

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 3:08 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the DI

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Actually Tuesday pm is better

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

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/24/17 3:03 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the DI

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For me, Monday 10-12 or Tuesday 2-5 work well. Thanks [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 2:35 PM  
**To:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the DI

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Hi Everyone,

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Please let me know a couple one-hour time slots that would work with your schedules so I can arrange it.

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[REDACTED]  
Assistant General Counsel  
National Security Law Branch  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 2:04 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the DI

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It sounds like you have pretty routine interaction up there, but if I can help at all in reaching out to them, just say the word and I'll do it...

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From: [REDACTED] OGC) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 1:31 PM

To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]

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Not a problem. I'll begin to lay the groundwork.

[REDACTED]  
Assistant General Counsel  
National Security Law Branch  
[REDACTED]

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

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

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 1:29 PM

To: [REDACTED] OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]

Subject: Meeting with the DI

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[REDACTED] Jon: :

Hi friends, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Thanks guys.

Lisa

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 3:54 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE:

Thanks.

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

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/24/17 3:53 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW:

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Just wanted you both to have this.

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**From:** Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 1:49 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** Schmidt, Michael [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 2:24 PM  
**To:** Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:**

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Mike: Wanted to flag you on something. Three of my colleagues are working on a story about the Russia investigation. They're told that Jared Kushner is among the individuals who the F.B.I. is scrutinizing for their meetings with Russians. My colleagues were told that Ambassador Kislyak, after meeting Kushner and General Flynn in early December at Trump Tower, set up a meeting with Kushner and a Russian banker. Kushner ultimately met with the Russian banker. The banker worked for Alpha Bank. Thanks, Mike

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 4:56 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the DI

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3:30 is better for me too. Not that it makes me happy to bail out Lisa ;)

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**From:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 4:20 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)**  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
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THANKS, LISA.

When I find out about the room, I'll ask for 330-430 to see if they can accommodate.

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[REDACTED]  
Assistant General Counsel  
National Security Law Branch  
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**From:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 4:18 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with the DI

Aaaaand I just realized I have a 4:30. I'm sorry, I just didn't see it. Could we do this at 3:30? If not, no worries, I can just leave early.

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**From:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 4:14 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
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Scheduled for 4pm on Tuesday, 3/28. Any chance we can get 4017 for the meeting?

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[REDACTED]  
Assistant General Counsel

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From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 3:05 PM

To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted] (OGC) (FBI)

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

Cc: [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]

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I'll make whatever work. Thanks

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[REDACTED] Jon:

Hi friends [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Thanks guys.

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Lisa

## Microsoft Outlook

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**Subject:** Meeting Forward Notification: MYE follow-up  
**Location:** OGC conference room (non-sunshine room)  
**Start:** Monday, March 27, 2017 1:30 PM  
**End:** Monday, March 27, 2017 2:30 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Organizer:** Microsoft Outlook  
**Required Attendees:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

### Your meeting was forwarded

[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) has forwarded your meeting request to additional recipients.

#### Meeting

MYE follow-up

#### Meeting Time

Monday, March 27, 2017 1:30 PM-2:30 PM.

#### Recipients

[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)

All times listed are in the following time zone: (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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Sent by Microsoft Exchange Server 2013

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## Microsoft Outlook

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**Subject:** Meeting Forward Notification: 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)  
**Organizer:** Microsoft Outlook  
**Required Attendees:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

### Your meeting was forwarded

Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) has forwarded your meeting request to additional recipients.

#### Meeting

MYE follow-up

#### Meeting Time

Occurs every Monday from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM effective 1/30/2017 until 4/3/2017. There is one more occurrence.

#### Recipients

Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)

All times listed are in the following time zone: (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Today's Grassley letter -- PR copy + full text

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

**From:** [REDACTED] (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CD) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Today's Grassley letter -- PR copy + full text

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Grassley Probes Opposition Research Firm behind Unsubstantiated Trump Dossier

Mar 27, 2017

Fusion GPS worked for multiple Trump Opponents before FBI sought partnership

WASHINGTON - Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley is requesting information from the political opposition research firm Fusion GPS on the history of the controversial and unsubstantiated dossier compiled for its clients against then-presidential candidate Donald Trump. The firm was reportedly paid by backers of Trump's Republican and Democrat opponents during the campaign, and contracted with former British spy Christopher Steele to create it.

The dossier was the product of blatant political and financial motives, and former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper has stated that "the [intelligence community] has not made any judgment that the information in this document is reliable, and we did not rely upon it in any way for our conclusions." Yet, Fusion GPS and Steele reportedly shared the dossier with the FBI, which then offered to pay Steele to continue his political opposition research on Trump. Grassley has already written to the FBI seeking details about its reported arrangement with Steele, and to determine the extent to which the FBI has relied on the political dossier in its investigation.

In a letter to Fusion GPS, Grassley is seeking details on the history of arrangements that funded the opposition research behind the dossier, including the FBI's involvement.

"When political opposition research becomes the basis for law enforcement or intelligence efforts, it raises substantial questions about the independence of law enforcement and intelligence from politics," Grassley said in the letter.

Grassley is calling on Fusion GPS to provide details on the history of the dossier, including the clients who sought the research and the terms of their engagement. He also wants to know when Steele was hired to work on the project, how the FBI came to be involved and whether Fusion GPS was aware of any arrangements by the FBI to pay Steele. He is further seeking documents related to the dossier's

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any arrangements by the FBI to pay Steele. He is further seeking documents related to the dossier's history and arrangements between Fusion GPS and its clients.

Full text of the letter follows:

March 24, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Mr. Glenn R. Simpson  
Fusion GPS  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing to inquire about Fusion GPS's opposition research efforts regarding President Trump, particularly the dossier compiled for your company by Mr. Christopher Steele. According to press accounts: a Republican opposed to Mr. Trump hired your company to compile opposition research on him; your company then hired Mr. Steele to investigate Mr. Trump's ties to Russia after evidence emerged last June regarding Russian hacking of Democratic targets; and once it became clear that Mr. Trump would be the Republican nominee, Democrats supporting Secretary Clinton's campaign began to pay for the research.[1] The New York Times also reported that "Fusion GPS and Mr. Steele shared the memos first with their clients, and later with the FBI and multiple journalists at the New York Times and elsewhere." [2] Last month, the Washington Post reported that a few weeks before the election, the FBI had reached an agreement with Mr. Steele to pay him to continue his work, noting that "[t]he revelation that the FBI agreed to pay Steele at the same time he was being paid by Clinton supporters to dig into Trump's background could further strain relations between the law enforcement agency and the White House." [3]

When political opposition research becomes the basis for law enforcement or intelligence efforts, it raises substantial questions about the independence of law enforcement and intelligence from politics. The Committee requires additional information to evaluate this situation. Please answer the following questions and provide the requested documents by April 7, 2017:

1. Who first hired your company to conduct opposition research relating to Mr. Trump and his associates? When did this engagement begin and end? What were the terms of the engagement? Please provide copies of all related contracts. In total, how much did this first client pay Fusion GPS for this work?
2. In addition to the first client, who else hired Fusion GPS to conduct or continue opposition research relating to Mr. Trump and his associates? When did those engagements begin and end? What were the terms of the engagements? Please provide copies of all related contracts. In total, how much did each additional client pay Fusion GPS for this work?
3. When did Fusion GPS arrange for Mr. Steele and/or Orbis Business Intelligence to investigate Mr. Trump and his associates? When, if ever, did this arrangement conclude? What were the terms of the arrangement? Please provide copies of all related contracts. In total, how much did Fusion GPS or your clients pay Mr. Steele and/or Orbis Business Intelligence for this work?
4. Please provide copies of all memoranda or other types of reports that Mr. Steele and/or Orbis Business Intelligence provided Fusion GPS in the course of this engagement.

5.To whom did Fusion GPS provide the dossier or any other memoranda created by Mr. Steele and/or Orbis Business Intelligence? Please list all recipients, the materials they received, and the dates the materials were provided.

6.Did any of Fusion GPS's clients instruct, request, suggest, or imply that the dossier should be provided to the FBI or that Mr. Steele should otherwise contact the FBI regarding the investigation? If so, please describe the client's actions and provide all related documents.

7.Did anyone from Fusion GPS instruct, request, suggest, or imply that Mr. Steele should provide the dossier to the FBI or otherwise contact the FBI regarding the investigation?

8.Did any of Fusion GPS's clients instruct, request, suggest, or imply that efforts should be made to get the FBI to pay for Mr. Steele and/or Orbis Business Intelligence to continue the investigation of Mr. Trump and his associates? If so, please describe the actions and provide all related documents.

9.Was Fusion GPS aware of efforts to have the FBI pay Mr. Steele for his investigation? Was Fusion GPS involved in any way in this reported arrangement? Did Fusion GPS inform its clients or former clients about the FBI's arrangement with Mr. Steele? Please provide all relevant communications.

10.To the best of Fusion GPS's knowledge, was Mr. Steele ever simultaneously paid by Fusion GPS (or its clients) and the FBI for his investigation of Mr. Trump and his associates, including any payments for his travel expenses? If so, when did the simultaneous payments occur and how much was paid?

11.Has anyone from Fusion GPS met with anyone from the FBI or Department of Justice regarding matters related to Mr. Trump or his associates? If so, when were the meetings, who attended, and what was discussed?

12.When did Mr. Steele first communicate with the FBI regarding his investigation of Mr. Trump and his associates? How many meetings did Mr. Steele have with the FBI in total? What was discussed at each meeting and who participated from any government agency? Please include the date and location of each meeting, as well as who paid for Mr. Steele's travel expenses, if any.

13.Please provide all records relating to communications between Fusion GPS and the Department of Justice, including the FBI, or any intelligence agency regarding Donald Trump, the Trump campaign, or his associates.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Davis of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 5:58 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Briefing

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Thanks. I'd like to hear that as well if it's possible.

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

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/28/17 5:47 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Briefing

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Just FYI.

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

**From:** "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 03/27/2017 11:17 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] "Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Brower, Gregory  
(OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
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Thanks,  
Jim

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:14 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE:

Need to talk to you about 7th floor discussion of delegation coverage

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

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/28/17 2:12 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE:

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On with Trisha.

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

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:11 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:**

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You around? Q for you

Peter P. Strzok II  
Deputy Assistant Director, Branch I  
Counterintelligence Division

[REDACTED]  
(O)  
(C)

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 8:01 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Grassley Examines Potential Conflicts in Top FBI Official's Role in Russia Collusion Probe

Sorry I totally missed this email yesterday. Makes me angry....

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**Subject:** Fwd: Grassley Examines Potential Conflicts in Top FBI Official's Role in Russia Collusion Probe

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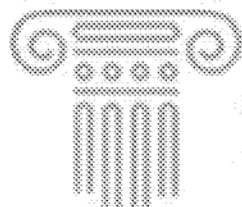
**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 4:47 PM  
**To:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
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Grassley apparently has sent us a letter regarding the DD.

**From:** "Chairman Grassley (Judiciary-Rep)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** March 28, 2017 at 4:15:15 PM EDT  
**To:** "Foy, Taylor (Judiciary-Rep)" [REDACTED]  
(Judiciary-Rep)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Grassley Examines Potential Conflicts in Top FBI Official's Role in Russia Collusion Probe

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**COMMITTEE** on the **JUDICIARY**  
CHAIRMAN CHUCK GRASSLEY  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

## **Grassley Examines Potential Conflicts in Top FBI Official's Role in Russia Collusion Probe**

*Deputy Director under review for political conflict in Clinton email case also in position to oversee inquiry into Trump campaign associates*

**WASHINGTON** – Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley today called on the FBI to detail the involvement in the probe of alleged collusion between Trump campaign associates and Russia of one senior official who is under investigation for political conflicts in the Clinton email matter. Deputy Director Andrew McCabe helped oversee the FBI's investigation in the Clinton case even though his wife received nearly \$700,000 from close Clinton associates during her campaign for Virginia state senate. As the FBI's second-in-command, McCabe could have significant influence over the ongoing investigation into allegations of collusion between Trump campaign associates and Russia as well.

In January, the Justice Department Inspector General announced it is reviewing whether McCabe should have recused himself from overseeing the Clinton matter following reports that his wife received campaign contributions from longtime Clinton associate, Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, and his political organizations. The contributions occurred while the investigation was underway. In a letter today to FBI Director James Comey, Grassley is seeking details on McCabe's involvement in the alleged collusion matter, whether it, too, constitutes an appearance of conflict, and whether he should be recused from any involvement in the collusion investigation as well.

***"These circumstances undermine public confidence in the FBI's impartiality ... FBI's senior leadership should never have allowed that appearance of a conflict to undermine the Bureau's important work. ... If Mr. McCabe failed to avoid the appearance of a partisan conflict of interest in favor of Mrs. Clinton during the presidential election, then any participation in this inquiry creates the exact same appearance of a partisan conflict of interest against Mr. Trump," Grassley said in the letter.***

Grassley raised questions about potential use of federal authorities for political gain following reports that the FBI sought to pay the author of the unsubstantiated and politically funded opposition research dossier on then-candidate Donald Trump. Grassley is now seeking details on McCabe's involvement in the Trump campaign associates probe, including whether he was

on issues surrounding the Trump campaign, including whether he was a part of any decision to continue funding the opposition research or whether he based investigative actions, such as surveillance, on information in the unsubstantiated dossier.

Text of Grassley's letter to Comey follows:

March 28, 2017

**VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

The Honorable James B. Comey, Jr.

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Comey:

At your speech last Thursday at the University of Texas, you referenced former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's short letter to Attorney General Robert Kennedy, which sought authorization for FBI surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. without any proper basis for doing so. You mentioned that you keep this letter on your desk, and place FISA applications awaiting your review on top of it, as a reminder. You cited this to emphasize the importance of oversight over the FBI, even over well-meaning FBI officials, to ensure the propriety of the FBI's actions. You are right to call attention to the importance of such oversight. As Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, it is my constitutional duty to conduct that oversight over the FBI and the Department of Justice.

Pursuant to its authority under the Constitution and the Rules of the Senate, the Committee requires information to determine: (1) the extent to which FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe has been involved in the FBI's investigation of President Trump's associates and Russia; (2) whether that involvement raises the appearance a conflict of interest in light of his wife's ties with Clinton associates; and (3) whether Mr. McCabe has been or should be recused from the investigation.

As you know, Mr. McCabe is under investigation by the Department of Justice Office of the



Inspector General. That investigation is examining whether the political and financial connections between his wife's Democratic political campaign and Clinton associates warranted his recusal in the FBI's Clinton email investigation. On March 7, 2015, just five days after the *New York Times* broke the story about Secretary Clinton's use of private email for official business, Mr. McCabe met with Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, a longtime, close associate of the Clintons—along with his wife, Dr. McCabe. Mr. McAuliffe recruited Dr. McCabe, who had not previously run for any political office, to be the Democratic candidate for a Virginia state senate seat. Dr. McCabe agreed, and Governor McAuliffe's political action committee subsequently gave nearly \$500,000 to her campaign while the FBI's investigation of Secretary Clinton was ongoing. The Virginia Democratic Party, over which Mr. McAuliffe exerts considerable control, also donated over \$200,000 to Dr. McCabe's campaign. While Mr. McCabe recused himself from public corruption cases in Virginia—presumably including the reportedly ongoing investigation of Mr. McAuliffe regarding illegal campaign contributions—he failed to recuse himself from the Clinton email investigation, despite the appearance of a conflict created by his wife's campaign accepting \$700,000 from a close Clinton associate during the investigation.

You have publicly stated that the people at the FBI “don’t give a rip about politics.”<sup>[1]</sup> However, the fact is that the Deputy Director met with Mr. McAuliffe about his wife's run for elected office and she subsequently accepted campaign funding from him. The fact is that the Deputy Director participated in the controversial, high-profile Clinton email investigation even though his wife took money from Mr. McAuliffe. These circumstances undermine public confidence in the FBI's impartiality, and this is one of the reasons that many believe the FBI pulled its punches in the Clinton matter. FBI's senior leadership should never have allowed that appearance of a conflict to undermine the Bureau's important work. The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General is now investigating that matter, as part of the work it announced on January 12, 2017.

Last week, you publicly testified that in late July of 2016, the FBI began investigating the Russian government's attempts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election, including investigating whether there was any collusion between individuals associated with the Trump campaign and the Russian government. Given the timing of the investigation and his position, it is likely that Mr. McCabe has been involved in that high-profile, politically charged inquiry as well. If Mr. McCabe failed to avoid the appearance of a partisan conflict of interest in favor of Mrs. Clinton during the presidential election, then any participation in this inquiry creates the exact same appearance of a partisan conflict of interest against Mr. Trump. As you testified last week, you believe that if someone had a bias for or against one of them, he would have the opposite bias toward the other: “they’re inseparable, right; it’s a two person event.”

According to public reports, the FBI agreed to pay the author of the unsubstantiated dossier alleging a conspiracy between Trump associates and the Russians. It reportedly agreed to pay the author, Christopher Steele, to continue investigating Mr. Trump. Clinton associates reportedly paid Mr. Steele to create this political opposition research dossier against Mr. Trump. The FBI has failed to publicly reply to my March 6 letter asking about those reports.

That leaves serious questions about the FBI's independence from politics unanswered.

Mr. McCabe's appearance of a partisan conflict of interest relating to Clinton associates only magnifies the importance of those questions. That is particularly true if Mr. McCabe was involved in approving or establishing the FBI's reported arrangement with Mr. Steele, or if Mr. McCabe vouched for or otherwise relied on the politically-funded dossier in the course of the investigation. Simply put, the American people should know if the FBI's second-in-command relied on Democrat-funded opposition research to justify an investigation of the Republican presidential campaign. Full disclosure is especially important since he is already under investigation for failing to recuse himself from the Clinton matter due to his partisan Democrat ties.

The Committee requires additional information to fully understand this situation. Please provide the following information and respond to these questions by April 11, 2017:

1. Has Mr. McCabe been involved in any capacity in the investigation of alleged collusion between Mr. Trump's associates and Russia? If so, in what capacity has he been involved? When did this involvement begin?
2. Has Mr. McCabe been involved in any requests or approvals for physical surveillance, consensual monitoring, searches, or national security letters relating to the investigation? If so, please provide all related documents.
3. In the course of the investigation, has Mr. McCabe been involved in any requests or approvals relating to the acquisition of the contents of stored communications from electronic communication service providers pursuant to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act? If so, please provide all related documents.
4. Has Mr. McCabe been involved in any FISA warrant applications relating to the investigation? If so, in what capacity? Please provide all related documents.
5. In the course of the investigation, has Mr. McCabe, or anyone under his supervision, made any representations to prosecutors or judges regarding the reliability of information in the FBI's possession as part of seeking judicial authorization for investigative tools? Has he or anyone under his supervision made any such representations about the political opposition research dossier compiled by Mr. Steele and Fusion GPS? If so, please explain and provide copies of all relevant documents.



6. Was Mr. McCabe involved in any FBI interactions with Mr. Steele? If so, please explain.
7. Did Mr. McCabe brief or otherwise communicate with anyone in the Obama administration regarding the investigation? If so, who did he brief, and when? Please provide all related documents.
8. Has Mr. McCabe been authorized by the FBI to speak to the media, whether as an anonymous source or otherwise, regarding the investigation? If so, please provide copies of such authorizations. If he was so authorized, to whom did he speak, and when? If he was not authorized to do so, does the FBI have any indication that he nonetheless spoke to the media?
9. To the best of your knowledge, has anyone within the FBI raised concerns within the Bureau that Mr. McCabe appears to have a conflict of interest in the investigation of Trump associates? If so, who raised such concerns, when did they do so, and how did FBI respond?
10. To the best of your knowledge, has anyone within the FBI filed a complaint with the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General regarding Mr. McCabe's involvement in the investigation?
11. Have personnel from the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General spoken with you yet as part of that Office's investigation into Mr. McCabe's alleged conflict of interest in the Clinton investigation? If so, did they also raise concerns as to whether Mr. McCabe's alleged partisan conflict would also apply to the investigation of Mr. Trump's associates?
12. Has anyone at FBI, the Department of Justice, or the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General recommended or requested that Mr. McCabe recuse himself from the investigation of Mr. Trump's associates or from any ongoing investigations of the Clinton Foundation? If so, what action was taken in response?

I anticipate that your responses to these questions may contain both classified and unclassified information. Please send all unclassified material directly to the Committee. In keeping with the requirements of Executive Order 13526, if any of the responsive documents



do contain classified information, please segregate all unclassified material within the classified documents, provide all unclassified information directly to the Committee, and provide a classified addendum to the Office of Senate Security. Although the Committee complies with all laws and regulations governing the handling of classified information, it is not bound, absent its prior agreement, by any handling restrictions or instructions on unclassified information unilaterally asserted by the Executive Branch.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Davis of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley

Chairman

Committee on the Judiciary

cc:

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein

Ranking Member

Senate Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Dana Boente

Acting Deputy Attorney General

United States Department of Justice

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz

Inspector General

United States Department of Justice

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[1] Evan Perez, *FBI Chief on Clinton Investigation: My People 'Don't Give a Rip About Politics'* CNN (Oct. 1, 2015).

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 8:06 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Coffee or beer?

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

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/29/17 8:06 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Coffee or beer?

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Fyi

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

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/29/17 8:05 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Levine, Mike" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Coffee or beer?

b6 -1, 3  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Hi Mike,

[REDACTED] and I did some great work together before he retired to greener pastures. I appreciate the offer to talk; I'd ask you coordinate through Mike Kortan or Rich Quinn in OPA to see if it makes sense to sit down and chat.

Thanks,  
Pete

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

**From:** "Levine, Mike" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/29/17 6:24 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Coffee or beer?

b6 -1, 3  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Hi Peter,

Hope all's well, and hope it's ok I'm reaching out. I was just having drinks with [REDACTED] telling him about a story I'm working on related to Russia, and he's like, "You should talk to Pete Strzok." Since we haven't met before, figured it's worth a shot. My name's Mike Levine, and I cover law enforcement and homeland security for ABC News. One of your FBI colleagues was complaining to me the other day that while media keep covering the day-to-day political drama related to Russia (and Trump), they keep failing to really cover the actual threat posed by Russia (having nothing to do with Trump). So that's what this story I'm working on is about. Any chance you'd be up for grabbing beers or coffee or something? Would love to tell you more about my story and get your take. Of course, nothing would be attributed to you or the FBI in any way. I think your FBI colleagues who know me would say I'm one of

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attributed to you or the FBI in any way. I think your FBI colleagues who know me would say I'm one of the good ones. And I just think this is a story that can do some public good, so hoping you'll consider connecting. Not to mention, who doesn't like beer or coffee?

Many thanks, all best,  
Mike

[REDACTED]

P.S. [REDACTED] made me promise that I would say hello to you for him, he sends his regards.

b6 -3

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9:39 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Sensitive Matter Briefing

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

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/29/17 9:07 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Sensitive Matter Briefing

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Jim R said OAG told him the AG wanted a brief in advance of signing and would want a little bit of time to think about it.

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

**From:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/29/17 8:49 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Sensitive Matter Briefing

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Pete:

Any idea what's driving this?

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

**From:** "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/29/17 7:05 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Sensitive Matter Briefing

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

The Director would like a briefing tomorrow (Thursday) on the sensitive application. I just spoke to Pete and gave him the scope. Will probably be at 5pm after the unmasking briefing.

Thanks,  
Tom

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 6:39 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Gizmodo

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**From:** [REDACTED] (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 5:30 PM  
**To:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Gizmodo

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Someone on Twitter already said it, but, if true, my respect for the D only solidifies when I see that he named himself after America's preeminent 20th century political theologian.

----- Original message -----  
**From:** "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 03/30/2017 5:25 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [REDACTED] (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Gizmodo

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I did not already know but I just read the whole thing. I have to say I didn't expect that...

J

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**From:** [REDACTED] (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 5:09 PM  
**To:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Gizmodo

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

You may already know, but go to Gizmodo and read this afternoon's story on what the author argues is the D's private Twitter acct.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 7:31 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Expected story

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Thanks,

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**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 6:54 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Expected story

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Here it is. I am providing the text as well as the link since sometimes people have problems opening WSJ stories.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/mike-flynn-offers-to-testify-in-exchange-for-immunity-1490912959?mod=e2tw>

## Mike Flynn Offers to Testify in Exchange for Immunity

Former national security adviser tells FBI, the House and Senate intelligence committees he's willing to be interviewed in exchange for deal, officials say

By  
Shane Harris, Carol E. Lee and Julian E. Barnes  
The Wall Street Journal

Updated March 30, 2017 6:41 p.m. ET

WASHINGTON—Mike Flynn, President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, has told the Federal Bureau of Investigation and congressional officials investigating the Trump campaign's potential ties to Russia that he is willing to be interviewed in exchange for a grant of immunity from prosecution, according to officials with knowledge of the matter.

As an adviser to Mr. Trump's presidential campaign, and later one of Mr. Trump's top aides in the White House, Mr. Flynn was privy to some of the most sensitive foreign-policy deliberations of the new administration and was directly involved in discussions about the possible lifting of sanctions on Russia imposed by the Obama administration. He has made the offer to the FBI and the House and Senate intelligence committees through his lawyer but has so far found no takers, the officials said.

Mr. Flynn's attorney, Robert Kelner, declined to comment.

It wasn't clear if Mr. Flynn had offered to talk about specific aspects of his time working for Mr. Trump, but the fact that he was seeking immunity suggested Mr. Flynn feels he may be in legal jeopardy following his brief stint as the national security adviser, one official said.

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Mr. Flynn was forced to resign after acknowledging that he misled White House officials about the nature of his phone conversations with the Russian ambassador to the U.S. during the presidential transition.

Mr. Flynn's communications with the Russian ambassador, Sergei Kislyak, have been scrutinized by the FBI, which is examining whether Trump campaign personnel colluded with Russian officials who are alleged to have interfered with the presidential election, according to current and former U.S. officials. Russia has denied the allegations.

Mr. Flynn also was paid tens of thousands of dollars by three Russian companies, including the state-sponsored media network RT, for speeches he made shortly before he became a formal adviser to Mr. Trump's campaign, according to documents obtained by a congressional oversight committee.

Democratic lawmakers have requested a copy of the security-clearance form that Mr. Flynn was required to file before joining Mr. Trump in the White House, to see if he disclosed sources of foreign income.

And they have asked the Defense Department to investigate whether Mr. Flynn, a retired Army general, violated the Constitution's emoluments clause by accepting money from RT, which U.S. intelligence officials say is part of a state-funded media apparatus.

—Aruna Viswanatha contributed to this article.

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

From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 5:55 PM

To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)

Quinn, Richard P. (DO) (FBI)

[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

Cc: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)

Subject: Expected story

FYSA

Passing along this item from [REDACTED]

The WSJ may run a story soon saying Flynn is seeking immunity from Congress to testify. The story also will say Flynn sought immunity from the FBI in order to be interviewed.

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b7E -6

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b7C -1



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 10:33 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Immunity

Hmm....

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

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 3/30/17 10:32 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Tosca, George (NSD) (JMD)" [redacted] "Laufman, David (NSD) (JMD)" [redacted]  
[redacted]  
**Cc:** "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Immunity

b5 -2, 3  
b7C -1, 2  
b7C -1, 2  
b7E -4, 6

George, David,  
See below. I told Charlie [redacted]  
[redacted]

Thanks.

Pete

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

**From:** "Mcgonigal, Charles F. (NY) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 3/30/17 8:41 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted] "Boone, Jennifer C. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
[redacted]  
**Cc:** "Sweeney, William F. (NY) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Immunity

b5 -2, 3  
b6 -1  
b7C -4, 6  
b7E -4, 6

Let me know.

Thanks



11/11/15

SAC Charles F. McGonigal  
FBI-New York Office  
Counterintelligence Division

[redacted] office  
[redacted] cell

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b7C -1

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

From: [redacted]  
Date: 03/30/2017 8:11 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "McGonigal, Charles E. (NY) (FBI)" [redacted]  
Cc: [redacted]  
Subject: Immunity

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

Here's the article:

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/mike-flynn-offers-to-testify-in-exchange-for-immunity-1490912959>

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 12:17 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/james-comey-secret-twitter-account-anchorman-meme-track-down-journalist-fbi-chief-response-ron-a7660586.html>

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 12:19 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2017/3/30/1648948/-if-this-really-is-FBI-Director-James-Comey-s-Twitter-account-he-gave-an-A-response-to-being-outed>



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 12:39 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: RM Request

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

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/31/17 12:38 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: RM Request

b5 -1  
b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I think [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

**From:** "Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/31/17 11:55 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: RM Request

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

NSA is going to demur - but has offered to pull their copies of any docs the RM wants to authenticate.

Beth Beers  
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs  
[REDACTED]

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

**From:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 11:52 AM  
**To:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: RM Request

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[REDACTED] but do we know what time this might be happening? I guess I could always try to come back if I'm needed, although I'm assuming we may want to send a higher level rep...

J

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

**From:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 11:18 AM  
**To:** Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]

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b7E -6

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Cc: Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: RM Request

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

See below request from HPSCI Democratic Staff Director. Thoughts?

Beth Beers  
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs  
[REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 9:11 AM  
To: [REDACTED] Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Cc: Deirdre M Walsh [REDACTED]  
Subject: RM Request

b6 -1, 2, 3  
b7C -1, 2  
b7E -6

Hi,

RM Schiff will be viewing the documents at the White House this afternoon and he requests your agencies in-person assistance in verifying the authenticity of the documents and your technical assistance in reviewing them.

Please advise whether you can support.

[REDACTED]

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 02, 2017 9:39 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd:

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

**From:** Peter [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/2/17 9:34 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:**

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Federal Bureau of Investigation FBI plans to create special unit to co-ordinate Russia probe

Move would allow the agency's director to have greater insight into the case

10 hours ago by: David J Lynch in Washington

The FBI is planning to create a special section based at its Washington headquarters to co-ordinate its investigation of Russian activities designed to influence the 2016 presidential election, according to a person familiar with the plan.

The move, a sign of how seriously the bureau is taking allegations of Russian meddling in American politics, is also aimed at giving FBI director James Comey greater visibility into the investigation's granular details. "It's meant to surge resources," said one FBI agent.

Creation of the temporary unit mirrors the bureau's approach to other sensitive investigations, including the WikiLeaks disclosure of classified US government documents and Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while secretary of state.

The FBI generally prefers to run investigations from one of its 56 field offices, but the high-profile nature of the sprawling Russia inquiry is seen as requiring a central manager, according to current and former officials.

"It's getting unwieldy," said one person briefed on the plan. "It's too big and it's on the front page of the newspaper every day."

An FBI spokeswoman declined to comment.

The bureau is expected to recall from the field an FBI counter-intelligence specialist to oversee the squad, which is to begin work next month. If the new team — with about 20 dedicated agents drawn from across the country — operates as similar units have in the past, its chief would brief Mr Comey on a weekly basis while providing daily updates for deputy director Andrew McCabe.

"We did it quite regularly," said Robert Anderson of Navigant, a business consulting group, who was a former executive assistant director of the FBI. "Any time there's a big case, a giant case, it becomes a huge resource drain across the organisation."

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Russian activities under investigation include alleged hacking into Democratic computer networks and reported contacts between Russians and representatives of the Trump campaign. Michael Flynn, the president's national security adviser, was fired in February after allegedly lying to vice-president Mike Pence about conversations he had last year with Sergei Kislyak, Russian ambassador to the US.

"The FBI, as part of our counter-intelligence mission, is investigating the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election and that includes investigating the nature of any links between individuals associated with the Trump campaign and the Russian government and whether there was any coordination between the campaign and Russia's efforts," Mr Comey told the House Intelligence Committee earlier this month.

FBI investigators also will evaluate the potential for criminal charges in the Russia matter. But some investigators are pessimistic about the likelihood of making a case, given the difficulty of obtaining evidence from Russia.

"Unlike the CIA, we have to bring things that go, potentially, in front of a jury," said one agent. "We have to certify evidence. A place like Russia is such a black hole. It's so hard to prove you're bringing evidence that hasn't been tampered with."

As the FBI probe proceeds, both the Senate and House intelligence committees are pursuing their own Russia-related investigations. Republican Senator Richard Burr, who chairs the Senate panel, said on Wednesday that the committee was "looking anywhere intelligence suggests that there might have been any type of relationship of effort to influence US elections".

In an appearance on Wednesday night before an industry group, Mr Comey declined to discuss the investigation. But he said the FBI would follow the facts without regard for potential political consequences. "We're not on anybody's side, ever," he said. "We're not considering whose ox will be gored. We just don't care." Follow David J Lynch on Twitter: @davidjlynch Copyright The Financial Times Limited 2017. All rights reserved

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 2:10 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Need to give you a heads up on a story coming soon in the Post

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b7C -1

Im.in a meeting with Lisa at ogc will stop by when done

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

**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/3/17 2:08 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Need to give you a heads up on a story coming soon in the Post

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I think you both may be out or are at a meeting. Rich asked me to give you a heads up on something possibly sensitive that the Post plans to post around 3 or 4pm.  
Please give me a call if you are able.

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b7C -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 5:15 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Guardian from this weekend

Not great

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

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 5:14 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Guardian from this weekend

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b7E -6

I wasn't. WTF is this.....

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**From:** [REDACTED] (WF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Guardian from this weekend

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b7E -6

Pete

Im sure you are tracking, but this has gotten too deep -

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/mar/31/michael-flynn-new-evidence-spy-chiefs-had-concerns-about-russian-ties>

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

[REDACTED] Desk  
[REDACTED] Cell

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 5:48 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/new-details-emerge-about-2014-russian-hack-of-the-state-department-it-was-hand-to-hand-combat/2017/04/03/d89168e0-124c-11e7-833c-503e1f6394c9\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.5cb8d60be516](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/new-details-emerge-about-2014-russian-hack-of-the-state-department-it-was-hand-to-hand-combat/2017/04/03/d89168e0-124c-11e7-833c-503e1f6394c9_story.html?utm_term=.5cb8d60be516)

**Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)**

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**Subject:** Accepted: Weekly tag-up  
**Location:** rm. 7426 (the non-sunshine room)  
**Start:** Monday, April 10, 2017 1:30 PM  
**End:** Monday, April 10, 2017 2:30 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** No response required  
**Organizer:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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

When: Apr 10, 2017 1:30:00 PM

Where: rm. 7426 (the non-sunshine room)

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 3:29 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Briefing for the A/DAG

Fyi

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

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/4/17 3:28 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Briefing for the A/DAG

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b7C -1  
b7E -6

Thanks Bill,

I don't remember if you were here for the discussion I had with Rybicki but both D and DD wanted to get themselves above the weekly/bi-weekly briefing schedule, noting that if the FBI was participating in a briefing to the DAG, then they would want the information in advance of any such brief. Hence the solution to brief NSD so they could brief the DAG.

Hope that makes sense.

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

**From:** "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/4/17 3:15 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Briefing for the A/DAG

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b7C -1  
b7E -6

Gents: George is scheduled to call me later today, so I'll ask him what has changed: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I'll let you know what I learn. Thanks, Bill

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 2:56 PM  
**To:** Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Briefing for the A/DAG

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

We had. Last conversation I had with George was that NSD was going to do them. I don't know when FBI was added back in, but he wrote to Bill and I as if that had been discussed and decided.

Bill, I will call you to discuss re-engaging with George.



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

From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Date: 4/4/17 2:45 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
Cc: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Briefing for the A/DAG

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I think we had taken the position that if NSD is getting briefings from the FBI that they can do the briefings for the A/DAG. I suppose it's subjective though based on GZT's view.

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From: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 2:29 PM  
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
Cc: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Briefing for the A/DAG

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Hi Jim, George asked as though it was a fait accompli. If we have not changed our organizational position, please let us know and we'll relay to George.

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

From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Date: 4/4/17 2:18 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
Cc: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Subject: Briefing for the A/DAG

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Bill and Pete:

Tash noted that, per George, both NSD and FBI will participate in a briefing tomorrow morning for the A/DAG. Is this accurate?

Thanks,  
Jim

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 4:16 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: NYT

Fyi

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

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/4/17 4:15 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** John Giacalone [REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: NYT

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b7C -1  
b7E -6

John,  
Thanks. Great to hear from you. Hope all is well.  
Pete

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

**From:** John Giacalone [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/4/17 4:00 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** NYT

b6 -1, 3  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Mike/Pete - Goldman and Appuzzo doing Hillary article. Gave following: received referral obligated to open a case; knew at some point both political parties would have issues during and at conclusion of investigation; and case agents did outstanding investigative work leaving no stone un-turned.

Hope you are both well- John

Sent from my iPhone

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**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 5:17 PM  
**To:** Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: A Few Theories About Why James Comey Might Call Himself "Reinhold Niebuhr" on Twitter - The New Yorker


This was interesting.

"To see Niebuhr's story with Comey in mind is to gain a deeper appreciation of the hard choices Comey has faced—and the perils of going it alone, as he has seemed to do at several points."

[http://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/a-few-theories-about-why-james-comey-might-call-himself-reinhold-niebuhr-on-twitter?](http://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/a-few-theories-about-why-james-comey-might-call-himself-reinhold-niebuhr-on-twitter?mbid=nl_170404_Daily&CNDID=49385778&spMailingID=10756204&spUserID=MTg3MDE3ODgzMzU0S0&spJobID=1140294514&spReportId=MTE0MDI5NDUxNA52)  
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## A Few Theories About Why James Comey Might Call Himself "Reinhold Niebuhr" on Twitter

Paul Elie April 3, 2017

 The F.B.I. chief, James Comey, considers an F.B.I. target, Reinhold Niebuhr, a hero; he also can't keep his Twitter account secret.

The F.B.I. chief, James Comey, considers an F.B.I. target, Reinhold Niebuhr, a hero; he also can't keep his Twitter account secret. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK PETERSON / REDUX FOR THE NEW YORKER

James B. Comey, the F.B.I. director, keeps a document from the bureau's archives on his desk, like a memento mori. It's the application that his predecessor, J. Edgar Hoover, made to the Justice Department to wiretap the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., together with the approval granted by the Attorney General, Robert F.



Kennedy. It is a single page. "The entire application is five sentences long, it is without fact or substance, and it is predicated on the naked assertion that 'there is Communist influence in the racial situation,' " Comey told an audience at Georgetown University in February of 2015. He explained that these days, as the bureau's director, he requires F.B.I. agents and analysts in training to "study the F.B.I.'s interaction" with King and pay a visit to the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in Washington, D.C. "The reason I do those things is to insure that we remember our mistakes and that we learn from them," he said.

Comey might do well to keep a different document from the archive on his desk: a page from the six-hundred-page file that the bureau kept on Reinhold Niebuhr, the theologian and public intellectual, who died in 1971. Like the King document, it would serve as a reminder of the conflicts—the contradictions—that come with public service.

Last week, [a strong piece of Internet sleuthing](#) by Ashley Feinberg, at Gizmodo, asserted that "Reinhold Niebuhr" is the Twitter identity for an account Comey set up recently. Niebuhr was a topic of the senior thesis that Comey wrote as a student at the College of William and Mary, in 1982: "The Christian in Politics," a study of the role of religious beliefs in public service. To judge from Comey's Georgetown address—a sensitive statement about the "hard truths" of race and law enforcement and the role of human weakness, or bias—Niebuhr is a model for Comey (a Methodist who has taught Sunday school) in his role as F.B.I. director. And Niebuhr's characteristic outlook, known as "Christian realism"—which sets the need for courageous moral action against the fact of human weakness—is an apt frame of reference for the political hot spot that Comey finds himself in.

"The 'irony,' to use a Niebuhrism, of the situation is exquisite," the filmmaker Martin Doblmeier told me, referring to Niebuhr's 1952 book, ["The Irony of American History."](#) The F.B.I. chief has an F.B.I. target as his hero; the head of U.S. domestic intelligence can't keep his Twitter account secret.

Doblmeier is the director of ["An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story,"](#) a documentary released in March. The film's opening sequence sets out the now familiar premise that Niebuhr has become a thinker with fresh significance to people who are concerned with the place of ideas and conscience in public life. There's a photomontage



of Barack Obama, who called Niebuhr “one of my favorite philosophers” while a senator and cited his “compelling idea that there’s serious evil in the world.” David Brooks, who has addressed Niebuhr’s thought in many *Times* columns and in his book *“The Road to Character,”* praises Niebuhr’s “audacity” and his influence on both sides of the congressional aisle. Jimmy Carter testifies to the image of Niebuhr as a “constant presence” during his Presidency.

Niebuhr’s thought is complex and resists summary; nevertheless, his central ideas are naturally attractive to figures in public life because he persuasively depicted the conflicts of public figures over “right” action as episodes in a grand, Biblically inflected drama of human nature and destiny.

For Niebuhr, simple schemes of good and evil—such as those of the Cold War—are to be resisted, but certain conflicts really do involve questions of good and evil. In some situations, taking moral action involves committing acts that would be distasteful in other situations: if you are going to defend a free society against a warlike aggressor, you are likely going to have to kill some people. Most human actions have unforeseen consequences, and these often turn out to be more significant than the consequences the people who took those actions had in mind. Americans, raised in a young country, lack a sense of history and are estranged from the Biblical roots of American ideals. As a result, our leaders overestimate their personal virtue, the merits of the American project, and the ability of our institutions (such as the military) to carry out their objectives, and this leads them to pride and shortsightedness. All political acts take place under the judgment of history, which reveals “the limits of all human striving” and the futility, even the folly, of most human undertakings, especially of politics.

Niebuhr is also appealing to public figures because he put his ideas to the test in public life, although doing so prompted accusations of inconsistency, and the suspicion—familiar to James Comey—that he was lending his support to the wrong side. In the documentary, the ethicist Ronald H. Stone (who was Niebuhr’s last teaching assistant at Union Theological Seminary, in New York City) explains that the basis for the F.B.I.’s investigation was J. Edgar Hoover’s view that “anybody who belonged to so many left-wing organizations had to be a Communist.” And yet Niebuhr had long since renounced his early pacifism, and, with Hitler’s rise to power, he had urged the U.S. to join the



Allies in military action against Nazi Germany, even though taking those positions meant breaking ranks with dozens of close friends on the left.

After the war, Niebuhr joined his friend Arthur Schlesinger, the historian, on a committee convened to advise the State Department on the moral dimension of America's role in the emerging world order. During John F. Kennedy's campaign for President, in 1960, Niebuhr introduced Kennedy at a Liberal Party dinner. And yet Niebuhr faulted Kennedy, a Roman Catholic known for his womanizing, for the lack of "moral fiber" and for the "thinness" of his religion. Niebuhr also pointedly opposed the Ku Klux Klan as a young pastor in Detroit, and his book "Moral Man and Immoral Society," from 1932, was a profound influence on Martin Luther King, Jr., (who eventually, in his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," attributed to Niebuhr the insight that "groups tend to be more immoral than individuals"). And yet when Niebuhr, after *Brown v. Board of Education*, was asked to sign a petition appealing to President Eisenhower to intervene on behalf of black students against a white Southern society still clinging to segregation, he declined to do so out of a conviction that social change could not be imposed abruptly from without. Niebuhr was a vociferous critic of the Vietnam War when, under Lyndon Johnson, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. As Doblmeier ruefully notes, Niebuhr was still on the F.B.I.'s watch list.

To see Niebuhr's story with Comey in mind is to gain a deeper appreciation of the hard choices Comey has faced—and the perils of going it alone, as he has seemed to do at several points. In the final months of the 2016 Presidential campaign, Comey faced two moral dilemmas of profound import. In the first, as Newsweek has reported, by last July the agency held evidence that Russia sought to interfere in the election—and presumably to swing the result in favor of Donald Trump rather than Hillary Clinton. Comey, seeing clear wrongdoing, was eager to take action. During a meeting in the White House Situation Room with top Administration officials, Comey proposed to set out the intelligence in an opinion piece for, say, the *Times*. "He had a draft of it or an outline. He held up a piece of paper . . ." a source told *Newsweek*, "and said, 'I want to go forward. What do people think of this?'" The Administration rejected the idea, on the grounds that there should be a "coordinated message," not a piece of journalism by a single official, and also possibly out of a disinclination to be seen as interfering in the campaign.

The second time, Comey took matters into his own hands. In late October, the disgraced congressman Anthony Weiner's computer—containing a large number of e-mail exchanges between Hillary Clinton and his wife, the Clinton aide Huma Abedin—was seized in an investigation into Weiner's sexting involvement with a teen-age girl. Comey announced in a letter to Congress that an F.B.I. investigation into Clinton's e-mails (one he had declared closed in July) was open again. For this, Comey himself was seen as interfering in the campaign. The two incidents together form an object lesson in the unanticipated consequences of human action. One set of intelligence was held back out of high-minded principle; the other set was put forward by questionable means—and Donald Trump, not Hillary Clinton, was elected President.

It may be of no great significance that a Twitter account likely associated with James Comey has Reinhold Niebuhr's name affixed to it. And yet the Niebuhr connection serves as a reminder of the roots of public service—the compote of ideas, personality, influence, and moral virtue that prompts Comey and people like him to go into government work in the first place. Washington is a swamp: so say its critics, including the one in the White House. And yet thousands of talented people decide to pursue careers in government service, year after year, generation after generation. Sure, they do so for power and influence, the access and the spoils, and yet they do so, too, following the inspiration of people like Niebuhr, who made the hard truths of public life and the hard choices faced by people entrusted with positions of responsibility seem like life itself.



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 5:49 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: OCA

Ok

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

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/5/17 5:17 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OCA

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b7C -1  
b7E -6

Need you to do me a favor re OCA this morning. Please remind me.



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:02 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Kushner Omitted Meeting With Russians on Security Clearance Forms - NYTimes.com

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b7C -1

I'd like to discuss on Monday

Mr. Kushner's aides said he was compiling that material and would share it when the F.B.I. interviewed him. For now, they said, he has an interim security clearance.

In a statement, Ms. Gorelick said that after learning of the error, Mr. Kushner told the F.B.I.: "During the presidential campaign and transition period, I served as a point-of-contact for foreign officials trying to reach the president-elect. I had numerous contacts with foreign officials in this capacity. ... I would be happy to provide additional information about these contacts." No names were disclosed in that correspondence.

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/04/06/us/politics/jared-kushner-russians-security-clearance.html>

## Kushner Omitted Meeting With Russians on Security Clearance Forms

By JO BECKER and MATTHEW ROSENBERG

April 6, 2017

Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, failed to mention having met with the Russian ambassador and the head of a Russian bank when applying for national security clearance.

Al Drago / The New York Times

FBI (18-cv-154)-10865

When Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, sought the top-secret security clearance that would give him access to some of the nation's most closely guarded secrets, he was required to disclose all encounters with foreign government officials over the last seven years.

But Mr. Kushner did not mention dozens of contacts with foreign leaders or officials in recent months. They include a December meeting with the Russian ambassador, Sergey I. Kislyak, and one with the head of a Russian state-owned bank, Vnesheconombank, arranged at Mr. Kislyak's behest.



The national security questionnaire asks applicants for dates and details of all contacts with representatives of foreign governments.

The omissions, which Mr. Kushner's lawyer called an error, are particularly sensitive given the congressional and F.B.I. investigations into contacts between Russian officials and Trump associates. The Senate Intelligence Committee informed the White House weeks ago that, as part of its inquiry, it planned to question Mr. Kushner about the meetings he arranged with Mr. Kislyak, including the one with Sergey N. Gorkov, a graduate of Russia's spy school who now heads Vnesheconombank.

Mr. Kushner's omissions were described by people with direct knowledge of them who asked for anonymity because the questionnaire is not a public document.

While officials can lose access to intelligence, or worse, for failing to disclose foreign contacts, the forms are often amended to address lapses. Jamie Gorelick, Mr. Kushner's lawyer, said that the questionnaire was submitted prematurely on Jan. 18, and that the next day, Mr. Kushner's office told the F.B.I. that he would provide supplemental information.





The Russian ambassador, Sergey I. Kislyak, met with Jared Kushner in December.

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Mr. Kushner's aides said he was compiling that material and would share it when the F.B.I. interviewed him. For now, they said, he has an interim security clearance.

In a statement, Ms. Gorelick said that after learning of the error, Mr. Kushner told the F.B.I.: "During the presidential campaign and transition period, I served as a point-of-contact for foreign officials trying to reach the president-elect. I had numerous contacts with foreign officials in this capacity. ... I would be happy to provide additional information about these contacts." No names were disclosed in that correspondence.

Applicants for major national security positions must submit a lengthy F.B.I. questionnaire as part of a background check. They are asked to list the dates and details of all contacts with representatives of foreign governments.



President Vladimir B. Putin of Russia, right, with Sergey N. Gorkov, a graduate of Russia's spy school who heads the state-owned Vnesheconombank.

Michael Klimentyev / Sputnik, via Associated Press

This is not just bureaucratic paperwork. The form warns that "withholding, misrepresenting, or falsifying information" could result in loss of access to classified information, denial of eligibility for a sensitive job and even prosecution; knowingly falsifying or concealing material facts is a federal felony that may result in fines or up to

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Clearance holders are often allowed to amend disclosure forms and avoid punishment if omissions are deemed oversights rather than deliberate falsifications, and prosecutions are rare.

Mr. Kushner is the second top White House official to have problems concerning his dealings with foreign officials. Michael T. Flynn, Mr. Trump's first national security adviser, had his security clearance suspended and was fired for misleading Vice President Mike Pence about the content of phone calls with the Russian ambassador during the transition.

Last month, the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, confirmed to Congress that his agency was investigating Russia's interference in the election and the possibility of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia.

Vnesheconombank is a target of American sanctions imposed in response to Moscow's annexation of Crimea and aggression in Ukraine. It is controlled by members of President Vladimir V. Putin's government, including Prime Minister Dmitri A. Medvedev, and has been used to bail out oligarchs favored by Mr. Putin and to fund pet projects like the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.

Mr. Kushner has said he did not discuss sanctions with Mr. Gorkov, the Russian banker. Mr. Gorkov declined to comment on the subject of whether sanctions were discussed.



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 10:40 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: REVISED DRAFT -- PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL DELIBERATIVE PROCESS MATERIAL

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Will do. Mediation fell apart. I'll be there...

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

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/10/17 10:02 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: REVISED DRAFT -- PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL DELIBERATIVE PROCESS MATERIAL

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Please take a look before the 1:30 if you could.

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

**From:** Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 09, 2017 9:32 AM  
**To:** Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** REVISED DRAFT -- PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL DELIBERATIVE PROCESS MATERIAL

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

b5 -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 1:43 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: NYT Last Shot

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Yep

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

**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/10/17 1:41 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: NYT Last Shot

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Could everyone come to Mike's office at 315p and we'll get one of the reporters on the phone?  
Thanks.

**From:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 1:31 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: NYT Last Shot

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Today after 3 is good.

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

**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 04/10/2017 1:18 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** NYT Last Shot

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Pete/Lisa,

The editing is nearing completion and we have one last shot to hear what the end result is. Do you have time later today or tomorrow that is convenient for a listening session? Likely by phone in Mike's office. Let me know. Thanks!

[REDACTED]  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
National Press Office  
Desk [REDACTED]  
Cell [REDACTED]

b6 -1  
b7C -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 9:02 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: March 6 letter

Rock on. Thanks.

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

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/10/17 8:51 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
(DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** March 6 letter

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Thanks all.

b5 -1

Lisa

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:22 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: New version

Sorry, one more. Extraneous "the" in, "including the whether he communicated with anyone..."

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

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

Date: 4/11/17 6:08 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: New version

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Yeah it's something funky on Samsung. Looked on iPhone and they're not there. Only thing I saw was a capital W following, "In this case." Sorry for the false alarm.

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

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Date: 4/10/17 10:46 PM (GMT-05:00)

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

Subject: RE: New version

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

You probably aren't seeing the version with tracked changes if you're looking on your phone. Or at least I HOPE that's why you're seeing so many grammar issues.

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

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

Date: 04/10/2017 10:24 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: New version

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

b5 -1

Go home, please, and please drive safely.

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

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Date: 4/10/17 9:45 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] "Beers, Elizabeth  
R. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)"

[REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: New version

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6



Subject: New Version

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[REDACTED] Let's discuss in the morning. Thanks all.

b5 -3  
b6 -1  
b7C -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 7:19 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: New version

Oh. That would make much more sense.

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

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/11/17 6:46 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: New version

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[REDACTED] but either way it was nice.

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

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 04/11/2017 6:38 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: New version

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Wow. I'm sure you are.

I will, or more likely just call later in the week.

It was nice for [REDACTED] to leave that sun. :)

I'm glad to have company in the being proud of you for being brave department

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

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/11/17 6:35 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: New version

b5 -1, 3  
b6 -1, 3  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

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

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 04/11/2017 6:01 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: New version

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Hopefully, I'll look as soon as I get it. Never got the time to call [REDACTED] so I'm going today.

b6 -1  
b7C -1

What time did you end up getting out of there?

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

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Date: 4/10/17 10:46 PM (GMT-05:00)

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

Subject: RE: New version

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

You probably aren't seeing the version with tracked changes if you're looking on your phone. Or at least I HOPE that's why you're seeing so many grammar issues.

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

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

Date: 04/10/2017 10:24 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: New version

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

b5 -1

Go home, please, and please drive safely.

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

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Date: 4/10/17 9:45 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

"Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)"

[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] "Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)"

[REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: New version

b5 -3  
b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[REDACTED] Let's discuss in the morning. Thanks all.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:28 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1

I'm good except for 1-2

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**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:27 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Please let us know when you'd like to touch base. We have a morning meeting so sometime after 11 would be best for us.

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**From:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 8:14 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I also have a correction to make, but let's do it in person tomorrow.

----- Original message -----  
**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 04/10/2017 7:56 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]; "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Thank you.

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----- Original message -----  
**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

FBI (18-cv-154)-10898



Date: 04/10/2017 6:12 PM (GMT-05:00)

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

[redacted] (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]

Cc: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]

Subject: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[redacted] to your question at the end of the call today, July 5th is the correct date.



To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Subject: RE: Closing the loop

Please let us know when you'd like to touch base. We have a morning meeting so sometime after 11 would be best for us.

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 8:14 PM

To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Subject: RE: Closing the loop

I also have a correction to make, but let's do it in person tomorrow.

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

From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Date: 04/10/2017 7:56 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Cc: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Thank you.

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

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Date: 04/10/2017 6:12 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
Cc: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Subject: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[REDACTED] to your question at the end of the call today, July 5th is the correct date.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:03 AM  
**To:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Rsp to Chairman Grassley memorializing briefing

b5 -1  
b6 -1  
b7C -6

I'm good, with one question. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

**From:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:59 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Rybicki, James E.  
(DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Rsp to Chairman Grassley memorializing briefing

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

See attached draft response. Please advise ASAP if you've got edits / issues - we intend to get this signed out today. Thanks,

Beth Beers  
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs  
[REDACTED]

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

**From:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 8:51 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
[REDACTED] Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
(DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** March 6 letter

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Thanks all.

Lisa

b5 -1



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**Subject:** Referral

**Location:** 4012

**Start:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:30 PM

**End:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 3:00 PM

**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

**Required Attendees:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

b6 -1  
b7C -1

[REDACTED] this is following up to our conversation this morning. Lisa, relates to discussion we had at 1:30 meeting yesterday.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**Subject:** Referral

**Location:** 4012

**Start:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:30 PM

**End:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 3:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

**Required Attendees:** [REDACTED] OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)

b6 -1  
b7C -1

[REDACTED] this is following up to our conversation this morning. Lisa, relates to discussion we had at 1:30 meeting yesterday.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:32 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Grassley Response Letter 20170411

b6 -1  
b7C -1

CD is good

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

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/11/17 11:20 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Grassley Response Letter 20170411

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Trying to get this one to final too. I've accepted all changes, please let me know if you have additional edits. Thanks.

Lisa

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 4:03 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Thank you that's tremendously helpful.

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

**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/11/17 4:00 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Closing the loop

b5 -1  
b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

The issue PS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:00 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

OK:

**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:48 AM  
**To:** Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Should we do a quick meet at 11:30? Aside from the question answered by PS there is one more on our check list concerning communications with folks across the street.

**From:** Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:42 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6



I'm just flexible...

From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:41 AM  
To: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Closing the loop

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

[REDACTED] has the stopwatch!

From: Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:39 AM  
To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
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Subject: RE: Closing the loop

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Please let us know when you'd like to touch base. We have a morning meeting so sometime after 11 would be best for us.

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Thank you.

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## FBI obtained FISA warrant to monitor former Trump adviser Carter Page

The FBI obtained a secret court order last summer to monitor the communications of an adviser to presidential candidate Donald Trump, part of an investigation into possible links between Russia and the campaign, law enforcement and other U.S. officials said.

The FBI and the Justice Department obtained the warrant targeting Carter Page's communications after convincing a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court judge that there was probable cause to believe Page was acting as an agent of a foreign power, in this case Russia, according to the officials.

This is the clearest evidence so far that the FBI had reason to believe during the 2016 presidential campaign that a Trump campaign adviser was in touch with Russian agents. Such contacts are now at the center of an investigation into whether the campaign coordinated with the Russian government to swing the election in Trump's favor.

Page has not been accused of any crimes, and it is unclear whether the Justice

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Page has not been accused of any crimes, and it is unclear whether the Justice Department might later seek charges against him or others in connection with Russia's meddling in the 2016 presidential election. The counterintelligence investigation into Russian efforts to influence U.S. elections began in July, officials have said. Most such investigations don't result in criminal charges.

The officials spoke about the court order on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details of a counterintelligence probe.



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#### Team Trump's ties to Russian interests

During an interview with the Washington Post editorial page staff in March 2016, [Trump identified Page](#), who had previously been an investment banker in Moscow, as a foreign policy adviser to his campaign. Campaign spokeswoman [Hope Hicks later described Page's role as "informal."](#)

Page has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing in his dealings with the Trump campaign or Russia.

"This confirms all of my suspicions about unjustified, politically motivated government surveillance," Page said in an interview Tuesday. "I have nothing to hide." He compared surveillance of him to the eavesdropping that the FBI and Justice Department conducted against civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

[\*\[Despite early denials, growing list of Trump camp contacts with Russians haunts White House\]\*](#)

The White House, FBI and Justice Department declined to comment.

FBI Director James B. Comey disclosed in public testimony to the House Intelligence Committee last month that the bureau is investigating efforts by the Russian government to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.

Comey said this includes investigating the "nature of any links between individuals



associated with the Trump campaign and the Russian government and whether there was any coordination between the campaign and Russia's efforts."

Comey declined to comment during the hearing about any individuals, including Page, who worked in Moscow for Merrill Lynch a decade ago and who has said he invested in Russian energy giant Gazprom. In a letter to Comey in September, Page had said he had sold his Gazprom investment.

During the hearing last month, Democratic lawmakers repeatedly singled out Page's contacts in Russia as a cause for concern.

The judges who rule on Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) requests oversee the nation's most sensitive national security cases, and their warrants are some of the most closely guarded secrets in the world of U.S. law enforcement and intelligence gathering. Any FISA application has to be approved at the highest levels of the Justice Department and the FBI.

Applications for FISA warrants, Comey said, are often thicker than his wrists, and that thickness represents all the work Justice Department attorneys and FBI agents have to do to convince a judge that such surveillance is appropriate in an investigation.

The government's application for the surveillance order targeting Page included a lengthy declaration that laid out investigators' basis for believing that Page was an agent of the Russian government and knowingly engaged in clandestine intelligence activities on behalf of Moscow, officials said.

Among other things, the application cited contacts that he had with a Russian intelligence operative in New York City in 2013, officials said. Those contacts had earlier surfaced in a federal espionage case brought by the Justice Department against another Russian agent. In addition, the application said Page had other contacts with Russian operatives that have not been publicly disclosed, officials said.

*[Former Trump adviser admits to 2013 communication with Russian spy]*

An application for electronic surveillance under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act need not show evidence of a crime. But the information obtained through the

intercepts can be used to open a criminal investigation and may be used in a prosecution.

The application also showed that the FBI and the Justice Department's national security division have been seeking since July to determine how broad a network of accomplices Russia enlisted in attempting to influence the 2016 presidential election, the officials said.

Since the 90-day warrant was first issued, it has been renewed more than once by the FISA court, the officials said.

In February, Page told "PBS NewsHour" that he was a "junior member of the [Trump] campaign's foreign policy advisory group."

A former Trump campaign adviser said Page submitted policy memos to the campaign and several times asked to be given a meeting with Trump, though his request was never granted. "He was one of the more active ones, in terms of being in touch," the adviser said.

The campaign adviser said Page participated in three dinners held for the campaign's volunteer foreign policy advisers in the spring and summer of 2016, coming from New York to Washington to meet with the group. Although Trump did not attend, Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), a top Trump confidant who became his attorney general, attended one meeting of the group with Page in late summer, the campaign adviser said.

Page's role as an adviser to the Trump campaign drew alarm last year from more-established foreign policy experts in part because of Page's effusive praise for Russian President Vladimir Putin and his criticism of U.S. sanctions over Moscow's military intervention in Ukraine.

In July, Page traveled to Moscow, where he delivered a speech harshly critical of the United States' policy toward Russia.

While there, Page allegedly met with Igor Sechin, a Putin confidant and chief executive of the energy company Rosneft, according to a dossier compiled by a former British intelligence officer and cited at a congressional hearing by Rep. Adam B. Schiff (Calif.),



the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee. Officials said some of the information in the dossier has been verified by U.S. intelligence agencies, and some of it hasn't, while other parts are unlikely to ever be proved or disproved.

On Tuesday, Page dismissed what he called "the dodgy dossier" of false allegations.

Page has denied such a meeting occurred, saying he has never met Sechin in his life and that he wants to testify before Congress to clear his name. A spokesman for Rosneft told Politico in September that the notion that Page met with Sechin was "absurd." Page said in September that he briefly met Russian Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich during that trip.

Comey has declined to discuss the details of the Russia probe, but in an appearance last month, he cited the process for getting FISA warrants as proof that the government's surveillance powers are very carefully used, with significant oversight.

"It is a pain in the neck to get permission to conduct electronic surveillance in the United States. And that's good," he told an audience at the University of Texas in Austin.

Officials have said the FBI and the Justice Department were particularly reluctant to seek FISA warrants of campaign figures during the 2016 presidential race because of concerns that agents would inadvertently eavesdrop on political talk. To obtain a FISA warrant, prosecutors must show that a significant purpose of the warrant is to obtain foreign intelligence information.

*[How hard is it to get an intelligence wiretap? Pretty hard.]*

Page is the only American to have had his communications directly targeted with a FISA warrant in 2016 as part of the Russia probe, officials said.

The FBI routinely obtains FISA warrants to monitor the communications of foreign diplomats in the United States, including the Russian ambassador, Sergey Kislyak. The conversations between Kislyak and Michael Flynn, who became Trump's first national security adviser, were recorded in December. In February, The Washington Post reported that Flynn misled Vice President-elect Mike Pence and others about his

discussions with Kislyak, prompting Trump's decision to fire him.

In March, Trump made unsubstantiated claims about U.S. surveillance of Trump Tower in New York. Later that month, Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.), chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and a Trump transition official, charged that details about people "associated with the incoming administration, details with little apparent foreign intelligence value" were "widely disseminated" in intelligence community reporting. He said none of the surveillance was related to Russia. The FISA order on Page is unrelated to either charge.

Last month, the former director of national intelligence, James R. Clapper Jr., told NBC's "Meet the Press" that U.S. law enforcement agencies did not have any FISA orders to monitor the communications of Trump, either as a candidate or as a president-elect, or his campaign. But Clapper did not address whether there were any FISA warrants targeting Trump associates.

Three years before Page became an adviser to the Trump campaign, he came to the attention of FBI counterintelligence agents, who learned that Russian spy suspects had sought to use Page as a source for information.

In that case, one of the Russian suspects, Victor Pobodnyy — who was posing as a diplomat and was later charged by federal prosecutors with acting as an unregistered agent of a foreign government — was captured on tape in 2013 discussing an effort to get information and documents from Page. That discussion was detailed in a federal complaint filed against another Kremlin agent. The court documents in that spy case only identify Page as "Male 1." Officials familiar with the case said that "Male 1" is Page.

In one secretly recorded conversation, detailed in the complaint, Pobodnyy said Page "wrote that he is sorry, he went to Moscow and forgot to check his inbox, but he wants to meet when he gets back. I think he is an idiot and forgot who I am. Plus he writes to me in Russian [to] practice the language. He flies to Moscow more often than I do. He got hooked on Gazprom thinking that if they have a project, he could rise up. Maybe he can. I don't know, but it's obvious that he wants to earn lots of money."



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The same court document says that in June 2013, Page told FBI agents that he met Pobodnyy at an energy symposium in New York, where they exchanged contact information. In subsequent meetings, Page shared with the Russian his outlook on the state of the energy industry, as well as documents about the energy business, according to the court papers.

In the secret tape, Pobodnyy said he liked the man's "enthusiasm" but planned to use him to get information and give him little in return. "You promise a favor for a favor. You get the documents from him and tell him to go f--- himself," Pobodnyy said on the tape, according to court papers.

Page has said the information he provided to the Russians in 2013 was innocuous, describing it as "basic immaterial information and publicly available research documents." He said he had assisted the prosecutors in their case against Evgeny Buryakov, who was convicted of espionage.

*Rosalind S. Helderman contributed to this report.*

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## Can FBI Director James Comey Untangle the Trump-Russia Allegations?

By [Max Kumin](#) and [Josh Saul](#) On 4/13/17 at 6:50 AM

James Comey spends a lot of time away from Washington, D.C., and despite what you might have read, it's not because he has no friends left there. Comey travels, a lot, all over the country. After the U.S. Senate confirmed him in 2013 as the director of the FBI, he resolved to visit each of the agency's 56 field offices. "He did not want to just be sitting behind glass doors at FBI headquarters," says Michael Steinbach, who retired in February as the FBI's executive assistant director overseeing national security. "He wanted to get out." And he isn't just racking up frequent-flier miles—he talks to his agents and solicits their thoughts and concerns.

At those field offices, Comey tells agents the ~~off-cited~~ anecdote about how during a visit to a NASA facility, President John F. Kennedy asked a custodian, "What's your job here?" and the custodian replied, "I'm helping to put a man on the moon." David Johnson, who retired in December as the FBI's associate executive assistant director for the Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch (CCRSB), says Comey uses that perhaps apocryphal tale to underscore his fervent belief that *everyone* working for the bureau has a single mission—protecting Americans from the bad guys. "He's trying to get buy-in from the entire organization about what the organization should be doing and how people can contribute," Johnson says.

Those who have worked with Comey say his leadership is of the kinder, gentler mode, something most veteran FBI agents weren't accustomed to. "It's not about the bull in the china shop," says Frank Montoya Jr., the bureau's former national counterintelligence executive. The director, for example, routinely writes emails to his workforce explaining his decision-making, and he solicits feedback, even dissenting viewpoints, from bureau executives. "He's very cerebral," according to Larry Barton, a longtime FBI Academy instructor. "He's very intellectual, very respectful and knowledgeable of the law.... He is a student of history." And he wants his workforce to have that perspective, that grounding. Comey requires all new agents to visit the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in D.C., and he keeps under the glass on his desk a copy of the request by legendary FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to wiretap King. "They were off, bugging and wiretapping King without limitation, without constraint, without oversight," Comey ~~has said~~. "I keep it there...as a reminder of the dangers of becoming unconstrained."

And it is right about then that Hillary Clinton does a spit-take.

Last July, Comey took the unusual step of holding a press conference to announce that the FBI would *not* be recommending charges to the U.S. Department of Justice over her use of a personal email server while she was secretary of state. But

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instead of fully exonerating the Democrats' presidential candidate, he scolded her and said his agents had found "top-secret" and "classified" email chains on her servers. Then, on October 28, 11 days before the election, Comey wrote to Congress saying the FBI had found new emails related to the case. Clinton has said the letter had a "determinative effect" on the election, and critics excoriated him as a self-righteous egomaniac with political motives.

*[This article is part one in a two-part series. [Click here to read part two.](#)]*

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James Comey laughs during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing in Washington on July 9, 2013. Andrew Harner/Bloomberg/Getty

But those close to Comey say that is an egregious misreading of the man. In interviews with *Newsweek*, nearly a dozen of Comey's friends and former colleagues—including some who have known him for decades and people who held top positions at the bureau—characterize him as a man of faith and integrity. They also believe he's the best person get to the truth about President Donald Trump's ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

On March 20, Comey told the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence that since July, the FBI has been "investigating the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election, and that includes investigating the nature of any links between individuals associated with the Trump campaign and the Russian government, and whether there was any coordination between the campaign and Russia's efforts." The Department of Homeland Security and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence had released a statement in October about Russian tampering, and the ODNI published a declassified report on the subject in January, but this was the first confirmation that the FBI is on the case. "If the Trump campaign or anyone associated with it aided or abetted the Russians," House Intelligence Committee ranking member Adam Schiff said at the hearing, "it would not only be a serious crime. It would also represent one of the most shocking betrayals of democracy in history."

The man who many believe ended Clinton's shot at the White House could now topple Trump. His friends see this as a cruel twist for someone they say doesn't want to play in that arena. "He is not interested in politics," says Johnson, the former CCRSB official. "It's not him as a person. It's not the position that he is in. He's absolutely trying to be as apolitical as possible." Montoya, the former national counterintelligence executive, says, "He is not tone-deaf or tin-eared when it comes to politics, but he doesn't let politics drive his determination to uphold the rule of law." Comey's longtime friend David Kelley, who was his deputy U.S. attorney at the Southern District of New York, agrees: "I think the stories out there about him being at all political are, frankly, silly."

But there's no escaping how extraordinarily political his job is these days. After all, Comey might once again determine the fate of the American presidency. With the threat so profound (a foreign power working to undermine American democracy, possibly with the help of a U.S. presidential candidate's team) and the conflicts of interest so troubling (U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes—both Republicans—have been forced to recuse themselves from the Russia investigations), Comey's supporters believe he can be the country's savior. "Somebody who is focused on the good of the country, and somebody who has got a sense of values, like him, I think is extremely important," says Steinbach, the former executive assistant director, who oversaw the Clinton emails investigation and the Russia probe.

"He is one of those sane voices against the tide of nonsense that's out there, and we can ill afford to lose him," Montoya says. "I don't think there's a better man in government right now than Jim Comey."

### A Rarity in Washington

Comey grew up in an Irish-Catholic family in the New Jersey suburbs. His father was a real estate executive, and his mother did volunteer work. His grandfather had been a police officer and led a department, and Comey keeps a photo hanging in his office of "Pop Comey" escorting a suspect. He met his future wife while at the College of William and Mary in Virginia, where he double-majored in chemistry and religion. He later graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and went to work first in New York City and then, in the early 1990s, in Richmond, Virginia. In 2002, he became U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York. Less than two years later, President George W. Bush made him deputy U.S. attorney general, under John Ashcroft.



Soon after, Comey had what until recently was his highest-profile incident. He was serving as acting U.S. attorney general while Ashcroft was in the hospital for gallbladder surgery. Comey had opposed reauthorizing the Bush administration's domestic eavesdropping program, and he learned that Bush's aides planned to visit Ashcroft at the hospital to get him to sign off on the order. Comey rushed to head off the efforts of the Bush aides. The next day, he and other federal officials threatened to resign. They ended up convincing Bush to do the program in a more legal way.

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## Investigation into Russia's involvement in the U.S. election. Grigoriy Sissoev/Sputnik/AP

Perhaps the hospital ordeal left Comey wanting a break from federal government. Starting in 2005, he held positions at Lockheed Martin, the security and aerospace giant, and Bridgewater Associates, the hedge fund. Then, in 2013, President Barack Obama nominated him as the seventh director of the FBI—perhaps a surprising move, since Comey had been a Bush administration official and had donated to Obama's Republican presidential opponents. Obama had a simple reason for overlooking their political differences: "He's that rarity in Washington," the president said at the nomination ceremony. "He doesn't care about politics; he only cares about getting the job done."

That's also how many of the people close to Comey describe him, whether referring to his time as a lawyer in private practice, as an adjunct professor at the University of Richmond School of Law or as a federal prosecutor. "You could just tell that he was always trying to do what was right," says Gilbert "Bud" Schill Jr., who in the 1990s worked with Comey at the law firm McGuireWoods. Comey's friend John Douglass recalls saying in 2008, when he presented an award to Comey at the University of Richmond School of Law, that he has "a willingness not just to speak the truth, but to seek the truth, even when the chips may not fall where you'd like them to." Even those who have criticized Comey publicly speak highly of him. Larry Thompson, who preceded Comey as deputy U.S. attorney general and raked him in *The Washington Post* over his Clinton investigation disclosures and letter to Congress, now says, "I obviously disagreed with his decision, but I really think it's important to not let that one thing define my opinion and view of Jim."

### A Storm's Going to Follow

Comey is a vocal advocate of transparency. (Witness those regular emails explaining decisions to his rank and file.) As part of his commitment to seeking feedback and keeping his agents and the American people informed, Comey last summer proposed writing an op-ed about Russia's tampering in the ongoing U.S. election. (This was at least weeks before the Obama administration first publicly said that Putin was putting his fingers—and his hackers—where they didn't belong.) "If we felt that there were attempts to influence the election, we felt that it would be important for the American public to know that," says Steinbach, who was involved in discussions about the op-ed. "That was a conversation that we had, and one course of action as a way for the director to get that message out was to do an op-ed." Comey pitched the idea at a meeting in the White House Situation Room with Secretary of State John Kerry, Attorney General Loretta Lynch, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and National Security Adviser Susan Rice, according to two sources with knowledge of the matter who requested anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak to the press on the subject. His proposal was shot down in favor of what the group believed should be a more coordinated approach, one of the sources says.

**Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, is also under scrutiny for undisclosed meetings he had at Trump Tower with the Russian ambassador. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Dominique A. Pineiro/DoD/Reuters**

During his testimony in March before the House Intelligence Committee, Comey declined to speculate on how long the Russia probe could take. Steinbach and Montoya, who have overseen counterintelligence cases, estimate it could take several years, and national security experts have pointed out that a counterintelligence case doesn't always lead to criminal charges. But if the FBI finds that Trump associates conspired with Russia, the discovery would be the most significant blow to a sitting president since Watergate.

Comey's supporters say he remains confident that the decisions he's made have been the correct ones, even those so controversial they have earned him enemies and a review by the Justice Department's Office of the Inspector General. Kelley, the longtime friend who is in regular contact with Comey, says, "He's somebody who does what he thinks is the right thing to do and isn't one who is going to yield on that based on what criticism he might get." Comey said something similar onstage at an intelligence industry event recently: "I know that when I make a hard decision, a storm's going to follow, but honestly, I don't care."

If the inspector general finds that Comey mishandled the Clinton email investigation, Trump could have an excuse to remove Comey, possibly before the FBI's Russia investigation is finished. On April 12, Trump told Fox Business Network that "it's not too late" to ask Comey to step down, adding, "But, you know, I have confidence in him. We'll see what happens. It's going to be interesting." Steinbach says Comey isn't concerned about job security: "He's very comfortable. He's grounded in his family. He's got a strong sense of beliefs. He's going to do what he believes is the right thing to do for the country, for the FBI."



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## Can FBI Director James Comey Escape the Clinton Email Debacle?

By [Josh Sault](#) and [Max Kutner](#) On 4/13/17 at 7:04 AM

Last fall, James Comey stood accused of throwing a presidential election. And he allegedly did it with just a letter.

On October 28, less than two weeks before American voters went to the polls, the FBI director wrote to Congress, saying the bureau had discovered new emails related to its long-running investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a personal email server when she was secretary of state. In July, he had declared there was no evidence of any illegal activity by the Democratic presidential candidate, so this announcement ripped open a wound that had nearly healed over. Both the right and the left screamed in outrage, calling for either Clinton or Comey to be strung up. *In The Washington Post*, two former U.S. deputy attorney generals, Jamie Gorelick and Larry Thompson, wrote, "We now have real-time, raw-take transparency taken to its illogical limit, a kind of reality-TV of federal criminal investigation." They called Comey's actions "antithetical to the interests of justice, putting a thumb on the scale of this election and damaging our democracy."

Democrats were already sputtering with rage that Comey had gone all schoolmarm on Clinton back in July, questioning her judgment and trustworthiness. "He tried to portray himself as above the fray, someone who is not attuned to politics, someone who does not even reside in the same political universe as everyone else, that he's holier than thou," says a former Obama administration official. (Several people who spoke to *Newsweek* about Comey asked to remain anonymous so they could freely discuss controversial and sometimes confidential matters.)

"That may be true, but he was also too attuned to his own self-image," the official says, claiming that the director threw dirt on Clinton to retain the trust of his Fox News-watching agents. "In the end, it was a punch to the gut, and she didn't come off vindicated."

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**Comey listens during a House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence hearing on the Russian election meddling on March 20 in Washington. Drew Angerer/Getty**

After Comey's October surprise, Clinton's popular-vote lead over Donald Trump in the polls dropped from 6 points to 3, according to FiveThirtyEight.

Republicans grabbed some spiked bats and joined the Comey beatdown. "Without additional context, your disclosure is not fair to Congress, the American people, or Secretary Clinton," U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa wrote in a letter to Comey on October 31. "Look, I think Comey should have said prosecute her back in July. But what he just did 11 days b4 the election is wrong & unfair to Hillary," tweeted Joe Walsh, a conservative talk show radio host and former Illinois congressman. Republican former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales told CNN that Comey had made an "error in

judgment," adding: "You don't comment on investigations because commenting on the investigation may jeopardize the investigation."

Comey seemed to have pulled off the rarest of feats in politics: He pissed off everybody. Former FBI Assistant Director James Kallstrom said on Fox News that Comey's decision was "nonsensical," adding: "it's not Comey's right to sully that reputation [of the FBI]."

"The way the letter was written was incredibly vague and careless," a Democratic operative tells *Newsweek*. "That was a massive hand grenade thrown into the middle of an election that was 11 days away." In addition to energizing Trump supporters, Comey's decision to publicize a tiny advance in a "completed" investigation angered Democrats because it came while Comey was keeping silent about reports of Russian interference in the election and possible collusion by members of the Trump campaign. In fact, CNBC reported that Comey had declined to sign an October 7 joint statement from the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence that accused the Russian government of tampering with the U.S. election, because he thought it was too close to when people would cast their votes.

Two days before the election, Comey told lawmakers the bureau had reviewed the new emails and found no reason to change its decision that Clinton should not face charges—but that was like waving a white paper napkin to stop a tornado. *Newsweek's* Kurt Eichenwald wrote, "America has just witnessed one of the most—if not the most—egregious abuses of power in the service of one man's ego in its history." When Clinton lost to Donald Trump, the fury swelled. She blamed the FBI director for contributing to her defeat and *The Wall Street Journal* called for his resignation.

Comey's defenders insist that he did nothing wrong and that he had a responsibility to update Congress after telling it the Clinton probe was completed, but the Justice Department's Office of the Inspector General is reviewing how Comey handled the investigation. Michael Bromwich, who as inspector general under President Bill Clinton investigated then-FBI Director Louis Freeh, tells *Newsweek*, "I think there were lots of legitimate questions about his conduct, why he did it, whether in fact, as it appeared, his conduct violated longstanding Justice Department policies." Such inquiries typically involve interviewing people and reviewing electronic communications and could last a year or longer, according to Bromwich. If the office finds evidence of misconduct, the attorney general could impose sanctions on Comey, including suspension or termination.



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### God (Awful) Complex

The criticism that Comey's self-righteousness clouds his judgment didn't start with the 2016 election. In 2013, even before Barack Obama nominated Comey as FBI director, a former George W. Bush White House official described him to Newsweek as having "a flair for the dramatic and a desire to be the moral savior of mankind." And that reputation has persisted; last September, Politico said Comey's critics believe that he "has displayed a worrying disregard for the rules and norms," and that "his 'streak of self-righteousness,' now essentially unchecked, has made him the most isolated, outspoken and openly defiant FBI director since Hoover." In March, a source close to Comey said in Vanity Fair that his decision to speak so fully about Clinton in July was due to his "megalomania." And a recent Harvard-Harris poll (conducted before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence hearing on March 20, during which Comey confirmed the FBI investigation into possible collusion between Russia and Trump associates) found that only 17 percent of Americans surveyed viewed him favorably.

"Comey's about Comey. Comey's got this God complex where *he* has the most integrity in the world," a Democratic operative says. The operative adds that he believes Comey thought Clinton was going to win the election and feared he would look bad when it came out that he knew about these new emails, or that rogue FBI agents in the New York office would leak their existence to reporters. "He was looking out for Jim Comey first, Jim Comey second and Jim Comey third, and instead of doing the right thing, he did the convenient thing."

It's worth noting that the FBI employs about 35,000 people, and most of them are working on investigations unrelated to whether Trump staffers played footsie with Moscow. It's also worth noting that Comey has been excoriated for his pronouncements before. While speaking at the University of Chicago Law School in October 2015, he suggested that criticism of police had shackled cops and was driving up violent crime in some cities. Referring to the so-called Ferguson effect—though Comey didn't call it that—could be seen as another sop to his right-leaning agents. "In today's YouTube world, are officers reluctant to get out of their cars and do the work that controls violent crime?" he asked. "I don't know whether this explains it entirely, but I do have a strong sense that some part of the explanation is a chill wind blowing through American law enforcement over the last year."

Civil rights groups and even some police departments protested, saying there was no data to back up his claims, and White House press secretary Josh Earnest, Attorney General Loretta Lynch and President Obama all quickly pushed back. "The available evidence at this point does not support the notion that law enforcement officers around the country are shying

away from fulfilling their responsibilities," Earnest said. The president also subtly placed a shiv in Comey's chest. "We do have to stick with the facts," Obama told a police association in Chicago. "What we can't do is cherry-pick data or use anecdotal evidence to drive policy or to feed political agendas."

The White House was also unhappy with Comey's decision to push for a back door on encrypted electronic devices so his agents could see into phones belonging to terrorists or criminals, the Obama administration official tells *Newsweek*. "Encryption threatens to lead us all to a very, very dark place," Comey has said, and in August 2016 he called for the country to have an "adult conversation" about the dangers of encryption. An avalanche of experts say Comey is wrong on this issue. "I disagree with Jim Comey," General Michael Hayden, a former head of both the CIA and National Security Agency, said in January 2016. "I actually think end-to-end encryption is good for America."

### J. Edgar Comey

When Comey finally disclosed in March that the FBI is investigating possible coordination between Trump associates and Russia during the presidential election—and has been since July—he got some pats on the back, as well as another pummeling. "Obviously, we're happy to hear that the FBI has been investigating the ties between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin," Jarad Geldner, a senior adviser for the Democratic Coalition Against Trump, says. "We're a little confused, though, [about] why he felt it necessary to comment so publicly on a witch hunt into one candidate's emails while the other campaign was colluding with a foreign power in an attempt to subvert our democracy. Comey still owes the American public an explanation."

*The Wall Street Journal* tore into Comey in early April with an opinion column titled "The Conflicts of J. Edgar Comey." The piece called the director "incredibly political" and blasted him for refusing to tell Congress whether he was doing anything to investigate the leak that toppled Trump's first national security adviser, Michael Flynn, who was caught lying about his contacts with the Russian ambassador. The column suggested Comey is reluctant to investigate because it's possible his staff members are among those who told newspaper reporters about Flynn's communications with the ambassador. "Leaking the names of private citizens under surveillance (with the express intent to cause harm) is among the grossest violations of civil liberties. It is what police states do," the column said.

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Trump's national security adviser, Mike Flynn, had to step down after he was caught lying about his contacts with Russians; he is now shopping his testimony in exchange for immunity. Carlos Barria/Reuters

Some with ties to the federal government believe Comey's actions during both the Clinton and Trump investigations have forever tarnished him. "Comey was regarded as an accomplished and dedicated public servant," but the Clinton letter "really marred his reputation," a source with ties to the National Security Council under Obama tells *Newsweek*.

"His obituary, if it had been written a year ago, would have been one of incredible public service," says a source close to the FBI. "But now it will be marked—not stained, but marked—by being the centerpiece of an enormous political debacle."



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## British spies were first to spot Trump team's links with Russia

Exclusive: GCHQ is said to have alerted US agencies after becoming aware of contacts in 2015

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The issue of GCHQ's role in the FBI's ongoing investigation into possible cooperation between the Trump campaign and Moscow is highly sensitive. In March Trump tweeted that Barack Obama had illegally "wiretapped" him in Trump Tower.

The White House press secretary, Sean Spicer, falsely claimed the "British spying agency" GCHQ had carried out the bugging. Spicer cited an unsubstantiated report on Fox News. Fox later distanced itself from the report.

The erroneous claims prompted an extremely unusual rebuke from GCHQ, which generally refrains from commenting on all intelligence matters. The agency described the allegations first made by a former judge turned media commentator, Andrew Napolitano, as "nonsense".

"They are utterly ridiculous and should be ignored," a spokesperson for GCHQ said.

Instead both US and UK intelligence sources acknowledge that GCHQ played an early, prominent role in kickstarting the FBI's Trump-Russia investigation, which began in late

July 2016



One source called the British eavesdropping agency the “principal whistleblower”.

The Guardian has been told the FBI and the CIA were slow to appreciate the extensive nature of contacts between Trump’s team and Moscow ahead of the US election. This was in part due to US law that prohibits US agencies from examining the private communications of American citizens without warrants. “They are trained not to do this,” the source stressed.

“It looks like the [US] agencies were asleep,” the source added. “They [the European agencies] were saying: ‘There are contacts going on between people close to Mr Trump and people we believe are Russian intelligence agents. You should be wary of this.’”

“The message was: ‘Watch out. There’s something not right here.’”

According to one account, GCHQ’s then head, Robert Hannigan, passed material in summer 2016 to the CIA chief, John Brennan. The matter was deemed so sensitive it was handled at “director level”. After an initially slow start Brennan used GCHQ information and intelligence from other partners to launch a major inter-agency investigation.

In late August and September Brennan gave a series of classified briefings to the Gang of Eight, the top-ranking Democratic and Republican leaders in the House and Senate. He told them the agency had evidence the Kremlin might be trying to help Trump to win the presidency, the New York Times reported.

One person familiar with the matter said Brennan did not reveal sources but made reference to the fact that America’s intelligence allies had provided information. Trump subsequently learned of GCHQ’s role, the person said.

The person described US intelligence as being “very late to the game”. The FBI’s director, James Comey, altered his position after the election and Trump’s victory, becoming “more affirmative” and with a “higher level of concern”.

Comey’s apparent shift may have followed a mid-October decision by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (Fisa) court to approve a secret surveillance order. The



order gave permission for the justice department to investigate two banks suspected of being part of the Kremlin's undercover influence operation.

According to the BBC, the justice department's request came after a tipoff from an intelligence agency in one of the Baltic states. This is believed to be Estonia.

The Washington Post reported on Wednesday that the same order covered Carter Page, one of Trump's associates. It allowed the FBI and the justice department to monitor Page's communications. Page, a former foreign policy aide, was suspected of being an agent of influence working for Russia, the paper said, citing US officials.

The application covered contacts Page allegedly had in 2013 with a Russian foreign intelligence agent, and other undisclosed meetings with Russian operatives, the Post said. Page denies wrongdoing and complained of "unjustified, politically motivated government surveillance".

Late last year Comey threw more FBI resources into what became a far-reaching counter-intelligence investigation. In March he confirmed before the House intelligence committee that the agency was examining possible cooperation between Moscow and members of the Trump campaign to sway the US election.

Comey and the NSA director, Admiral Michael Rogers, said there was no basis for the president's claim that he was a victim of Obama "wiretapping". Trump had likened the unproven allegation to "McCarthyism".

Britain's MI6 spy agency played a part in intelligence sharing with the US, one source said. MI6 declined to comment. Its former chief Sir Richard Dearlove described Trump's wiretapping claim on Thursday as "simply deeply embarrassing for Trump and the administration".

"The only possible explanation is that Trump started tweeting without understanding how the NSA-GCHQ relationship actually works," Dearlove told Prospect magazine.

A GCHQ spokesperson said: "It is longstanding policy that we do not comment on intelligence matters".

It is unclear which individuals were picked up by British surveillance.

In a report last month the New York Times, citing three US intelligence officials, said warning signs had been building throughout last summer but were far from clear. As WikiLeaks published emails stolen from the Democratic National Committee, US agencies began picking up conversations in which Russians were discussing contacts with Trump associates, the paper said.

European allies were supplying information about people close to Trump meeting with Russians in Britain, the Netherlands, and in other countries, the Times said.

There are now multiple investigations going on in Washington into Trump campaign officials and Russia. They include the FBI-led counter-espionage investigation and probes by both the House and Senate intelligence committees.

Adam Schiff, the senior Democrat on the House committee, has expressed an interest in hearing from Christopher Steele, the former MI6 officer whose dossier accuses the president of long-term cooperation with Vladimir Putin's Moscow. Trump and Putin have both dismissed the dossier as fake.

One source suggested the official investigation was making progress. "They now have specific concrete and corroborative evidence of collusion," the source said. "This is between people in the Trump campaign and agents of [Russian] influence relating to the use of hacked material."



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## Trump Adviser's Visit to Moscow Got the F.B.I.'s Attention

By SCOTT SHANE, MARK MAZZETTI and ADAM GOLDMAN

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Carter Page criticized American policies toward Russia at the New Economic School in Moscow in July, echoing the positions of President Vladimir V. Putin.

Anton Denisov / Sputnik, via Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ever since F.B.I. investigators discovered in 2013 that a Russian spy was trying to recruit an American businessman named Carter Page, the bureau maintained an occasional interest in Mr. Page. So when he became a foreign policy adviser to the Trump campaign last year and gave a Russia-friendly speech at a prestigious Moscow institute, it soon caught the bureau's attention.

That trip last July was a catalyst for the F.B.I. investigation into connections between Russia and President Trump's campaign, according to current and former law enforcement officials.

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It is unclear exactly what about Mr. Page's visit caught the F.B.I.'s attention: meetings he had during his three days in Moscow, intercepted communications of Russian officials speaking about him, or something else.

After Mr. Page, 45 — a Navy veteran and businessman who had lived in Moscow for three years — stepped down from the Trump campaign in September, the F.B.I. obtained a warrant from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court allowing the authorities to monitor his communications on the suspicion that he was a Russian agent.

From the Russia trip of the once-obscure Mr. Page grew a wide-ranging investigation, now accompanied by two congressional inquiries, that has cast a shadow over the early months of the Trump administration. At a House Intelligence Committee hearing last month, the F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, took the unusual step of publicly acknowledging the investigation of Russian interference in the election, which he said included possible links between Russia and Trump associates.

Developments beyond Mr. Page's trip may have heightened the F.B.I.'s concern about Russian meddling in the campaign. Paul Manafort, then Mr. Trump's campaign manager, was already under criminal investigation in connection with payments from a pro-Russian political party in Ukraine. WikiLeaks and two websites later identified as Russian intelligence fronts had begun releasing emails obtained when Democratic Party servers were hacked.

### Trump to Russia-Linked Ex-Advisers: Keep Your Distance

**Video** The Trump administration is going to great lengths to distance itself from former associates in the face of an F.B.I. investigation into whether there were connections between the Trump campaign and Russia.

Stephen Crowley/The New York Times

When the F.B.I. opened its investigation in late July, agents were just beginning to explore whether Mr. Trump's advisers had contacts with Russian government officials or intelligence operatives. according to the current and former law enforcement

officials, who spoke about the continuing inquiry on the condition of anonymity. In the months that followed, they said, more evidence came to light, including intercepts of Russian officials discussing Mr. Page and other Trump associates.

In his talk at the New Economic School in Moscow, Mr. Page criticized American policy toward Russia in terms that echoed the position of President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, declaring, "Washington and other Western capitals have impeded potential progress through their often hypocritical focus on ideas such as democratization, inequality, corruption and regime change." His remarks accorded with Mr. Trump's positive view of the Russian president, which had prompted speculation about what Mr. Trump saw in Mr. Putin — more commonly denounced in the United States as a ruthless, anti-Western autocrat.

Mr. Page's relationship with Mr. Trump appears to have been fleeting. According to former Trump campaign officials, the two men have never met, though Mr. Page has said he attended some meetings where Mr. Trump was present.

But last spring, when Republican foreign policy experts were distancing themselves from Mr. Trump, Mr. Page served a purpose for the flailing Trump campaign. Dismissing the notion that his campaign was bereft of foreign policy expertise, the candidate read aloud a list of five people who had offered to advise him on world affairs — including "Carter Page, Ph.D."

Mr. Page was unknown in Washington foreign policy circles. But his doctorate and his Russian experience were real. He had worked as a junior investment banker for Merrill Lynch for a time, living in Moscow from 2004 to 2007.

He subsequently started his own investment firm, Global Energy Capital L.L.C., and partnered on some deals with a Russian businessman, Sergey Yatsenko. Mr. Yatsenko had been deputy chief financial officer for the Russian energy giant Gazprom, which is majority-owned by the government and has close ties to Mr. Putin.

Mr. Page's role in the Trump campaign appears to have been minimal. Papers he wrote on energy policy languished unread. Former campaign officials play down his significance almost to the vanishing point, saying Mr. Page had no ID badge, desk or



email address from the campaign.

"If the Russians were attempting to collude with him, they were attempting to collude with someone who had no influence on the Trump campaign," said Roger Stone, a longtime adviser to Mr. Trump. "I think he's a self-promoter — not that there's anything wrong with that."

But for Mr. Page, temporarily wearing the title of adviser to the man who would become president appears to have been gratifying. "The half year I spent on the Trump campaign meant more to me than the five years I spent in the Navy," he said in an interview last month.

He denies that there was ever any possibility of his being recruited to spy for Russia, including his 2013 encounter with the Russian intelligence officer. "Zero risk then or ever in my life," Mr. Page said.

After The Washington Post broke the news last week of the court warrant the F.B.I. had obtained, Mr. Page went on a Trump-like media blitz, defending his bona fides and asserting that he was the victim of a smear campaign by Obama administration officials and Hillary Clinton aides.

"You talk about fake narratives," Mr. Page said on Fox News. "When you introduce false evidence in a court of law, including the FISA court," he said, referring to the court that issued the warrant targeting him, "that is illegal. So, let's see what happens."

He added, "I'm very encouraged that all of the lies that have been a drag on this administration are finally coming out into the open."

Few who have met Mr. Page during his career appear to have pegged him as a likely prospect for either suspected spy or statesman. Born in 1971 in Minnesota and raised in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., he graduated in 1993 from the Naval Academy, where he was in the selective Trident Scholar Program, but left the Navy before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He earned an M.B.A. at New York University and completed a doctorate a decade later at SOAS University of London.





Sam Clovis, a Tea Party activist in Iowa, with Donald J. Trump in August 2015. He suggested Mr. Page as a foreign policy adviser to Mr. Trump.

Daniel Acker / Bloomberg, via Getty Images

Richard Guerin, who was in his academy class and remains in regular touch, said Mr. Page had "a complicated mind." "He's genuinely one of the smartest people I've ever met," Mr. Guerin said. "I get a bit offended when I read reports of people calling him an 'idiot.'"

Mr. Guerin also said that, ever since Mr. Page's Navy days, when he drove a black Mercedes, his friend had reveled in lavish spending that sometimes seemed to exceed his means.

Oksana Antonenko, a senior political counselor at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, who was friendly with Mr. Page in London while he earned his Ph.D., said, "I think he is a nice, decent and perhaps a bit naïve guy."

While the biographical sketch Mr. Page has used highlights his work at Merrill Lynch with Gazprom and a Russian electric power conglomerate called RAO UES, he appears not to have played a leading role in major deals. He later ran an international affairs program at Bard College in New York before founding Global Energy Capital. The private equity firm operates out of a co-working space in a Manhattan high-rise that Mr. Page has described, accurately though perhaps misleadingly, as "around the corner from Trump Tower."

American businessmen in the tight-knit expatriate community in Moscow say they did not know Mr. Page and were not familiar with his business activities in Russia. "People I deal with on my board of directors just shrug their shoulders," Alexis Rodzianko, president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia, said in an interview. "They've never heard of him."

In April 2013, Mr. Page was caught on an F.B.I. wiretap in an investigation of suspected Russian intelligence officers in New York. Victor Podobnyy, one of three men later charged with being unregistered agents of a foreign power, had met Mr. Page at an energy symposium and was recorded describing him as "an idiot" with dreams of lucrative deals. There is no evidence that Mr. Page knew the man was an intelligence officer.

In 2014 and 2015, in articles for an online journal, Mr. Page mixed quirky observations with praise for Russia and criticism of American policy. The war in Ukraine, he wrote, was "precipitated by U.S. meddling." And Igor Sechin, a close Putin ally and chief executive of the oil company Rosneft, Mr. Page wrote, "has done more to advance U.S.-Russian relations than any individual in or out of government from either side of the Atlantic over the past decade."



Michael McFaul, President Barack Obama's ambassador to Russia. Mr. Page's talk in Moscow prompted derision from Mr. McFaul, who wrote on Twitter, "Echo of Kremlin line on U.S."

Misha Japaridze / Associated Press

In March of last year, Sam Clovis, an economics professor and Tea Party activist in Iowa, was asked by the Trump campaign to line up some foreign policy advisers. He produced the list that included Mr. Page.

After several tries, Mr. Page got the campaign's permission to speak at the New Economic School, where Mr. Obama spoke in 2009. Denis Klimentov, a spokesman for the school, said some alumni knew of Mr. Page's work at Merrill Lynch in Moscow. But his role as a Trump adviser also played into the decision to invite him, Mr. Klimentov said in an email.



"We did not arrange any meetings for Mr. Page outside of the school, and we were not aware then if he had any further meetings or contacts," Mr. Klimentov added. "Our strong recollection is that there was simply not enough time for Mr. Page to have any meetings outside of the school."

In recent months, Mr. Page has often seemed to revel in the attention he has drawn. In December, he gave another speech at the New Economic School, complaining that "fake news" had hurt United States-Russia relations.

His conduct has disturbed some who know him. Mr. Guerin said it was "disheartening" to hear that Mr. Page rated his time at the margins of the Trump campaign more highly than his Navy service. "I thought we were both patriotic," Mr. Guerin said. "I would like to assume that as well right now. But events are unfolding that make you question that."

Last Thursday, Mr. Page appeared on "Good Morning America" for questioning by George Stephanopoulos. He seemed feisty but upbeat, denying any impropriety and complaining about "a ton of false evidence."

"These same lies keep swirling around," Mr. Page said, "having a really negative impact on U.S.-Russian relations."



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 7:40 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: update  
**Attachments:** comey-weiner search warrant.pdf; ATT00001.htm

I'm getting exceedingly tired by his increasingly single-minded focus that somehow we could and should have done this faster. ??

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

**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/21/17 7:21 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: update

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

The latest from the writer.

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

**From:** Peter Elkind [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/20/17 11:05 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** update

b6 -1, 3  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you'll have some news for me tomorrow on how we're moving forward. My editors are eager to wrap this up and publish.

On the substance of my query about the October period: I just re-read the Oct. 30 search warrant and affidavit for Weiner's computer, released in redacted form pursuant to a civil suit. On p. 8 of the document, which I've attached, it describes the process of discovering Clinton stuff this way:

*In executing the search of the laptop computer (the Subject Laptop) REDACTED, FBI agents sorted the emails on the Subject Laptop to segregate emails REDACTED. As a result, the FBI reviewed non-content header information for emails on the Subject Laptop to facilitate its search. In so doing, the FBI observed non-content header information indicating that thousands of emails of REDACTED resided on the Subject Laptop. Because REDACTED emails were outside the scope REDACTED, the FBI did not*

*review the content of these emails.*

It goes on to explain that because the header info agents reviewed shows emails sent and received between (presumably) Weiner and Clinton (as well as other state department accounts) during the time she served as secretary of state—and the FBI's previous investigation showed some such emails on these accounts are classified--there's probable cause for a warrant.

In short, this clearly states that the initial process of sorting emails revealed header information that was the sufficient basis for probable cause: "thousands" of emails, as well as details on sender, recipient and dates. This (even more definitively than the press reports) seems inconsistent with the notion of initially discovering just a few emails, then slowly moving forward, over 2-3 weeks, with the sex-crimes search to stumble across enough Clinton info to have enough for probable cause. And there's no mention of anything like that happening in the affidavit.

Presumably the sorting would be done right after indexing the computer, which (I'm told) shouldn't take more than a couple of days.

I hope we can clarify all this soon.

Thanks,  
Peter

16 MC 464 (PKC)

AO 93 (SDNY Rev. 05/10) Search and Seizure Warrant

ORIGINAL

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
Southern District of New YorkIn the Matter of the Search of  
(Briefly describe the property to be searched  
or identify the person by name and address)A Laptop Computer, Further Described Below and in  
Attachment A

Case No.

16 MAG 7063

## SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government requests the search  
of the following person or property located in the Southern District of New York  
(Identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):A Laptop Computer, Further Described As a Silver Dell Inspiron 15 7000 Series (7548) Laptop Computer Bearing  
Service Tag                      Containing a Toshiba One Terabyte Hard Drive Bearing Serial Number                      and That  
Is Currently Housed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York Field Office, as described in Attachment A.The person or property to be searched, described above, is believed to conceal (Identify the person or describe the  
property to be seized):

See Attachment A

I find that the affidavit(s), or any recorded testimony, establish probable cause to search and seize the person or  
property.

YOU ARE COMMANDED to execute this warrant on or before

11/13/16

(not to exceed 14 days)

☐ in the daytime 6:00 a.m. to 10 p.m.☒ at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been  
established.Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must give a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property  
taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was taken, or leave the copy and receipt at the  
place where the property was taken.The officer executing this warrant, or an officer present during the execution of the warrant, must prepare an  
inventory as required by law and promptly return this warrant and inventory to the Clerk of the Court.☒ Upon its return, this warrant and inventory should be filed under seal by the Clerk of the Court. KNF

USMJ Initials

☐ I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2705 (except for delay  
of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice to the person who, or whose property, will be  
searched or seized (check the appropriate box) ☐ for                      days (not to exceed 30)☐ Until, the facts justifying, the later specific date of                     

Date and time issued:

12:32 P.M.  
10/30/16Kevin Nathaniel Fox  
Judge's signatureCity and state: New York, New York

Honorable Kevin Nathaniel Fox

Printed name and title



Return		
Case No.:	Date and time warrant executed:	Copy of warrant and inventory left with:
Inventory made in the presence of :		
Inventory of the property taken and name of any person(s) seized:		
Certification		
<p>I declare under penalty of perjury that this inventory is correct and was returned along with the original warrant to the Court.</p>		
Date: _____	<div style="text-align: center;">           _____  <i>Executing officer's signature</i> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">           _____  <i>Printed name and title</i> </div>	

## Attachment A

### I. Device To Be Searched

The device to be searched is a silver Dell Inspiron 15 7000 Series (7548) laptop computer bearing service tag [REDACTED] containing a Toshiba one terabyte hard drive bearing serial number [REDACTED] (the Subject Laptop), and that is currently housed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York Field Office, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278.

### II. Review of ESI on the Subject Devices

Law enforcement personnel (including, in addition to law enforcement officers and agents, and depending on the nature of the ESI and the status of the investigation and related proceedings, attorneys for the government, attorney support staff, agency personnel assisting the government in this investigation, and outside technical experts under government control) are authorized to review the ESI contained on the Subject Laptop for the following evidence, contraband, fruits, and/or other items illegally possessed in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(e) and (f) (the Subject Offenses):

1. Data and information associated with the operation, use, maintenance, backup, auditing, and security functions of the Subject Laptop including, but not limited to:
  - a. Emails and attachments, in any form;
  - b. User and system files stored on the laptops, including file fragments and items carved from unallocated space;
  - c. Logs, configuration files, and backups;
  - d. Executable code and scripts; and
  - e. Documents, database files, and spreadsheets;
2. Data and information electronically stored on the Subject Laptop related to communications with email accounts used by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during her tenure as Secretary of State;
3. Data and information on the Subject Laptop that might identify the person or persons who accessed classified information present on the Subject Laptop, including names, addresses, telephone numbers and other identifiers, email addresses, business information, the length of service (including start date), types of services utilized, means and source of payment for services (including any credit card or bank account number), and information about any domain name registration; and
4. Data and information stored on the Subject Laptop that might identify activity related to a computer intrusion, including, but not limited to evidence of malware or viruses, executable code or scripts, log files, audit files, system files, user and account information, IP addresses, computer hardware addresses, intrusion-detection logs, firewall and other network logs, anti-virus logs or anti-malware logs.

### **III. Seizure for Later Review of Electronically Stored Information**

#### **A. Seizure of Computer and Media**

This warrant authorizes the seizure of a computer and electronic storage media as set forth below. In lieu of seizing any particular electronic storage media, this warrant also authorizes the copying of electronically stored information for later review. Electronic storage media which may be seized or copied include without limitation:

Computer devices, electronic media and electronic storage devices, including, but not limited to, a computer, disk drives, modems, thumb drives, personal digital assistants, smart phones, digital cameras, and scanners and the data within the aforesaid objects relating to said materials, which may contain information within the scope of this warrant.

Any physical keys, encryption devices, and similar physical items that are necessary to gain access to the computer equipment, storage devices or data mentioned above, or any passwords, password files, test keys, encryption codes or other information necessary to access the above-mentioned computer equipment, storage devices or data.

#### **B. Review of Electronic Storage Media and Electronically Stored Information**

Following creation of forensic image copies as may be necessary to preserve the integrity of seized electronically stored information, law enforcement personnel (who may include, in addition to law enforcement officers and agents, attorneys for the government, attorney support staff, and outside technical experts under government control) are authorized to review the seized information for information and data within the scope of this warrant.

In conducting this review, law enforcement personnel may use various techniques to determine which files or other ESI contain evidence, contraband, fruits and/or other items illegally possessed in violation of the Subject Offenses. Such techniques may include, but shall not be limited to, surveying various file directories or folders and the individual files they contain; conducting a file-by-file review by "opening" or reading the first few "pages" of such files in order to determine their precise contents; "scanning" storage areas to discover and possibly recover recently deleted data; scanning storage areas for deliberately hidden files; and performing electronic "key word" searches through all electronic storage areas to determine whether occurrences of language contained in such storage areas exist that are related to the subject matter of the investigation. Forensically trained law enforcement personnel may also search for and attempt to recover "deleted," "hidden," or encrypted data to determine whether the data falls within the list of items to be seized as set forth in this affidavit. ESI that is responsive to the warrant will be identified and/or copied for further use in the investigation and any resultant prosecution.



AO 106 (Rev. 06/09) Application for a Search Warrant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
Southern District of New York

In the Matter of the Search of  
(Briefly describe the property to be searched  
or identify the person by name and address)

A Laptop Computer, Further Described Below and in  
Attachment A

16 MAG 7063  
Case No.

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

A Laptop Computer, Further Described As a Silver Dell Inspiron 15 7000 Series (7548) Laptop Computer Bearing Service Tag [REDACTED] Containing a Toshiba One Terabyte Hard Drive Bearing Serial Number [REDACTED]

located in the Southern District of New York, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized);

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT AND ATTACHMENT A.

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
- ☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- ☐ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- ☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

Code Section	Offense Description
18 U.S.C. § 793(e) and (f)	Gathering, transmitting or losing defense information

The application is based on these facts:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT AND ATTACHMENT A.

- ☒ Continued on the attached sheet.
- ☐ Delayed notice of \_\_\_\_\_ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: \_\_\_\_\_) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 10/30/2016

City and state: New York, New York

Applicant's signature

Supervisory Special Agent, FBI

Printed name and title

S/ Kevin Nathaniel Fox

Judge's signature

Honorable Kevin Nathaniel Fox

Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of the Application of the United States Of America for a Search Warrant for a Laptop Computer, Further Described As a Silver Dell Inspiron 15 7000 Series (7548) Laptop Computer Bearing Service Tag [REDACTED] Containing a Toshiba One Terabyte Hard Drive Bearing Serial Number [REDACTED] and That is Currently Housed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York Field Office, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278.

TO BE FILED UNDER SEAL

Agent Affidavit in Support of  
Application for Search Warrant

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK ss.:

[REDACTED], being duly sworn, deposes and says:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2. This affidavit relates to a criminal investigation concerning the improper transmission and storage of classified information on unclassified email systems and servers. The investigation began as a result of a review of emails undertaken by the U.S. Department of State (State Department) in connection with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation.

During this FOIA review, it was determined that certain emails containing classified information were sent and received on systems unauthorized for the transmission or storage of such information. On or about July 6, 2015, the Inspector General for the Intelligence Community notified the FBI of a potential compromise of classified information involving the emails discovered through the FOIA review. After an initial review of the matter, the FBI opened a criminal investigation to, among other things, identify any unauthorized systems which the emails in question have transited, identify any person(s) who may have introduced classified information onto unauthorized systems and all circumstances surrounding such introduction, identify any person(s) who may have transmitted such information over any such systems, and identify whether classified information has been compromised through computer intrusions or unauthorized access into these systems.

3. The FBI's investigation has established that emails containing classified information were transmitted and stored on multiple forms of electronic media. One of the items identified as having contained such emails is a server which was used by former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton (Clinton) during her tenure at the State Department to transmit, receive, and store email for a personal email account or accounts she maintained (the Clinton Server). One domain on the Clinton Server was @clintonemail.com.

4. In recent months, the FBI and the Department of Justice have made public statements concerning the conclusion of the investigation. However, as with any case, if new, pertinent information comes to light after an investigation is completed, the FBI will take appropriate investigative steps to determine the significance of that information.

5. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

6. In executing the search of the laptop computer (the Subject Laptop) [REDACTED], FBI agents sorted the emails on the Subject Laptop to segregate emails [REDACTED]. As a result, the FBI reviewed non-content header information for emails on the Subject Laptop to facilitate its search. In so doing, the FBI observed non-content header information indicating that thousands of emails of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] resided on the Subject Laptop. Because [REDACTED] emails were outside of the scope [REDACTED] the FBI did not review the content of those emails.

7. [REDACTED] The non-content header information that FBI agents reviewed on the Subject Laptop indicates that the emails on the Subject Laptop include emails sent and/or received by [REDACTED] and at a [REDACTED] email account appearing to belong to [REDACTED] as well as correspondence between one or both of these accounts and State Department email accounts during and around [REDACTED]. The FBI's investigation of the improper transmission and storage of classified information on unclassified email systems and servers has established that emails containing classified information were transmitted through multiple email accounts used by [REDACTED] including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] email accounts.

8. The Subject Laptop, which is a silver Dell Inspiron 15 7000 Series (7548) laptop computer bearing service tag [REDACTED] containing a Toshiba one terabyte hard drive bearing

serial number [REDACTED] is currently housed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York Field Office, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278, within the Southern District of New York, as described in Attachment A to this affidavit. There is probable cause to believe that the Subject Laptop contains evidence, contraband, fruits, and/or other items illegally possessed in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 793(e) and (f).

9. I make this affidavit in support of an application pursuant to Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure for a warrant to search the Subject Laptop for the items and information described in Attachment A. The facts set forth in this affidavit are based on my personal knowledge, knowledge obtained during my participation in this investigation, and information from other FBI and U.S. Government personnel. Because this affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause in support of the application for a search warrant, it does not set forth each and every fact that I or others have learned during the course of this investigation. Where the contents of documents and the actions, statements, and conversations of others are reported herein, they are reported in substance and part, except where otherwise indicated.

#### STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS

10. For the reasons set forth below, I believe that there is probable cause to believe that the Subject Laptop contains evidence, contraband, fruits, and/or other items illegally possessed in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(e) and (f) (the Subject Offenses).

11. Under 18 U.S.C. § 793(e), "[w]hoever having unauthorized possession of, access to, or control over any document . . . or information relating to the national defense which information the possessor has reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States

or to the advantage of any foreign nation, willfully communicates, delivers, transmits or causes to be communicated, delivered, or transmitted" or attempts to do or causes the same "to any person not entitled to receive it, or willfully retains the same and fails to deliver it to the officer or employee of the United States entitled to receive it" shall be fined or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

12. Under 18 U.S.C. § 793(f), "[w]hoever, being entrusted with or having lawful possession or control of any document . . . or information, relating to the national defense" either "(1) through gross negligence permits the same to be removed from its proper place of custody or delivered to anyone in violation of his trust, or to be lost, stolen, abstracted, or destroyed," or "(2) having knowledge that the same has been illegally removed from its proper place of custody or delivered to anyone in violation of its trust, or lost, or stolen, abstracted, or destroyed, and fails to make prompt report of such loss, theft, abstraction, or destruction to his superior officer" shall be fined or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

13. Under Executive Order 13526, information in any form may be classified if it: (1) is owned by, produced by or for, or is under the control of the United States Government; (2) falls within one or more of the categories set forth in the Executive Order [Top Secret, Secret, and Confidential]; and (3) is classified by an original classification authority who determines that its unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to result in damage to the national security.

14. Where such unauthorized disclosure could reasonably result in damage to the national security, the information may be classified as "Confidential" and must be properly safeguarded. Where such unauthorized disclosure could reasonably result in "serious" damage to the national security, the information may be classified as "Secret" and must be properly



safeguarded. Where such unauthorized disclosure could reasonably result in "exceptionally grave" damage to the national security, the information may be classified as "Top Secret" and must be properly safeguarded.

15. Classified information, of any designation, may be shared only with persons determined by an appropriate United States Government official to be eligible for access, and who possess a "need to know." Among other requirements, in order for a person to obtain a security clearance allowing that person access to classified United States Government information, that person is required to and must agree to properly protect classified information by not disclosing such information to persons not entitled to receive it, by not unlawfully removing classified information from authorized storage facilities, and by not storing classified information in unauthorized locations. If a person is not eligible to receive classified information, classified information may not be disclosed to that person. In order for a foreign government to receive access to classified information, the originating United States agency must determine that such release is appropriate.

16. Pursuant to Executive Order 13526, classified information contained on automated information systems, including networks and telecommunications systems, that collect, create, communicate, compute, disseminate, process, or store classified information must be maintained in a manner that: (1) prevents access by unauthorized persons; and (2) ensures the integrity of the information.

17. 32 C.F.R. Parts 2001 and 2003 regulate the handling of classified information. Specifically, 32 C.F.R. § 2001.43, titled "Storage," regulates the physical protection of classified information. This section prescribes that Secret and Top Secret information "shall be stored in a GSA-approved security container, a vault built to Federal Standard (FED STD) 832, or an open

storage area constructed in accordance with § 2001.53.” It also requires periodic inspection of the container and the use of an Intrusion Detection System, among other things.

18. As used herein, the following terms have the following meaning:

a. “Computer” means an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other high speed data processing device performing logical, arithmetic, or storage functions, and includes any data storage facility or communications facility directly related to or operating in conjunction with such device. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1).

b. “Directory” or “folder” means a simulated electronic file folder or container used to organize files and directories in a hierarchical or tree-like structure.

c. “Electronically Stored Information” or “ESI” includes, consistent with Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41 and the Advisory Committee Comments to the 2009 amendments, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, sound recordings, images, and other data or data compilations stored in any medium from which information can be obtained, including all types of computer-based information as may be developed over time. “Computer data” as used herein is synonymous with ESI.

d. “File” means a collection of related data or information stored as a unit under a specified name on storage medium. Not all ESI is stored in files.

#### PROBABLE CAUSE FOR SEARCH

19. At all times relevant to this affidavit, Clinton and [REDACTED] had security clearances, as described in paragraph 15 above.

20. As a result of a records request from the State Department, Clinton produced to the State Department approximately 30,490 email communications sent to or from Clinton at the @clintonemail.com domain that resided on Clinton’s Server. As a result of a FOIA request, the

State Department ultimately reviewed these 30,490 emails. The FOIA process implemented by the State Department required that these emails be reviewed by government agencies for classified information prior to public release. In February 2016, the State Department completed its review and determined that 2,115 of the 30,490 emails contain information that is presently classified. Out of these 2,115 emails, the State Department determined that 2,028 emails contain information classified at the Confidential level; 65 contain information classified at the Secret level; and 22 contain information classified at the Top Secret level. The State Department did not make a determination as to whether the information in these emails was classified at the time that the emails were sent.

21. The U.S. Government's determination that 2,028 emails contain information classified at the Confidential level is significant because it means that the unauthorized disclosure of those emails could result in damage to national security. The U.S. Government's determination that 65 emails contain information classified at the Secret level is significant because it means that the unauthorized disclosure of those emails could result in serious damage to national security. The U.S. Government's determination that 22 emails contain information classified at the Top Secret level is significant because it means that the unauthorized disclosure of those emails could result in exceptionally grave damage to national security.

22. In conjunction with this investigation, the FBI sought a determination by the relevant original classification authorities as to whether certain of the 30,490 emails contained classified information at the time they were sent. In response to the FBI's requests for classification determinations, the relevant original classification authorities determined that 81



email chains,<sup>1</sup> which the FBI investigation determined were transmitted and stored on the Clinton Server, contained classified information ranging from the Confidential to Top Secret/Special Access Program levels at the time they were sent between 2009 and 2013. The relevant original classification authorities determined that information in 68 of these email chains remains classified.

23.

24. The FBI's investigation determined that [REDACTED] using [REDACTED] various email accounts, typically communicated with Clinton's @clintonemail.com email account on a daily basis. Analysis of emails in the FBI's possession revealed more than 4,000 work-related emails

<sup>1</sup> For the purpose of the FBI investigation, an email chain is defined as a set of emails having the same initial email. The subject line may be edited in these chains to reflect the purpose of the forward or reply.

between [REDACTED] and Clinton from 2009 to 2013.

25. The FBI's investigation established that 27 email chains containing classified information, as determined by the relevant original classification authorities, have been transmitted through [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] accounts. Out of the 27 email chains, six email chains contained information that was classified at the Secret level at the time the emails were sent, and information in four of those email chains remains classified at that level now, while two email chains contain information that is currently classified at the Confidential level. Information in the remaining 21 email chains was classified at the Confidential level at the time the emails were sent, and of those 21 email chains, information in 16 of them remains classified as Confidential.

26. Given the information indicating that there are thousands of [REDACTED] emails located on the Subject Laptop – including emails, during and around [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] account as well as a [REDACTED] account appearing to belong to [REDACTED] – and the regular email correspondence between [REDACTED] and Clinton, there is probable cause to believe that the Subject Laptop contains correspondence between [REDACTED] and Clinton [REDACTED]. Because it has been determined by relevant original classification authorities that many emails were exchanged between [REDACTED] using [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] accounts, and Clinton that contain classified information, there is also probable cause to believe that the correspondence between them located on the Subject Laptop contains classified information which was produced by and is owned by the U.S. Government. The Subject Laptop was never authorized for the storage or transmission of classified or national defense information.

27. A complete forensic analysis and review of the Subject Laptop will also allow the

FBI to determine if there is any evidence of computer intrusions into the Subject Laptop, and to determine if classified information was accessed by unauthorized users or transferred to any other unauthorized systems.

#### PROCEDURES FOR SEARCHING ESI

##### Review of ESI

28. Law enforcement personnel (including, in addition to law enforcement officers and agents, and depending on the nature of the ESI and the status of the investigation and related proceedings, attorneys for the government, attorney support staff, agency personnel assisting the government in this investigation, and outside technical experts under government control) will review the ESI contained on the Subject Laptop for information responsive to the warrant.

29. In conducting this review, law enforcement may use various techniques to determine which files or other ESI contain evidence, contraband, fruits, and/or other items illegally possessed in violation of the Subject Offenses. Such techniques may include, for example:

- surveying directories or folders and the individual files they contain (analogous to looking at the outside of a file cabinet for the markings it contains and opening a drawer believed to contain pertinent files);
- conducting a file-by-file review by "opening" or reading the first few "pages" of such files in order to determine their precise contents (analogous to performing a cursory examination of each document in a file cabinet to determine its relevance);
- "scanning" storage areas to discover and possibly recover recently deleted data; scanning storage areas for deliberately hidden files; and
- performing electronic keyword searches through all electronic storage areas to determine the existence and location of search terms related to the subject matter of the investigation. (Keyword searches alone are typically inadequate to detect all information subject to seizure. For one thing, keyword searches work only for text data, yet many types of files, such as images and videos, do not store data as searchable text. Moreover, even as to text data, there may be information properly



subject to seizure but that is not captured by a keyword search because the information does not contain the keywords being searched.)

30. Law enforcement personnel will make reasonable efforts to restrict their search to data falling within the categories of evidence specified in the warrant.

Return of the Subject Laptop

31. If the Government determines that the Subject Laptop is no longer necessary to retrieve and preserve the data on the device, and that the Subject Laptop is not subject to seizure pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41(c), the Government will return the Subject Laptop. Computer data that is encrypted or unreadable will not be returned unless law enforcement personnel have determined that the data is not (i) an instrumentality of the offense, (ii) a fruit of the criminal activity, (iii) contraband, (iv) otherwise unlawfully possessed, or (v) evidence of the subject offenses.

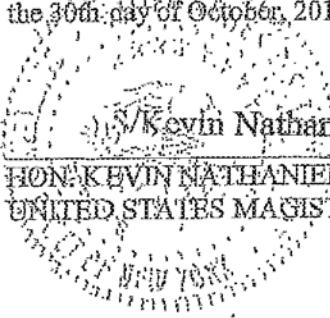
CONCLUSION

32. Based on the foregoing, I respectfully request the Court to issue a warrant to seize the items and information specified in Attachment A to this affidavit and to the Search and Seizure Warrant.

33. In light of the confidential nature of this investigation, the full scope of which is not known to [REDACTED] or the public, as well as the confidential nature of the underlying investigation in which the Subject Laptop was initially obtained by the Government, I respectfully request that this affidavit and all papers submitted herewith be maintained under seal until the Court orders otherwise.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Supervisory Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me on  
the 30th day of October, 2016.

  
/s/ Kevin Nathaniel Fox  
HON. KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**Attachment A:**

**I. Device To Be Searched**

The device to be searched is a silver Dell Inspiron 15 7000 Series (7548) laptop computer bearing service tag [REDACTED] containing a Toshiba one terabyte hard drive bearing serial number [REDACTED] (the Subject Laptop), and that is currently housed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York Field Office, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278.

**II. Review of ESI on the Subject Devices**

Law enforcement personnel (including, in addition to law enforcement officers and agents, and depending on the nature of the BSI and the status of the investigation and related proceedings, attorneys for the government, attorney support staff, agency personnel assisting the government in this investigation, and outside technical experts under government control) are authorized to review the BSI contained on the Subject Laptop for the following evidence, contraband, fruits, and/or other items illegally possessed in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(e) and (f) (the Subject Offenses):

1. Data and information associated with the operation, use, maintenance, backup, auditing, and security functions of the Subject Laptop including, but not limited to:
  - a. Emails and attachments, in any form;
  - b. User and system files stored on the laptops, including file fragments and items carved from unallocated space;
  - c. Logs, configuration files, and backups;
  - d. Executable code and scripts; and
  - e. Documents, database files, and spreadsheets;
2. Data and information electronically stored on the Subject Laptop related to communications with email accounts used by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during her tenure as Secretary of State;
3. Data and information on the Subject Laptop that might identify the person or persons who accessed classified information present on the Subject Laptop, including names, addresses, telephone numbers and other identifiers, email addresses, business information, the length of service (including start date), types of services utilized, means and source of payment for services (including any credit card or bank account number), and information about any domain name registration; and
4. Data and information stored on the Subject Laptop that might identify activity related to a computer intrusion, including, but not limited to evidence of malware or viruses, executable code or scripts, log files, audit files, system files, user and account information, IP addresses, computer hardware addresses, intrusion-detection logs, firewall and other network logs, anti-virus logs or anti-malware logs.



### **III. Seizure for Later Review of Electronically Stored Information**

#### **A. Seizure of Computer and Media**

This warrant authorizes the seizure of a computer and electronic storage media as set forth below. In lieu of seizing any particular electronic storage media, this warrant also authorizes the copying of electronically stored information for later review. Electronic storage media which may be seized or copied include without limitation:

Computer devices, electronic media and electronic storage devices, including, but not limited to, a computer, disk drives, modems, thumb drives, personal digital assistants, smart phones, digital cameras, and scanners and the data within the aforesaid objects relating to said materials, which may contain information within the scope of this warrant.

Any physical keys, encryption devices, and similar physical items that are necessary to gain access to the computer equipment, storage devices or data mentioned above, or any passwords, password files, test keys, encryption codes or other information necessary to access the above-mentioned computer equipment, storage devices or data.

#### **B. Review of Electronic Storage Media and Electronically Stored Information**

Following creation of forensic image copies as may be necessary to preserve the integrity of seized electronically stored information, law enforcement personnel (who may include, in addition to law enforcement officers and agents, attorneys for the government, attorney support staff, and outside technical experts under government control) are authorized to review the seized information for information and data within the scope of this warrant.

In conducting this review, law enforcement personnel may use various techniques to determine which files or other ESI contain evidence, contraband, fruits and/or other items illegally possessed in violation of the Subject Offenses. Such techniques may include, but shall not be limited to, surveying various file directories or folders and the individual files they contain; conducting a file-by-file review by "opening" or reading the first few "pages" of such files in order to determine their precise contents; "scanning" storage areas to discover and possibly recover recently deleted data; scanning storage areas for deliberately hidden files; and performing electronic "key word" searches through all electronic storage areas to determine whether occurrences of language contained in such storage areas exist that are related to the subject matter of the investigation. Forensically trained law enforcement personnel may also search for and attempt to recover "deleted," "hidden," or encrypted data to determine whether the data falls within the list of items to be seized as set forth in this affidavit. ESI that is responsive to the warrant will be identified and/or copied for further use in the investigation and any resultant prosecution.

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Return		
Case No.: 16 MAG 7063	Date and time warrant executed: 10/30/2016 1:57 pm	Copy of warrant and inventory left with: SSA [REDACTED]
Inventory made in the presence of: SA [REDACTED]		
Inventory of the property taken and name of any person(s) seized:  Forensic image of a silver Dell Inspiron 15 7000 Series (7548) laptop computer bearing service tag [REDACTED] containing a Toshiba one terabyte hard drive bearing serial number [REDACTED]		
Certification		
I declare under penalty of perjury that this inventory is correct and was returned along with the original warrant to the Court.		
Date: 10/30/2016	<div style="text-align: center;">[REDACTED] _____ <i>Executing officer's signature</i> SSA [REDACTED] FBI _____ <i>Printed name and title</i></div>	

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 11:05 AM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: update

Could also be Laufman o [REDACTED] Don't think it's George. Looking forward to having you back... ;)

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**From:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 10:13 AM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: update

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

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 04/21/2017 5:32 AM (GMT-08:00)  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: update

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Lisa, not sure if you have anything to add, especially w/r/t the timing of DOJHQ knowing.

[redacted] I'll read what you dropped off yesterday afternoon and get back to you.

Thanks,  
Pete

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 7:22 AM  
To: Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]  
Cc: Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
[redacted]  
Subject: Fwd: update

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The latest from the writer.

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

From: Peter Elkind [redacted]  
Date: 4/20/17 11:05 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: [redacted] (DO) (FBI) [redacted]  
Cc: "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted]  
Subject: update

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Hi [redacted]

I hope you'll have some news for me tomorrow on how we're moving forward. My editors are eager to wrap

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this up and publish.

On the substance of my query about the October period: I just re-read the Oct. 30 search warrant and affidavit for Weiner's computer, released in redacted form pursuant to a civil suit. On p. 8 of the document, which I've attached, it describes the process of discovering Clinton stuff this way:

*In executing the search of the laptop computer (the Subject Laptop) REDACTED, FBI agents sorted the emails on the Subject Laptop to segregate emails REDACTED. As a result, the FBI reviewed non-content header information for emails on the Subject Laptop to facilitate its search. In so doing, the FBI observed non-content header information indicating that thousands of emails of REDACTED resided on the Subject Laptop. Because REDACTED emails were outside the scope REDACTED, the FBI did not review the content of these emails.*

It goes on to explain that because the header info agents reviewed shows emails sent and received between (presumably) Weiner and Clinton (as well as other state department accounts) during the time she served as secretary of state—and the FBI's previous investigation showed some such emails on these accounts are classified--there's probable cause for a warrant.

In short, this clearly states that the initial process of sorting emails revealed header information that was the sufficient basis for probable cause: "thousands" of emails, as well as details on sender, recipient and dates. This (even more definitively than the press reports) seems inconsistent with the notion of initially discovering just a few emails, then slowly moving forward, over 2-3 weeks, with the sex-crimes search to stumble across enough Clinton info to have enough for probable cause. And there's no mention of anything like that happening in the affidavit.

Presumably the sorting would be done right after indexing the computer, which (I'm told) shouldn't take more than a couple of days.

I hope we can clarify all this soon.

Thanks,  
Peter

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 6:16 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: NYT

Maybe you can show your parents before you go!!!!

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**From:** Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 6:09 PM  
**To:** Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** McCabe, Andrew G. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** NYT

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All: The long-awaited NYT story will post-online sometime tomorrow, and run in Sunday's paper. M.



**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 12:15 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Report: Senate's Russia probe understaffed (TheHill)

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**From:** [REDACTED] (SF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 10:48 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Report: Senate's Russia probe understaffed (TheHill)

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Hi [REDACTED] and Pete,

Just FYI on potential staffing enhancements to the SSCI panel.

Thanks,

SSA [REDACTED]  
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs  
W [REDACTED]  
C: [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 7:19 AM  
**Subject:** Report: Senate's Russia probe understaffed (TheHill)

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## **Report: Senate's Russia probe understaffed**

By Cyra Master - 04/23/17 09:26 PM EDT 398

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The Senate Intelligence Committee's probe into Russian election interference has no full-time dedicated staff, a Daily Beast report revealed Sunday.

Three months into the committee's investigation, there are no staff members dedicated to it full-time, those working on it do not have backgrounds in investigative experience and no interviews have been conducted with key players, The Daily Beast added.

It appears to be progressing at a slower pace than other committee investigations, it added.

Two sources familiar with the matter told the site that neither Michael Flynn, Roger Stone, Carter Page, Paul Manafort nor Jared Kushner have been interviewed.

"It's either a real investigation or not," an individual with knowledge of the committee's activities said. "You have to have an approved investigative guide. You have to make it formal.

"Can you have a credible investigation with only seven part-time staffers, doing everything in secret?"

So far, the committee has been focused on reviewing an Intelligence Community Assessment that concluded that Russia, with a preference for Donald Trump, had tried to interfere with the U.S. presidential election.

The public version of that assessment did not draw conclusions about ties between Russia and the Trump team.

The committee announced earlier that seven staff members had been assigned to review documents relating to the investigation. But the Daily Beast reports that of none the seven have investigative experience or is a lawyer.

And most also lack a background in Russian affairs.

But two new staffers will be added soon, the Daily Beast added, one with extensive legal skills.

A spokesperson for the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee declined to comment to the site on Sunday evening.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 5:35 PM  
**To:** Sporre, Eric W. (CYD) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Archey, David W. (WMD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: 702 Renewal

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Likewise.

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**From:** Sporre, Eric W. (CYD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 4:49 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**>:** Archey, David W. (WMD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 702 Renewal

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No problem Lisa. I will check with [REDACTED] and circle back with you.

Eric

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**From:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 3:15 PM  
**To:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED] Sporre, Eric W. (CYD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED] Archey, David W. (WMD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: 702 Renewal

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Gents,

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Lisa

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**From:** Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** Ghattas, Carl (CTD) (FBI) [REDACTED] Mendenhall, Bradley G. (CTD) (FBI)  
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(CYD) (FBI) [REDACTED] Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Skule,  
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[redacted] Jones, Robert A. (WMD) (FBI) [redacted] Piehota,  
Christopher M. (NS) (FBI) [redacted] (OTD) (FBI)

Cc: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [redacted] (DO) (FBI)  
[redacted] (DO) (OGA) [redacted] Page, Lisa C.  
(OGC) (FBI) [redacted] Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI) [redacted]  
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Subject: 702 Renewal

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Thanks,

Jim

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:41 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE:

I really really glad about [redacted];) And I want to hear about it.

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I'm really frustrated about the other, too. It's why I asked to talk (though now that I know about [redacted] want to hear that as well). I just wrote it all here then deleted it. Will save it for in person.

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**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Date:** 4/25/17 12:22 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [redacted]  
**Subject:**

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I just had an excellent, very honest, very productive conversation with [redacted] about a range of issues. We talked for nearly an hour and a half. I appreciate the suggestion that I do so.

But damn, I'm really frustrated about the other issue. Ttyl.

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:03 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Sporre, Eric W. (CYD) (FBI); Archey, David W. (WMD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: 702 Renewal

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I'll serve as CD's initial rep, depending on the needs of the group will adjust and get the right people from CD there.

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**Cc:** Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
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Miller, Karen D. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
(OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)

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[REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)

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Thanks.

Jim

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:24 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Red side email

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

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:24 PM  
**To:** Toscas, George (NSD) (JMD); [REDACTED] Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) (JMD)  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Red side email

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George, Tash,  
I'm wondering if you've had a chance to review my email on the red side [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thanks,  
Pete

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

**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 2:44 PM  
**To:** Toscas, George (NSD) (JMD); [REDACTED] Gauhar, Tashina (ODAG) (JMD)  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Red side email

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b7E -6

George, just sent you an email with request on the red side. Tash, you're cc'd.  
Thanks,  
Pete

Peter P. Strzok II  
Deputy Assistant Director, Branch I  
Counterintelligence Division

[REDACTED] (O)  
[REDACTED] (C)

b6 -1  
b7C -1

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:15 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: Your thanks

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Damn. Nice job. I don't think I can afford your services. Unless by "furs" you mean the pelts they tan out here in the country, down by the mill and general store. ?

[REDACTED] in ogc had a bunch of good ideas about [REDACTED]

b5 -1  
b6 -1  
b7C -6

[REDACTED] We should discuss tomorrow, I said id get back to her after I raised them with you.

Also my stupid Samsung didn't deliver either of your emails until 2 minutes ago.

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

**From:** "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 4/25/17 6:49 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"

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b6 -1  
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[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Your thanks.

Can come in the form of fine jewelry or furs: I successfully killed [REDACTED]  
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**Date:** 4/25/17 8:08 PM (GMT-05:00)  
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b7E -6

What would we do without you?

Pete - Looks like you're up.

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**Subject:** RE: Your thanks

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Thursday [REDACTED] what kind of food strikes your fancy?

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**Date:** 4/25/17 8:21 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Your thanks

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

OH YEAH WE DO. This week or next work for me. Just can't do this Friday.

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

**From:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Your thanks

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b7C -1  
b7E -6

I'm up to what? Interview?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:20 PM  
**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: CONGRESSIONAL FROM SENATOR GRASSLEY RE: RUSSIAN HACKING

Funny I never got the original at 1:15 - did she retract or is my UNET all f\*cked up?

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

**From:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:18 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: CONGRESSIONAL FROM SENATOR GRASSLEY RE: RUSSIAN HACKING  
**Importance:** High

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b7C -1  
b7E -6

I called Beth already and told her that she included the wrong [REDACTED]

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

**From:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:15 PM  
**To:** Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
[REDACTED] Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** CONGRESSIONAL FROM SENATOR GRASSLEY RE: RUSSIAN HACKING  
**Importance:** High

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b7C -1  
b7E -6

Just making sure you've seen the attached, particularly in light of next week's hearing.

Beth Beers  
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs  
[REDACTED]

**Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)**

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:36 PM  
**To:** Beers, Elizabeth R. (DO) (FBI); Brower, Gregory (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (PT) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: CONGRESSIONAL FROM SENATOR GRASSLEY RE: RUSSIAN HACKING

b6 -1  
b7C -1

I read the Hill article footnoted in the letter. The entirety of its content is a recounting of certain elements of the NYT piece; I did not note any new information in it.

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] (PT) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** CONGRESSIONAL FROM SENATOR GRASSLEY RE: RUSSIAN HACKING  
**Importance:** High

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b7C -1  
b7E -6

Re-sending w. [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] - apologies for the misfire...

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**End:** Friday, April 28, 2017 3:45 PM

**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Organizer:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

**Required Attendees:** [redacted] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); [redacted]  
(CD) (FBI) [redacted] (CD) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (CD) (FBI)

**When:** Apr 28, 2017 2:30:00 PM

**Where:** 4017

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

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**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

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

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Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)

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**From:** Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:04 PM  
**To:** Baker, James A. (OGC) (FBI); Anderson, Trisha B. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI); Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI); Priestap, E. W. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: April Doss will join Senate Intelligence Committee Russia investigation

b6 -1  
b7C -1

Any insight? Don't know that I'm keen for more of NSA's legal perspective informing the committee.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/april-doss-will-join-senate-intelligence-committee-russia-investigation-2017-4>

## A former top NSA lawyer is joining the Senate's Trump-Russia probe

 april.doss



## Screenshot/News One

The former head of intelligence law at the National Security Agency (NSA), April Doss, has been hired to work on the Senate Intelligence Committee's investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election, her law firm confirmed in a press release on Wednesday.

Doss, who spent over a decade at the NSA and now chairs the Cybersecurity and Privacy practice at Saul Ewing, LLP, will serve as the committee's special counsel as it examines "allegations that Russia participated in a disinformation campaign intended to benefit President Donald Trump, and claims of potential collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia," the firm said.

Doss will join the committee on May 1.

The former NSA attorney testified before the House Judiciary Committee on March 1, 2017 in a public hearing over the reauthorization of Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, according to her firm, which hired her one year ago.

"The SSCI investigation is critically important, and it'll be a privilege to return to public service in this role," Doss said.

A Senate source confirmed to Business Insider that Doss has been hired to work on the investigation but will not be "leading the probe." A source close to Doss said that she was brought on by the committee's Vice Chairman, Democratic Senator Mark Warner, and will be working full time on the committee's Russia investigation.

Doss' hire comes amid reports that the SSCI's Russia investigation has stalled amid partisan bickering and staffing problems, but the source close to Doss said that was not a factor in the decision to bring her on, which has been in the works for about a month.

Yahoo's Michael Isikoff reported earlier this week that, more than three months into the committee's investigation, it hasn't issued any subpoenas or requested any key documents such as emails, memos, and phone records from the Trump campaign, and has essentially descended into a "standoff."

The committee's Russia investigation is also severely understaffed, the Daily Beast and Reuters reported. The seven staffers who are working on it are doing so part-time, and none has relevant legal or investigative experience.

The partisan bickering and lack of resources - problems that have plagued both the House and Senate intelligence committees - have fueled calls from legal and intelligence experts to establish an independent select committee.

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**Subject:** RE: fact check #1

b6 -1  
b7C -1

This better be the most fawning piece since The FBI Story. Somehow I have doubts...

On the road, I will read later tonight and send comments

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

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**Date:** 4/26/17 7:46 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO)  
(FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: fact check #1

b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

I am sure he will send many more q's.

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

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**Date:** 4/26/17 7:20 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** fact check #1

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[REDACTED]

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**To:** Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: fact check #1

Do we really need to meet/talk about this? There are going to be 10 more. And his attitude makes me angry

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**Date:** 4/27/17 7:13 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
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b6 -1  
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Okay. Sounds good.

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b6 -1  
b7C -1  
b7E -6

Works for me

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b7E -6

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[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
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Shall we say 11:30?

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

From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Date: 04/26/2017 7:59 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"

[REDACTED] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
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Whatever is the easiest for you and Lisa.

Anytime from 1130 on would work well for me. Lisa, please let us know what time would work for you.

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

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Date: 4/26/17 7:53 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"

[REDACTED] Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
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I can. 500 miles of beautiful Midwest highway. Just let me know a time.

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From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Date: 4/26/17 7:50 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)"

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OK call my personal cell [REDACTED]

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

**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Date:** 4/27/17 11:17 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: fact check #1

b6 -1  
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I think Lisa suggested we call you once we have our full quorum.

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b6 -1  
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Am I calling you? What # should i use?

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**From:** [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Date:** 04/27/2017 6:49 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: fact check #1

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Okay. Sounds good.

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From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Date: 4/26/17 9:36 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: fact check #1

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Works for me

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From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Date: 4/26/17 9:21 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: fact check #1

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Shall we say 11:30?

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From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Date: 04/26/2017 7:59 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: fact check #1

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Whatever is the easiest for you and Lisa.

Anytime from 1130 on would work well for me. Lisa, please let us know what time would work for you.

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

From: "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Date: 4/26/17 7:53 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)"  
[REDACTED] "Kortan, Michael P. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: fact check #1

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I can. 500 miles of beautiful Midwest highway. Just let me know a time.

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

From: "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Date: 4/26/17 7:50 PM (GMT-05:00)

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

[REDACTED] "Strzok, Peter P. (CD) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

(DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: fact check #1

Might be easiest to chat tomorrow, if Pete can call in.

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

From: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Date: 04/26/2017 7:46 PM (GMT-05:00)

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

[REDACTED] "Page, Lisa C. (OGC) (FBI)" [REDACTED] (DO)

(FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: fact check #1

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I am sure he will send many more q's.

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

From: Peter Elkind [REDACTED]

Date: 4/26/17 7:20 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]

Subject: fact check #1

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[REDACTED]

Thanks for quick callback. Here's a first small batch of straightforward details for fact-check purposes. Please let me know if anything here, in your view, is incorrect. There are also some clarification questions below.

Thanks,

Peter

## COMET BACKGROUND

—As he described in July 2016 congressional testimony, he's been registered as a republican most of his adult life but "not registered any longer" as Republican. Our understanding is that this simply resulted from his move from Connecticut to Virginia, where voters don't declare a party affiliation.

—Our check of records in states where he's lived shows Comey hasn't voted in any primary or general election for the past decade.

--After becoming director, he announced plans to visit all 56 field offices four times during his tenure; now on second round of visits

--FBI has 36,500 agents and staff

## CLINTON INVESTIGATION

- Probe began with IC and State Dept IGs referral, officially opened 7/10/15
- Initially supervised by John Giacalone
- Peter Strzok is now deputy assistant director for counterintelligence. Please give me his full title at time the investigation began:
- about 30 analysts and agents worked on the Clinton case
- near end of the investigation, Come ordered up files on about 30 previous cases where government had investigated mishandling of classified information. Read over the records personally, reviewed history on how these matters treated, satisfying himself with tentative conclusion that Clinton should not face charges
- investigation lasted a year and involved more than 90 interviews, identified 193 classified messages, per LHM and other investigative documents