

From: MCEACHERN, GEORGE W. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Russian Influence / Federal Election Crimes --- UNCLASSIFIED
To: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: PFEIFFER, JEFFERY (WF) (FBI)
Sent: January 12, 2017 3:43 PM (UTC-05:00)
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Excellent – thanks Walter

Regards,

Ren

SSA George "Ren" McEachern

FCPA, Kleptocracy & Antitrust Matters

From: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:41 PM
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George and Jeff,

I'll be there at 1PM, Tuesday 1/17.

Thanks,
Walter

From: MCEACHERN, GEORGE W. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:40 PM
To: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: PFEIFFER, JEFFERY (WF) (FBI)
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Walter,

That would be great. Our office is located at an offsite, [REDACTED]. If you come to the lobby and call I can come down and let you up.

I have also added the case Agent Jeff Pfeiffer, to this email chain.

Regards,

Ren

SSA George "Ren" McEachern

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From: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:37 PM

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Ren,

I'm available to meet you next Tuesday afternoon if that works.

I'll be at EDVA for interviews next Wednesday or Thursday. Those interviews don't start until 930, so I could stop by in the morning if that worked better.

Thanks,
Walter

From: MCEACHERN, GEORGE W. (DO) (FBI)

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:29 PM

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Walter,

Thanks for reaching out. As you are aware these matters are highly sensitive for a number of reasons. I'm available for a meeting or lync when Joe is available.

I am available next week Tuesday through Thursday.

Regards,

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SSA Pientka and SSA McEachern,

I'd be very glad to work with your squads regarding these matters. Please let know when I could stop by to meet you and how I can assist.

Best regards,
Walter

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From: RHULE, JEFFREY T. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Russian Influence / Federal Election Crimes --- UNCLASSIFIED
To: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: January 31, 2017 10:19 AM (UTC-05:00)
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Walter,

Can you Lync real quick?

Thanks,
Jeff

SSA Jeffrey T. Rhule

Illicit Influence Activities Team
FBIHQ/Counterintelligence, [REDACTED]
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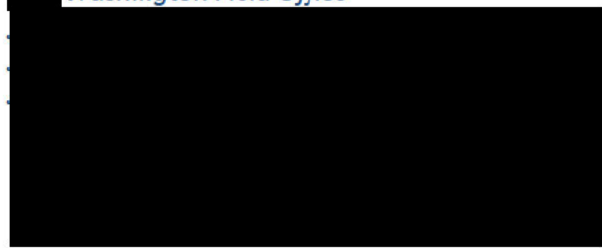
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To: RHULE, JEFFREY T. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: THIBAUT, TIMOTHY R. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: February 10, 2017 5:39 AM (UTC-05:00)
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Jeff,

I was just wondering how the progress of me joining the case was progressing. As we discussed on the phone, I think there could be a criminal angle that could be examined. I know you have a sensitive case and I assure you that I would not do anything to compromise it.

Best regards,
Walter

From: RHULE, JEFFREY T. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 10:19 AM
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From: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: RE: --- UNCLASSIFIED
To: MULARSKI, J. K. (PG) (FBI)
Sent: March 13, 2017 6:55 AM (UTC-04:00)
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Keith,

According to Tom Grasso, Chicago SA Allison Sands has the Alfa Bank case. I haven't spoken to her as yet but have contacted her. I'll see if she wants to receive this info, if not, I'll take it.

Thanks for all the help.

Walter

From: MULARSKI, J. K. (PG) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 12:35 PM
To: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]
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Hey dude,

I was just talking with [REDACTED] from PwC. He did the intrusion response for the Trump Server incident with Alpha bank that's been in the news. He was looking for an FBI contact to give his report to. Would that be you?

They've been able to determine that it wasn't nefarious and that there was a perfectly logical reason for the incident.

Let me know and I'll do an introduction.

From: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 4:23 PM
To: MULARSKI, J. K. (PG) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: --- UNCLASSIFIED

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Keith,

It was great talking to you this morning. I look forward to hopefully working with you on this.

Can you please let me know when I'm cleared to contact Tom Grasso?

Thanks,
Walter

From: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 1:53 PM
To: MULARSKI, J. K. (PG) (FBI) [REDACTED]
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Keith,

I understand you spoke to Matt Solomon this morning. As Matt mentioned, we worked together in Pittsburgh from 2012-2013.

I'm assigned to WFO's federal public corruption squad. We're in the process of opening a campaign finance violation case pertaining to the 2016 election. It would be great to discuss the sensitive case you're working via a lync call tomorrow morning. Let me know a good time and I'll be available.

Thanks,
Walter

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From: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: FEC Documents --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
To: MOON, VIVIEN W. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: April 5, 2017 3:31 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 201506299000000501.pdf, 201607299021962393.pdf,
201612089040500867_004799.pdf, Trump - candidate contributions.csv
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Subject: FW: FEC Documents --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
To: THIBAUT, TIMOTHY R. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: April 6, 2017 1:34 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 201506299000000501.pdf, 201607299021962393.pdf,
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Tim,

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Walter

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Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 3:31 PM
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: UNET to FBINET Uploaded Files
To: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: May 9, 2017 8:21 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: timeline.xlsx

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: UNET to FBINET Uploaded Files
To: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: June 15, 2017 8:47 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Scavino_FEC_Disbursements_2015-2016.csv

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From: SEEWALD, JEFFREY (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Nevins --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
To: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: June 22, 2017 4:20 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Stone_Timeline.docx
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TRANSITORY RECORD

Hi Walter,

Great chatting with you last week on Nevins – FYI attached is a draft timeline I did. Also got some content from the [REDACTED] on Nevins– Think HQ (Mary Gleason or Joe Nelson) may need to approve my forwarding it to you so def chat with them and let me know.

Thanks – Jeff

SA Jeffrey I. Seewald

FBI/WFO

Squad [REDACTED]
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From: GOUNAUD, KEVIN E. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Questions --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
To: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: THIBAUT, TIMOTHY R. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: February 16, 2017 4:51 PM (UTC-05:00)
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Walt,

I took your list and took out a few, broke down by topics, removed specific names and countries, and added a few questions. As written, I believe this is now unclassified. For your review.

- KG

These questions are designed to gather available information of possible violations of election crimes or other public corruption-related criminal violations (to include, Title 52 USC Section 30121):

Foreign Sources of Funds to Federal Campaigns / straw donors - general:

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Subject: RE: Initial investigative steps - 56D --- UNCLASSIFIED
To: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: March 29, 2017 10:48 AM (UTC-04:00)
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Would add this because this is not just a case, it gets political. Politics can easily quash anything you attempt. So, the key to this initiative is not just how to find evidence but the externalities that will result.

Coordination with PIN Election Crimes POC and AUSA
Coordinate info and proposed and on-going activities with all CI stakeholders
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Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:18 AM
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Tim,

If we receive positive answers to the questions we've posed to Counterintelligence, we would take the below initial steps to address potential violations of 52 USC § 30121 (a) Contributions and donations by foreign nationals:

-serve grand jury subpoenas to the campaign accounts located at (these accounts were identified via FEC filings):

- Chain Bridge Bank, McLean VA
- Bank of America

-examine returns from these subpoenas to determine origin of funds, likely following with additional subpoenas

-compare returns with filings made with the FEC to determine if there are any discrepancies, in particular if any foreign source of funds is identified. A review of the FEC filings has already been conducted and no foreign donations were reported. This is not surprising because foreign donations are prohibited in federal elections.

-examine financial disclosures filed with the FEC for discrepancies and false statements.

-continue to engage recently opened CHS

If this plan is acceptable, could you forward to SSA Geist?

Thanks,
Walter

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Cc: THIBAUT, TIMOTHY R. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: January 20, 2017 8:36 AM (UTC-05:00)
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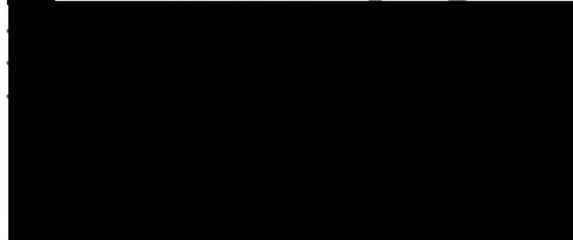
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Thanks Walter. I have +1 Jeff Rhule. In speaking to Jeff we think that there is a good business case for PC experienced agent to support this effort.

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Subject: FW: Public Corruption Relevant Questions --- UNCLASSIFIED
To: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI); GOUNAUD, KEVIN E. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: ARSENI, GIULIO J. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: February 21, 2017 9:48 AM (UTC-05:00)
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From: ORLANDO, MICHAEL J. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 7:42 AM
To: RHULE, JEFFREY T. (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: THIBAUT, TIMOTHY R. (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Public Corruption Relevant Questions --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Morning Jeff,

Jen mentioned she was interested in looping in someone from public corruption into CD's political influence efforts. I mentioned to you and her that Tim Thibault would be that person. Tim just happen to email me Friday about PCs interest in working jointly any cases that might have a possible public corruption-related violation. Tim sent the below questions to help determine if there are potential criminal violations. Please feel free to forward to Jen and let me know if you would like me to invite Tim to one of our Wednesday meetings.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow☺

Mike

From: THIBAUT, TIMOTHY R. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 11:05 AM
To: ORLANDO, MICHAEL J. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Public Corruption Relevant Questions --- UNCLASSIFIED

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Mike

These questions are designed to gather available information of possible violations of election crimes or other public corruption-related criminal violations (to include, Title 52 USC Section 30121):

Foreign Sources of Funds to Federal Campaigns / straw donors - general:

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Sent: March 13, 2017 6:55 AM (UTC-04:00)
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Keith,

According to Tom Grasso, Chicago SA Allison Sands has the Alfa Bank case. I haven't spoken to her as yet but have contacted her. I'll see if she wants to receive this info, if not, I'll take it.

Thanks for all the help.

Walter

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Subject: RE: document --- UNCLASSIFIED
To: GIARDINA, WALTER B. (WF) (FBI); MOON, VIVIEN W. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: MOYER, SALLY ANNE (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: April 6, 2017 1:47 PM (UTC-04:00)
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Hi Walter,

[REDACTED]

Kevin

Kevin E. Clinesmith
Assistant General Counsel
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Counterintelligence Law Unit I
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Vivien and Kevin,

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[REDACTED]

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Please let me know the logistical plans via unet if possible.

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