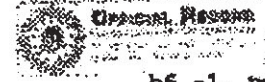


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- (U) ~~SECRET~~ ORR had breakfast at Earl's Coffee, 1100 and E St. NW, Washington, D.C. with Glenn Simpson at 10:00 A.M. on December 19, 2018. During breakfast Simpson provided ORR with an USB Verbatim USB flash digital media drive (thumb drive). ORR does not know what is on the thumb drive but believes it is in regards to the work [redacted] was hired for Simpson. The thumb drive was entered into evidence at WFO as original evidence [redacted] and a working copy CD-ROM was produced for investigative use. An evidence FD-502 was generated and associated to this file.
- (U) ~~SECRET~~ ORR took notes after the meeting with Simpson to preserve his memory and referred to them during the interview. ORR's notes are an attachment to this document.
- (U) ~~SECRET~~ Simpson identified Michael Cohen, a lawyer in Brooklyn, NY as having many Russian clients in the Brighton Beach, NY area. Cohen is the go-between Russias and the Trump Campaign and replaced Paul Manafort and Carter Page. Cohen's wife's last name is Shusterman. [redacted] Cohen [redacted] have attended a meeting in Prague, possibly in September, regarding the Trump Campaign and the Russians.

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

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Interview of Bruce Orr On 12/12/2016 Page 4

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ According to Simpson, much of his collection about the Trump campaign ties to Russia comes from [Redacted] b6 -5, per FBI  
[Redacted] Simpson does not know his name. b7C -5, per FBI

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ A former Trump campaign official, possibly Rick Wilson, was talking about some of the Trump ties to Russia and the Trump Campaign tried to sue him for violating his non-disclosure agreement.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ A Russian senator and mobster named Torshin may be involved in running the Central Bank of Russia. Torshin's name comes up in in Law Enforcement Organized Crime circles as he is well known in a famous Spanish case that shows direct linkages between Russian Organized Crime, Torshin and the Russian Government. Torshin may have funneled Russian money to the National Rifle Association (NRA) to use in support of Trump. An NRA lawyer, [Redacted] found out about the money pipeline and was very upset, but the election was over by the time she learned of it. Simpson stated there are pictures of Torshin with Trump. Simpson provided ORR with an article on the NRA and Torshin. The article is an attachment to this document. b6 -3, per FBI  
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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Some of Simpson's staff believe the NRA spent an abnormally large amount of money during the election, possibly indicating Russian involvement, but others in his company disagree. b1 -1, per FBI  
b3 -1, per FBI  
b6 -3, 5, per FBI

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ The New York Times story from October 3, 2016, that downplayed the connection between Alfa Bank servers and the Trump campaign was incorrect. There was communication and it wasn't spam. [Redacted] b7A -1, per FBI  
b7C -3, 5, per FBI  
b7E -1, 5, per FBI

[Redacted]

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Simpson received a bizarre tip on December 3 that the [Redacted] Simpson is not sure whether to believe this.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Simpson still thinks [Redacted] is a key figure connecting Trump to Russia. Looking at [Redacted] but Simpson's company is Cohen. Simpson would be surprised if [Redacted] was still in the U.S. Simpson believes [Redacted] is an SVR officer, however he is deducing this from [Redacted] not because he was told [Redacted] was SVR. [Redacted] may have overseen many financial transfers from Russia to assist the Trump campaign.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Simpson asked [Redacted] to speak to the Mother Jones reported as it was Simpson's last Mary attempt. b7E -5, per FBI

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Continuation of FD-302 of ~~XXXXXX~~ interview of Bruce Simpson on 12/12/2014 Page 5

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

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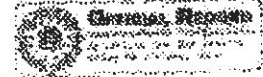
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(U) ~~(S)~~ On January 20, 2017, OHR received an e-mail from Glen Simpson asking OHR to contact Simpson. OHR subsequently contacted Simpson telephonically. During the telephonic conversation, Simpson told OHR one of [redacted] has been identified and will be publicly named by the media within the next couple of days. b3 -1, per FBI  
b6 -3, 4, per FBI  
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[redacted]

[redacted] When OHR asked for more information regarding [redacted] and the nature of the threat, Simpson replied he would contact Steele for more information and then re-contact OHR.

(U) ~~(S)~~ In the early hours of January 31, 2017, OHR received a text message from Steele which OHR did not notice until later in the morning. Around 9:00 am on the same day, OHR received call from Steele. During this conversation Steele relayed his concerns regarding the safety of his

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(U) ~~SECRET~~ Interview of Bruce Ohr 23

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the employee's name was released, the employee "may need help quickly"

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b7E -3, 4, per FBI

(U) ~~SECRET~~ Steele also told Ohr that he spoke with a staff member of Senator John McCain's office sometime prior to October 2016. Steele had this conversation at the request of [Redacted] since October 2016. Steele had not spoken to anyone regarding the Trump dossier.

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(U) ~~SECRET~~ Ohr took notes during the contact with Simpson and Steele to preserve his memory and referred to them during the interview. Ohr's notes are an attachment to this document.

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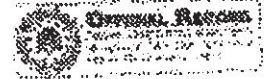
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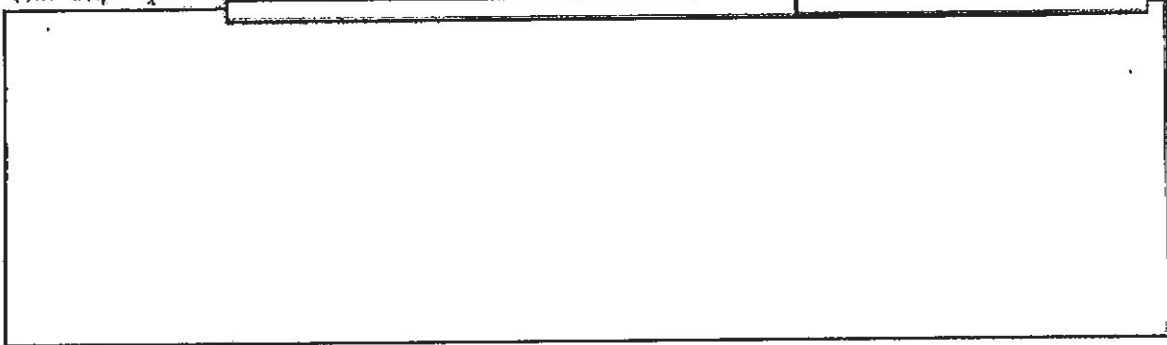
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(U) ~~SECRET~~ Bruce OHR, [redacted] currently the b6 -2, per FBI  
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Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) was  
interviewed at FBI Headquarters, 935 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC.  
After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Special Agents and  
the nature of the interview, OHR provided the following information:

(U) ~~SECRET~~ On January 24, 2017, OHR received a WhatsApp notification from b3 -1, per FBI  
Christopher Steele. On January 25, 2017, Steele contacted and spoke b6 -3, 4, per FBI  
OHR via WhatsApp. During this conversation, Steele again relayed his b7C -3, 4, per FBI  
concerns regarding the safety of his employee. Due to the possibility b7D -1, 2, per FBI  
the employee's identity being exposed by the media, [redacted] b7E -3, 4, per FBI



(U) ~~SECRET~~ OHR took notes during the contact with Steele to preserve his  
memory and referred to them during the interview. OHR's notes are an  
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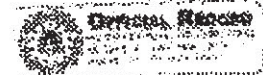
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(U) ~~SECRET~~ On January 27, 2017, OHR received a WhatsApp notification from Christopher Steele indicating Steele's employee was straight and Steele would like to keep the line of communication open with OHR for future contact. OHR replied in the affirmative.

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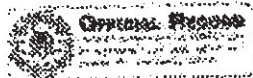
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Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) was interviewed at FBI Headquarters, 435 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Special Agents and the nature of the interview, OHR provided the following information:

(U) ~~SECRET~~ OHR stated he had been contacted by Christopher Steele, [redacted] WhatsApp, on January 31, 2017. On January 30, 2017, the Trump Administration fired Acting Attorney General Sally Q. Yates and Steele had contacted OHR to determine if OHR anticipated being fired as well and, if so, who in the Department of Justice could he continue to reach out to. OHR added that he had previously explained to Steele at some point, his contact with the U.S. Government would have to involve the FBI. Interviewing agents asked OHR to ask Steele if he would be comfortable getting the name of an FBI agent.

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(U) ~~SECRET~~ OHR advised Kathleen Kavalec, Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State would meet [redacted] representatives in order to discuss potential Russian influence in their upcoming Presidential elections. OHR reminded the interviewing agents Kavalec did speak with Steele several times prior to the 2016 US Presidential election and believed Steele's reporting generated from [redacted] mainly [redacted]

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(U) ~~SECRET~~ OHR also advised [redacted] an attorney representing [redacted] explained his client [redacted] were recently contacted by the FBI, who he [redacted]

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(U)  ~~SECRET~~ Interview of ~~NAME~~  ~~DATE~~  ~~2 of 2~~  
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 like to 'clean things up' and that the circumstances surrounding the 2010  
 US Presidential election had become 'too emotional.' OHR stated, as he  
 understood it,  was informed of what was required during the FBI  
 interview.

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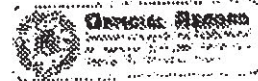
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(U) ~~SECRET//ORCON//NOFORN~~ OHR stated he had been contacted by Christopher Steele, [redacted] via WhatsApp and OHR responded via FaceTime on 02/11/2017, [redacted] b6 -3, 4, per FBI  
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(S//OC/NF) Steele advised OHR that [redacted]

[redacted] OHR added [redacted]

(U) ~~SECRET//ORCON//NOFORN~~ Steele's company is continuing to work for both [redacted] b6 -3, 4, 5, per FBI  
[redacted] another attorney for [redacted] b7A -1, per FBI  
[redacted] However, OHR explained Steele is beginning to work b7C -3, 4, 5, per FBI  
[redacted] business and was preparing [redacted] to broker a business b7E -3, 4, per FBI  
relationship with the FBI. Steele advised OHR, 'You may see me re-emerge in a couple of weeks.'

(U) ~~SECRET//ORCON//NOFORN~~ OHR responded he had yet to ask Steele if he would like to be provided with an FBI contract.

(U) ~~SECRET//ORCON//NOFORN~~ OHR also advised [redacted] was doing fine, but were still a bit "freaked out." However, it seemed to Steele that things were coming down and he was pleased about a recent CNN article that stated J.B.

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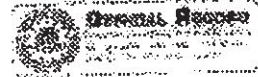
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the Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) was interviewed at FBI Headquarters, 935 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Special Agents and the nature of the interview, ORR provided the following information:

(U) ~~SECRET~~ ORR stated he had recently been contacted by Christopher Steele on three separate occasions via WhatsApp or FaceTime. On 12 March 2017, Steele told ORR he was concerned about receiving a letter from Senator Glassley asking Steele to disclose additional details regarding the dossier Steele compiled on Donald J. Trump. Steele also expressed concern about [redacted] b6 -4, per FBI  
[redacted] b7C -4, per FBI  
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(U) ~~SECRET~~ On 15 March 2017, Steele told ORR if asked, Steele would tell the investigating congressional committees what he could about the dossier, but Steele must protect the sources and methods used to collect the information.

(U) ~~SECRET~~ On 26 March 2017, Steele told ORR he expected a letter from the congressional committee investigation at any moment. Steele was aware that Glen Simpson has already received such a letter. Steele further told ORR that [redacted] an agency representing [redacted] b6 -3, 5, per FBI  
[redacted] was acting in an informant capacity with Senator Mark Warner, and was in contact with Steele. Steele noted since he resided in [redacted] b7C -3, 5, per FBI

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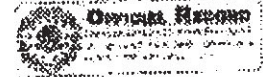
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Date of entry 05/10/2017

- (U) ~~SECRET~~ On 5/8/2017, SA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] interviewed BRUCE ORR, [redacted] (currently an Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) at FBI Washington Field Office, 501 4th Street, Washington, DC. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, ORR provided the following information:
  - (U) ~~SECRET~~ ORR and STEELE communicated via text message in WhatsApp and arranged a call for 5/3/2017 at 8:00 AM. STEELE told ORR that ORR's work was good.
  - (U) ~~SECRET~~ STEELE had been worried about Director Comey's upcoming testimony to congress, especially his response to questions that would be raised by Representative Grassley. STEELE was specifically concerned about anything Director Comey would say [redacted] STEELE was happy with Director Comey's response.
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  - (U) ~~SECRET~~ In a previous conversation, STEELE had expressed concern for the well-being of a source. STEELE described the current disposition of this source as "stable".
  - (U) ~~SECRET~~ STEELE informed ORR that the disclosure laws in the UK were more narrow than in the United States and therefore limited his ability to testify before Congress. STEELE cited specifically that he was restricted from [redacted]
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  - (U) ~~SECRET~~ [redacted] and had been on the staff of the [redacted] At the time of the interview, [redacted] was working with the [redacted]

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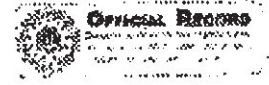


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Date of entry 05/12/2017

- (U) ~~SECRET~~ On 5/10/2017, SA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] interviewed BRUCE OHR, [redacted] Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) at FBI Washington Field Office, 601 4th Street, Washington, DC. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, OHR provided the following information:
- (U) ~~SECRET~~ STEELE sent OHR a text message in [redacted] some time around Tuesday and they set up a call [redacted] via WhatsApp [redacted] Wednesday, 2:00 PM EST.
- (U) ~~SECRET~~ Over the course of their telephone call, STEELE informed OHR that he had received a letter from the Senate Intelligence Committee (SIC). The letter requested answers to the following questions:
  1. Has STEELE provided information to the US Government?
  2. What was the scope of STEELE's investigation?
  3. Did STEELE have any additional information to provide?
- (U) ~~SECRET~~ STEELE mentioned that SIC was considering sending staffers to the UK.
- (U) ~~SECRET~~ SSA [redacted] requested that OHR ask STEELE if he would be willing to have a conversation with FBI agents in the UK. OHR agreed to pass along the message.

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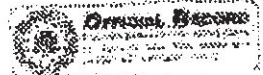
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 05/18/2017

- (U) ~~FOUO~~ On 5/15/2017, SA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] interviewed BRUCE ONR, [redacted] currently [redacted] Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) at FBI Washington Field Office, 601 5th Street, Washington, DC. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, ONR provided the following information:
- (U) ~~FOUO~~ CHRISTOPHER STEELE sent ONR a text message in [redacted] on or around Friday, 5/12/2017. The two set up a call [redacted] via WhatsApp for Saturday at 9:00 AM PST.
- (U) ~~FOUO~~ Per FBI's previous request, ONR asked STEELE if he would be willing to meet with FBI agents. STEELE responded that the answer was an immediate yes but that he would need to check with [redacted] b6 -3, per FBI  
[redacted] ONR was clear that this would be nothing more b7C -3, per FBI  
than a conversation with the FBI and STEELE said that would be alright.
- (U) ~~FOUO~~ STEELE informed ONR that he had information regarding a conversation between [redacted] b6 -1, 3, per FBI  
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- (U) ~~FOUO~~ STEELE contacted ONR [redacted] via WhatsApp at 9:45 AM on Monday, 5/15/2017. STEELE said that [redacted] were both ok with him talking to the FBI.
- (U) ~~FOUO~~ SSA [redacted] told ONR that he would communicate with headquarters regarding FBI agents meeting with STEELE and let him know when he received a response.

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H.R. Rep. No. 95-1283, pt. 1, at 41 (1978).

**B. ~~(S//NF)~~ The Russian Government's Coordinated Efforts to Influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.**

~~(S//NF)~~ In or about March 2016, George Papadopoulos<sup>3</sup> and Carter Page (the target of this application) were publicly identified by Candidate #1 as part of his/her foreign policy team. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The FBI believes that the Russian Government's efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential election were being coordinated with Page and perhaps other individuals associated with Candidate #1's campaign. [REDACTED]

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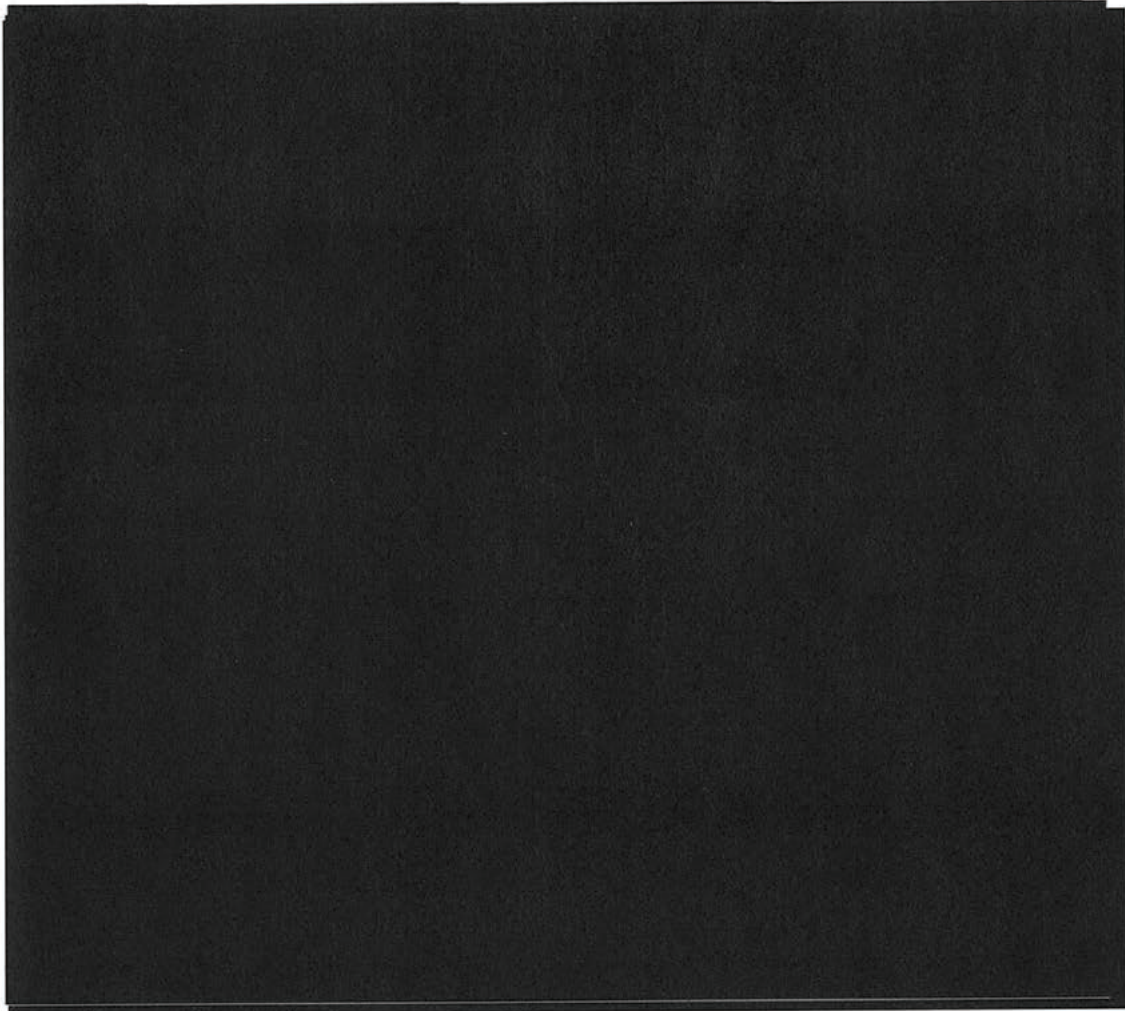
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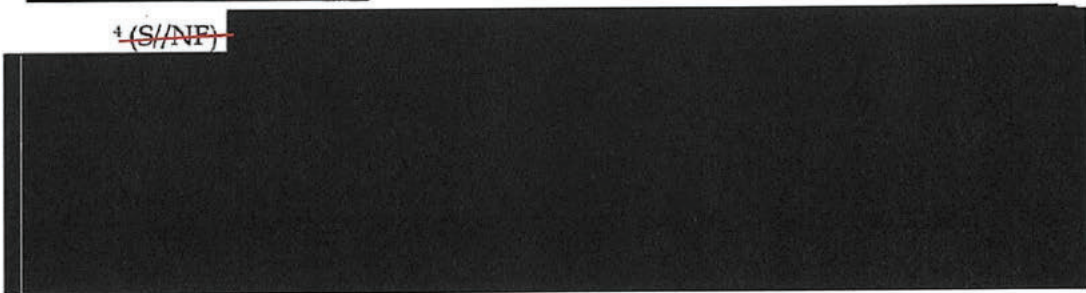


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~~(S//NF)~~ As discussed below, Page has established relationships with

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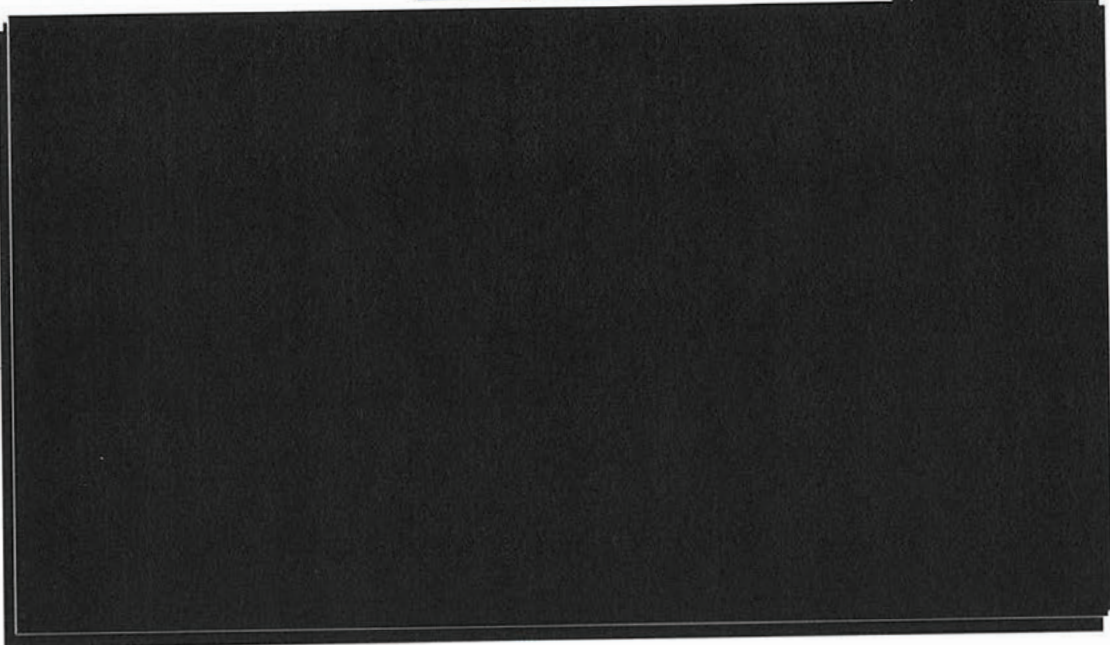
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Russian Government officials, including Russian intelligence officers



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III. ~~(S)~~ Carter Page.

A. ~~(S)~~ Page's Connections to Russia and the RIS.

~~(S//NF)~~ Page, a U.S. citizen, is the founder and managing partner of Global Energy Capital LLC (GEC), an investment management and advisory firm that focuses on the energy sector primarily in emerging markets.

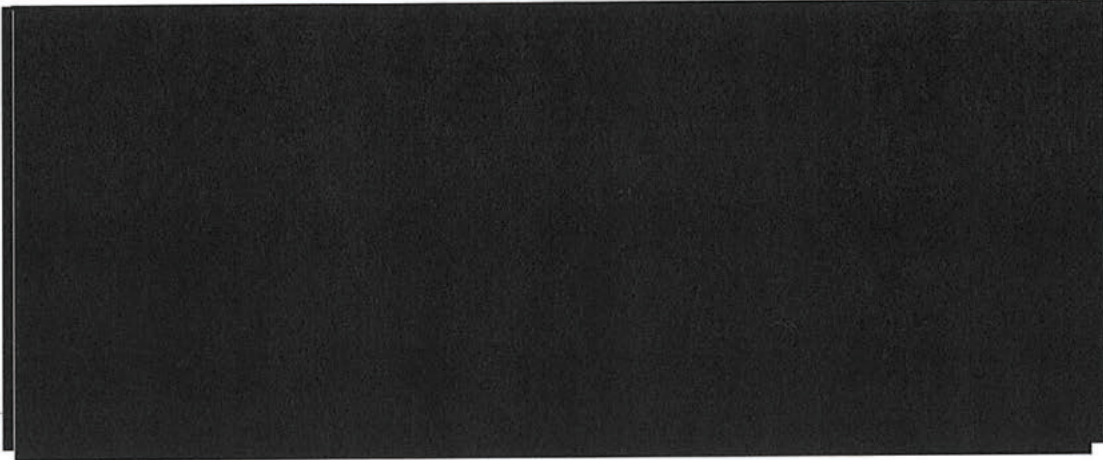


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**B. ~~(S//NF)~~ Page's Coordination with Russian Government Officials on 2016 U.S. Presidential Election Influence Activities.**

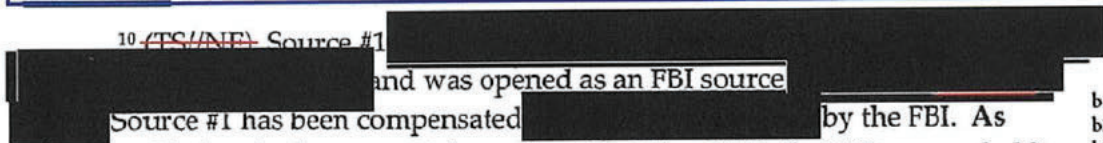
~~(S//NF)~~ According to open source information, in July 2016, Page traveled to Russia and delivered the commencement address at the New Economic School.<sup>9</sup> In addition to giving this address, the FBI learned that Page met with at least two Russian officials during this trip. First, according to information provided by an FBI confidential human source (Source #1), [redacted] reported that Page had a

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<sup>10</sup> ~~(TS//NF)~~ Source #1

[redacted] and was opened as an FBI source [redacted]. Source #1 has been compensated [redacted] by the FBI. As discussed below in footnote 22, in or about October 2016, the FBI suspended its relationship with Source #1 due to Source #1's unauthorized disclosure of information to the press. Subsequently, the FBI closed Source #1 as an FBI source. Nevertheless, the FBI assesses Source #1 to be reliable as previous reporting from Source #1 has been corroborated and used in criminal proceedings. Moreover, the

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**FBI notes that the incident that led the FBI to terminate its relationship with Source #1 occurred after Source #1 provided the reporting that is described herein.**

~~(TS//NF)~~ Source #1, who now owns a foreign business/financial intelligence firm, was approached by an identified U.S. person, who indicated to Source #1 that a U.S.-based law firm had hired the identified U.S. person to conduct research regarding Candidate #1's ties to Russia (the identified U.S. person and Source #1 have a long-standing business relationship). The identified U.S. person hired Source #1 to conduct this research. The identified U.S. person never advised Source #1 as to the motivation behind the research into Candidate #1's ties to Russia. The FBI speculates that the identified U.S. person was likely looking for information that could be used to discredit Candidate #1's campaign.

~~(TS//NF)~~ Source #1 tasked his sub-source(s) to collect the requisite information. After Source #1 received information from the sub-source(s) described herein, Source #1 provided the information to the identified U.S. person who had hired Source #1 and to the FBI.

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~~(TS//NF)~~ Notwithstanding Source #1's reason for conducting the research into Candidate #1's ties to Russia, based on Source #1's previous reporting history with the FBI, whereby Source #1 provided reliable information to the FBI, the FBI believes Source #1's reporting herein to be credible.

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secret meeting with Igor Sechin, who is the President of Rosneft [a Russian energy

company] and a close associate to Russian President Putin.<sup>12</sup> [redacted] reported

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<sup>12</sup>~~(S//NF)~~ In or about April 2014, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (USDOT) announced sanctions that would be taken against Russian Government officials and entities as a result of Russian efforts to destabilize Ukraine. Sechin was identified as an official of the Russian Government, and further identified as the President and Chairman of the Management Board for Rosneft, a position he continues to hold. The USDOT announcement also stated Sechin was formerly the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation from 2008 until 2012, and from 2004 until 2008, Sechin was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Russian President Putin. The USDOT sanctions announcement identified Sechin as someone who has "shown utter loyalty to Vladimir Putin – a key component to his current standing."

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that, during the meeting, Page and Sechin discussed future bilateral energy cooperation and the prospects for an associated move to lift Ukraine-related Western sanctions against Russia.

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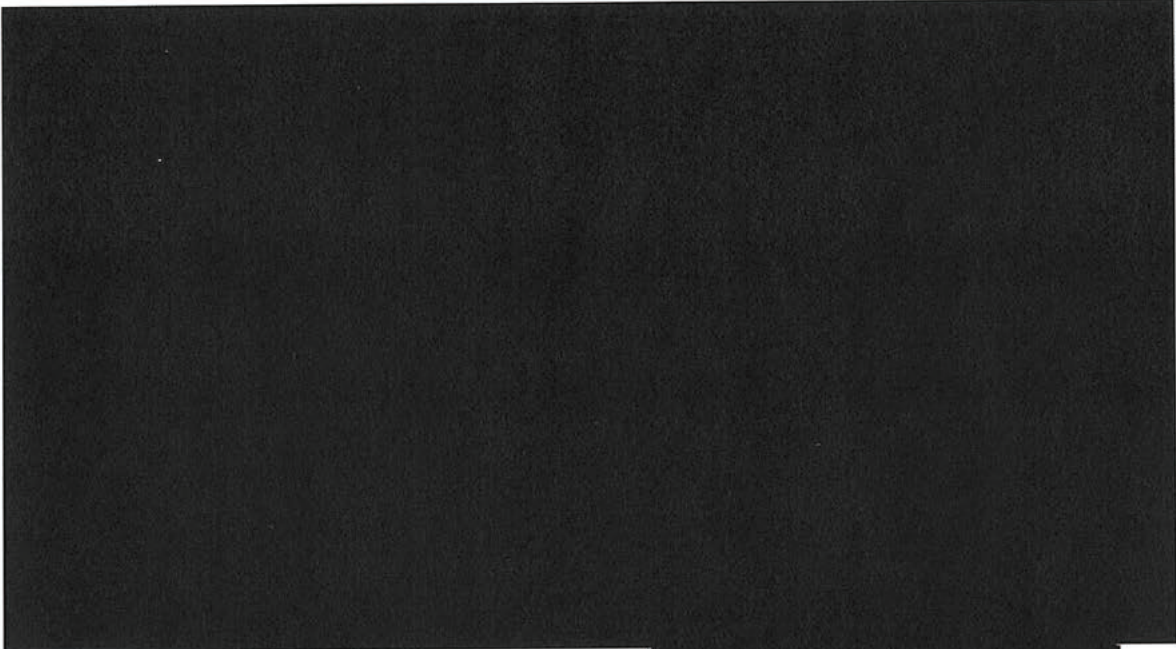
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~~(TS//NF)~~ [redacted] according to Source #1,



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[redacted] Divyekin [who is assessed to be Igor Nikolayevich Divyekin], [redacted]



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[Redacted] had met secretly with Page

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and that their agenda for the meeting included Divyekin raising a dossier or

"kompromat"<sup>15</sup> that the Kremlin possessed on Candidate #2 and the possibility of it

being released to Candidate #1's campaign.<sup>16</sup> [Redacted]

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<sup>15</sup> ~~(S)~~ Kompromat is a Russian term for compromising material about a politician or political figure, which is typically used to create negative publicity or blackmail

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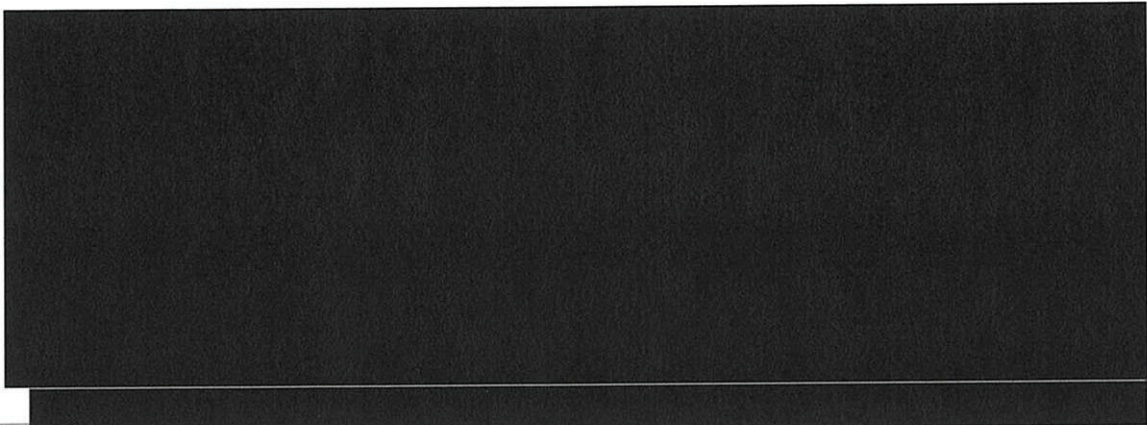
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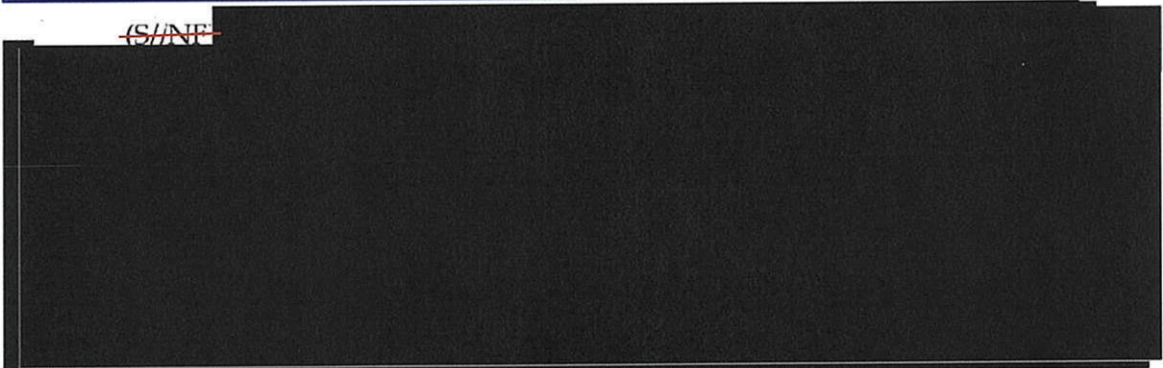
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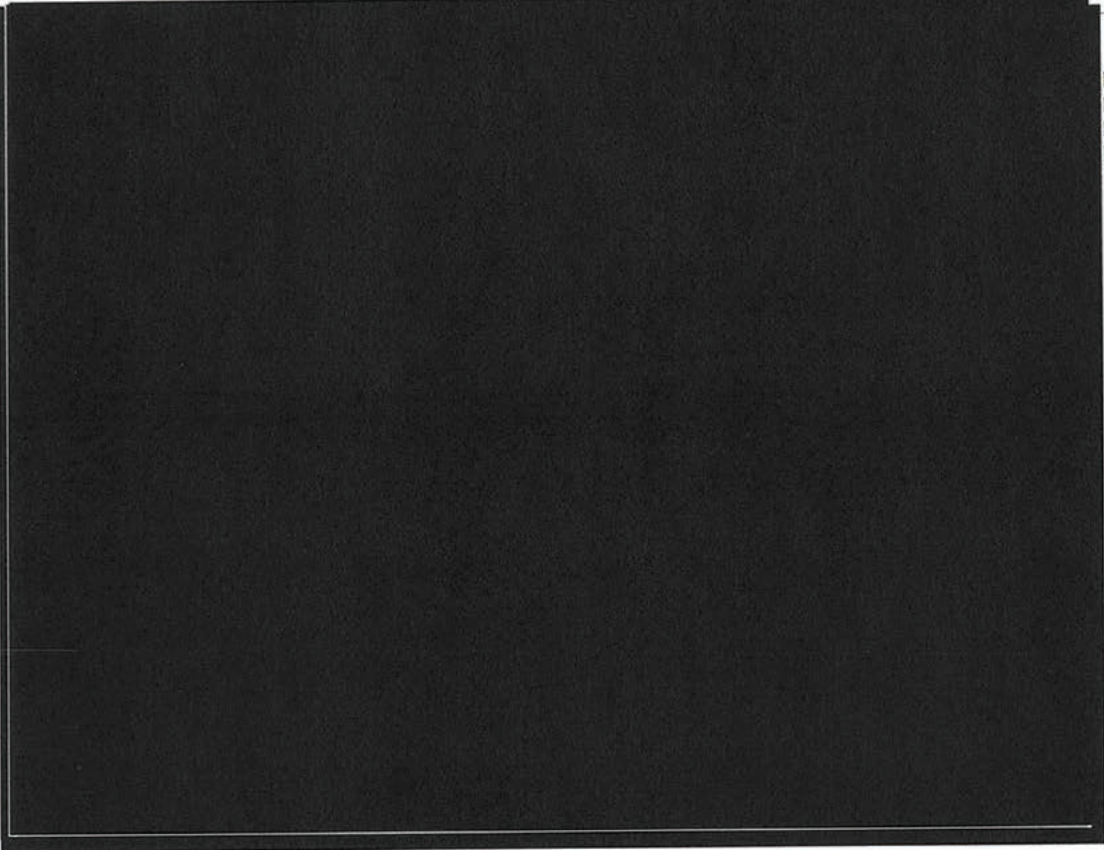
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a July 2016 article in an identified news organization reported that

Candidate #1's campaign worked behind the scenes to make sure Political Party #1's platform would not call for giving weapons to Ukraine to fight Russian and rebel forces, contradicting the view of almost all Political Party #1's foreign policy leaders in Washington. The article stated that Candidate #1's campaign sought "to make sure that [Political Party #1] would not pledge to give Ukraine the weapons it has been asking for from the United States." Further, an August 2016 article published by an identified news organization, which characterized Candidate #1 as sounding like a supporter of Ukraine's territorial integrity in September [2015], noted that Candidate #1 had recently adopted a "milder" tone regarding Russia's annexation of Crimea. The August 2016 article further reported that Candidate #1 said Candidate #1 might recognize Crimea as Russian territory and lift punitive U.S. sanctions against Russia. The article opined that while the reason for Candidate #1's shift was not clear, Candidate #1's more conciliatory words, which contradict Political Party #1's official platform, follow Candidate #1's recent association with several people

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sympathetic to Russian influence in Ukraine, including foreign policy advisor Carter

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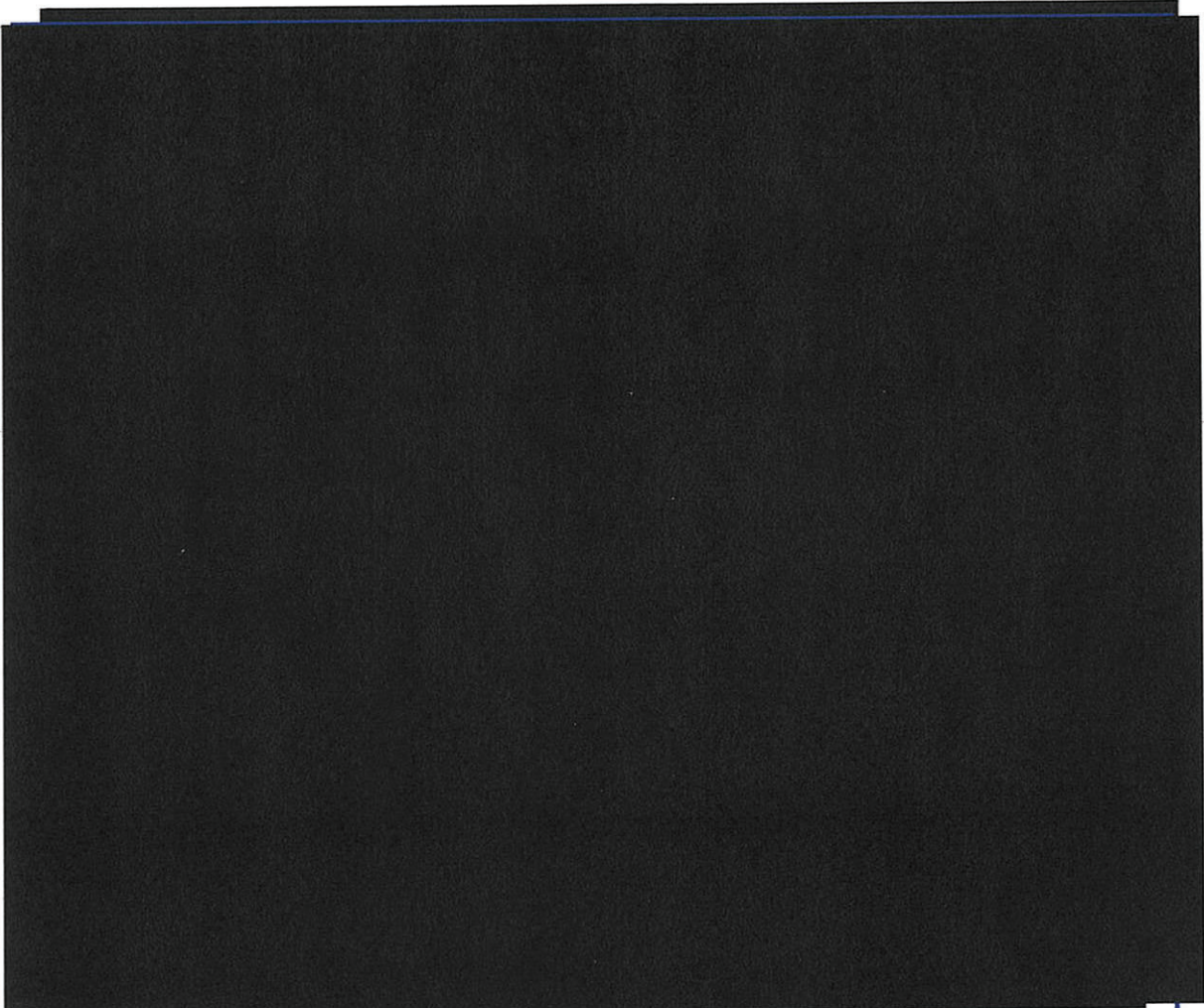
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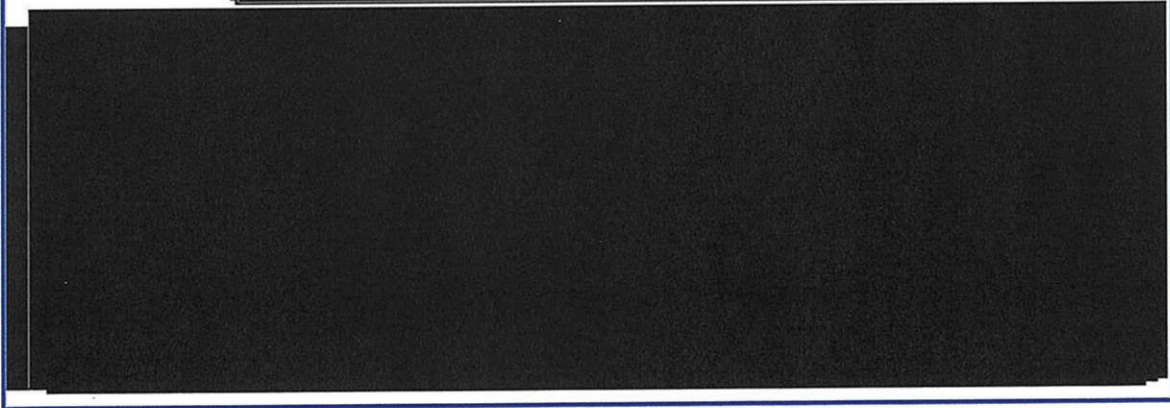
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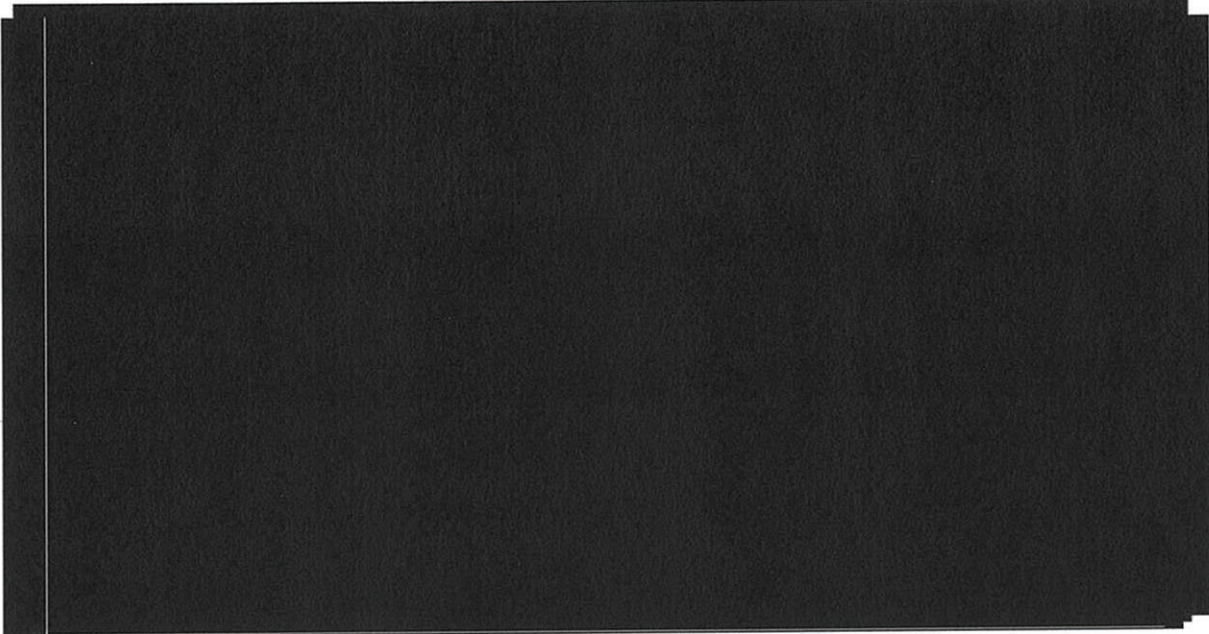
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IV. ~~(S//NF)~~ Page's Denial of Cooperation with the Russian Government to Influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.

~~(S//NF)~~ On or about September 23, 2016, an identified news organization published an article (September 23rd News Article), which was written by the news organization's Chief Investigative Correspondent, alleging that U.S. intelligence officials are investigating Page with respect to suspected efforts by the Russian Government to influence the U.S. Presidential election. According to the September 23rd News Article, U.S. officials received intelligence reports that when Page was in Moscow in July 2016 to deliver the above-noted commencement address at the New Economic School, he met with two senior Russian officials. The September 23rd News Article stated that a "well-placed Western intelligence source" told the news organization that Page met with Igor Sechin, a longtime Putin associate and former

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Russian deputy minister who is now the executive chairman of Rosneft. At their alleged meeting, Sechin raised the issue of the lifting of sanctions with Page. According to the September 23rd News Article, the Western intelligence source also reported that U.S. intelligence agencies received reports that Page met with another top Putin aide - Igor Divyekin, a former Russian security official who now serves as deputy chief for internal policy and is believed by U.S. officials to have responsibility for intelligence collected by Russian agencies about the U.S. election.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>22</sup> ~~(S)~~ As discussed above, Source #1 was hired by a business associate to conduct research into Candidate #1's ties to Russia. Source #1 provided the results of his research to the business associate, and the FBI assesses that the business associate likely provided this information to the law firm that hired the business associate in the first place. Source #1 told the FBI that he/she only provided this information to the business associate and the FBI.

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The FBI does not believe that Source #1 directly provided this information to the identified news organization that published the September 23rd News Article.

~~(TS//NF)~~ In or about late October 2016, however, after the FBI Director sent a letter to the U.S. Congress, which stated that the FBI had learned of new information that might be pertinent to an investigation that the FBI was conducting of Candidate #2, Source #1 told the FBI that he/she was frustrated with this action and believed it would likely influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential election. In response to Source #1's concerns, Source #1 independently, and against the prior admonishment from the FBI to speak only with the FBI on this matter, released the reporting discussed

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~~(S//NF)~~ According to the September 23rd News Article, certain members of Congress were "taken aback" after being briefed on the alleged meetings between Page and Russian officials and viewed the meetings as a possible back channel to the Russians that could undercut U.S. foreign policy. The September 23rd News Article also stated that, following the briefing, the Senate Minority Leader wrote to the FBI Director, and citing the reports of meetings between an advisor to Candidate #1 [the advisor was unnamed in the letter, but the article indicated that the advisor is Page] and "high ranking sanctioned individuals" [in context, likely a reference to Sechin] in Moscow over the summer as evidence of "significant and disturbing ties" between Candidate #1's campaign and the Kremlin that needed to be investigated by the FBI.

~~(S//NF)~~ Based on statements in the September 23rd News Article, as well as in other articles published by identified news organizations, Candidate #1's campaign repeatedly made public statements in an attempt to distance Candidate #1's campaign from Page. For example, the September 23rd News Article noted that Page's precise role in Candidate #1's campaign is unclear. According to the article, a spokesperson for Candidate #1's campaign called Page an "informal foreign

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herein to an identified news organization. Although the FBI continues to assess Source #1's reporting is reliable, as noted above, the FBI closed Source #1 as an active source.

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advisor" who "does not speak for [Candidate #1] or the campaign." In addition, another spokesperson for Candidate #1's campaign said that Page "has no role" and added "[w]e are not aware of any of his activities, past or present." However, the article stated that the campaign spokesperson did not respond when asked why Candidate #1 had previously described Page as an advisor. In addition, on or about September 25, 2016, an identified news organization published an article that was based primarily on an interview with Candidate #1's then campaign manager. During the interview, the campaign manager stated, "[Page is] not part of the campaign I'm running." The campaign manager added that Page has not been part of Candidate #1's national security or foreign policy briefings since he/she became campaign manager. In response to a question from the interviewer regarding reports that Page was meeting with Russian officials to essentially attempt to conduct diplomatic negotiations with the Russian Government, the campaign manager responded, "If [Page is] doing that, he's certainly not doing it with the permission or knowledge of the campaign . . ."

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~~(S//NF)~~ On or about September 25, 2016, Page sent a letter to the FBI Director.

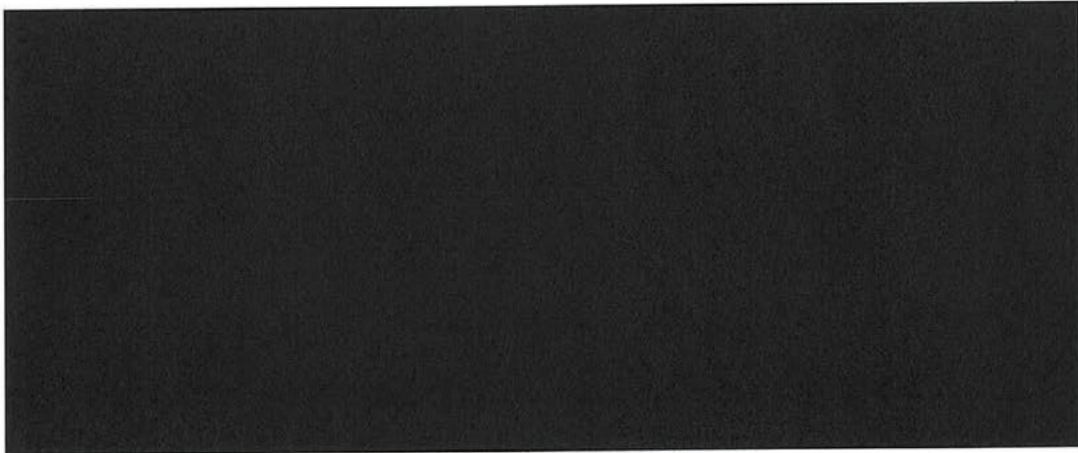
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In this letter, Page made reference to the accusations in the September 23rd News Article and denied them. Page stated that the source of the accusations was nothing more than completely false media reports and that he did not meet with any sanctioned official in Russia. Page also stated that he would be willing to discuss any "final" questions the FBI may have.<sup>23</sup>

~~(S//NF)~~ Additionally, on or about September 26, 2016, an identified news organization published an article that was based on an interview with Page (September 26th News Article). In the September 26th News Article, Page stated that all of the accusations were complete "garbage" and that he did not meet with Sechin or Divyekin. Page also stated that he was taking a leave of absence from his work with Candidate #1's campaign because the accusations were a "distraction."



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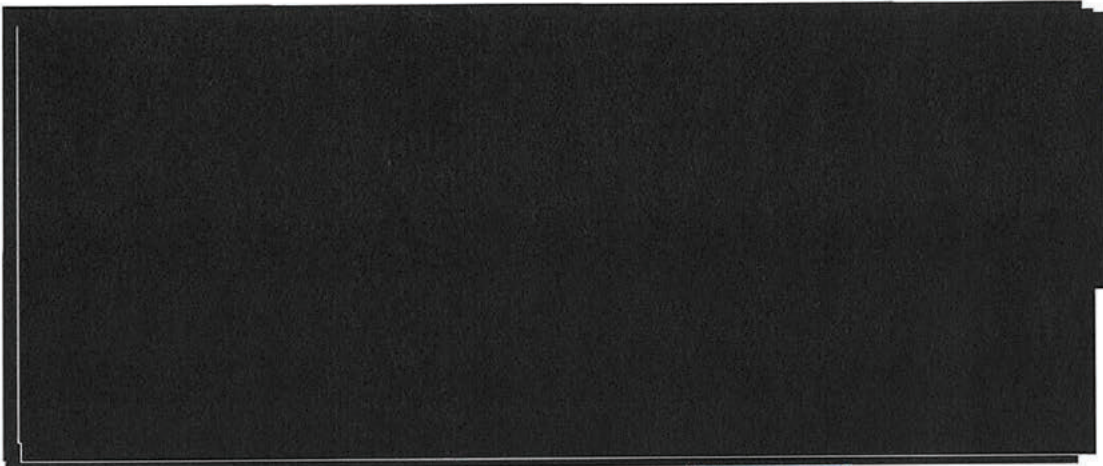
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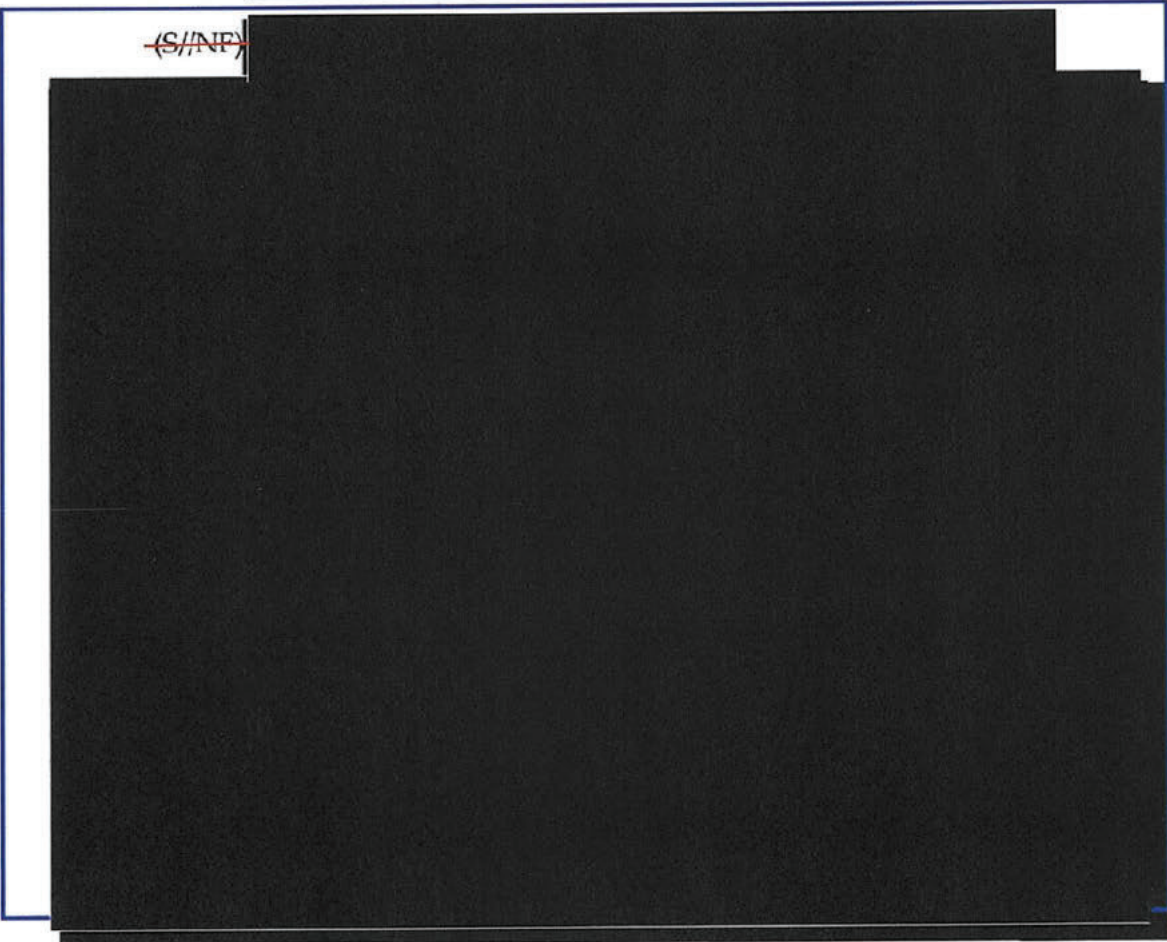
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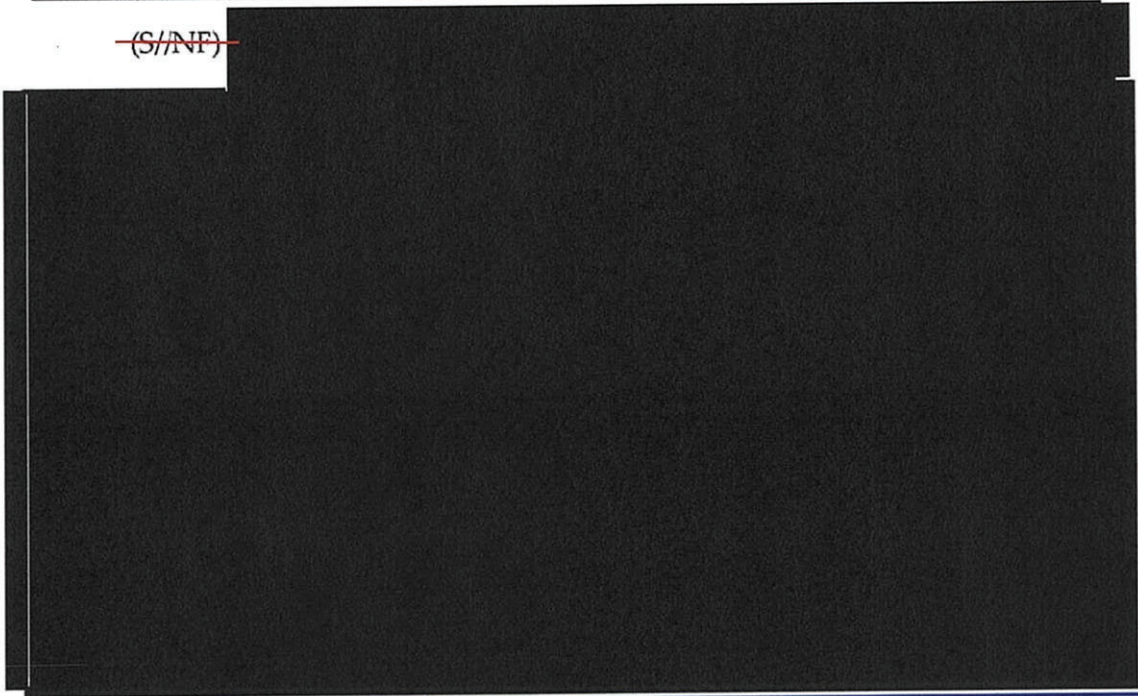
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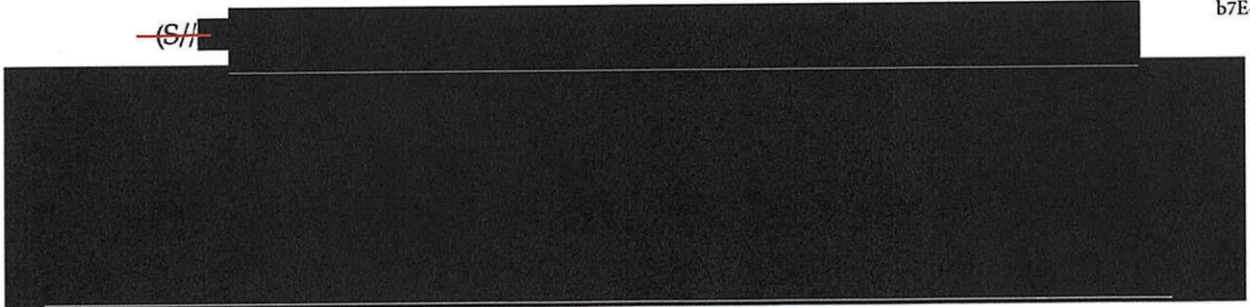


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