/2017 7:29 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: Hpsci

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Just sent you my HPSCI transcript on FBINET. I cc'ed Bill, Jason, and [redacted] I defer to you to pass to D and DD; Bill was OK doing so.

b6 -1
b7C -1

Thanks and have a great weekend (yay Sat ice storm ☺),

Pete

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 10:25 PM
To: Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Why did Obama dawdle on Russia's hacking?

b6 -1
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted]
Date: 01/13/2017 10:23 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Why did Obama dawdle on Russia's hacking?

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

UPDATE: The Trump transition team did not respond Thursday night to a request for comment. But two team members called with information Friday morning. A first Trump official confirmed that Flynn had spoken with Kislyak by phone, but said the calls were before sanctions were announced and didn't cover that topic. This official later added that Flynn's initial call was to express condolences to Kislyak after the terrorist killing of the Russian ambassador to Ankara Dec. 19, and that Flynn made a second call Dec. 28 to express condolences for the shoot-down of a Russian plane carrying a choir to Syria. In that second call, Flynn also discussed plans for a Trump-Putin conversation sometime after the inauguration. In addition, a second Trump official said the Dec. 28 call included an invitation from Kislyak for a Trump administration official to visit Kazakhstan for a conference in late January.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/why-did-obama-dawdle-on-russias-hacking/2017/01/12/75f878a0-d90c-11e6-9a36-1d296534b31e_story.html

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Update

----- Original message -----

From: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/14/2017 7:58 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted] Corsi, Dina M. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: "Boone, Jennifer C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Update

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Pete, Dina, and Jon: Please see below. Jen's team will be contacting [redacted] Thx, Bill

----- Original message -----

From: "Boone, Jennifer C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/14/2017 12:27 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Update

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b7E -4, 6

[redacted]

Will provide additional to you tomorrow via telcal if you'd like.

----- Original message -----

From: "Boone, Jennifer C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/13/2017 9:07 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Update

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b7C -1
b7E -4, 6

[redacted]

----- Original message -----

From: "Boone, Jennifer C. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Date: 01/13/2017 9:02 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: Update

Do you have a minute/do you want a quick update on the attempted contact tonight? Telcal vice email if OK.

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b7C -1
b7E -6

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: The Independent--UK

Thanks Mike. Of course not accurate (the coverup/cabal nonsense). Is that question gaining traction anywhere else?

----- Original message -----

From: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 01/14/2017 4:08 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[REDACTED]
Cc: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: The Independent--UK

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

FYI.....

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/donald-trump-russia-dossier-file-investigation-hacking-christopher-steele-mi6-a7526901.html>

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 5:11 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd:

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/15/2017 5:10 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE:

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Oh good :)

I'm just happy you're involved. I trust both of you and your judgment implicitly.

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/15/2017 5:01 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE:

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Don't worry. I totally understand. It's a little difficult for me, too, dealing with a new cast of characters. We're working out the kinks, and we haven't even added [redacted] to the mix yet!

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/15/2017 4:31 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE:

b6 -1
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Hey also please understand in my email below that the aspect of my frustration/irritation at the information flow is not directed at you, nor am I asking you to solve it; just venting aggravation.

Thanks

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To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
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Subject: RE:

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I referred Laufman to the reports online. [redacted]

[redacted]

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None of this requires ant briefing on the 97 cases, and you should certainly be a part of that.

[redacted]

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----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/15/2017 4:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject:

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b7E -6

Hey are you good? I just talked to Bill as I had heard nothing since yesterday morning.

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Thanks

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 7:23 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd:

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----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/15/2017 5:42 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE:

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

I know. I agree. That's why it's particularly difficult to bring on so many new people.

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----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/15/2017 5:10 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE:

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b7E -6

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Date: 01/15/2017 5:01 PM (GMT-05:00)
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Cc: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE:

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Cc: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE:

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[redacted]

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/15/2017 4:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject:

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[redacted]

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Thanks

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Lawfare

Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:35 PM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: FW: Lawfare

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b7C -1
b7E -6

-----Original Message-----

From: Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:47 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
[redacted] McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC)
(FBI); [redacted] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Herring,
Jason V. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)
[redacted]
Subject: Lawfare

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b7E -6

FYSA:

<https://lawfareblog.com/six-thoughts-defense-james-comey>

Six Thoughts In Defense of James Comey

By Benjamin Wittes

Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 12:14 PM

Let me start with a disclosure: FBI Director James Comey is a personal friend. So feel free to dismiss, if you like, what follows as the rantings of a guy who doesn't like to see friends put through the ringer. That said, the emerging bipartisan groupthink on Comey needs a big splash of ice cold water.

Over the last week, we have seen the announcement of an inspector general investigation of, among other things, Comey's decisions on the Hillary Clinton email investigation. We have seen an angry meeting in which Comey refused to discuss the state of the investigation of Trump's links to Russia. Democratic members of Congress vented at him for the supposed double standard that allowed him to talk about the Clinton investigation but not about this one. We have seen repeated calls for his resignation from all over the political map.

And speaking on Fox News Sunday, incoming Vice President Mike Pence conspicuously refused to say that Trump would not fire Comey when he takes office in a few days: "Well, you will have to ask [Trump] about that. I know it's been the subject of some commentary this week. . . . [Y]ou'd have to ask the president-elect. I know they've had conversations. And that will be a good question for him after January 20th."

Jeffrey Goldberg perhaps best summed up the situation on Meet the Press when he quipped: "If I were doing P.R. for Comey, I would note that he's a uniter, not a divider. He's brought Republicans and Democrats together in a way that they don't get together anymore."

So let me sound a note of dissent—several notes of dissent, to be precise—on Comey's villainy. And let me emphatically dissent on the question of whether or whether he should be replaced as FBI director. Here are six thoughts in defense of Comey:

First, the notion that there was some great double standard in which Comey was willing to discuss in detail the Clinton email investigation yet now stays mum about allegations about Trump is wrong. There is no double standard; the comparison between the Clinton and Trump investigations is not even an apples-to-oranges comparison. It is comparing apples to orangutans.

The investigation of Clinton was, at the time Comey issued his detailed statement on it and talked publicly about it before Congress in July, a completed criminal investigation on which he had findings to deliver. By contrast, the investigation of the relationship between the Trump campaign and the Russians, assuming there is such an investigation (and I do so assume), is an ongoing one; what's more, it's an ongoing foreign counterintelligence investigation (FCI). Comey did not discuss the Clinton email matter until he had completed findings on that, so it's no double standard for him not to discuss the Trump matter while it is still in play.

Moreover, the expectation that he would discuss an FCI investigation involving the Russians, even if it were complete, reveals a deep ignorance of what FCI is and how it works. These are matters about which the FBI simply does not comment publicly—ever. To confirm such an investigation would effectively confirm FISA surveillance against Russian targets. These investigations are often not discrete examinations of alleged misconduct but long-term monitoring of foreign intelligence activity against the United States. The only circumstances in which such investigations become public are indictments and leaks (which are rare in the FCI space). The idea that this or any other FBI director is going to publicly discuss this sort of investigation—or that a closed Congressional meeting offers sufficient protection from public disclosure—is laughable.

Second, even more laughable is the notion, implicit or explicit in some of the criticism, that Comey was somehow seeking to aid Trump or injure Clinton in the way he handled the email and dossier matters. Remember that Comey succeeded during the campaign in enraging both sides. Republicans were furious at his judgment that Hillary Clinton had not committed any prosecutable offenses. The Democrats were furious that he cleared her while simultaneously excoriating both her and her team as "extremely careless." Democrats were enraged that Comey informed Congress shortly before the election of the reactivation of the matter. Republicans slammed him for announcing days later that no evidence of wrongdoing had emerged. If the mark of a fair deal is that all sides are unhappy, then Comey has been a model of fairness.

The idea that he sought to assist Trump during the campaign, or seeks to assist him now, against allegations of ties to Russia is even more absurd. I have not asked Comey how he voted in the election and never would. But consider the almost-daily reports, carried by multiple newspapers, of the anxiety

within the intelligence community about Trump. What sane FBI Director wouldn't be anxious in Comey's shoes? What sane FBI director would not be concerned about being part of an interagency process run by General Flynn, a man who famously sat beside Vladimir Putin at an RT dinner? RT, recall, figured prominently in the intelligence community's report on Russian interference in the U.S. election. If you believe, as I do, that Comey probably knows a great deal more than we do about the reality of any Russian kompromat file on Trump and any untoward contacts between Trump forces and Russian operatives, what on earth would possess him to bury that information in order to help a compromised and less-than-stable man become his boss?

Comey may have erred back in July in discussing the Clinton email findings and in informing Congress of the investigation's reinvigoration in October, but to now attribute base or partisan motives is more than baseless. It's silly.

Third, the question of whether Comey did, in fact, err back in July and in October is a very complicated one in my view, one that Jack Goldsmith and I treated in some depth at the time and on which I think criticism is warranted. As we noted then, "Comey probably erred in testifying about his decision [in July]. In his initial public statement, he had total control over what he said. In his subsequent live testimony, however, members drew a great deal more out of him. It was a mistake to let them do so." He "compounded that mistake . . . by allowing so many of the underlying documents in the investigation to become public." Because of the statement, the testimony, and the documents, "the flood of material about Clinton and her emails created an expectation that everything the FBI did would be discussed in public." That expectation proved consequential when Comey then felt obliged to keep Congress abreast when the investigation reactivated shortly before the election.

But note on this point that very few of the people who are so angry at Comey now expressed any of that anxiety back in July, when he actually delivered his comments on the Clinton email matter and made the commitment to keep Congress up to speed if things changed. I was actually one of the few people who raised the question of the propriety of what Comey was doing at the time, though I did not dissent from his action. Here's what I wrote:

I think it's important to stress that this is really not the way we want major investigations to be closed out in the future.

There is something horrible about watching a senior government official, who has used the coercive investigative capacities of the federal government, make public judgments about a subject's conduct which the Justice Department is not prepared to indict. There is something even more horrible about a hearing in which individual members of Congress feel entitled to pick over the details of that conduct, asking about whether specific questions were asked by the FBI of specific witnesses and subjects and asking whether specific lines of inquiry were followed.

As a general matter, when prosecutors and investigators decline to indict someone, we don't want a report, much less congressional oversight of the unindicted conduct. We want them to shut the heck up.

This point is rooted in important civil liberties concerns. We don't give the FBI the power to investigate people so that it can report on their characters or behavior, so that the FBI director can pronounce on the truthfulness of their public utterances (which Comey endeavored not to do and yet inevitably did repeatedly simply by reporting his findings). And we don't give congressional committees the power of oversight, generally speaking, so that they can review individual prosecutorial decisions by flyspecking the details of the conduct of particular investigations vis a vis individual subjects. We give the FBI these powers so that it can investigate crimes. And if the Justice Department is not going to prosecute

these powers so that it can investigate critics, and if the Justice Department is not going to prosecute someone, it generally has no business talking about the conduct of that person's affairs.

This was a very lonely position at the time. The vast majority of people who are today calling for Comey to be flayed in public with an iron comb were perfectly content then to dive into the substance of what he said, either to declare that he had "cleared" Clinton or to delve into the facts he reported in order to condemn him for not recommending her indictment. It may well be—and in retrospect I tend to believe—that the right answer was for Comey to say nothing except that the Clinton email investigation was complete. But even I did not go that far at the time, and I can think of only a few people who said any such thing in public. If you're not one of those people, have a little humility about how much outrage to gin up now. And understand that it makes zero sense to be furious that Comey will not publicly discuss a highly sensitive ongoing FCI investigation involving an adversary foreign power because he then discussed what he thought was a completed criminal investigation on which he could put matters to rest. If you think he made a mistake in commenting on a case before, the way to fix that now surely is not to comment on another case.

Fourth, to whatever extent Comey erred, he erred in a public fashion about which he was entirely up front and for which he has been willing to be held accountable. Think about that for a minute. In the era of Trump, do we really want to get rid of the people who are willing to speak the truth as they see it in circumstances in which they know they will brave a firestorm by doing so? Do we really want an FBI director who will, instead of taking responsibility for his conclusions, whisper them in the ear of a sympathetic journalist as a "source familiar with the investigation"? Do we really want to send the message—even as Trump is denying the reality of Russian intervention in our election and we desperately need independent and serious investigation of precisely what happened—that if you diligently investigate a matter to conclusion and forthrightly report your findings in the fashion you believe (perhaps erroneously) is demanded by your obligations to the public and Congress, that we will have your head?

To ask these questions should be to answer them.

Fifth, not everyone involved in this episode behaved in such a forthright fashion here, and the comparison between Comey and certain other key actors bears some emphasis. Jack and I wrote back in October about the ass-covering behavior of Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates:

there's an elephant in the room alongside all these DOJ officials who are clucking about the FBI director's having gone rogue: Attorney General Lynch, having been consulted ahead of time, let him do it.

Lynch could have ordered Comey not to send the letter. She declined to do that, and instead acted in a manner that minimized her own responsibility, as the head of the Justice Department, for what Comey did.

This is not the way the matter is playing in the press. Many news stories over the weekend, citing anonymous Justice Department sources, suggested that Comey acted contrary to Justice Department wishes. The idea is that the DOJ was somehow helpless to prevent an out-of-control investigator from meddling in a presidential campaign with actions undertaken either to gratify Comey's ego and arrogate power and responsibility to himself or to help Donald Trump—or because Comey just couldn't help himself.

But that's not how the Justice Department works, and that's not what happened here. If you think what Comey did was beyond the pale, Lynch does not get to escape accountability for the action.

The Washington Post later reported that Lynch and Yates never even spoke to Comey directly about his impending decision to send the letter. They let staff handle the whole thing. And they also, it turns out, shared Comey's concerns about how the public would react to leaks that they had sought to keep information from Congress:

Justice officials decided that neither Lynch nor her deputy, Yates, should order Comey to not send the letter. They were not sure how Comey would respond to such a command. And they too feared leaks. Lynch and her advisers were nervous about how it would look if people found out that she, a Democratic presidential appointee, told Comey to keep secret from Congress a new development in the Clinton investigation.

Instead, they tried to convince Comey that he had never promised to update Congress at every turn. He had merely said he would "look at" any new information in the case.

When that did not work, they made one last effort to contain the damage. Justice officials wanted Comey to simply say that he had new information that might be related to the Clinton probe, and to make clear the FBI did not know whether the new material was significant.

Remember that Comey was in the position he faced, in the first instance, because Lynch had, months earlier, let Bill Clinton walk onto her airplane in Los Angeles and have a chat just as the investigation was finishing up—thus utterly compromising herself. So having made Comey central to the public debate, Lynch now made a deliberate decision to let him do as he pleased and take the heat for it.

Comey may well have too willingly fallen on this particular grenade, in other words, but the Justice Department senior leadership was knowingly let him do it and ran fleeing from the grenade to a waiting press core eager to hear—on background, of course—about how Comey was violating long-standing Justice Department policy. It's the perfect Washington outcome: The attorney general got all the benefit of Comey's action and came out looking like his victim and largely escaping scrutiny in the aftermath.

Let me here venture the modest suggestion that her conduct was not wholly honorable.

I actually welcome the inspector general investigation, in part because I suspect we have a great deal to learn about the interactions between the bureau and Main Justice during this episode—none of it flattering to the way senior Justice Department officials conducted themselves. To be sure, Comey will have some things to answer for too in that probe, particularly the grotesque leaking from the New York Field Office on matters related to the Clinton Foundation. But I suspect we will learn a lot less of interest about the Comey's decisionmaking, which has been very public, than we will about those on the other side of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Sixth and finally, I want to reiterate a point that Susan Hennessey and I made immediately after the election: Replacing Comey would be a disaster for the country. "Whatever you think of Comey's judgment or conduct during the campaign," we wrote, "his actions have unequivocally demonstrated political independence from his political bosses, as he has in the past. And that is exactly what we will need from the FBI in the coming years."

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Don't kid yourself that there is someone out there who is likely to support him and who is likely to confirm about whom you could honestly write those words.

Don't kid yourself on another point either: Comey will not resign; if we're going to get a new FBI director, he's going to have to be fired.

So ask yourself this question: Do you really want Donald Trump to fire the FBI director for a set of good faith judgments about two high-profile criminal and FCI investigations in which Trump has direct personal interests and to replace him with someone less independent?

I didn't think so.

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

Subject: Accepted: MYE follow-up
Location: OGC conference room (no sunshine)
Start: Monday, January 23, 2017 10:00 AM
End: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:00 AM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Accepted
Organizer: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Required Attendees: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

When: Jan 23, 2017 10:00:00 AM
Where: OGC conference room (no sunshine)

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 6:14 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: McClatchy story I mention at wrap up

Thanks Mike. There are some significant inaccuracies in here if you want more detail

From: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 6:05 PM
To: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: McClatchy story I mention at wrap up

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b7E -6

FBI, 5 other agencies probe possible covert Kremlin aid to Trump

BY PETER STONE AND GREG GORDON
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON

The FBI and five other law enforcement and intelligence agencies have collaborated for months in an investigation into Russian attempts to influence the November election, including whether money from the Kremlin covertly aided President-elect Donald Trump, two people familiar with the matter said.

The agencies involved in the inquiry are the FBI, the CIA, the National Security Agency, the Justice Department, the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network and representatives of the director of national intelligence, the sources said.

Investigators are examining how money may have moved from the Kremlin to covertly help Trump win, the two sources said. One of the allegations involves whether a system for routinely paying thousands of Russian-American pensioners may have been used to pay some email hackers in the United States or to supply money to intermediaries who would then pay the hackers, the two sources said.

The informal, inter-agency working group began to explore possible Russian interference last spring, long before the FBI received information from a former British spy hired to develop politically damaging and unverified research about Trump, according to the sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the inquiry.

On Jan. 6, the director of national intelligence released a declassified report that concluded Russian President Vladimir Putin had ordered an influence campaign to “undermine faith in the U.S. democratic process,” damage Hillary Clinton’s election prospects and bolster Trump’s. The campaign included the hacking of top Democrats’ emails and fake news distributed by Russian sources.

The president-elect, who will be inaugurated Friday, has said he believes Russia was involved with the hacking, and he has called allegations that he or his associates were involved a “political witch hunt” and a “complete and total fabrication.”

Trump has yet to say whether FBI Director James Comey will be retained. The rest of Trump’s newly appointed intelligence and law enforcement chiefs will inherit the investigation, whose outcome could create national and international fallout.

Trump’s presidential transition team did not respond to a request for comment about the inquiry.

A key mission of the six-agency group has been to examine who financed the email hacks of the Democratic National Committee and Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta. The London-based transparency group WikiLeaks released the emails last summer and in October.

The working group is scrutinizing the activities of a few Americans who were affiliated with Trump’s campaign or his business empire and of multiple individuals from Russia and other former Soviet nations who had similar connections, the sources said.

U.S. intelligence agencies not only have been unanimous in blaming Russia for the hacking of Democrats’ computers but also have concluded that the leaking and dissemination of thousands of emails of top Democrats, some of which caused headaches for the Clinton campaign, were done to help Trump win.

Trump and Republican members of Congress have said they believe Russia meddled in the U.S. election but that those actions didn’t change the outcome. However, Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, a former chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Sunday on NBC’s “Meet the Press” that she believes that Russia’s tactics did alter the election result.

The Senate Intelligence Committee has opened its own investigation into Russia’s involvement in the campaign. That panel will have subpoena power.

FBI Director Comey refused at a recent Senate hearing to comment on whether the bureau was investigating Russia’s hacking campaign for possible criminal prosecutions. Spokespeople for the FBI, the Justice Department and the national intelligence director declined to comment.

The BBC reported last week that the joint inquiry was launched when the CIA learned last spring, through a Baltic ally, of a recording indicating the Russian government was planning to funnel funds aimed at influencing the U.S. election.

Another source of information was the former longtime British intelligence agent, Christopher Steele, who was hired to gather opposition research about Trump for a Republican client and later a Democrat. Early last summer, Steele became alarmed about information he was receiving from a network of Russian sources describing a web of Trump's business relationships with wealthy Russians and alleged political ties to the Kremlin, according to two people who know him. These sources also declined to be identified because of the sensitivity of the matter.

Steele's reports also alleged that Russian consulates in New York, Washington and Miami were used to deliver "tens of thousands of dollars" to Kremlin-hired operatives using fictitious names as if they were legitimate Russian-American pensioners. That "ruse" was designed to give Russia "plausible deniability," Steele's reports suggested. However, Russia does not operate a consulate in Miami.

Steele, who had worked previously with the FBI and was well regarded, fed the bureau information in July and September suggesting collusion between Trump associates and Moscow in the hacking of Democratic computers, they said. Eventually, he met in Italy with an FBI official to share more information alleging that a top Trump campaign official had known about the hacking as early as last June, the sources said. About a month after the election, Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona gave FBI Director Comey a copy of a 35-page compilation of Steele's reports.

BuzzFeed posted the 35 pages of allegations online, acknowledging the report had obvious errors and had not been corroborated. Several news organizations, including McClatchy, had the document earlier but had resisted publishing any of the allegations because of the lack of verification.

Trump and Putin have branded Steele's dossier as "fake news." On Jan. 11, at his only news conference as president-elect, Trump dismissed it as "nonsense" and "crap." On Tuesday, Putin accused soon-to-depart Obama administration officials of trying to undermine Trump's "legitimacy," suggesting that the White House had released Steele's dossier. The Russian leader said those who had prepared the dossier were "worse than prostitutes."

Steele's information has been treated as unverified intelligence by the working group because most of it came from purported Kremlin leaks and virtually all of it is extremely difficult to corroborate, the people familiar with the investigation said.

The BBC reported that the FBI had obtained a warrant on Oct. 15 from the highly secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court allowing investigators access to bank records and other documents about potential payments and money transfers related to Russia. One of McClatchy's sources confirmed the report.

Susan Hennessey, a former attorney for the National Security Agency who is now a fellow at the Brookings Institution, said she had no knowledge that a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act warrant had been issued. However, she stressed that such warrants are issued only if investigators can demonstrate "probable cause" that a crime has been committed and the information in Steele's dossier couldn't have met that test.

"If, in fact, law enforcement has obtained a FISA warrant, that is an indication that

additional evidence exists outside of the dossier," she said.

One episode that Steele's reports described from multiple sources referred to a late-summer meeting in Prague between Russian government representatives and Michael Cohen, a lawyer for the Trump Organization, the president-elect's vast business operation. But the FBI has been unable to establish that Cohen was in Prague during that period, the two sources familiar with the working group said.

Cohen has denied ever traveling to the Czech Republic, although he told *The Wall Street Journal* that he did so in 2001.

For months, Trump has voiced positive sentiments toward Putin. In early January, he tweeted that "only 'stupid' people, or fools" would think it's bad to have good relations with Russia.

"When I am President, Russia will respect us far more than they do now and both countries will, perhaps, work together to solve some of the many great and pressing problems and issues of the WORLD!" he tweeted last week.

During the campaign in July, he displayed ignorance that Russian-backed separatists had invaded Crimea in eastern Ukraine in 2014 and he called on Russia to hack away to uncover thousands of emails that Clinton had never made public after using a private server while secretary of state from 2009 to 2013.

At the Republican National Convention in Cleveland last July, Trump's campaign associates successfully changed the Republican Party's platform to weaken a provision advocating more military support for the Ukrainian government in its fight to defend itself against the Russian-backed incursion in Crimea.

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:03 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: fyi

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Please, [redacted]
[redacted]

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 8:58 AM
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: fyi

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----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 8:51 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]" "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: fyi

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I talked to Trisha last night about this and suggested [redacted]
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----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]"
Date: 01/19/2017 8:42 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: Fwd: fyi

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----- Original message -----

From: "Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]"
Date: 01/19/2017 8:36 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]"
Subject: fyi

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I have asked [redacted] to work on pulling together a more detailed work product of [redacted]

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[redacted] She is going to think about [redacted]

[redacted] I haven't given her clear direction on that because she's pretty good at coming up with even better ideas than I have....

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:25 AM
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: fyi

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11? I need to talk to Kortan at 1030

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 10:19 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: fyi

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What's a good time for you? I have to talk to [redacted] before 11, but then I could swing by if you're around. I have a few things.

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: fyi

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[redacted]

Not mad at either of you, and thankful for you getting it done.

Anyway, I'm pissed about a variety of things now. And today started so well...

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[redacted] do you have time to talk 11 Qs?

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From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 9:50 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: fyi

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Done. It's remarkably easy, as it turns out.

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From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 9:05 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"

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[Redacted]
Subject: RE: fyi

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 8:57 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: [Redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [Redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"
[Redacted]
Subject: RE: fyi

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Date: 01/19/2017 8:51 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"
[Redacted]
Subject: RE: fyi

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Subject: Fwd: fyi

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She is going to think about [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I haven't given her clear direction on that because she's pretty good at coming up with even better ideas than I have...

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

Subject: Fwd: Brown Bag Lunch
Location: Rm 7427
Start: Monday, January 23, 2017 12:00 PM
End: Monday, January 23, 2017 1:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Required Attendees: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

When: Jan 23, 2017 12:00:00 PM Where: Rm 7427
Q&A re: Review

Pete – per my high side email, please forward this to the appropriate attendees! Thank you so much!

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

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Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Required Attendees: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

----- Original message -----

From: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
 Date: 01/19/2017 5:19 PM (GMT-05:00)
 To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (WF) (FBI);
 [redacted] (WF) (FBI);
 [redacted] (WMD) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI);
 [redacted] (CD) (FBI);
 [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (CYD) (FBI);
 [redacted] (CID) (FBI);
 [redacted] (WF) (FBI); [redacted] (WF) (FBI);
 [redacted] (OGC) (FBI);
 [redacted] (WF) (FBI); [redacted] (RO) (FBI);
 [redacted] (WF) (FBI);
 [redacted] (WF) (FBI);
 [redacted] (WF) (FBI);
 [redacted] (CYD) (FBI); [redacted] (CG) (FBI);
 [redacted] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted];
 [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]

Subject: Fwd: Brown Bag Lunch

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You're invited to attend an optional meeting with OGC personnel to discuss the IG process and answer questions you may have about the process, not the case itself. It is not mandatory. The location may move to duHadway, fbihq 4012 [redacted] we can conference call you in if you'd like.

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----- Original message -----

From: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
 Date: 01/19/2017 12:49 PM (GMT-05:00)
 To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)";
 [redacted] "Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI)";

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[Redacted] (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]

Strzok, Peter P.

(CD) (FBI)

Subject: Brown Bag Lunch

Q&A re: Review

[Redacted] /Pete – per my high side email, please forward this to the appropriate attendees! Thank you so much!

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 8:03 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: [redacted]

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FYI. Bill spoke with Andy [redacted]

[redacted] Here we go again....

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 8:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
[redacted] (WF) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (WF) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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Just talked with Bill [redacted]

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Please relay above to WFO and [redacted] tonight, and keep me updated with plan for meet and results of same. Good luck.

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 7:27 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (WF) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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[redacted] Bill is aware and willing to jump in when we need him.

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 7:13 PM (GMT-05:00)

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To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] OGC) (FBI)"

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b7E -4, 6

Cc: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)" [redacted] (CD) (FBI)"

Subject: RE [redacted]

[redacted]

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Approval by tomorrow afternoon is the request.

[redacted] Please advise if I am missing something.

Regards,

[redacted]

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]

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Date: 01/19/2017 7:04 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] OGC) (FBI)"

Cc: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)" [redacted] (CD) (FBI)"

Subject: RE [redacted]

I briefed Bill this afternoon and he was trying without success to reach the DD. I will forward below to him as his changes the timeline.

What's your recommendation?

[redacted]

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----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]

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Date: 01/19/2017 6:47 PM (GMT-05:00)

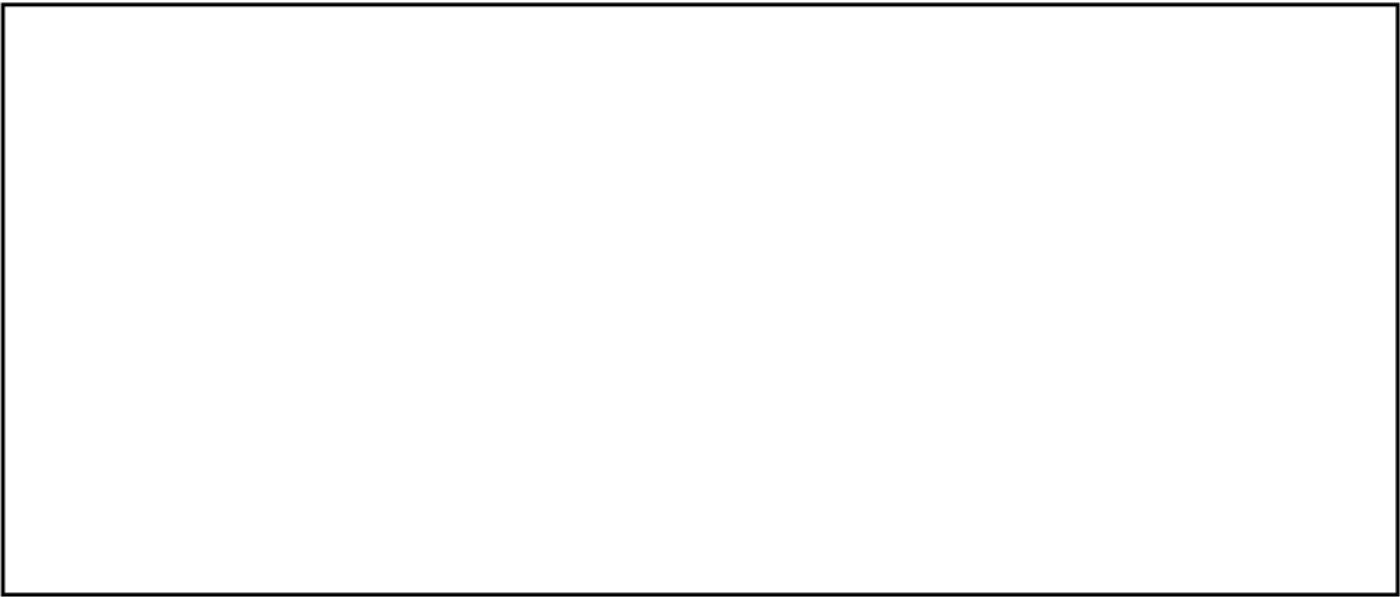
To: [redacted] OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"

Cc: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)" [redacted] (CD) (FBI)"

Subject: RE [redacted]

Yes [redacted] has it right. Here's what we have to decide ASAP:

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Please let me know what you think, what your questions are and if you approve. We can discuss more via phone if you'd like. I'm at [redacted] cell and [redacted] landline.

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So much for a half day...

Regards,

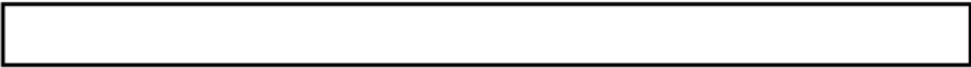
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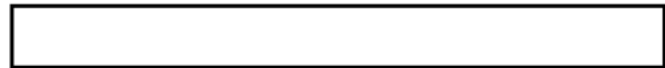
From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 4:07 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 3:59 PM
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
[redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 3:29 PM (GMT-05:00)

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To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (CD) (FBI)"

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Subject: [redacted]

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[redacted] (I'll give Insha Baker a heads up too).

[redacted]

Assistant General Counsel
National Security Law Branch
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 8:56 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: GOP Senator Calls for Investigating What FBI Did About Russia-Trump Intelligence | Mother Jones

----- Original message -----

From: Peter Strzok [REDACTED]
Date: 01/20/2017 8:51 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: GOP Senator Calls for Investigating What FBI Did About Russia-Trump Intelligence | Mother Jones

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<http://m.motherjones.com/politics/2017/01/lindsey-graham-calls-investigating-what-fbi-did-about-russia-trump-intelligence>

GOP Senator Calls for Investigating What FBI Did About Russia-Trump Intelligence

Lindsey Graham also slams Donald Trump for his "forgive-and-forget" stance toward Vladimir Putin.

[David Corn](#) • Jan. 20, 2017 3:40 PM

The night before Donald Trump was sworn in as president, the *New York Times* dropped a bombshell: intelligence and law enforcement agencies have been examining intercepted communications and financial transactions in an investigation of possible contacts between Trump associates and Russian officials. This report seemed to

confirm previous indications that the US government has collected sensitive intelligence about interactions between Trump insiders and Russians. And hours before the inauguration, I ran into Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), who has been one of the few Republicans to call for a special investigation of the Russian hacking that helped Trump, and I asked him about this latest development.

Graham, a member of the Senate judiciary committee, said that he didn't know anything about the intelligence intercepts. He remarked, "I want to learn and investigate all things Russian, wherever it leads." He noted that it was clear that Vladimir Putin's regime had "tried to undermine our election" and "succeeded in creating discontent and discord." He added, "I want to know what they did and who they did it with." He went on: "I want to see all of it...I want to know what Russia did...If there is campaign contacts, I want to know about it."

Graham said he hoped to examine what the FBI knew about any Trump-Russia contacts and what actions the bureau had taken. (Before the election, FBI Director Jim Comey talked rather publicly about the bureau's investigation of Hillary Clinton's handling of her email at the State Department. But Comey has declined to say anything in public regarding whether the bureau has probed links between Trump associates and Russians.) "I hope to be able to work with Sen. Grassley [the chair of the judiciary committee] to look into the FBI's role," Graham said, "in terms of what they did, what they know, and what they can provide to Congress."

At the moment, the Senate investigation of the Russian hacking and possible contacts between Russia and the Trump campaign is being conducted by the Senate intelligence committee. So it's unclear whether Graham will get his wish for a judiciary committee inquiry into the FBI end of this matter.

Before darting off to inauguration business, Graham, who often tussled with Trump during the 2016 campaign, criticized the incoming president for trying to downplay Russian meddling in the 2016 election. "Trump," he said, "seems to be in the forgive-and-forget mode." He noted the "biggest mistake" Trump could make would be "forgiving Russia...for what they did in our election."

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 5:45 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

Too strong?



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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

And this



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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 6:01 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd:

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b7C -1

Please do not forward/share

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/21/2017 5:56 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject:

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b7E -6

Hi Bill, do you have time for a quick chat, either this evening or tomorrow morning? I heard from [redacted] about the WH CI briefing routed from [redacted] I am angry that Jen did not at least cc: me, as my branch has pending investigative matters there, this brief may play into our investigative strategy, and I would like the ability to have visibility and provide thoughts/counsel to you in advance of the briefing. This is one of the reasons why I raised the issue of lanes/responsibilities that I did when you asked her to handle WH detailee interaction.

b6 -1, 2
b7C -1, 2

Thanks,
Pete

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 6:01 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd:

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b7C -1

Ditto

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/21/2017 6:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Boone, Jennifer C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject:

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Hi Jen,

[redacted] just forwarded [redacted] request for a CI briefing tomorrow. I'd appreciate a cc: for things like this, particularly since I have pending cases there, as well as input about how we go about doing it inasmuch as it may impact our investigative strategy. This was part of the point I was trying to make at our meeting last week where Bill asked you to manage WH detailee interaction.

b6 -1, 2
b7C -1, 2

Thanks, Pete

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2017 7:15 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Tomorrow

b6 -1
b7C -1

I agree, this is a very inopportune time for a week away.

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/21/2017 7:05 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Tomorrow

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b7C -1
b7E -6

I'm also really, really regretting the fact that he will be gone virtually this entire week. I have a feeling that stuff like this is going to pop up a lot...☹

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/21/2017 7:03 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Tomorrow

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b7C -1
b7E -6

Well that stinks. And very much pushes me to view that it should be briefing and nothing else.

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/21/2017 7:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Tomorrow

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b7E -6

FYI

----- Original message -----

From: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/21/2017 6:59 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Tomorrow

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b7E -6

SUBJECT RE: TOMORROW

[Redacted]

Unfortunately I am in Connecticut and don't get back to DC until after 1/00. Otherwise, I would surely do it myself. Sunday or not.

b5 -1

Choate boys were victorious over Deerfield in the pool today. The Deerfield girls stole and impressive away win.

Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

[Redacted]

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b7C -1

----- Original message -----

From: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Date: 1/21/17 6:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Cc: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Subject: Tomorrow

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b7C -1
b7E -6

Andy,

If you're available, Lisa and I recommend [Redacted]

b5 -1, 3

[Redacted]

I'm sorry I'm only raising this now. I only recently learned of this meeting because the request came in oddly, and I'm working to fix that.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 7:58 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Briefing sheet
Importance: High

I'll send you what I send to Bill at 2

-----Original Message-----

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 7:57 PM
To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: Briefing sheet
Importance: High

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[redacted]

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b7E -4, 9

[redacted] I need it to Jon and me by noon for review so we can tweak and get to Bill.

[redacted] you're welcome to attend that meeting as well - figure you want to kick off the first day of this new administration bright and early. Of course, if you roll in late, we can fill you in then, too. ;)

Thanks, Pete

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 9:38 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [redacted]

b7E -4

Right?!?!?

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/22/2017 9:36 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted]

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -4, 6

It is always something with him. ?

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/22/2017 8:40 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: FW: [redacted]

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b7C -1
b7E -4, 6

I sent to Bill

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 8:40 PM
To: [redacted] (WF) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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b7C -1
b7E -4, 6

Btw, I don't like this. There is ALWAYS a middle of the night emergency of an ill-defined nature.

From: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 8:22 PM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (CD) (FBI); [redacted] (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: [redacted]

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b7C -1
b7E -4, 6

[redacted] See below update.

b7E -4

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/22/2017 8:11 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (WF) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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b7E -4, 6

Two things:

[redacted]

b7E -4

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (WF) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/22/2017 8:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: [redacted]

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b7E -4, 6

Any updates [redacted]

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b7C -1

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/22/2017 7:24 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted] (WF) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted]

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -4, 6

Any update which might be needed for the am meeting upstairs?

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 10:17 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted] (WF) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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[redacted]

b5 -1, 3
b7E -4

Thanks for the coordination assistance this evening. Enjoy the weekend...

Regards,

[Redacted]

b6 -1
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 8:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI); [Redacted] (CD) (FBI); [Redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [Redacted] (WF) (FBI)
Cc: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted]
Subject: RE: [Redacted]

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b7E -6

Just talked with Bill [Redacted]

[Redacted]

b5 -1, 3
b7E -4

Please relay above to WFO and [Redacted] tonight, and keep me updated with plan for meet and results of same. Good luck.

----- Original message -----

From: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI) [Redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 7:27 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI); [Redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"
Cc: [Redacted] (WF) (FBI); [Redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Bill is aware and willing to jump in when we need him.

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----- Original message -----

From: [Redacted] (CD) (FBI) [Redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 7:11 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [Redacted] (OGC) (FBI)

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b7E -6

Cc: [redacted] (WF) (FBI)

[redacted] (CD) (FBI)

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Subject: RE: [redacted]

[redacted]

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b7E -4

[redacted] Approval by tomorrow afternoon is the request.

[redacted] Please advise if I am missing something.

Regards,

[redacted]

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]

Date: 01/19/2017 7:04 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)

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b7C -1
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Cc: [redacted] (WF) (FBI) [redacted] (CD) (FBI)

Subject: RE: [redacted]

I briefed Bill this afternoon and he was trying without success to reach the DD. I will forward below to him as his changes the timeline.

What's your recommendation?

[redacted]

b5 -1, 3
b7E -4

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI) [redacted]

Date: 01/19/2017 6:47 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"

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b7C -1
b7E -4, 6

Cc: [redacted] (WF) (FBI) [redacted] (CD) (FBI)

Subject: RE: [redacted]

Yes, [redacted] has it right. Here's what we have to decide ASAP:

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b7E -4

Please let me know what you think, what your questions are and if you approve. We can discuss more via phone if you'd like. I'm at [redacted] cell and [redacted] landline.

b6 -1
b7C -1

So much for a half day...

Regards,

[redacted]

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----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 4:07 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 3:59 PM
To: [redacted] OGC) (FBI) [redacted] (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted]

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----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/19/2017 3:29 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: [redacted]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (I'll give Trisha Baker a heads up too).

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[REDACTED]
Assistant General Counsel
National Security Law Branch
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: ProPublica story

Hey I just sent everyone away, call whenever

-----Original Message-----

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:45 AM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ProPublica story

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b7E -6

I just had a very good convo with Mike K about it. As soon as I am off the phone I will call you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: ProPublica story

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b7E -6

FYI. Also may talk to me.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: ProPublica story

FYSA

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[REDACTED]

Unit Chief
National Press Office
FBI Office of Public Affairs

[REDACTED] office
[REDACTED] mobile

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:27 AM
To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (not rep) [REDACTED]

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b7E -6

cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: ProPublica story

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H: [redacted]

Can we lock in 11:30 on Thursday?

The EAD wants to have a prep session with Pete, Lisa, and Kortan prior to sitting down the reporter. I'm going to try to get it on the calendar for tomorrow and will let you know when it's confirmed.

Thanks!

[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:11 AM
To: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: FW: ProPublica story

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H: [redacted]

I understand from my AD that EAD Steinbach has agreed to sit down with ProPublica reporter Peter Elkind for a background discussion. Elkind is writing a "definitive" account of what happened during the Clinton investigation, specifically, Director Comey's handling of the investigation, seeking to reconstruct and explain in much greater detail what he did and why he did it.

In addition to the EAD I am working to set up a conversation with Pete Strzok. Does the EAD have about 30 minutes Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of this week? Elkind will be in town.

Thanks!

[redacted]

Unit Chief
National Press Office
FBI Office of Public Affairs

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[redacted] office
[redacted] mobile

-----Original Message-----

From: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:01 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: FW: ProPublica story

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 10:39 AM

To: 'Peter new work Email' [redacted]

Subject: RE: ProPublica story

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OK. I've got one of my folks working on a sked. Hang tight.

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter new work Email [redacted]

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 8:24 AM

To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

Subject: Re: ProPublica story

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b7E -6

FYI Mike, I can meet with folks wed/Thursday/Friday. Also probably Tuesday if need be.

Hope you had a good weekend.

Thanks,
Peter

Sent from my iPhone

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> On Jan 20, 2017, at 1:14 PM, Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] wrote:

>

> No news yet

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Peter new work Email [redacted]

> Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:57 PM

> To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

> Subject: Re: ProPublica story

>

> Hi Mike--

>

> Quite a day. Now that the little ceremony there is over, thought I'd check back and see if you have any news yet on next week.

>

> Thanks,

> Peter

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

>> On Jan 18, 2017, at 5:08 PM, Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

>>

>> OK, will start organizing things.

>>

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Peter Elkind [redacted]

>> Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:56 PM

>> To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

>> Subject: ProPublica story

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<< SUBJECT: FRODO BAGGINS STORY

>>

>> Hi Mike—

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: ProPublica story

No! Sent you detail on lync. I have literally had no time. The 10 minutes I did - after our MYE meeting - she was meeting behind closed doors. [redacted] is meeting with her at 1:30. I'm going to try and talk after our brown bag. I'm livid. The delay will help get me measured. Call and I'll tell you more

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-----Original Message-----

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: ProPublica story

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b7C -1
b7E -6

Did you talk to Jen yet?

-----Original Message-----

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:47 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: ProPublica story

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I can't talk, have everyone in my office while we wait for Bill to come back down. Though I may reschedule as we've got our noon.

-----Original Message-----

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:45 AM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: ProPublica story

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I just had a very good convo with Mike K about it. As soon as I am off the phone I will call you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: FW: ProPublica story

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FYI. Also may talk to me.

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:38 AM

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Date: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:27 AM

To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]

Subject: FW: ProPublica story

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National Press Office
FBI Office of Public Affairs

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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:27 AM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: ProPublica story

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Hi [redacted]

Can we lock in 11:30 on Thursday?

The EAD wants to have a prep session with Pete, Lisa, and Kortan prior to sitting down the reporter. I'm going to try to get it on the calendar for tomorrow and will let you know when it's confirmed.

Thanks!

[redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:11 AM
To: [redacted] (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: FW: ProPublica story

Hi [redacted]

I understand from my AD that EAD Steinbach has agreed to sit down with ProPublica reporter Peter Elkind for a background discussion. Elkind is writing a "definitive" account of what happened during the Clinton investigation, specifically, Director Comey's handling of the investigation, seeking to reconstruct and explain in much greater detail what he did and why he did it.

In addition to the EAD I am working to set up a conversation with Pete Strzok. Does the EAD have about 30 minutes Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of this week? Elkind will be in town.

Thanks!

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Unit Chief
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FBI Office of Public Affairs

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:01 AM
To: [Redacted] (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Subject: FW: ProPublica story

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b7E -6

-----Original Message-----

From: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 10:39 AM
To: 'Peter new work Email' [Redacted]
Subject: RE: ProPublica story

b6 -3

OK. I've got one of my folks working on a sked. Hang tight.

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter new work Email [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
Subject: Re: ProPublica story

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b7C -1
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FYI Mike, I can meet with folks wed/Thursday/Friday. Also probably Tuesday if need be.

Hope you had a good weekend.

Thanks,
Peter

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 20, 2017, at 1:14 PM, Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] wrote:

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> No news yet
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Peter new work Email [Redacted]
> Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 12:57 PM
> To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]
> Subject: Re: ProPublica story
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> Hi Mike—

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> Quite a day. Now that the little ceremony there is over, thought I'd check back and see if you have any news yet on next week.

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> Thanks,

> Peter

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Jan 18, 2017, at 5:08 PM, Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] wrote:

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>> OK, will start organizing things.

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Peter Elkind [redacted]

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b7E -6

>> Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:56 PM

>> To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]

>> Subject: ProPublica story

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Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

Subject: Accepted: MYE follow-up
Location: OGC conference room (non-sunshine room)
Start: Monday, January 30, 2017 1:30 PM
End: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:30 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: No response required
Organizer: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 9:45 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: US-Russian Businessman Said to be Source of Key Trump Dossier Claims - ABC News

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/us-russian-businessman-source-key-trump-dossier-claims/story?id=45019603>

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:55 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: It's No Trump Tower, but White House Has 'Beautiful' Phones - NYTimes.com

Ha. Now I know what was going on. ..

The president spent a part of Tuesday poring over artwork from the White House collections, settling on a portrait of Andrew Jackson — America's first populist president, who has been invoked by Mr. Trump's aides as inspiration — to hang in the Oval Office.

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/01/25/us/politics/president-trump-white-house.html>

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Leak

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b7C -1

Need to talk to you about how to respond to this

From: McNamara, Nancy (INSD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:46 PM
To: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Leak

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Bill and Pete,
Tried calling you but the phones are forwarded to SIOC. I got the tel call report however [redacted]

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b7E -4

[redacted]

[redacted] Feel free to give me a call if I have it wrong.

Nancy

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:54 PM
To: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Request for conference call bridge

Turns out I sent this via "delay delivery" for 6:00 AM.

I think we finished around 2, but no dramatic flourish of an email.

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2016 6:00 AM
To: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Steinbach, Michael B. (DO) (FBI)
[redacted] Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] OGC) (FBI); [redacted] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Herring, Jason V. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Request for conference call bridge

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See dial in information below for 10:00 EDT conference call.

[redacted] Jon, and I completed our review of all of the potential HRC work emails on the laptop. We found no previously unknown, potentially classified emails on the media. I'll circulate comments to Jim's 11:00pm draft separately.

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We have a team coming in this morning to triple-check our methodology and conclusions, and we will have updated numbers for the 10.

----- Original message -----

From: SIOC [redacted]
Date: 11/05/2016 11:54 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: SIOC [redacted]
Subject: RE: Request for conference call bridge

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Your unclassified conference call has been set up as requested. Instructions to gain access to the conference call are as follows:

- * Dial [redacted]
- * When prompted to do so, please enter your pass code [redacted]
- * If you need assistance, please call the SIOC's main number, [redacted]

b7E -6

THE CONTENT OF THIS EMAIL IS LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE (LES)

FBI (18-cv-154)-10380

Forwarding this email or its contents to a non-government account is prohibited

Emergency Action Specialist [REDACTED]
Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC)
FBI Headquarters, Room [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, November 05, 2016 11:46 PM
To: SIOC [REDACTED]
Subject: Request for conference call bridge

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Good evening SIOC,

Would you please set up an unclassified call bridge for 12 parties for 12 hours tomorrow (Sunday 6th), from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM?

Thanks,

Pete Strzok

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:35 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Today's Lawfare

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
[REDACTED]
Subject: Today's Lawfare

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President Trump's Insecure Android
By Nicholas Weaver
Thursday, January 26, 2017, 3:29 PM

Lost amid the swirling insanity of the Trump administration's first week, are the reports of the President's continued insistence on using his Android phone (a Galaxy S3 or perhaps S4). This is, to put it bluntly, asking for a disaster. President Trump's continued use of a dangerously insecure, out-of-date Android device should cause real panic. And in a normal White House, it would.

A Galaxy S3 does not meet the security requirements of the average teenager, let alone the purported leader of the free world. The best available Android OS (4.4) is a woefully out-of-date and unsupported. The S4, running 5.0.1, is only marginally better. Without exaggerating, hacking a Galaxy S3 or S4 is the type of project I would assign as homework for my advanced undergraduate classes. It'd be as simple as downloading a suitable exploit—depending on the version, Stagefright will do—and then entice Trump to clicking on a link. Alternatively, one could advertise malware on Breitbart and just wait for Trump to visit.

Once compromised, the phone becomes a bug—even more catastrophic than Great Seal—able to record everything around it and transmit the information once it reattaches to the network. And to be clear even a brand new, fully updated Android or iPhone is insufficient: The President of the United States is worth a great many multiples of expensive zero-day exploits.

Based on the available information, the working assumption should be that Trump's phone is compromised by at least one—probably multiple—hostile foreign intelligence services and is actively being exploited. This would be exponentially more dangerous if he were carrying this phone into especially secure places. Security experts were rightly aghast to learn that Secretary Clinton kept her BlackBerry in her secure office in the State Department. This is far worse.

So what can be done?

First, anyone around the President should presume they are being actively recorded by hostile powers, regardless of location, unless they are positive the phone is out of the room. One wonders how many

regardless of location, unless they are positive the phone is out of the room. One wonders how many secrets have already been lost through that abominable device as Trump and his team get up to speed on our most closely held national security matters.

Second, the NSA is going to need to compromise here. The campaign demonstrated that it will not be possible to pull the president away from his Twitter account and he will insist on a mobile device. Despite the dangerous security practice—and the substantively destabilizing effects of his tweets—if the President demands this then NSA will need to accommodate it.

The technical engineering will involve taking a locked-down Android phone and installing a customized Twitter client preconfigured for the President. It will need to tweet, but the web browser must be restricted so that Trump cannot click on links. If necessary the client should take any link that is "clicked" and instead redirect the request to a separate system which downloads the web page, renders it, and outputs it to a printer. Under no circumstances may the President's device be able to visit web pages.

Even this is insufficient. The President is an incredibly high-value target, so high that his personal device cannot be trusted to take input from even the restricted Internet of Twitter. The phone itself needs to know where it is and, when it enters a dangerous area, start emitting a warning noise. Otherwise, it will almost certainly wind up in the Situation Room, with potentially disastrous results.

Even with all that, the phone is still a massive ongoing national security threat. Someone needs to impress upon Trump that his insistence on disregarding basic security here imperils us all. Perhaps Fox and Friends would be willing to deliver the message?

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:31 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Presidential Memorandum Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council | whitehouse.gov

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Get tickets! You can approach him at one of the many fan appreciation events and invite him. We can email NSC and see if they want to join our group!

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 01/28/2017 9:29 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]" "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Presidential Memorandum Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council | whitehouse.gov

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b7C -1
b7E -6

Yes. Thanks. Still mulling over the Valor. I was surprised the head coach didn't get a seat at the DC.

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]"
Date: 01/28/2017 9:18 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Presidential Memorandum Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council | whitehouse.gov

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You see this?

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/28/presidential-memorandum-organization-national-security-council-and>

Presidential Memorandum Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council

January 28, 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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FOR TRADE AND MANUFACTURING POLICY

THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR

INTRAGOVERNMENTAL AND TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

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Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council

As President, my highest priority is to ensure the safety and security of the American people. In order to advise and assist me in executing this solemn responsibility, as well as to protect and advance the national interests of the United States at home and abroad, I hereby direct that my system for national security policy development and decision-making shall be organized as follows:

1. The National Security Council, the Homeland Security Council, and Supporting Staff

The National Security Act of 1947, as amended, established the National Security Council (NSC) to advise the President with respect to the integration of domestic,

foreign, and military policies relating to the national security. There is also a Homeland Security Council (HSC) -- established through Executive Order 13228 of October 8, 2001, and subsequently codified in the Homeland Security Act of 2002 -- that has the purpose of advising the President on matters pertaining to homeland security. Each Council is also responsible for the effective coordination of the security-related activities and functions of the executive departments and agencies.

The security threats facing the United States in the 21st century transcend international boundaries. Accordingly, the United States Government's decision-making structures and processes to address these challenges must remain equally adaptive and transformative. Both Councils are statutory bodies that the President will continue to chair. Invitations to participate in specific Council meetings shall be extended to those heads of executive departments and agencies, and other senior officials, who are needed to address the issue or issues under consideration. When the President is absent from a meeting of either Council, the Vice President may preside at the President's direction.

The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (National Security Advisor) and the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism (Homeland Security Advisor) shall be responsible, as appropriate and at the President's direction, for determining the agenda for the NSC or HSC, respectively, ensuring that the necessary papers are prepared, and recording Council actions and Presidential decisions in a timely manner. When international economic issues are on the agenda of the NSC, the National Security Advisor and the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy shall perform these tasks in concert.

The NSC and HSC shall have as their regular attendees (both statutory and non-statutory) the President, the Vice President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the National Security Advisor, the Homeland Security Advisor, and the Representative of the United States to the United Nations. When international economic issues are on the agenda of the NSC, the NSC's regular attendees will include the Secretary of Commerce, the United States Trade Representative, and the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy. The Director of

National Intelligence and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as statutory advisers to the NSC, shall also attend NSC meetings. The Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, the Assistant to the President and Chief Strategist, the Counsel to the President, the Deputy Counsel to the President for National Security Affairs, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget are invited as attendees to any NSC meeting.

In addition to the NSC and HSC, there is also a single NSC staff within the Executive Office of the President that serves both the NSC and HSC. The staff is composed of regional, issue-focused, and functional directorates and headed by a single civilian Executive Secretary, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 3021, who is also the Chief of Staff. All policy and staff activity decisions will be transmitted to the Executive Secretary for appropriate distribution and awareness. The purpose of the NSC staff is to advise me, the National Security Advisor, the Homeland Security Advisor, the NSC members, the HSC members, and others in the White House; to facilitate the implementation of Administration policy; and to help coordinate the national-security-related activities of the executive departments and agencies.

1. The Principals Committee

The Principals Committee (PC) shall continue to serve as the Cabinet-level senior interagency forum for considering policy issues that affect the national security interests of the United States. The PC shall be convened and chaired by the National Security Advisor or the Homeland Security Advisor, as appropriate, in consultation with the appropriate attendees of the PC. The Chair shall determine the agenda in consultation with the appropriate committee members, and the Executive Secretary shall ensure that necessary papers are prepared and that conclusions and decisions are communicated in a timely manner. Invitations to participate in or attend a specific PC shall be extended at the discretion of the National Security Advisor and the Homeland Security Advisor, and may include those Cabinet-level heads of executive departments and agencies, and other senior officials, who are needed to address the issue under consideration.

The PC shall have as its regular attendees the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, the Assistant to the President

and Chief Strategist, the National Security Advisor, and the Homeland Security Advisor. The Director of National Intelligence and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall attend where issues pertaining to their responsibilities and expertise are to be discussed. The Counsel to the President, the Deputy Counsel to the President for National Security Affairs, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget may attend all PC meetings.

The Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor (Deputy National Security Advisor), the Deputy Assistant to the President and National Security Advisor to the Vice President, and the Executive Secretary (who shall serve as the Executive Secretary of the PC) shall attend all of the meetings of the PC, and the Representative of the United States to the United Nations and the Assistant to the President for Intragovernmental and Technology Initiatives may attend as appropriate.

When international economic issues are on the agenda of the PC, the Committee's regular attendees will include the Secretary of Commerce, the United States Trade Representative, and the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy (who shall serve as Chair for agenda items that principally pertain to international economics).\

1. The Deputies Committee

The Deputies Committee (DC) shall continue to serve as the senior sub-Cabinet interagency forum for consideration of, and where appropriate, decision-making on, policy issues that affect the national security interests of the United States. The DC shall be convened and chaired by the Deputy National Security Advisor or the Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Homeland Security Advisor (Deputy Homeland Security Advisor), as appropriate. The Chair shall determine the agenda in consultation with the regular DC members, and the Executive Secretary shall ensure that necessary papers are prepared and that conclusions and decisions are communicated in a timely manner. Invitations to participate in or attend a specific DC meeting shall be extended by the Chair to those at the Deputy or Under Secretary level of executive departments and agencies, and to other senior officials, who are needed to address the issue under consideration.

The DC shall have as its regular members the Deputy Secretary of State, the Deputy

Secretary of the Treasury, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Attorney General, the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Deputy Director of National Intelligence, the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Deputy Assistant to the President and National Security Advisor to the Vice President, the Deputy National Security Advisor, the Deputy Homeland Security Advisor, and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

The Executive Secretary shall attend the DC meetings. The Deputy Counsel to the President for National Security Affairs may attend all DC meetings. The relevant Deputy Assistant to the President for the specific regional and functional issue under consideration shall also be invited to attend. Likewise, when and where appropriate, the Deputy Assistant to the President for Strategic Planning, the Deputy Assistant to the President for Strategic Communication, the Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs, the Deputy Assistant to the President for Transnational Issues, and the Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations, shall also be invited to attend. Other senior officials shall be invited where appropriate.

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DONALD J. TRUMP

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:42 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Presidential Memorandum Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council | whitehouse.gov

That was supposed to be a funny. God forbid it's so bad you think i'm serious...\u-10179 ?

You think he's serious about the Valor? Not sure if he's actually considering, masking in humor (like all of us)...

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/28/2017 9:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Presidential Memorandum Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council | whitehouse.gov

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No [redacted] got it from one of the detailees.

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/28/2017 9:29 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Presidential Memorandum Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council | whitehouse.gov

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Jen send it? ;)

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/28/2017 9:26 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Presidential Memorandum Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council | whitehouse.gov

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Yes.

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 01/28/2017 9:18 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
Subject: Fwd: Presidential Memorandum Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council | whitehouse.gov

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You see this?

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/28/presidential-memorandum-organization-national-security-council-and>

Presidential Memorandum Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council

January 28, 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY

THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OF STAFF

THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF STRATEGIST

THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE
UNITED NATIONS

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THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT AGENCY

THE ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES

Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council

As President, my highest priority is to ensure the safety and security of the American people. In order to advise and assist me in executing this solemn responsibility, as well as to protect and advance the national interests of the United States at home and abroad, I hereby direct that my system for national security policy development and decision-making shall be organized as follows:

1. The National Security Council, the Homeland Security Council, and Supporting Staff

The National Security Act of 1947, as amended, established the National Security Council (NSC) to advise the President with respect to the integration of domestic, foreign, and military policies relating to the national security. There is also a Homeland Security Council (HSC) -- established through Executive Order 13228 of October 8, 2001, and subsequently codified in the Homeland Security Act of 2002 -- that has the purpose of advising the President on matters pertaining to homeland security. Each Council is also responsible for the effective coordination of the security-related activities and functions of the executive departments and agencies.

The security threats facing the United States in the 21st century transcend international boundaries. Accordingly, the United States Government's decision-making structures and processes to address these challenges must remain equally adaptive and transformative. Both Councils are statutory bodies that the President will continue to chair. Invitations to participate in specific Council meetings shall be extended to those heads of executive departments and agencies, and other senior officials, who are needed to address the issue or issues under consideration. When the President is absent from a meeting of either Council, the Vice President may preside at the President's direction.

The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (National Security Advisor) and the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism (Homeland Security Advisor) shall be responsible, as appropriate and at the President's direction, for determining the agenda for the NSC or HSC, respectively, ensuring that the necessary papers are prepared, and recording Council actions and Presidential decisions in a timely manner. When international economic issues are on the agenda of the NSC, the National Security Advisor and the Assistant to the President for Economic

the NSC, the National Security Advisor and the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy shall perform these tasks in concert.

The NSC and HSC shall have as their regular attendees (both statutory and non-statutory) the President, the Vice President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the National Security Advisor, the Homeland Security Advisor, and the Representative of the United States to the United Nations. When international economic issues are on the agenda of the NSC, the NSC's regular attendees will include the Secretary of Commerce, the United States Trade Representative, and the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy. The Director of National Intelligence and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as statutory advisers to the NSC, shall also attend NSC meetings. The Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, the Assistant to the President and Chief Strategist, the Counsel to the President, the Deputy Counsel to the President for National Security Affairs, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget are invited as attendees to any NSC meeting.

In addition to the NSC and HSC, there is also a single NSC staff within the Executive Office of the President that serves both the NSC and HSC. The staff is composed of regional, issue-focused, and functional directorates and headed by a single civilian Executive Secretary, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 3021, who is also the Chief of Staff. All policy and staff activity decisions will be transmitted to the Executive Secretary for appropriate distribution and awareness. The purpose of the NSC staff is to advise me, the National Security Advisor, the Homeland Security Advisor, the NSC members, the HSC members, and others in the White House; to facilitate the implementation of Administration policy; and to help coordinate the national-security-related activities of the executive departments and agencies.

1. The Principals Committee

The Principals Committee (PC) shall continue to serve as the Cabinet-level senior interagency forum for considering policy issues that affect the national security interests of the United States. The PC shall be convened and chaired by the National Security Advisor or the Homeland Security Advisor, as appropriate, in consultation with the appropriate attendees of the PC. The Chair shall determine the agenda in

consultation with the appropriate committee members, and the Executive Secretary shall ensure that necessary papers are prepared and that conclusions and decisions are communicated in a timely manner. Invitations to participate in or attend a specific PC shall be extended at the discretion of the National Security Advisor and the Homeland Security Advisor, and may include those Cabinet-level heads of executive departments and agencies, and other senior officials, who are needed to address the issue under consideration.

The PC shall have as its regular attendees the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, the Assistant to the President and Chief Strategist, the National Security Advisor, and the Homeland Security Advisor. The Director of National Intelligence and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall attend where issues pertaining to their responsibilities and expertise are to be discussed. The Counsel to the President, the Deputy Counsel to the President for National Security Affairs, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget may attend all PC meetings.

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shall be convened and chaired by the Deputy National Security Advisor or the Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Homeland Security Advisor (Deputy Homeland Security Advisor), as appropriate. The Chair shall determine the agenda in consultation with the regular DC members, and the Executive Secretary shall ensure that necessary papers are prepared and that conclusions and decisions are communicated in a timely manner. Invitations to participate in or attend a specific DC meeting shall be extended by the Chair to those at the Deputy or Under Secretary level of executive departments and agencies, and to other senior officials, who are needed to address the issue under consideration.

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Review of the FBI's and Dept.'s Actions in Advance of the 2016 Presidential Election
Attachments: Memo from IG Horowitz regarding Review of the FBI and Dept actions in advance of the 2016 Presidential Election.pdf

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)
[redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
(OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: FW: Review of the FBI's and Dept.'s Actions in Advance of the 2016 Presidential Election

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From: McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Review of the FBI's and Dept.'s Actions in Advance of the 2016 Presidential Election

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Andrew G. McCabe
Deputy Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
[redacted]

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----- Original message -----
From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 1/12/17 11:01 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "James B. Comey" <jcb.dir@ic.fbi.gov>, "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)"
[redacted] "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] Baker, James A.
(OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Review of the FBI's and Dept.'s Actions in Advance of the 2016 Presidential Election

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----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (OIG)* [redacted]

Date: 1/12/17 10:57 AM (GMT-05:00)

To:

Subject: Review of the FBI's and Dept.'s Actions in Advance of the 2016 Presidential Election

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Greetings,

Please find attached a memo from Inspector General Horowitz regarding the FBI's and Department's Actions in Advance of the 2016 Presidential Election. Hard copies will be delivered separately.

Best,

[redacted]

Administrative Office Manager
Immediate Office
Office of the Inspector General
U. S. Department of Justice

[redacted]

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Looks like we need part of your Wednesday 9-11a window of time

[redacted] said she talked with you and scheduling for you tomorrow might be problematic - I would like to discuss the laptop timetable and get your chronology before the mtg pls. Looks like it will be between 9 and 11 but depends on when JR will talk to him

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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Looks like we need part of your Wednesday 9-11a window of time

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Hello,

Reporter Peter Elkind is flying back tonight for meetings here tomorrow. You indicated you had a window of time available between 9 and 11am. We should only need a piece of that to add whatever additional details you are comfortable with.

I need to find out when Mike will schedule Jim, so we will get back to you to lock everything in.

Thank you.

[redacted]

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 1:20 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: FW: The Intercept article

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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI);
[redacted] Boone, Jennifer C. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Corsi, Dina M.
(CD) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: The Intercept article

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FYI - This morning, The Intercept posted the documents and accompanying stories on its website:

<https://theintercept.com/series/the-fbis-secret-rules/>. Because UNET blocks the site you can only read it on your mobile phone or a standalone computer.

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Chief of Staff
Counterintelligence Division

[redacted]

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 1:28 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Elkind schedule for Wednesday 2/1

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I can do after 11 if Jim would like to go first

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 1:13 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI);
[redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI);
[redacted]
Subject: Elkind schedule for Wednesday 2/1

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Mike proposes the following schedule for tomorrow with Elkind:

10:00-11:00 a Pete Strzok and Lisa Page if available -- Kortan's office
11:00a- tbd Jim Rybicki - Rybicki's office

Please let us know if we need to make any changes. We know Pete is not available after 11.

Thank you.

[redacted]

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 4:46 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Elkind schedule for Wednesday 2/1

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Thanks, see you then

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: RE: Elkind schedule for Wednesday 2/1

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Hi.
Okay. Let's slot your session for 930a.
Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 2:37 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: RE: Elkind schedule for Wednesday 2/1

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I just had a 10:30-11:30 pop up that I need to cover for Bill. Can I do 9:30-10:30 (or 9:45-10:30)? Failing that, during/after lunch works. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 1:13 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: Elkind schedule for Wednesday 2/1

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

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Joining the inner circle are David Cattler, a former Defense Intelligence Agency official who will oversee regional affairs; John Eisenberg, a former Justice Department official who will be the NSC's top legal adviser; longtime Commerce and State Department official Kenneth Juster, who will steer economic policy; and Kevin Harrington, most recently the managing director and head of research for Thiel Macro LLC, a San Francisco-based global macro hedge fund. Harrington will be responsible for strategic planning.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/02/trump-national-security-234526>

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 3:49 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Monday phone call with Vanity Fair

----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Date: 02/03/2017 3:22 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Subject: Monday phone call with Vanity Fair

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Hello,

Let's go for 1pm on Monday. I hope we won't need more than an hour of your time for this one, but we'll have to play it by ear. I will send a calendar invite.

The reporter's name is Bethany McLean. Her article is supposed to come out at the end of the month and she approached us very late in the game. Mike and I had an initial off the record conversation with her and she mostly asked about FBI culture and leaks. This is her follow up email you have a sense of her interests:

The story doesn't go into the conspiracy theories surrounding the investigation, but rather focuses on July through October.

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2017 7:22 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Briefs

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 02/05/2017 6:55 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Briefs

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[redacted] said they added a brief for MW just to make it less alarming for HH on Wednesday. There are no specific concerns about MW that I'm aware of.

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/05/2017 6:51 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: Briefs

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Thanks. Who is she? [redacted]

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 02/05/2017 6:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Briefs

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From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2017 7:34 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Briefs

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b7C -1

Oh. Didn't know that. Hopefully the WH identified/suggested her, not us?

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 02/05/2017 7:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: Briefs

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b7E -6

Trump's personal secretary, apparently.

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----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/05/2017 7:05 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Briefs

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Who is that?

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 02/05/2017 6:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Briefs

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

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b7C -1

Sent you both an email on SCION

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 5:05 PM
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: how I've reflected this

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

[redacted]

b5 -1, 3

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 5:00 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted]
Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: RE: how I've reflected this

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Comments from Pete and Lisa:

[redacted]

b5 -1, 3

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 3:49 PM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI);
[redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: FW: how I've reflected this

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Please take a look at the copy below before I go back to the reporter. I added one suggestion.

From: Bethany McLean [redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 3:10 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: how I've reflected this

b6 -1, 3
b7C -1
b7E -6

Thank you again. I'm just sorry that I'm getting to the very end of this, so after the next few hours, my ability to make changes is going to be pretty limited. Here's how I've reflected what we discussed. Would you let me know ASAP if there are any problems?

b5 -1, 3

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 10:00 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: EO on Economic Espionage

Please let [redacted] know I talked to [redacted] tonight, he approached Flynn's office and got no information.

b6 -1, 2
b7C -1, 2

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/08/2017 9:51 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: EO on Economic Espionage

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 02/08/2017 9:50 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: EO on Economic Espionage

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

OPS has not received a draft EO on economic espionage. Instead, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce advised OPS that they received a draft, but they did not send us the draft. I'll follow up with our detailees about this EO.

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 2:47 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: EO on Economic Espionage

Got it. Hopefully ops can ask the chamber of commerce for a copy as well. Thank you for passing on what [redacted] told me.

b6 -2
b7C -2

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/08/2017 11:01 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: EO on Economic Espionage

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

The national economic counsel at the WH. Al [redacted] is saying is maybe it originated there.

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/08/2017 10:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: EO on Economic Espionage

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

I have no idea what the NEC is. Good luck to him.

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/08/2017 10:26 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: EO on Economic Espionage

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 02/08/2017 10:21 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: RE: EO on Economic Espionage

b6 -1, 2
b7C -1, 2
b7E -6

[redacted] is going to check with the NEC in the morning. I think that's a good idea.

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 10:20 PM
To: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

TO: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: EO on Economic Espionage

b6 -1, 2
b7C -1, 2
b7E -6

Pete spoke to [redacted] tonight and he had spoken with flynn's office who hadn't heard anything.

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Date: 02/08/2017 9:50 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: EO on Economic Espionage

b6 -1
b7C -1
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From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 7:34 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: RE:

b6 -1
b7C -1

Got it. Was just saying he didn't mention her when we discussed it after wrap. Bill was VERY excited about the 1:45 long wrap

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 7:33 PM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: RE: RE:

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

The 'her' in my email referred to Jen.

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/09/2017 7:28 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: RE:

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Who knows. He didn't mention anything about her to me; I was kidding about Jen

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 7:26 PM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [redacted] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]
Subject: RE: RE:

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

For what it's worth, Bill specifically did not want her to accompany him before we knew that Andy would go.

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/09/2017 7:23 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI); [redacted] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: RE: RE:

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

[redacted]

b6 -1
b7C -1

[redacted] told Lisa and I as we walked to jetties that she told Josh to "make sure to ask for Pete." That clearly didn't work, needs the greater oomph of "ask for Jen." ;)

b6 -1
b7C -1

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 7:18 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE:

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

It could be the whole VP staff for all we know. Andy and Bill will attend their regular staff meeting to provide the standard defensive brief that we have delivered over the past few weeks. I reminded Andy [redacted]

b6 -1
b7C -1

----- Original message -----

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/09/2017 7:13 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE:

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Is this for Josh Pitcock?

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 7:11 PM
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted], Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted], [redacted] (SECD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject:

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Can you please add 'VP Staff Brief' to Andy's calendar tomorrow from 4:00 to 4:30. Please invite Bill Priestap. The location is the VP's Ceremonial Office in the EEOB. Andy wants to postpone the Paddy McGuinness meeting.

b6 -1
b7C -1

Thanks,

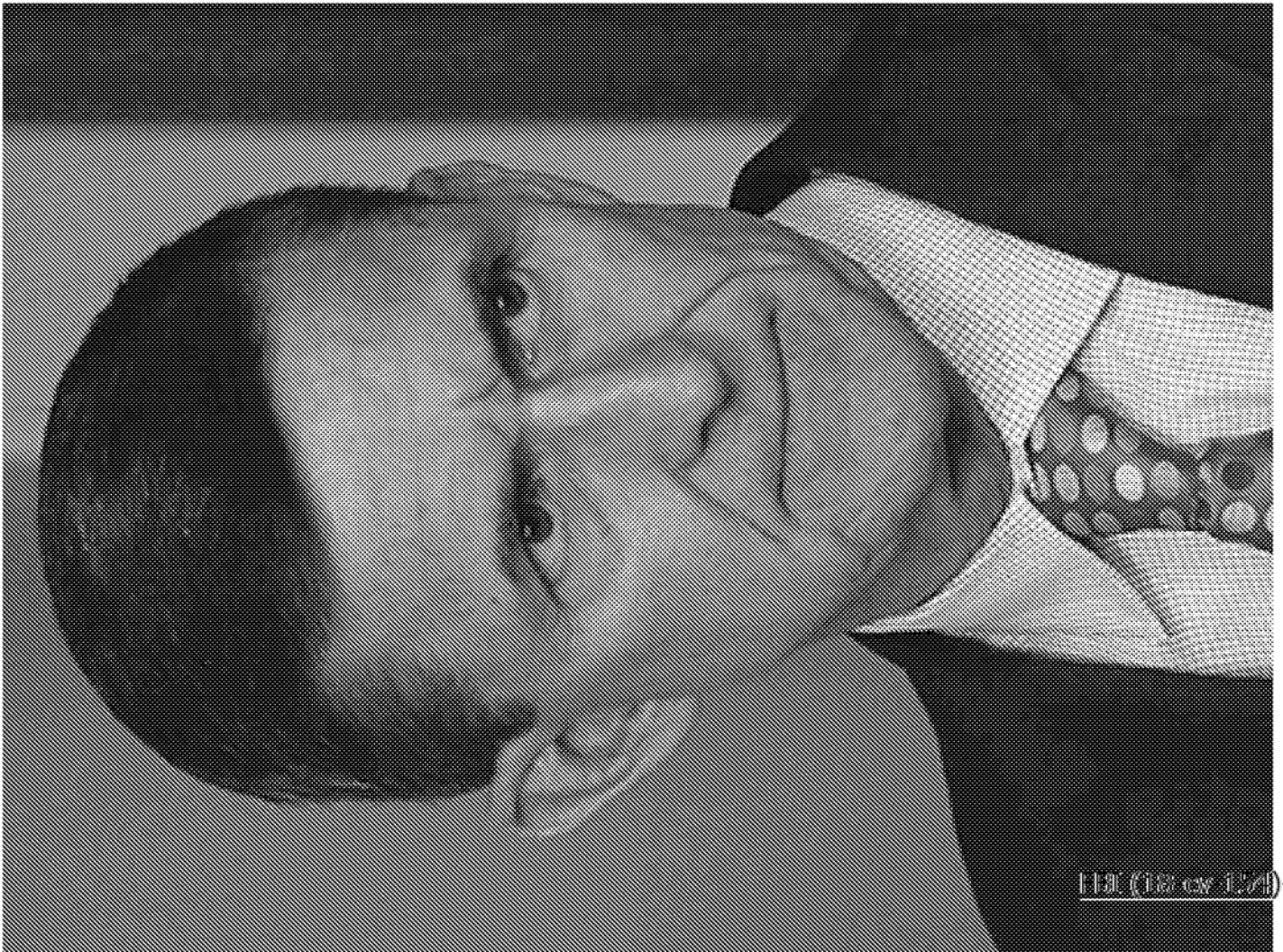
[redacted]

Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 8:55 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Emailing: Flynn-Sislyak1486686661
Attachments: Flynn-Sislyak1486686661.jpg

b6 -1
b7C -1

Andy wasn't kidding about Ambo's size



Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 8:56 AM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Staffer mtg

Yep she was great the whole interaction. Haven't dealt with her before. Funny to me how ALL the lawyers are terrified of Dale.

And I don't mean ha ha funny

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 8:48 AM
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: RE: Staffer mtg

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Nice that she did that.

----- Original message -----
From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/10/2017 8:41 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted] (DO) (FBI)"
[redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Staffer mtg

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

FYI

----- Original message -----
From: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/10/2017 7:40 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Subject: Staffer mtg

b6 -1
b7C -1
b7E -6

Good morning,

[redacted]

b5 -1, 3
b6 -1, 2
b7C -1, 2

Thanks,
[redacted]

b6 -1
b7C -1

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[redacted]
Assistant General Counsel
FBI OGC/Privacy and Civil Liberties

De [redacted]
Re [redacted]

b6 -1
b7C -1

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 10:09 PM
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Turmoil at the National Security Council, From the Top Down - NYTimes.com

b6 -1
b7C -1

Fyi

----- Original message -----

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Date: 02/12/2017 10:08 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Turmoil at the National Security Council, From the Top Down - NYTimes.com

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b7C -1
b7E -6

Bill, sorry to flood you with articles this evening. This one was interesting, particularly in light of Dale Killinger's contact with Flynn's staff. I spoke with him briefly about it but didn't get much detail. I'd like to discuss with you [redacted]

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<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/02/12/us/politics/national-security-council-turmoil.html>

Turmoil at the National Security Council, From the Top Down

February 12, 2017

WASHINGTON — These are chaotic and anxious days inside the National Security Council, the traditional center of management for a president's dealings with an uncertain world.

Three weeks into the Trump administration, council staff members get up in the morning, read President Trump's Twitter posts and struggle to make policy to fit them. Most are kept in the dark about what Mr. Trump tells foreign leaders in his phone calls.

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The national security adviser, Michael T. Flynn, has hunkered down since investigators began looking into what, exactly, he told the Russian ambassador to the United States about the lifting of sanctions imposed in the last days of the Obama administration, and whether he misled Vice President Mike Pence about those conversations. His survival in the job may hang in the balance.

Although Mr. Trump suggested to reporters aboard Air Force One on Friday that he was unaware of the latest questions swirling around Mr. Flynn's dealings with Russia, aides said over the weekend in Florida — where Mr. Flynn accompanied the president and Japan's prime minister, Shinzo Abe — that Mr. Trump was closely monitoring the reaction to Mr. Flynn's conversations. There are transcripts of a conversation in at least one phone call, recorded by American intelligence agencies that wiretap foreign diplomats, which may determine Mr. Flynn's future.

Stephen Miller, the White House senior policy adviser, was circumspect on Sunday about Mr. Flynn's future. Mr. Miller said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that possibly misleading the vice president on communications with Russia was "a sensitive matter." Asked if Mr. Trump still had confidence in Mr. Flynn, Mr. Miller responded, "That's a question for the president."

This account of life inside the council — offices made up of several hundred career civil servants who advise the president on counterterrorism, foreign policy, nuclear deterrence and other issues of war and peace — is based on conversations with more than two dozen current and former council staff members and others throughout the government. All spoke on the condition that they not be quoted by name for fear of reprisals.

"It's so far a very dysfunctional N.S.C.," Representative Adam B. Schiff of California, the senior Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said in a telephone interview.

In a telephone conversation on Sunday afternoon, K. T. McFarland, the deputy national

security adviser, said that early meetings of the council were brisker, tighter and more decisive than in the past, but she acknowledged that career officials were on edge. “Not only is this a new administration, but it is a different party, and Donald Trump was elected by people who wanted the status quo thrown out,” said Ms. McFarland, a veteran of the Reagan administration who most recently worked for Fox News. “I think it would be a mistake if we didn’t have consternation about the changes — most of the cabinet haven’t even been in government before.”

There is always a shakedown period for any new National Security Council, whose staff is drawn from the State Department, the Pentagon and other agencies and is largely housed opposite the White House in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

President Barack Obama replaced his first national security adviser, Gen. James Jones, a four-star former supreme allied commander in Europe, after concluding that the general was a bad fit for the administration. The first years of President George W. Bush’s council were defined by clashes among experienced bureaucratic infighters — Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and Colin Powell among them — and by decisions that often took place outside official channels.

But what is happening under the Trump White House is different, officials say, and not just because of Mr. Trump’s Twitter foreign policy. (Two officials said that at one recent meeting, there was talk of feeding suggested Twitter posts to the president so the council’s staff would have greater influence.)

A number of staff members who did not want to work for Mr. Trump have returned to their regular agencies, leaving a larger-than-usual hole in the experienced bureaucracy. Many of those who remain, who see themselves as apolitical civil servants, have been disturbed by displays of overt partisanship. At an all-hands meeting about two weeks into the new administration, Ms. McFarland told the group it needed to “make America great again,” numerous staff members who were there said.

New Trump appointees are carrying coffee mugs with that Trump campaign slogan into meetings with foreign counterparts, one staff member said.

Nervous staff members recently met late at night at a bar a few blocks from the White

House and talked about purging their social media accounts of any suggestion of anti-Trump sentiments.

Mr. Trump's council staff draws heavily from the military — often people who had ties to Mr. Flynn when he served as a senior military intelligence officer and then as the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency before he was forced out of the job. Many of the first ideas that have been floated have involved military, rather than diplomatic, initiatives.

Last week, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis was exploring whether the Navy could intercept and board an Iranian ship to look for contraband weapons possibly headed to Houthi fighters in Yemen. The potential interdiction seemed in keeping with recent instructions from Mr. Trump, reinforced in meetings with Mr. Mattis and Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson, to crack down on Iran's support of terrorism.

But the ship was in international waters in the Arabian Sea, according to two officials. Mr. Mattis ultimately decided to set the operation aside, at least for now. White House officials said that was because news of the impending operation leaked, a threat to security that has helped fuel the move for the insider threat program. But others doubt whether there was enough basis in international law, and wondered what would happen if, in the early days of an administration that has already seen one botched military action in Yemen, American forces were suddenly in a firefight with the Iranian Navy.

Ms. McFarland often draws on her television experience to make clear to officials that they need to make their points in council meetings quickly, and she signals when to wrap up, several participants said.

And while Mr. Obama liked policy option papers that were three to six single-spaced pages, council staff members are now being told to keep papers to a single page, with lots of graphics and maps.

"The president likes maps," one official said.

Paper flow, the lifeblood of the bureaucracy, has been erratic. A senior Pentagon official saw a draft executive order on prisoner treatment only through unofficial

Officials saw a major executive order on prisoner treatment only through unofficial rumors and news media leaks. He called the White House to find out if it was real and said he had concerns but was not sure if he was authorized to make suggestions.

Officials said that the absence of an orderly flow of council documents, ultimately the responsibility of Mr. Flynn, explained why Mr. Mattis and Mike Pompeo, the director of the C.I.A., never saw a number of Mr. Trump's executive orders before they were issued. One order had to be amended after it was made public, to reassure Mr. Pompeo that he had a regular seat on the council.

White House officials say that was a blunder, and that the process of reviewing executive orders has been straightened out by Reince Priebus, the White House chief of staff.

Still, Mr. Flynn presents additional complications beyond his conversations with the Russian ambassador. His aides say he is insecure about whether his unfettered access to Mr. Trump during the campaign is being scaled back and about a shadow council created by Stephen K. Bannon, Mr. Trump's top strategist, who was made a member of the council two weeks ago. For his part, Mr. Bannon sees the United States as headed toward an inevitable confrontation with two adversaries — China and Iran.

Mr. Flynn finds himself in a continuing conflict with the intelligence agencies, whose work on Russia and other issues he has dismissed as subpar and politically biased. Last week, in an incident first reported by Politico, one of Mr. Flynn's top deputies, Robin Townley, was denied the high-level security clearance he needed before he could take up his job on the council as the senior director for Africa.

It was not clear what in Mr. Townley's past disqualified him, and in every administration some officials are denied clearances. But some saw the intelligence community striking back.

Two people with direct access to the White House leadership said Mr. Flynn was surprised to learn that the State Department and Congress play a pivotal role in foreign arms sales and technology transfers. So it was a rude discovery that Mr. Trump could not simply order the Pentagon to send more weapons to Saudi Arabia — which is clamoring to have an Obama administration ban on the sale of cluster bombs and

precision-guided weapons lifted — or to deliver bigger weapons packages to the United Arab Emirates.

Several staff members said that Mr. Flynn, who was a career Army officer, was not familiar with how to call up the National Guard in an emergency — for, say, a natural disaster like Hurricane Katrina or the detonation of a dirty bomb in an American city.

At the all-hands meeting, Mr. Flynn talked about the importance of a balanced work life, taking care of family, and using the time at the council to gain experience that would help staff members in other parts of the government. At one point, the crowd was asked for a show of hands of how many expected to be working at the White House in a year.

Mr. Flynn turned to Ms. McFarland and, in what seemed to be a self-deprecating joke, said, “I wonder if we’ll be here a year from now?”