Dear Mr. Leopold:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find checked boxes under applicable statutes for the exemptions asserted to protect information exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the processed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely pursuant to applicable exemptions. An Explanation of Exemptions is enclosed to further explain justification for withheld information.

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503 pages were reviewed and 266 pages are being released.

Deletions were made by the Department of Justice/Office of Information Policy. To appeal those denials, please write directly to that agency.
Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request and the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

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

☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
☑ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

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

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

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

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

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

☑ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

Additional Information:

In response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIIPA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of Bates Stamped documents, FBI (19-cv-1278)-1 through FBI (19-cv-1278)-503. The enclosed documents represent the first interim release of information responsive to your request. To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.
As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum includes information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records on individuals. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records. For questions regarding Parts 1, 2, or 3, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under “Contact Us.” Previously mentioned appeal and dispute resolution services are also available at the web address.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

(i) 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.

(ii) National Security/Intelligence Records. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of national security and foreign intelligence records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and PA exemption (j)(2) as applicable to requests for records about individuals [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2); 50 U.S.C § 3024(i)(1)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that national security or foreign intelligence records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

(i) Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual’s name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.

(ii) Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

(i) Record Searches. The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching those systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A reasonable search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled and maintained by the FBI in the course of fulfilling law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization and encompasses the records of FBI Headquarters (FBHQ), FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide and includes Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records. For additional information about our record searches visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records.

(ii) FBI Records. Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.

(iii) Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets. The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history report or rap sheets. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

(iv) The National Name Check Program (NNCP). The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private citizens cannot request a name check.
EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b)(1) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;

(b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for criminal law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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

(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Richard Gates, was interviewed at 395 E Street SW, Washington, D.C. Present for the interview were SA ASAC Senior Assistant Special Counsel (SASC) Greg Andres, SASC Jeannie Rhee, SASC Andrew Weissmann, Assistant Special Counsel (ASC) Aaron Zelinsky, and IA After being advised of the official identities of the interviewing parties and the nature of the interview, Gates provided the following information:

Gates began the interview by advising were not happy with Gates's cooperation with the Special Counsel's investigation.
[Note: On 06/12/2016, Assange stated he had "upcoming leaks in relation to Hillary Clinton... We have emails pending publication."]

Gates said as of May 2016, he (Gates) was not aware of the source of the hack.
(U//FOUO) Richard Gates Interview 04/10

[Note: On or about 06/27/2016, DNC emails were posted by DCLeaks].
Campaign Response to Hacked Emails

Gates said there was also an inside job theory about how the emails were obtained fueled by the death of Seth Rich [Note: Seth Conrad Rich was an employee of the DNC who was fatally shot in Washington, D.C. on 07/10/2016]. Gates said he was never present at any talks suggesting the campaign push the inside job theory. The Trump campaign team also thought the Democrats were pushing the Russia narrative.

Gates said Donald Trump Jr. would ask where the emails were in family meetings. Michael Flynn, Kushner, Manafort, Lewandowski, Jeff Sessions, and Sam Clovis expressed interest in obtaining the emails as well. Gates said the priority focuses of the Trump campaign opposition research team were Clinton's emails and contributions to the Clinton Foundation. Flynn, Sessions, Kushner, and Trump Jr. were all focused on opposition topics.

Gates said interest in the emails was ratcheting up in the April/May 2016 timeframe because it was likely the emails could help Trump's campaign.

Trump Jr. never communicated anything about the 06/09/2016 meeting with Gates. After the news broke about the 06/09/2016 meeting, Manafort asked Gates if he (Gates) was there. [Note: The 06/09/2016 meeting is a reference to a meeting that took place at Trump Tower arranged on the
pretense that documents and information that would incriminate Hillary Clinton would be provided to the Trump campaign by a Russian government attorney later identified as Natalia Veselnitskaya]

Gates said Trump was interested in the emails but remained composed with a healthy skepticism.

Gates recalled communication with Reince Preibus and The RNC was energized by Assange's announcement on 06/12/2016. Gates indicated that based on a conversation with Manafort, Gates knew the RNC was going to run the Wikileaks issue to ground, they had more resources to commit to this effort. Trump and Kushner were initially skeptical about cooperating with the RNC, but the Wikileaks issue was a turning point.

Gates described the campaign response to the report as euphoric.

Gates said the RNC would put out press releases that would serve to amplify the Wikileaks releases. The RNC also indicated they knew the timing of the upcoming releases, Gates did not specify who at the RNC knew this information. Gates said the only non-public information the RNC had was related to the timing of the releases.

Gates recalled a time on the campaign aircraft when candidate Trump said, "get the emails." Flynn said he could use his intelligence sources to obtain the emails. Flynn was adamant the Russians did not carry out the hack. To support this theory Flynn advised, based on his experience, the United States Intelligence Community (USIC) was not capable of figuring it out. Gates opined that Flynn's assessment of the USIC derived from the negative way in which Flynn departed the USIC. Gates said Flynn had the most Russia contacts of anyone on the campaign and was in the best position to ask for the emails if they were out there.
Gates advised Trump Jr. and Manafort also had contacts with, "Russia types." Gates clarified by saying Manafort's connection with Russians was minimal aside from his relationship with Oleg Deripaska. Gates said Manafort primarily had contacts with Ukrainians. Gates recalled Manafort saying the hack was likely carried out by the Ukrainians, not the Russians, which parroted a narrative Kilimnik often supported. Kilimnik also opined the hack could have been perpetrated by Russian operatives in Ukraine.

Gates said based on prior business dealings, Kushner had the best China contacts. Manafort and Gates had discussions pertaining to Kushner's Chinese contacts. Gates said there were numerous foreign requests to meet Trump after the nomination was secured.

At some point, there was speculation the Mossad might have the emails. Gates said there was never any mention of the Saudis or the Emirates having the emails. Manafort was generally skeptical of any offers of information coming to the campaign's attention.

For example, Gates said there was a group of realtors from Kyrgyzstan claiming to have information that may be of use to the campaign. The information pertained to foreign contributions to the Clinton campaign.

Gates said he never heard about the emails or dirt from George Papadopoulos.

Gates said, during the campaign, Trump and Manafort talked to Sean Hannity in their offices often.
not pleased w RG cooperation

RG not aware in May 2016 source of bank

- Don Jr. would bring up in family meetings, where are the emails?
Flynn, Kushner, Dan Jr., PM, CL, SC, Sessions expressed interest in obtaining emails.

Sessions: Hopefully we can get the emails.

RG did not hear from GP information re: emails/dirt.

April/May, recruiting up of interest bc emails could help campaign.

Mid/Late May Sessions/ was walking the only effort to obtain emails.

Kyrystia realtors claiming to have information.

Based on business dealings, JK had better China contacts.

PM: RG had discussion pertaining to JK Chinese contacts.

Foreign requests to meet DOJ once nomination was secured.

Dan Jr had more contacts w/ Russian types, PM as well.

PM said it probably Ukrainians, not Russians.

- parroted KK's theory.

KK said it could be Russian operatives in Ukraine.
At some point, speculation Merril might have emails.

No mention Saudi or UAE might have emails.

Kyrgyzstan reportedly offered info re: foreign contributions to HRC.

PM was skeptical of offers of information.

PM's relationship w/ Russians other than Deripaska was minimal.

contract was primarily w/ Ukrainians.

KK told PM it wasn't the Russians, RG said PM didn't follow up.


Comm's w/ Roma Rubins.

RNC was energized by June 12 announcement.
RNC was going to run until issue is ground, had more resources
- effort to get emails/materials
- based on conversation w/ PM
  - DJT & JK skeptical of cooperating w/ RNC, turning point

Family meetings typically 45 mins - 1 hour

DJT was interested but composed, healthy skepticism
- PM presented as a first time RNC could help
- RNC put out press releases, amplified Wiki releases
- RNC speeded up RNC's timing of upcoming wiki releases
  - RG got info from PM
- only public info RNC has is timing of releases
  - Flynn says "here is what my intel sources are saying" re: emails
  - talking to candidates
  - why? Intel community just not that good
  - never a read out of what Flynn may have obtained

Inside job thing fueled by Seth Rich death and DWS efforts to minimize and cover up problems. Theory was DWS pushing Russia narrative
  - DJT, PM talking to Sean Hannity, in offices quite a bit
  - No talks RG was in that suggested pushing inside job theory
Foreign cash to CP brought up at June 9 meeting
- Emails & CF cash to facts of what camp could use

- Priority oppo items
  - Flynn, Sessions, Jr. Jr. Jr. all focused on oppo topics
  - Don Jr. never communicated anything about June 9 meeting

After news broke, PM asked PG if he was in June 9 meeting
Still need to talk to u--R.

On Jun 15, 2016, at 5:10 PM, [Redacted] wrote:

need Jared e-mail...R

Jared
On Jun 15, 2016, at 3:30 PM wrote:

I need contact info for

I need contact info for Jared

R.
Richard William Gates III was interviewed was interviewed at 395 E Street SW, Washington, D.C. Present for the interview were Senior Special Counsel Attorneys (SASC) Andrew Weissmann and Greg Andres, Assistant Special Counsel (ASC) Aaron Zelinsky, Special Agent __________ and Intelligence Analyst __________ Gates's attorney, Tom Green of Sidley Austin LLP, was also present. After being advised of the identity of the interviewers and the nature of the interview, Gates provided the following information:

Gates recalled being in a discussion involving __________ Hope Hicks (Hicks), and Manafort. The discussion pertained to the possibility of __________ No one on the Donald Trump (Trump) 2016 Presidential campaign (the campaign) team took action on __________

Gates said there were campaign personnel that thought __________ the missing Clinton server emails. The campaign was planning __________
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Press strategy, a communications campaign, and messaging based on the possibility the emails existed.

Gates recalled conversations being held within the campaign about what the campaign could plan for in the way of emails.

Manafort and Gates were focused on mitigating hit pieces against Manafort.

June 12, 2016 - July 22, 2016

Between 06/12/2016 - 07/22/2016 Manafort and Gates asked when the releases would happen. Trump was frustrated the releases weren't happening. Gates said...
Gates said there was a messaging strategy being built around the possible content of an upcoming release.

Gates indicated there was disagreement on where the information came from within the campaign. Gates does not recall Manafort asking Konstantin Kilimnik (Kilimnik) to reach out to his Russian contacts on the issue, nor did Manafort ask Gates to call Kilimnik.

Gates said there was also talk about how to clean up Manafort’s lawsuit with Oleg Deripaska (Deripaska) and clean up his image in the media. Gates said Jared Kushner (Kushner) supported Manafort and that Manafort would not have lasted without it.

**July 22, 2016**

Gates said the campaign was very happy about the release by WikiLeaks on 07/22/2016. Trump was advised not to react to the releases and let it play out. Gates indicated and Manafort expressing excitement there would be additional information coming, however, Gates later said he did not recall saying there would be more.

Gates said after the WikiLeaks release on 07/22/2016, there was a pivot to "how do we use the released information" Gates reiterated that he did not believe Gates initially said he did not have conversations with after 07/22/2016 about additional information becoming available, after the 07/22/2016 release.

**Late July - 08/19/2016**
Gates said the campaign was trying to work with the RNC opposition research team.

Gates said Trump's comment "Russia if you're listening" on 07/27/2016 was ad lib.

Gates and Manafort spoke about obtaining the missing emails and Gates understood Manafort Gates recalled staff meeting conversations about "someone out there has to have the missing emails."

August 2, 2016

Gates recalled that on or about 08/02/2016,
There was still a more general focus on Clinton's missing emails amongst the campaign team. Gates said no one used land lines because there were no walls. Everyone used cell phones.

September 2016

Gates said during September the upcoming information narrative. Gates's involvement with the campaign became limited during this timeframe and he began to work with the "digital folks."

October 4, 2016

October 7, 2016

Gates was not aware of conversations regarding the timing of WikiLeaks releases approximately 45 minutes after the Access Hollywood tape hit the media.

Rest of October 2016

Gates said the RNC was looking through the releases. The campaign would pull press releases together based on RNC research and media research. There was still a pursuit of the missing emails by the campaign.
Conversations, what can we plan for in way of emails

PM/RC focused on mitigating hit pieces on PM

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Camp trying to work w/ RNC appear res from

- Didn't focus on SuperPAC control, more camp control

- was aware of foreign control to HRC camp

July 22
- Campaign very happy about release
- DOJ is advised to not react to releases, let it play out

FM excitement

July 22
- PM when release
- RG when release

- DOJ was frustrated releases weren't happening
b6
b7A per DOJ/OIP
b7C

- Messaging strategy being built around press release/content

- Disagreement on where info came from on camp

- Does not recall PM asking KK to reach out to Russian contacts
- PM did not ask RG to call KK

- How to clean up low rank of Deripaska, clean up image in media
  - Position PM to work with pro-West group in Ukraine

- Financial damages
  - Bad PR; finances, relationship with Deripaska

- PM
  - Does not recall saying more would come out

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July 22

Pivot to 'how do we use released info'

RG doesn't believe

(post 7/22)

Comment by DJT on 7/27 was ad lib "Russia if you're listening"

No conversation post 7/22 about additional information available

(post 7/22)

VP spoke about obtaining missing emails. PM to talk about obtaining.

Staff meeting covers about 'someone out there has to have missing emails.'
Focus still on missing emails

RG said no one used landlines bc there were no walls.
- everyone used cell phones

upcoming info narrative

RG was limited in Sept, work becomes of digital files

RG not aware of convos re timing of release 4.5 mos after AH tape
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June 12, 2016 to July 22, 2016

[Agent Note: According to open sources, on 06/12/2016, Julian Assange (Assange) said during an interview on British television channel ITV that "we have upcoming leaks in relation to Hillary Clinton... we have emails pending publication, that is correct." Assange did not specify when or how many emails would be published.]

Trump was generally frustrated Clinton's missing emails had not been found.

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Manafort was having Gates periodically call [redacted] to check in on where the information was and when it would be coming.

Gates recalled a conversation with [redacted] prior to 07/22 [redacted] told Gates WikiLeaks would be dropping information [redacted] Gates said the Russia theory was in contradiction to the "inside job" theory that was floated later.

Gates said a messaging strategy was being built in the June/July 2016 timeframe surrounding the upcoming release of information. [redacted] was building this strategy with Manafort also involved. [redacted] Clinton's trustworthiness at this time was low.

Post July 22, 2016 WikiLeaks Releases

Gates said the campaign was very happy about the WikiLeaks Democratic National Committee (DNC) releases on 07/22/2016. [redacted] Manafort, [redacted] were happy from a communications team perspective because it offered a mode of deflection for the campaign after a sink in polling numbers following Trump's comments about Ted Cruz's
father at the end of the Republican National Convention (RNC) [Agent Note: The 2016 Republican National Convention took place in Cleveland, Ohio from 07/18/2016 - 07/21/2016].

Gates said that at the time of the 07/22/2016 WikiLeaks releases, there were public indications that Russia was behind them.
Gates said that after the Democratic National Convention in late July 2016 [Agent Note: The 2016 Democratic National Convention was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from 07/25/2016 - 07/28/2016] or in early August 2016, Trump and Gates were in a car transiting from Trump Tower to LaGuardia Airport (LGA).

Gates gathered that during this phone call there would be additional leaks coming. Gates thought this because shortly after boarding the plane Trump stated that more leaks were coming.

Manafort was getting pressure regarding information, Manafort instructed Gates status updates on upcoming information.
Gates said around this time Kellyanne Conway (Conway) and Stephen Bannon (Bannon) were appointed to the campaign and there were conversations behind the scenes about bringing people on to bolster Manafort.

Gates said there was a strategy to defend Manafort by attacking Podesta. The idea was that Podesta had baggage as well. Gates said it was unfortunate the information did not come out in time to defend Manafort from his ultimate departure from the campaign [Agent Note: On 08/19/2016, Manafort resigned from the campaign].

**October 4, 2016**

**October 7, 2016**

Gates said that on 10/07/2016 he was not in New York and was likely in Richmond, VA or Washington, D.C. Gates's primary contacts on the campaign at this time were [redacted] and Brad Parscale (Parscale).

Gates advised he wasn't given a heads up on the Access Hollywood tape (the tape), but subsequently talked to members of the campaign, specifically Parscale, about it. Gates recalled the Parscale conversation being retrospective occurring on or about 10/08/2016. Parscale had told Gates he was in the room when the tape was outed. Parscale described this as a difficult time. Gates said a reporter had reached out to [redacted] to give a heads up that the tape would be made public. Gates said there was a
very short period of time between the heads up and when the story broke.

Gates said there was no prior discussion about the tape before the heads up to the campaign.
Gates recalls discussions about content of the Podesta emails after their release. Gates said there were discussions about how many WikiLeaks would drop each day of the 30,000 they had.
** Gates was shown an email containing the subject line "Trump adviser: Wikileaks plotting email dump to derail Hillary" **

Gates did not recall receiving the aforementioned email.

** Gates was shown an email containing the subject line "Russia? Look who's really in bed with Moscow -- Podesta & Clinton Foundation money-laundering with Russia" **
18/7: Also not in NY, Remain in DC

Primary contacts: Bond, Thrace

No hands up at house, subsequently talked to campaign about it.

Talked to BP:

BP in room w/ DOJ with lawyer noted, difficult time

Report said received an email on hands up

Very small hands up before story broke

No prior discussion about topic

Talked to BP on 1/8 about topic
Strategy to defend PM, by attacking RSM.

KC & SB had been approved, serves 43-1d.

Scenario about limiting people on to: Blocker PM.

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b7A
b7B per DOJ/OIP
b7C
TRUMP ADVISER: WIKILEAKS PLOTTING EMAIL DUMP TO DERAIL HILLARY

Hillary Clinton (Photo: Twitter)

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He said the hackers who penetrated his personal bank accounts managed to establish an online portal through which they began stealing money before they were detected and stopped.
"Major portions of the hard drive on my computer system were destroyed, erasing maybe permanently decades of email contacts and various writing projects that were yet in progress," he said.

Stone told WND that while he has hired a team of computer experts to determine if his lost computer files can be recovered, he believes much of the damage is permanent, forcing him to move into a more highly secured computer environment.

In a speech Southwest Broward Republican Organization in Florida, published Aug. 9 by David Brock's left-wing website Media Matters (https://mediamatters.org/video/2016/08/09/roger-stone-confirms-hes-communication-julian-assange/212261), Stone said he had "communicated with Assange."

'I believe the next tranche of his documents pertain to the Clinton Foundation, but there is no telling what the October surprise may be," he said.

Stone told WND that Assange "plans to drop at various strategic points in the presidential campaigns Hillary Clinton emails involving the Clinton Foundation that have yet to surface publicly."

"Assange claims the emails contain enough damaging information to put Hillary Clinton in jail for selling State Department 'official acts' in exchange for contributions to the Clinton Foundation and as a reward for Clinton Foundation donors becoming clients of Teneo, the consulting firm established by Bill Clinton's White House 'body man' Doug Band," he said.

"The Democrats are right to fear Assange's next email drops will be devastating to Hillary."

Stone, in an Info Wars interview last Friday with Alex Jones (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQKHymgMfIo), first disclosed his computer and bank accounts had been hacked.

Clinton Foundation conflicts of interest

In May 2013, Politico broke the story (http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/huma-abedin-consultant-state-091503) that longtime Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin spent her final months at the State Department working as a "special government employee" in a part-time consultancy, beginning during her pregnancy in the summer of 2012, while she worked second job as a part-time consultant to Teneo.

The New York Post in September 2013 (https://nypost.com/2013/09/25/state-dept-sued-over-huma-abedin-pay-deal/) reported Abedin was being paid $355,000 as a consultant to Teneo while receiving $135,000 in government pay as a part-time consultant for Hillary Clinton.

The Washington Post revealed in an article published Aug. 27, 2015, (https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/how-huma-abedin-operated-at-the-center-of-the-clinton-universe/2015/08/27/cdd09ae8-4b32-11e5-902f-39e9219ea574_story.html) that Abedin actually held four different jobs simultaneously, being paid also by the Clinton Foundation, where she was a contractor preparing for Hillary Clinton's eventual transition from the State Department to the charity.

Last Thursday, CNN reported (https://www.cnn.com/2016/08/11/politics/hillary-clinton-cqi-cheryl-mills/) Mills, on June 19, 2012, while serving as chief of staff for Secretary of State Clinton, traveled to New York to interview candidates for top jobs in the Clinton Foundation.
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Last September, Citizens United published three Freedom of Information Act email releases that yielded dozens of Hillary Clinton emails that documented Mills and Abedin had been in regular contact with both the Clinton Foundation and with Doug Band via his email at his consulting firm, Teneo.

The decision by Citizens United to publish the emails in their entirety triggered a firestorm of criticism in the media. David Bossie, founder of Citizens United, said the emails show the "tangled web that is the State Department, Teneo, and the Clinton Foundation."

"The Clinton Foundation had a direct line to Hillary Clinton's former chief of staff at the State Department, seeking her advice on lucrative speaking invitations for former President Bill Clinton outside of the department's normal ethics process, according to emails that surfaced in a federal lawsuit," reporter Rachael Bade wrote in Politico on Sept. 30, 2015, in an article titled "Clinton's chief of staff gave advice to Clinton Foundation."

"Foundation officials sought guidance from Cheryl Mills, a longtime Clinton lawyer and friend, on whether the former president should accept paid speaking gigs in countries that could have presented public relations problems, including a North Korea appearance that the nonprofit said Hillary Clinton's brother was pushing, the emails show," Bade continued.

Noting that Mills sat on the Clinton Foundation board before becoming the State Department's No. 2 employee, Bade commented that "Mills' involvement with some of the most sensitive speaking requests shows that top foundation officials felt comfortable seeking advice directly from Hillary Clinton's closest adviser and consulted her privately on speaking requests involving hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Bade also reported that the attorney for Mills, Beth Wilkinson, a partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, argued that her client simply gave advice and did not officially approve the arrangements, insisting no State Department rules had been broken.

"A member of Hillary Clinton's staff at the Department of State emailed classified information about the government in Congo to a staffer at the Clinton Foundation in 2012," wrote Alana Goodman in a September 2015 Washington Free Beacon article commenting on one of the emails Citizens United published. (http://frebeacon.com/politics/clinton-aide-shared-classified-information-with-foundation-email-shows/)

Goodman reported Mills sent the email to the Clinton Foundation foreign policy director, Amitabh Desai, on July 12, 2012, commenting that the FOI-released email had been partially redacted because it included "foreign government information" that has been classified as "Confidential" by the State Department.
"The message could add to concerns from congressional and FBI investigators about whether former Secretary Clinton and her aides mishandled classified information while at the State Department," Goodman reported. "The email, which discussed the relationship between the governments in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, was originally drafted by Johnnie Carson, the State Department's assistant secretary for African affairs, who sent it to Mills' State Department email address."

Goodman further reported that Mills later forwarded the full message to Desai along with "talking points" for former President Bill Clinton shortly before he was scheduled to visit the region.

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NEW YORK – Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign manager, John Podesta, was on the executive board of a client of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, which is at the heart of the Panama Papers investigation into massive global offshore money-laundering.

The company for which Podesta served as a board member, Joule, also received $35 million from a Putin-connected Russian government fund at the same time then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton spearheaded the transfer of U.S. advanced technology,some with military uses, as part of her “reset” strategy with Russia, according to a report titled “From Russia With Money” released in August by the Government Accountability Institute. “Clinton Cash” author Peter Schweizer is president of GAI, and Steve Bannon, the CEO of the Trump campaign, is a director.

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The Russian entities that funneled money to Joule and its related companies, and ultimately to Podesta, include a controversial Russian investor with ties to the Russian government, Viktor Vekselberg, and his Renova Group, a Russian conglomerate with interests in oil, energy and telecommunication.

Vekselberg is a board member of Rusnano, the Russian State Investment Fund, as well as president of the Skolkovo Foundation, named for Russia’s version of Silicon Valley.
The Government Accountability Institute report noted Joule was a new company, founded in 2007, pioneering a technology based on harnessing solar energy. Podesta consulted for a foundation run by one of the investors in Joule Energy, Hansjoerg Wyss, who in turn was a major Clinton Foundation donor.

The report documented the Wyss Foundation has given from $1 million to $5 million to the Clinton Foundation. Podesta was paid $87,000 by the Wyss Foundation in 2013, according to federal tax records.

In his 2014 federal government disclosure filing, Podesta declared he divested stock options from Joule, but the disclosure does not cover the years 2011-2012.

Joule Global Stichting was established in Amsterdam on March 14, 2011.

Podesta joined the company’s executive board on June 25, 2011. Joule Stichting is a foundation, but it's not strictly a foundation in the charitable sense. A foundation of this type, a Dutch Stichting, is a popular means for reducing one's tax burden, as noted on the website of the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca.

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The Government Accountability Institute concluded that although Podesta is listed on the corporate records, he failed to disclose his membership on the board of Joule Stichting in his federal financial disclosure forms when he joined the Obama White House as a senior adviser.

Russian government invests

Two months after Podesta joined the board, the Russian government investment fund Rusnano, the Russian Corporation of Nanotechnologies, founded by Vladimir Putin in 2007, announced it would invest up to $35 million in Joule Unlimited.

On Aug. 1, Bannon and Schweizer co-authored a Breitbart.com article titled "Report: Hillary Clinton's Campaign Manager John Podesta Sat on Board of Company that Bagged $35 million from Putin-Connected Russian Government Fund," (http://www.breitbart.com/2016-presidential-race/2016/08/01/report-hillary-clintons-campaign-mgr-john-podesta-sat-board-company-bagged-35-million-rusnano-connected-russian-royal-fund-2/) "The GAI investigative report says it's unclear how much, if any, money Podesta made. The reason: Podesta was on the board of three Joule entities, but only listed two on his disclosure; the most important entity, Joule Stichting, he did not list," Bannon and Schweizer noted. "Why Podesta failed to reveal, as required by law on his federal financial disclosures, his membership on the board of this offshore company is presently unknown."

Bannon and Schweizer further reported flows of funds from Russia during the "reset" to Podesta-connected entities apparently didn't end with Joule Energy, as Podesta's far-left think tank, Center for American Progress, CAP, took in $5.25 million from the Sea Change Foundation between 2010 and 2013. The Sea Change Foundation, it turns out, lies into various entities specifically named and investigated in the Panama Papers, including Klein Ltd. and Treika Dialog Ltd.
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(U) On 09/18/2018 Special Agents (SA) Intelligence Analyst Assistant Special Counsel L. Rush Atkinson, Senior Assistant Special Counsel (SASC) Andrew Goldstein and SASC Jeannie Rhee interviewed MICHAEL DEAN COHEN (COHEN) at his attorney's offices at 655 3rd Ave, New York, NY. Present were COHEN's legal counsel, Guy Petrillo, Amy Lester, and Philip Pilmar. Additionally, Assistant United States Attorney and SA from SDNY and FBI NY attended. In the presence of his attorney, COHEN reviewed and executed two proffer agreements, one from the Special Counsel's Office, attached, and one from SDNY, which was retained by SDNY. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing SAs and the purpose of the interview, COHEN provided the following:

(U) The TRUMP ORG wanted to terminate any deals that had to do with
of the Presidential Inauguration.

(U) COHEN found TRUMP TOWER MOSCO on the list.

Investigation on 09/18/2018 at New York, New York, United States (In Person)

Date drafted 09/24/2018

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(U) The use of the TRUMP ORG's "party line" with respect to Russia went earlier than the closing of TRUMP TOWER BATUMI and TRUMP TOWER MOSCOW.

(U) COHEN spoke to TRUMP about TRUMP TOWER MOSCOW and Russia as soon as news reports started to come out. The conversations with TRUMP were earlier than the February 2017
(U) TRUMP asked COHEN in March or April 2016 if anything was happening with Russia.

(U) TRUMP's July [27], 2016 statement was untrue. In July, COHEN spoke to TRUMP about the statement. TRUMP told COHEN they have no deals in Russia.
COHEN thought TRUMP justified saying this because TRUMP TOWER MOSCOW was not a deal yet. TRUMP said, "Why mention it if it is not a deal?"

(U) MEGAN TWOHEY - New York Times

(U) COHEN met MEGAN TWOHEY, a new reporter at the New York Times, thinking it was a friendly meeting for the two to get to know each other and not a sit down interview. They met at COHEN recalled MEGAN TWOHEY COHEN told TWOHEY the project ended in January 2016 and was not feasible.
was part of the script TRUMP, HICKS, and KELLYANNE CONWAY (CONWAY) came up with months before. It was the party line to dismiss the notion.

COHEN previously talked about this script with TRUMP. COHEN did not tell TRUMP he thought the script was untrue because TRUMP already knew it was untrue.
The source for the August 2017 Washington Post article about TRUMP TOWER MOSCOW sounded like it came from COHEN. COHEN was holding to the script that it was abandoned in January 2016.

(U) It was not COHEN's idea to write a letter to congress about TRUMP TOWER MOSCOW. The statement was put out to piggyback off of JARED KUSHNER putting out a statement before. The release was to shape the narrative and to let other people who might be witnesses know what COHEN was saying to keep the same message. This was KUSHNER's approach to public messaging.
(U) COHEN learned the message to have the Russia investigations end early from discussions with TRUMP, SEKULOW, ______. The discussions occurred shortly after, in the days or weeks following, the appointment of the Special Counsel. It would have been May or June [2017]. The discussion was to not worry, the investigation would not last and would be over by August -- August became December and the House and Senate investigations had not
(U) COHEN had a second conversation with TRUMP in TRUMP's office very soon after Friday, July 22, 2016. TRUMP said to COHEN,
(U) In preparation for his Congressional testimony, COHEN's message had several components. COHEN had to keep TRUMP out of the messaging related to Russia and keep TRUMP out of the Russia conversation. One of these points to keep TRUMP out of was this UNGA TRUMP-Putin meeting, because he had discussed it on the HANNITY SHOW.

(U) In advance of testifying, there was a specific conversation about keeping TRUMP out of the UNGA narrative. COHEN was trying to be loyal. The investigation was not supposed to have taken us to where we are today. COHEN was told if he stayed on message, the President had his back, the President loves you.
It's stated in July - mean firm.
W. spoke to Put about Stalin and
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Mean if it is at all.

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b5 Per DOJ/OIP

AD1- Wapoet says Anaduca by Jan
-some sociol life would come for me

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Script - Anaduca Jan 2016

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All - Yes or No

Jane to write letter to Congress about

MC - No


JSR - Even if modeling - your idea?

MC - Not, not his idea -

MC - Stage narrative, let other figure

Gary might be witness to let them

Know what he was saying - deep

Narrative stage message.
August 6, 2018

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Re: Michael D. Cohen

Dear Counsel:

You have indicated that your client Michael D. Cohen (hereinafter “Client”), is interested in providing information to the government.

With respect to the meeting between the government, Client and yourself on August 7, 2018 (hereinafter “the meeting”), the government will be represented by individuals from the Special Counsel’s Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The terms of this letter do not bind any office or component of the U.S. Department of Justice other than those identified in the preceding sentence. The following terms and conditions apply to the meeting:

1. THIS IS NOT A COOPERATION AGREEMENT. Client has agreed to provide information to the government, and to respond to questions truthfully and completely. By receiving Client’s proffer, the government does not agree to make any motion on Client’s behalf or to enter into a cooperation agreement, plea agreement, immunity agreement or non-prosecution agreement with Client. The government makes no representation about the likelihood that any such agreement will be reached in connection with this meeting.

2. Should Client be prosecuted, no statements made by Client during the meeting will be used against Client in the government’s case-in-chief at trial or for purposes of sentencing, except as provided below.

3. The government may use any statement made or information provided by Client, or on Client’s behalf, in a prosecution for false statements, perjury, or obstruction of justice, premised on statements or actions during the meeting. The government may also use any such statement or information at sentencing in support of an argument that Client failed to provide truthful or complete information during the meeting, and, accordingly: (a) that under the United States Sentencing Guidelines, Client is not entitled to a downward adjustment for acceptance of
responsibility pursuant to Section 3E1.1, or should receive an upward adjustment for obstruction of justice pursuant to Section 3C1.1; and (b) that Client's conduct at the meeting is a relevant factor under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

(4) The government may make derivative use of any statements made or other information provided by Client during the meeting. Therefore, the government may pursue any investigative leads obtained directly or indirectly from such statements and information and may use the evidence or information subsequently obtained therefrom against Client in any manner and in any proceeding.

(5) In any proceeding, including sentencing, the government may use Client's statements and any information provided by Client during or in connection with the meeting to cross-examine Client, to rebut any evidence or arguments offered on Client's behalf, or to address any issues or questions raised by a court on its own initiative.

(6) Neither this agreement nor the meeting constitutes a plea discussion or an attempt to initiate plea discussions. In the event this agreement or the meeting is later construed to constitute a plea discussion or an attempt to initiate plea discussions, Client knowingly and voluntarily waives any right Client might have under Fed. R. Evid. 410, Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(f), or otherwise, to prohibit the use against Client of statements made or information provided during the meeting.

(7) The government reserves the right to argue that neither this agreement nor the meeting constitutes the timely provision of complete information to the government concerning Client's involvement in an offense, within the meaning of Section 3E1.1(b) of the Sentencing Guidelines.

(8) If and when required to do so by a court, the government may disclose to the Probation Office or the court any statements and information provided by Client during the meeting.

(9) The government may disclose the fact of the meeting or the information provided by Client during the meeting to the extent the government determines in its sole discretion that disclosure would be in furtherance of its discharge of its duties and responsibilities or is otherwise required by law. Such disclosure includes disclosure to a local, state, federal, or foreign government office or agency, including but not limited to another prosecutor's office, if the recipient of the information agrees to abide by the relevant terms of this agreement.

(10) The terms and conditions set forth in this agreement extend, if applicable, to the continuation of the meeting on the dates that appear below.

(11) It is understood that this agreement is limited to the statements made by Client at the meeting and does not apply to any oral, written or recorded statements made by Client at any other time.

(12) This document embodies the entirety of the agreement between the government and Client to provide information and evidence. No other promises, agreements or understandings exist between Client and the government regarding Client's provision of information or evidence.
(13) Client and Client's attorney acknowledge that they have read, fully discussed and understand every paragraph and clause in this document and the consequences thereof.

Dated: August 7, 2018

At: Washington, DC

By: L. Rush Atkinson
Assistant Special Counsel
The Special Counsel's Office

Michael D. Cohen
Guy Petrillo
Attorney for Client

Dates of Continuation
9/12/2018
9/18/2018

Initials of counsel, Client and government attorney
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Stephen K. Bannon was interviewed at the Special Counsel's Office, located at Patriots Plaza I, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC. Bannon was accompanied by his attorneys ______ Present for the interview were Special Agent (SA) ______ Intelligence Analyst ______

Senior Counselor to the Special Counsel James L. Quarles, Counselor to the Special Counsel Michael Dreeben, Senior Assistant Special Counsel Andrew Goldstein, Assistant Special Counsel Aaron Zelinsky, and Assistant Special Counsel Elizabeth Prelogar. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, Bannon provided the following information:

Investigation on 02/14/2018 at Washington, District Of Columbia, United States (In Person)

File # ______________________ Date drafted 02/14/2018

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After Sessions recused, Trump screamed at McGahn about how weak Sessions was. Trump was as mad as Bannon had ever seen him.

Bannon told Trump Sessions’ recusal was not a surprise. He said they had talked about it back in December.

Trump wanted a lawyer like Roy Cohn. He wanted an Attorney General like Bobby Kennedy. He thought of them as people who really protected their President. Trump thought Holder always stood up for Obama and said Holder even took a contempt charge for Obama and that Bobby Kennedy always had JFK’s back.
Trump thought he was a winner, that he was a fixer, someone who got things done.
about conflicts with the Special Counsel from Trump. Trump told him there were issues involving Mueller and Trump's golf course in Northern Virginia, because Mueller had been an equity member at the club but moved and wanted to be cashed out. Mueller was former law partners with [REDACTED] and Mueller was the first person they talked to about serving as the FBI Director. Bannon thought those issues were raised soon after Mueller was named Special Counsel.
June 2016 Trump Tower Meeting

Bannon had no knowledge of the June 2016 Trump Tower meeting at the time it happened. It was before his time on the campaign. He thought he heard about it from Mark Corallo on a Saturday morning when Trump was en route back to the United States from an overseas trip, or possibly even a day or two before. He heard about it in relation to a media story. Bannon added that before Trump left on the trip, Corallo was in good standing with Trump and Bannon had considered making him Communications Director.

Bannon heard there was an email from Corallo, who mentioned in passing "the lawyers" had an email, or possibly that Marc Kasowitz had gotten an
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email from a server. Bannon did not go to the G-20 with Trump. He stayed back to work on the outside law firm. He eventually learned not just their lawyers had the email but instead “everyone” had it.
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Bannon knew Kushner was on vacation off the coast of Croatia with a Russian billionaire when Bannon took over the campaign. Kushner was with Wendy Deng, the Russian billionaire, and the Russian’s girlfriend. Bannon said his friends in the intelligence community said the girlfriend was “questionable.” Bannon called Kushner and told him to come back from vacation. They had 85 days to go, no money and they needed Kushner to come back and fire Paul Manafort.
Bannon first met Trump in August of 2010. Their first meeting was approximately 2 hours long. David Bossie was present and said that Trump was thinking of running for president in 2012. Bannon said "for what country?" It was a 2 hour presentation on a possible presidential run in
2012. After that, Trump went on Bannon’s radio show and did some things for Breitbart. Bannon had spent approximately 30 minutes combined with Trump outside of Bannon’s radio show approximately 3-4 times.

In 2015 Bannon got to know some of the “outsiders” in the 2016 presidential race, and at that time he got to know [redacted] and began to talk with him quite a bit. Bannon never spoke to [redacted] one on one, just over the phone. At one point Bannon had spoken to [redacted] for approximately 5 minutes, close to June 2016, on a topic related to immigration or something similar. Bannon eventually became more in touch with the presidential campaigns of Ted Cruz, Ben Carson, and Trump. Bannon did have some conversations over the phone with Corey Lewindowski. Bannon’s news organization was anti-establishment, so they interacted with that brand of candidate.

When the presidential primaries ended, Bannon had the same type of relationship with Trump. Bannon and Trump rarely spoke besides setting up an interview or Trump coming onto Bannon’s show. Bannon was interacting with populist, anti-establishment camps such as Cruz.

Bannon had read a NYTimes article describing the Trump campaign being in disarray, so he started to make a few phone calls. At the time, Trump was 12-16 points down, there was talk of the Republican National Committee (RNC) cutting Trump loose, and the Republicans were talking about distancing themselves from Trump for fear of losing control of the House of Representatives. Bannon called [redacted] and there was worries that if Bannon became involved in the Trump campaign, Breitbart could be blamed if Trump lost. Bannon had previously talked to [redacted] back in June 2016 in an effort for them to make peace with Trump. The [redacted] had a Super PAC that was anti-Hillary Clinton and the [redacted] asked how they could help. Bannon wanted to bring KellyAnne Conway and David Bossie in to help as well. Bannon flew out to Woody Johnson’s house and talked to Trump that night when he arrived. Bannon told Trump he would take the position as Campaign Chief Executive.

At the time Trump was 16 points down, the campaign had no organization, no money, 75% of the population thought the country was in decline, they were working with the “deplorables,” and Bannon had a 100% certitude that they would win. Bannon believed the big task was to give people permission to vote for Trump as commander in chief.

The next day Bannon met with Manafort, which was the same time that the news about the “Black Ledger” was breaking. Bannon was at campaign headquarters when Manafort told Bannon to come up to Trump Tower. When Bannon arrived, Manafort showed him something about a NY Times story about the “Black Ledger” and $15 million dollars from the Ukraine. Bannon asked
when this story was coming out. Manafort replied that he had known about the story coming out for approximately 2 months and had not gotten involved in it. Bannon subsequently told Trump to keep Manafort, to not fire him, and to keep him around for a couple of weeks. Bannon called Kushner, and asked him to get back in order to do something publicity wise to counteract the negative press surrounding the story. Trump had asked Bannon at one time about “what was this thing with Manafort out of the Ukraine,” and they talked for approximately 15 minutes on it. Trump was never linked with other Russian news stories at the time, and he believed Manafort was a promoter. Trump was more worried about how they story made them look. Bannon believed that Trump talked with Manafort about the story.

Bannon was involved in all aspects of Trump’s debate preparation. Bannon helped Trump talk and think through various topics related to national security and foreign policy. The idea of working with Russia to fight ISIS was “thrown out there”. Flynn or Keith Kellogg might have come up with the idea, with the reasoning that since Russia was dealing with similar problems in Chechnya, they might be an ally to help. Bannon never specifically remembered hearing the phrase “knock the hell out of ISIS,” but that could have become a catch phrase. Overall, Trump had a non-interventionist stance. During the campaign they were mainly trying to play defense, it was a very basic strategy, and they were trying to get Trump to not say something “insane.” Flynn might have brought up the idea of partnering with Russia on fighting ISIS, but not on a geo-strategic level. Trump’s stance was more or less that Russia did not have to be an enemy.
Bannon first met Erik Prince 8 to 9 years ago. Bannon made a film about Fallujah and he asked Prince to be involved. Bannon wanted to show the film to Prince for accuracy. The next time Bannon spoke to Prince was when he came out with a book, “Warrior something.” It was approximately 2014-2015 and Prince had started coming onto Bannon’s show.

Bannon and Prince would talk about Islamic radical terrorism. Prince knew the Middle East, Asia, and sub-Sahara Africa. Prince was a former Navy SEAL, contractor for the government, and ran his own mercenary company. Bannon described Prince as a "smart guy." Bannon never really had a foreign policy talk with Prince for the Trump Campaign, but Prince was not shy about sharing his ideas.

Bannon was shown Document #1, email dated 9/8/2015 from Prince to Bannon, subject “Talking Points, second attempt”. Bannon stated that he did not remember passing it along, but it sounded like something he would do. Bannon was in daily contact with [ ] until he was let go in August. After that, Bannon would contact Lewandowski nearly every day. Bannon did not remember discussing the memorandum attached to the email, but said he would have sent something forward like it.

Bannon reviewed a document Bates stamped SB-00018818. Bannon stated he did not remember the email, but it would be something he could have done. Bannon could not remember if Prince briefed the candidate, but Bannon did put Prince in contact with Flynn.

Bannon was not in regular contact with Prince. Bannon spoke with Prince a couple times a month by phone. Prior to Bannon joining the campaign, he spoke with Prince infrequently. Bannon estimated it to be once a week to once every couple of weeks. Bannon and Prince would generally talk about international affairs.

Bannon was shown Document #3, email dated 12/12/2015 from [ ] to Bannon with [ ] cc’d, subject “Re: Breitbart News.” Bannon stated that [ ] was Breitbart’s [ ] to [ ] in order for [ ] to be a source for the article referenced in the email about data collection.

Bannon was shown Document #4, email dated 1/14/2016 from Bannon to Prince, subject [ ] Bannon explained that Prince said he knew people from his new company. Bannon knew a quality guy from [ ] and he [ ] Bannon thought that if Bannon could connect him to some security guys, this guy might be of help. Prince
had connections in the intelligence community that might be looking for his talents. Bannon did not think that Prince followed up on it.

Bannon was shown Document #5, email dated 3/17/2016 from Prince to Bannon, subject "Re." From this email, Bannon did not remember if Prince actually came on his show. Prince was "on the right" and was a highly thought of guy.

Bannon was shown Document #6, email dated 5/23/2016 from Prince to Bannon, cc’d, subject “Fwd: Recommended meeting.” Bannon did not remember the email exchange. Bannon doesn’t remember meeting with Oleg. Prince viewed Bannon as someone with a good relationship with Trump.

Bannon was shown Document #7, email dated 10/18/2016 from Prince to Bannon, subject “Russia/US election.” Bannon did not remember this email or whether he prepared a speech as referenced in the email. Bannon stated that Prince was not short on ideas. Bannon though the email was more in reference to Clinton than the Russian influence issue. Bannon thought the email might be on changing the narrative to Clinton as an alternative to the stories in the news about Russian election influence. Bannon did not remember talking to Prince about the email or about talking to Prince about Russian influence.

Bannon described the 14th floor as "loopy goopy" and Prince might have come through from August to the Election Day, but he was not certain. Prince would often have ideas on how he could help them with the debates. Bannon did not specifically remember how many times he met with Prince at Trump Tower during the campaign, but estimated it to be a couple of times. A couple of times Prince would email his ideas to Bannon. Bannon might have asked for Prince’s ideas on a certain issues. Prince knew Conway, Bossie, ___________Bannon did not know if Prince provided advice for any of them. Prince was a known entity in the campaign and might have walked around and met people and have come through the 14th floor. Once someone was on the 14th floor they could walk around freely. Prince could contact _______ or someone in security in order to gain access.

Bannon was shown Document #8, email dated 11/16/2016 from Prince to Bannon, subject “Fwd: Bannon.” Bannon didn’t remember this email. Bannon did not know whether Prince was in touch with Mark Corallo. Prince had just offered his help.

After the election, during the transition timeframe, Bannon continued to interact with Prince. Prince had come by to speak with Flynn and Bossie approximately 3 to 4 times. Prince came to New York approximately 5 to 6
times to speak to people other than Bannon such as Flynn, K.T. Mcfarland, Bossie, Kellogg, Conway, Sebastian Gorka and Bannon remembered walking by and seeing Prince in the “war room” with Prince would tell Bannon who he was seeing. Prince would not officially schedule meetings with them. Flynn, Kellogg, Bossie, and Conway had known Prince before then. Prince would come in and sit down and talk about foreign policy. Prince would suggest people they should be getting on board and people to include in the administration. Bannon would bounce ideas off of Prince and talk about such people as Mike Pompeo. The things Prince said were not too crazy and people respected him. Prince had other contacts within the intelligence community. Bannon, Flynn, Bossie and Kellogg had spoken of Prince. Bannon and Flynn had talked with each other about Prince saying he was a good guy.

Prince came by to see Bannon approximately 3 to 6 times. Prince would come by and talk to one of Bannon’s assistants in order to get in. Security at Trump Tower was not overbearing. When they talked, Bannon did talk to Prince about ISIS. Bannon did not particularly remember talking to Prince about Russia in regard to ISIS, but would not be surprised if it came up. Prince did not meet with then candidate Trump, but Bannon thought Prince was close to Eric Trump and Trump Jr. Bannon remembered Prince stopped by during the campaign and asked if Trump Jr was there. Bannon knew Prince would go hunting with Eric Trump and Trump Jr. During the campaign, Prince might have met with Trump Jr, and Bannon remembered that one time Trump Jr might have walked Prince down. Prince met with during the campaign as well. Prince always had ideas on what was going on, but Bannon did not remember any of Prince’s policy papers making it to Eric Trump or Trump Jr.

Bannon stated he didn’t know Rick Gerson.

Bannon was involved in the September 2016 meetings with Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and Benjamin Netanyahu. It was Kushner’s idea to work toward a summit with Egypt, the UAE, and Saudi Arabia and that Trump would go to this summit in the 1st 6 months of his presidency. MBZ came over as a way to
get to know the incoming administration. It was obvious to Bannon that Kushner was told of the meeting prior and had helped set it up. Kushner had talked to MBZ’s guys in the U.S. in order to set it up. They met with approximately 25 of the UAE attendees in the lobby, including UAE Ambassador to the U.S. Yousef Al Otaiba, and after approximately 6 to 7 minutes they went up to the penthouse of the Four Seasons. When Bannon walked into the penthouse, he saw another 15 UAE attendees already in the room. Bannon wondered what this meeting could be about. Bannon saw a guy who looked like Sean Connery and realized it was MBZ. MBZ was in jeans and a t-shirt, dressed in casual attire. It was apparent to Bannon that Kushner knew Otaiba and that it wasn’t the first time they had met. Bannon believed that the Obama administration had disengaged from the Middle East, which is similar to what El-Sisi and Netanyahu had said. During the meeting with MBZ they discussed the ISIS threat to the area. Bannon did not remember if they discussed Russia, but if they did, it was targeted to the Persian Gulf area. Bannon remembered they talked about Persian expansion, Iran, Baghdad, Beirut, and Hezbollah. The meeting was approximately 2 hours long. Bannon thought that Nader was one of the group of 15 or 25 guys they met as MBZ “held court” for a couple hours. If Nader was there, Bannon believed they just introduced themselves, and shook hands.
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Bannon had been working on a proposal to move the Israeli capital to Jerusalem, the Christian right movement, putting money into a 501(c)(4) using UAE money or "those guys" which didn’t end up happening, and putting together a security conference over in the Middle East in the Spring /Summer of 2017. Bannon last saw Nader 2 to 3 months ago. Bannon had too much going on with the C4 and life in general. Bannon had seen that the Special Counsel’s Office had called Nader to the Grand Jury, but Nader had not reached out to Bannon.
When shown a photo of Rick Gerson, Bannon stated that this was the college roommate of Kushner, and that he was pretty sure he was the hedge fund guy he referenced earlier. Gerson had a hedge fund on Madison Ave in New York City at Barneys Tower. His office was 2 blocks from Trump Tower on 60th and Madison Ave. Gerson knew a lot about the Middle East and said many intelligent things about it.

Bannon thought he heard that Nader was being called into the Grand Jury for the Special Counsel’s Office in the newspaper, but then said that he could be wrong.
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Michael Cohen was one of the lawyers on Trump’s staff. Bannon described Cohen as a fixer and a problem solver. In 2010, Cohen came down to the first meeting Bannon had with Trump and introduced himself as a political advisor. When Bannon was on the Trump Campaign, Bannon did not want Cohen wandering around the Trump Campaign organization. Bannon thought it could get them in a lot of trouble since Cohen goes off “halfcocked” a lot. Cohen kept trying to get involved in the Trump Campaign. Bannon described Cohen as the kind of guy who thought it would be a good idea to send $130,000 to Stormy Daniels.

Bannon reviewed a document Bates stamped SB-00013127. Bannon was told “zero” deals involving Russia and the Trump Organization. Candidate Trump would say he didn’t know any Russians and there was no collusion. This came up during the campaign a couple of times. Bannon never asked Trump about any Russian business deals. In regard to the emails reference to Felix Sater, Bannon stated that this went back to the House Intelligence Committee, that they had a signed term sheet in December 2015 on Trump Tower Moscow. This was a big deal to Bannon, and Bannon described it as a “big reveal.”
Bannon was not aware of any financial agreements to Daniels, other accusers, or other relationships of Trump. Bannon talked to Breitbart guys about the $130,000 payment, but not to anyone in the administration. Bannon was not aware of any other payments made. When asked to speculate about the $130,000 payment Bannon thought it might be David Pecker, since he did not think anyone around "Trump.org" would be dumb enough, and they would have worried about the impact to the election.

Bannon never heard of Cohen arranging for Trump to give a speech on an online platform or talk about Cohen's concepts for "Trump.org". Bannon had
read a New York Times article about business dealings with Russia and the candidate/“Trump.org”. Bannon was aware of the article before he became involved in the Trump campaign. When Bannon was on the Trump campaign, he never discussed the stories that came out involving then candidate Trump during March/April of 2016. During the later stages of the campaign, when the story broke about Trump’s house in Palm Beach, Bannon discussed it with Trump and Trump had a plausible explanation. The story never gained any traction. Bannon never talked with Trump on how he thought all these stories on his business dealings with Russia was absurd. The story about Cohen reaching out to Putin’s office in January 2016 in order to ask for help on Trump Tower Moscow was a big deal to Bannon and it countered what Bannon heard about Sater by candidate Trump. Bannon did some inquiries about it with his contacts at the Intercept, Fox, the Guardian and ABC News. There was no further information on this, which did not surprise Bannon.

Bannon was shown an email dated 9/28/2016 from Bannon to Cohen with Conway, Kushner, __________ Stephen Miller, and __________ cc’d, subject “Re: request from the ft.” Bannon did not remember getting an email from Cohen about Sergei Millian, and doesn’t remember any conversations about Millian. Bannon never had any conversations with the campaign on the Millian issue.

Bannon reviewed a document Bates stamped SB-00018384. Bannon did not think this email referenced Cambridge Analytica. Bannon stated that as a private citizen, and lead of Breitbart, he was interested in finding Clinton’s
33,000 missing emails. The Government Accountability Institute (GAI) analysis was that the 33,000 missing emails were tied directly to the influence peddling of the State Department. Barbara Leeden knew someone who could work on finding the 33,000 and they had a half a dozen meetings on how to find them. They ascertained that if they would be able to find the emails, they still would not be able to validate their authenticity. They never obtained any emails or any samples and stopped the search. The 33,000 was related to the Clinton Cash book and the pay for play scheme.

Bannon reviewed a document Bates stamped SB-00018418. The green light referenced in the email was for a data operation for voter targeting. There was a presentation about it given to Lewandowski but the data operation people were not retained. Cambridge Analytica then became involved after Ted Cruz officially withdrew in May 2016. In June 2016, someone offered an introduction for Bannon to Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump. Bannon agreed and that was the first time he met Kushner and Ivanka.

Bannon was shown Document #14, email dated 6/12/2016 from Bannon to _______ with _______ cc’d, subject “Re: Defeat Crooked Hillary | Cambridge Analytica.” Bannon did not remember sending the email and he never went to the United Kingdom. Bannon did not remember talking to _______ about meeting with _______ in general. Bannon would not characterize his response in the email, “Love it,” as an approval to suggestion to meet with _______. Bannon did not know if _______ or anyone from Cambridge Analytica, ever reached out to _______. Bannon thought they probably dropped the idea. Bannon had no idea where _______ of Cambridge Analytica and he was focused on getting their data business growing in the U.S. _______ had a lot of “James Bond” ideas like this idea on _______ and characterized it as _______ saying he “knows a guy, who knows a guy.”

George Papadopoulos had emailed Bannon during the campaign in an effort to setup a meeting with Egypt. The campaign had decided to take a couple days off during a visit to the U.N. in order to meet with foreign leaders. Bannon was initially against it. Bannon thought Trump’s biggest challenge was selling the public that Trump could be Commander in Chief, so therefore he decided to do it and limit the meetings to a few key leaders such as Egypt, Israel, and maybe a couple of others. Kushner wanted a meeting with Israel, and Bannon and Flynn were pushing for a meeting with Egypt. Bannon never worked with Papadopoulos on setting up the meetings despite Papadopoulos’s offers through email. Bannon would generally blow off Papadopoulos and thought to himself “I don’t need this guy.” Flynn would be on the hook for the meetings Papadopoulos was suggesting, and Bannon did not need Papadopoulos. Papadopoulos never told Bannon about the
Russians having dirt on Clinton, and Bannon never heard Papadopoulos tell anyone else in the campaign, such as Sam Clovis, that the Russians had dirt on Clinton. Bannon had all the dirt he needed from Clinton Cash and Uranium One, he didn’t need any more dirt. Bannon didn’t need any more dirt from “clowns” like Papadopoulos and Clovis.

Bannon first met [ ] by email or by phone in 2013-2014 while he was working for Breitbart.

At the time, [ ] was running the campaign, and Bannon described it as a “one man band.” Bannon thought [ ] had done “a damn good job.” Bannon thought [ ]

Bannon was shown Document #15, email dated 1/7/2016 from [ ] to Bannon, [ ] subject “Data Guy in Trump Tower.” Bannon thought [ ] got the wrong name in the email, [ ] who they got rid of. Giles Parscale had a little data center on the 15th floor. Bannon was introduced to a “data guy” there in January 2016, but Bannon didn’t remember the name. Bannon speculated that maybe [ ] had some ideas about it, but Bannon did not think it was [ ] who was involved.

Bannon was shown Document #16, email dated [ ]

Bannon was shown Document #17, email dated [ ]

In August 2016, Kushner was in charge of the digital campaign and fundraising. Bannon was the CFO of the campaign with Jeff Dewit. The campaign had almost no cash and they were receiving only a small amount from online contributions. The campaign was losing cash at the time and they were down by a double digit lead with the 1st debate coming. They needed $50 million from Trump, which eventually became $10 million. Afterwards, they were still down by 3½ points.
Bannon was shown an email dated 4/20/2016 from [Redacted] to Bannon and [Redacted] cc’d, subject “Re: Cambridge Analytica.” Bannon did not remember this email.

Bannon was shown an email dated 5/04/2016 from [Redacted] to Bannon, subject “[No Subject].” Bannon though this looked like [Redacted] from the email in Document #17. Cambridge Analytica claimed they could help micro-target voters on Facebook. [Redacted] it might have been for a project for Cambridge Analytica.

Bannon was shown Document #18, email dated [Redacted].

Bannon was shown Document #19, email dated [Redacted].

Bannon was shown Document #20, email dated 8/26/2016 from Bannon to [Redacted] no subject. Bannon stated that [Redacted] Bannon did not remember what the ideas were that he wanted to talk to [Redacted] about referenced in the email. Bannon described [Redacted].

Bannon was shown Document #21, email dated 8/30/2016 from Ted Malloch to Bannon with [Redacted] cc’d, subject “The debate.” In reference to the email, Bannon stated he had no contact with [Redacted] Malloch was a writer and professor at a faculty in London. Bannon knew him from Breitbart London. Bannon did not meet with [Redacted] personally during the campaign, and Bannon felt if he ever would have needed to sit down with [Redacted].

Bannon was shown Document #22, email dated [Redacted].
Bannon was shown Document #22 again, the email dated

Bannon was always interested in the missing 33,000 emails, but was not interested in the John Podesta information since he believed it was not going to impact the election. Bannon clarified that he was talking to

Bannon was interested in the verified missing 33,000 emails and how it related to Uranium One. Bannon might have talked with [redacted] at one time, about the 33,000 emails. Bannon did talk to Candidate Trump about the 33,000 missing emails. After Bannon came onto the campaign, it got into Candidate Trump's "head" that the 33,000 emails might be important. Trump was focused on "crooked Hillary" and the Uranium One story, and thought the 33,000 missing emails might unlock it. They never discussed that the Russians might have them. Bannon thought that
some hackers in Bulgaria might have them. There was not much of a response from Trump and every now and then he would bring up the 33,000 emails. One time when the Podesta emails were released, Trump asked if it was a big deal. Bannon with Trump. Flynn or Kellogg might have had a disc on finding the 33,000 emails. Bannon thought Flynn might have had an idea about using an outside company and finding the 33,000 missing emails. If it was anything cyber related, Bannon would always refer them to Parscale and the Cyber guys. Bannon did not think the WikiLeaks releases were that big of a deal, the important information was the 33,000 missing emails. Kellogg thought the same thing, and he was not a cyber guy. Priebus and Miller had talked about the 33,000 missing emails.

After the Billy Bush story broke, one hour later the Podesta emails were released. Bannon never thought the Podesta releases were a big deal and they would not have a big impact on the campaign. Bannon knew had sent some emails to Bannon. Bannon described . Bannon didn’t take any action in relation to emails. Bannon did not remember talking to while he was on the campaign.

Bannon was shown Document #23, email dated

Bannon was shown Document #25, email dated
Bannon was shown Document #26, email dated [redacted]. Bannon talked to [redacted] and [redacted] no subject. Bannon considered it his commitment to the campaign. Bannon did not remember introducing [redacted] to any other donors. Bannon did not remember helping any other find funding besides [redacted] Bannon was weary of involving himself with [redacted] and was only helping out [redacted] because he did not want to be "lit up" by [redacted]. Bannon did not see it as a potential coordination issue working with [redacted].

Bannon was shown Document #27, email dated 10/22/2016 from Bannon to [redacted] and [redacted]

Bannon was shown Document #29, email dated 9/21/2016 from Trump Jr to Bannon, Conway, Kushner, Bossie, and [redacted] subject "WikiLeaks." Bannon did not remember receiving this message, but it was during the campaign timeframe. Bannon did not remember anyone else in contact with WikiLeaks or trying to get in contact with WikiLeaks. There was discussion during the campaign on how WikiLeaks would impact the race. Bannon did not think anyone had any ideas on where WikiLeaks had got their information. Bannon did not remember anyone reaching out to [redacted] WikiLeaks, or any other intermediary to see what information might be coming.
Bannon was shown Document #32, email dated 11/5/2016 from Bannon to Kushner and Bossie, subject “Re; Securing the Victory.” Bannon stated that Manafort had zero involvement in the campaign after he left. Bannon thought if they responded to this email from Manafort, Manafort would be telling that to everyone. Bannon was not aware of any instances of Manafort advising, or being involved in the campaign after his ouster. Hicks said he was not involved, and she would have a sense on who Trump talked to. Candidate Trump never said to Bannon that he was in contact with [redacted] or Manafort. Bannon knew they were going to win, and in this email he wanted to avoid Manafort because Bannon believed that if people could link them to Manafort, they could then try to link them to Russia.

Bannon had three cell phones. He did not use the campaign issued phone or the “secure phone.” The iPad he was issued in the campaign he did not use much. Bannon was not aware that his cell phone was set up to not archive text messages, and someone else had setup his phone for him. It was a surprise to Bannon that his text messages were not archived. During the campaign and transition timeframe Bannon did not use secure apps. When Bannon got close to leaving the administration, he got ProtonMail and Signal. [redacted] helped him set up the ProtonMail which Bannon believed provided increased security. Bannon did not use ProtonMail to send or receive email from people in the administration. Bannon did not have a Slack channel and never used Slack. Breitbart used Slack, but they were trying to shut that down. Bannon setup a Wickr account after he left the administration after Prince talked to him about it being more secure. Prince talked with Bannon about using Wickr Pro for Breitbart. Bannon used Wickr with Prince and Signal with [redacted] Bannon only started using Wickr and Signal after he left the administration. While Bannon was in the administration, he never heard of anyone using 3rd party apps. They received a briefing on how their communications needed to be kept for federal records. Bannon was not sure if his text messages were supposed to be kept under the federal records act. Bannon did not remember using his personal phone for White House business. Bannon did not remember using texting on his government devices, although he might have. Bannon did not remember any discussion of how his text messages should be saved, or his personal device texts should be saved. Bannon primarily used the white house email while he was in the administration. If Bannon received an email to his “arc-ent” email while he was in the White House, he would respond to it from the “arc-ent” account. He gave full access to his “arc-ent” email account to [redacted] in order for her to send them to the White House account to be archived. [redacted] might have helped with that as well.

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The agent notes and documents shown to Bannon will be maintained in the 1A section of the case file.
SKB: not a surprise. We talked about this back in December.

9: wanted in a lawyer - Roy Cohn

wants in an AG - Bobby Kennedy

people that protected their President. Thought Holder was always standing up for Obama. Took contempt charge for 8.
but a fixer, a man, got things done.
Conflicts - Muller - heard about it from P.

some situation with Muller, course, Muller's partner, (name was form

first guy talked to P. for full duration

asked as soon as named on. Shortly thereafter

55 per doz/10tp

55 per doz/10tp

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57c
June 9, 2014 mtg. No knowledge at time.

When did you learn? Think I heard about it from Corallo on a Sat morning when they were flying back, maybe a day or two before. Heard about it in relation to a story.

[Before they left Corallo was in good standing w/p.]

Thought about making him Comm's director [b5 per DOJ/OIP]

recall anything re: email? Heard it from Corallo. Mentioned in passing the lawyers have some email didn't go to 6-20. needed to work on outside law firm

Kasowitz pulled something down from server.
Not just our lawyers. Fremont's got it.
2/14/2018

Meet Trump Aug 2010, 2 hrs. Dave Bruno told Trump that he’s running for Pres. 83 went country, 2 hr. Pres. in 2012
- Trump on radio doing show we stuff
for Breitbart
- 30 min combined
outside radio show, 3-4 times

2010, outsiders con

- Know Sam Nunn, talk more, exchange
- had talk on show a bunch of times
- near one on one, phone
- never made sure Trump got interview
- don’t remember me on one conv.

5 mins closer do June,

Immigration similar
- Cruz & Trump, Corey became more similar
- SB 1070, anti-establish, on phone with Corey
- primaries over, some relationship, rarely
- space besides setting upon interview with his
- guys, or coming on his show
- populist anti-establish
- camps, Cruz

Jim Q.
- out of the blue, tie every event to media, media is the real world,
  - NYT front page article, campaign in disarray, SB = start making some plane calls
  12-16 points down, RNC cutting him loose, loose house, SB calls Beddard will be blamed. Talked about it, try to have peace with Trump back in June, Super PAC anti-Hillary how to help, SB bring Kellyanne, Bossie hit. He went to Walid JNS's house, talked to Trump, Trump SB would do it, talked to Trump that night
  - SB - 16 down, no org, no money, 100%
  - SB called in, say 75% think country is in decline, deplorables, give permission to vote for Trump as commander in chief
  - SB met Manafort next day,
  news on black ledger, SB out campaign SB
  Manafort tells SB to come up to DC, SB shows up, Manafort shows something, NYT story is going out. SB -> Manafort coming out? Manafort from 2 months, said don't get involved, SB -> tell Trump, Manafort not get fired, stay for a couple of weeks, do what you got to do, Manafort? Twelve saw DJT, SB called JF, don't break, do something for publicity
  - Trump what's this thing with our
Trump never linked with other Russian news stories. Trump & Manafort a problem coming into his office.

Trump more worried about the stories and want it made them lose
- SB involved in all of the debate prep, all debate prep
  - National security & foreign policy,
    - SB helped DJT think through it.
    - Working with Russia to fight ISIS, thrown out there non-interference, Flynn or Kelly might have come up, could be an asset to all, to help Chechnya,
    - never remembered using, knock out DJS, could become a catch phrase
  - campaign == playing defense, DJT not saying Russia in same, very basic stuff, Flynn might partner on fighting ISIS, but not on geo-strategy. Russia doesn't have to be an enemy

b5 per DOJ/OIP
EP & SB
- Would talk Islamic Radical Terrorism
- EP - he knows the M.E., sub-Saharan Africa, knows the region, Navy SEAL, contractor, mercenary company, smart guy
- Not really had foreign policy talk with EP for Trump campaign, SB EP not shy about sharing ideas

Dec 1
- Don't remember discussing along, sometimes he would do C.L.

Dec 2
- Don't recall discussing this memorandum, but said would have sent forward, something interesting
- Don't recall discussing something SB could have done, don't remember if EP directed the candidate, did put him in contact with Flynn
- Not regular contact with EP
- Couple times a month by phone
- Prior to joint campaign, infrequently, once a week > once every couple of weeks
- Talk about international affairs

Globally
Doc. 3
- introduce
  for breit built, notes for a source for trump article, data collection same as referenced

Doc. 4
- ep said he knew people through new company
  quality guy from connect to security
  guys, could be of help, ep had connections in fbi intel comm, looking for talent, dwi
  time followed

Doc. 5
- don't remember if a took place, ep was on
  terror, highly trained

Doc. 6
- don't remember this exchange, don't remember at
  meeting him, ep was named sb as someone
  with good relationship for trump

Doc. 7
- don't remember if he prepared a speech, ep
  not short on ideas

14th floor, doey goody, ep might have taken away electron does not cern...
- Don't totally remember, maybe a couple of times, EP would email a couple of times, "BP please," might have asked for how ideas on certain issues.

- Brought policy views from EP

- Knew Kellyanne

EP's a kid in Trump campaign, might have walked around, met people, he might have come through 14th floor, he posted his head on Kellyanne's desk. Don't know if he provided advice for them. Remember him wandering around talking to bosses on 14th floor, could walk around freely.

- 14th floor, Ep contact

14th floor, Ep contact.

- don't remember this email, don't think this email is about Hillary Clinton.

- don't think it's regarding Russian influence issue, maybe about Hillary Clinton, maybe as an alternative to Russian election influence.

- Don't remember EP talking about this, maybe. Don't remember talking to EP about Russian influence.

Doc. 8 - don't remember.
transmission

- after election, continue to interact with EP
- come by to talk to Flynn, people to introduce
  - BP = see Flynn, Bossie, 3-4 times
  - coming to New York
  - maybe 5-6, not SB, need with KL
  - Kelley, Flynn, SB, Kellogg, CB, Bossie, BP would say he would be seeing them, not officially schedule
  - Flynn, Kelley, Bossie, Kellogg

knew him before

- someone is free, BP can bring it down, talk about foreign policy
- people need to be getting on board, Bossie people in administration
- SB & Bruce ideas offset EB
- Pompeo, stuff wasn't too crazy, people respected him, other contacts in intelligence
- Flynn & SB, Bossie, Kellogg talked about BP
- SP/MFG about EP, good guy, EP might have worked with him, guys liked
- Sue with Bossie
- let Motorland

no one else he can turn to

- EP 3-4 times coming by
- came to talk to SB's assistant
- to get in, security wasn't overjoyed
- did talk with RS, Russia in
  regards to RS, not particularly, but
  wouldn't be surprised to come up. RS

- don't know if RS was in touch with Mark Ibrahim

- offered help.

- I thought he was

- EP didn't meet with the candidate, close to
  Eric and Don Jr., campaign. EP seeing if
  Don Jr. was there, meet together

- Kelly, Bossie, etc.

- met. Seth, Gorka, Eric

- had 1x by it. See EP in

- campaign, might have met with

- Don Jr.

- Don Jr. might have walked EP down.

- EP is always has issues on what
  is going on. Don't remember ever any EP's
  policy papers to the boys.

- don't know Rick Grenier

- don't remember
SB involved in Sept.

meeting with SSI & Gen. Net. I k idea to

work through a Summit wiht Egypt MRI sandb,

Trump would go to in lst 6 months related to

this. Walked over. MBZ was carry ever as a

guy to know u. Basic. Tk on way or before

obvious TK roll, setup, not just people.

I k guys TK talked to MBZ's guys in US to setup

some of 25 not in Bobby, yos. 6-7 meet. Took

to penthouse. Walk in and see another 15

guys. So what is this. See a guy looks like

Sean Connery was MBZ, everyone in jeans or

casual atire. Tk knew yourself. TK didn't

feel like fist place meet, Chief in state office.
Middle East: Obama admin discussed
sumo guys. Sisi + Bibi n't meet. Kyaid: discussion of
ISIS threat to the area. We don't know if Russia
is doing something, but they've talked
about Iran expansion. Iran, Baghdad, Beirut,
Hezbollah, 2 hrs. long.

This GN meet 25/15. Guy's big:
net. MbZ: held court for a couple hours. Just
shook hands with SB. Not 100% be there,
just introduced themselves.
Two men named BC came to SB uninvited. SB was not sure if he was good at his job. Later, he was not sure if he was good at his job. BC came across him. 'I don't recall telling about BC. Impact bus in future.'
Dec 2

- Did not remember interacting with anyone from the UAE, etc./mp thing, SB working on
- I don't remember anyone about any Trump officials
- Talked about having a better relationship with people in the US,
- Move capital to Jerusalem Christian
- Right movement, talked about putting money into CRT/C4, UAE money or troika guys
- Didn't end up happening, longer term plans, tie to a security conference over here,
- Meet people between popular
- 2-3 months ago - last talked to
- Too much going on with C4, life generally
- Saw sco called GW to grand jury, he never reached out

- Discussed with
- Years over, meeting with

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- [N = 65], though he read it in the paper, so thought he said it in paper, could be wrong
- MC - One of the lawyers on Trump's staff, thought he was a problem
- 2010, came down to 1st meeting, introduced as a political advisor
- MC in Campaign, Monday came down to Trump's office, SB = in Trump Org., can't be unwinding around org/camp, SB said MC could get you in lot of trouble, MC goes off half-cocked a lot, MC trying to get involved in campaign, for loyal-of-guy-trusting it a good idea to send $130,000 to Stone, Daniels

-Told zero deals around Russia, Trump Org.
End note: Know no Russians, 1040 v now collateral
Came up during campaign a couple times
SB's never asked about any Russian bus. deals
-Felix Sater - SB's first goes back to the house intel, that they had a signed term sheet
in Dec '15 on Trump Tower Moscow, bid deal
To SB, I'm TIP, bin reveal to SB
SB - Not aware of any financial agreements to Story Daniels, accusers, or relationship of DJT

- SB talked to Breitberg guys about 130K payments not to administration
- Not aware of any other payments made

- 130K speculative, SB thought it was to be David Pecker’s anxiousness, didn’t think anyone around Trump org. would be close enough to impact the election.
Never heard of M.C. arranging for DOJ to arrange for a spend on an online platform. M.C. talks about concepts for Trump Org.

SB talks about bus. deals with fusion Trump Org./Carlisle.
Felix Sater was told in mid-2016 that Trump was aware of the before becoming involved. They didn't discuss when the campaign started. I wrote Trump money April 2016. The later stages of campaign, house in Palm Beach. Didn't get any traction. Never discussed with candidate or Palm Beach house. I have a plausible explanation.

- NYPD never remember getting email, don't recall any call about S.M., no discussion with campaign on S.M. issue.
Dec 13

- greenlight data operation for voter targeting
- Corey presentation, was not refined

Dec 15

- Vice Chairman + owned 2½% up to 5 option
- Did not speak to, or inform, in that time period.

Dec 12

- Think this goes to CA, Vicki Barbara Lalone
- Clinton Case May 15, FOIA request comes
- March 3,000 mailing, DPE analysis
- 33,000+ here directly to influence peddling at State Department, SB was open to funding as private citizen + friend of Chelsea, Barbara knows
- 12 dozen meetings to how get 33,000 on file, ascertainment, not validated, didn't get any on samples
- Stopped search related to
- 3,300+ to Clinton case, pay for day

Dec 16

- More to put in office on Jan 16, help reveal
- SB did some fishing, the interesting for, negotiations, abc news, trying to track down
- Known to, so not surprised again.

b6

b7A

b7B per DOJ/OIP

b7C
- CA involved, after CA officially withdraws around June, offers M6

- Paul Drayton, 1st time SB met directly

- Frank said fine, present to OEO

- Dec.

- Don't remember ending of, never went to UK

- W: don't remember talking to about it

- Wouldn't characterize as an approval, don't know

- Reached out

- June = not familiar with CA issue

- Get in touch with

- Probably dropped

- No idea where

- CA, focus on getting all to bus in U.S., all a little bit fantastical, like James bond, ideas like this are know a guy who knows a guy

- GP during transition, not remember talking about

- Egypt campaign, GP wanted to get involved

- Setting up the meetings

- Campaign, made a decision, to take a couple days off during U.N. visit to meet foreign leaders, SB was against in C.D.C. set

- H.C. committed to & limit it to Egypt & Israel

- Maybe a couple others. JK to Israel, SB/MG

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- Not worth GPoints
- Committee in March I mean C.I. Why put
1st out, nobody knows GPoints point about
session, shocking model A.M.

Drew S.C.

- GPoints Chairman, that's G P way
George Gigant SB's gonna bunch G P off,
SB I don't need this guy, Mr. will become
look for it, don't need G P

- G P never told SB about Russian's
finally Clinton or anyone else in campaign
or Sam Claws.

- SB had all the dirt, Clinton cash

- quantum one, we didn't need any more
clowns like G P & S C, that's real dirt

- didn't hear anyone talk about

1st met

- By email or phone, 13, 14 & 15, on break but
DECIS.

think he has the wrong name there.

Remember, Jan 16, may be had

15th floor

Mr. Clarke thought our don't

some neas about it

then got rid of, Parsons tell little dam's center

man haul, and a damn good job,

-S lump - make thing one camp.
- aug 2016
  - money situation: JK was running out of cash and fundraising, SB was CFO of campaign Sunday Oct 2nd
  - night meeting, had almost no cash, only small donations, losing cash, was close to double digit.
  - 1st debate coming, need $50 million from Trump
  - becomes $10 million from Trump, was still down, 3% damage.

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- email to [redacted]
  - don't remember this

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- [redacted] received from [redacted]
  - looks like CA, can help: $100,000 might be a project for CA.
M. Malcolm - suggested he's a writer, book on Mandela, Professor on faculty in London, later

didn't met personally with during campaign, need to see dean
SB -> interest in Venom+ 33,000 emails related to campaign
  - 33,000 linked to candidate(s)
  
  Manufacture story: broke went right to Clinton
  Cash & Uranium One. SB -> called it was too late
  
  - After email campaign, got into
  his real 33,000 emails important
  to Steven Miller. DOJ was focused on
  Crooked Hillary
  and Uranium One. 33,000 email might
  not. Didn't think yet in that timeframe
  never discussed that Russia could have
  had it. SB -> spent some time, hackers in
  hackers right now.

  DOJ has not much of a response ever now
  then he would bring up 33,000. One
  final Podesta emails released 13 that a bit delayed

  No attempts destroy 33,000 during campaign.
- Might have had DISC on finding 33,000 emails, MF. Kelley
  - Don't remember might have
  - SB releases, not that big of a deal, important 33,000 emails
  - Kelley same stuff, not a cyber guy
  - Renee, talked about

- Email - much ado about nothing
  - Campaign think MF might have an idea/company, not sure emails, something about cyber, SB

- Digital guys, talk to them
- Brought Anasso, by on 13th
  - Meeting with MF maybe someone else, Parscale
  - Small parscale digital office, doesn't know anything came out of it.

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Billy Bush, 1 hour later Podesta emails came out
SB thought built up to Podesta
- 55 mins 3 - call, 4 - cancel Fox Billy Bush
- PE, called with post, BB give us audio
- re: verify on Twitter
- got transcript, the gob a called
- general counsel, was quick

July 25, 2016
- send email to SB
- didn't take any action related to this
- don't remember talking to campaign
DOJ

- Don't talk with DOJ about Russia & have 33,000 emails.release candidate - If they care, we would have an interest
don't know

- don't remember talking... re wire with others, want to meet with

- don't remember helping others, want to talk to another

- don't remember talking... re wire with others, want to meet with

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- don't remember receiving this message, campus, don't know if anyone else is in contact with xuyi, us or by trying to get in contact or trying
- discuss on what basis = how to;
  will impact or whatever
- don't think anyone had any idea on where they come from, how he got there, etc.
- don't remember reaching out to or going anywhere to see what information might be coming.

- manifest had zero involvement in campaign.
  - if response to this that pm will be telling everyone.
  - not aware pm was always involved in campaign after his ouster.
  - he said were not sensor who he talked to, neither - nothing said about kannan.
SB knew they were going to win, using maybe a direct connection, maybe, line to Manafort, could be linked to Russia worked to

- 3 phones
  - just those 3
  - campaign phone, secure phone
  - iPad - didn't use much, didn't
  - phone until phone setup was not archive
  - text messages, not aware, guy who
    setup was a surprise
  - campaign
    - no secure apps,

- transition
  - no slack, what's app, what
    - got close to leaving administration
      - setup proton mail, signal
      - proton mail, increased security
      - not from people in admin, didn't use or

- not used Slack, did not have a Slack channel
  - never used Slack, Breit used trying to shut down
  - Wick EP talking about secure
  - not used
    - Signal
  - Signal based
    - secure
  - L&B yes wider,
- In admin - not sure of anyone using 3rd party
  - briefly, federal records, keep these
  - text messages - don’t remember should keep
    and federal record under act
  - personal, White House email
    - don’t remember, personal phone
  - test for W.H. business
    - don’t have, text on govt devices, text
      on personal device, might have, don’t remember
      never heard text messages should be saved
      discussion
    - personal device texts should be saved

8/20/17
- EO -> wicks pro for Breitbart

- primarily used the White House email administration
  - sent, new people, on White House,
  - asked if get them to respond on account
  gave to official assistant to send to
  White House account for archive

- didn’t think about text messages, to be archived
  didn’t think about, don’t remember, text messages
  qualified under federal records act
SxB's Emails to archive and access to ancient emails
SxB gave her full access
From: Breitbart
Sent: Mon 7/24/2017 5:05 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: Steve Bannon
Cc: 
Bcc: 
Subject: Re: Jared Kushner sealed real estate deal with oligarch's firm cited in money-laundering case | US news | The Guardian

How do we prove that

That's game set match

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 24, 2017, at 5:01 PM, Steve Bannon wrote:

Dude !!!

On Jul 24, 2017, at 4:30 PM, Breitbart wrote:

Wtf !!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 24, 2017, at 4:26 PM, Steve Bannon wrote:

He was on 'vacation' off the coast of Croatia with a Russian billionaire when I took over campaign

On Jul 24, 2017, at 4:23 PM, Breitbart wrote:

A progressive activist w ties to Pelosi told me that

Don't know if true

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 24, 2017, at 4:21 PM, Steve Bannon wrote:

WTF

On Jul 24, 2017, at 3:04 PM, Breitbart wrote:

I heard he had a meeting w WIKILEAKS in Europe last year. Nothing to verify yet but I heard it happened from a fairly reliable source. Just FYI.

Sent from my iPhone
On Jul 24, 2017, at 3:01 PM, Steve Bannon wrote:

All and everything

On Jul 24, 2017, at 2:59 PM, [Redacted] wrote:

k this is big though isn't it? It's the ball game...

Thanks

Breitbart News

-----Original Message-----
From: "Steve Bannon"
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 2:49pm
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Jared Kushner sealed real estate deal with oligarch's firm cited in money-laundering case | US news | The Guardian


Don't touch yet
From: Erik Prince
To: Steve Bannon
Subject: Talking Points, second attempt
Date: Tue Sep 08 2015 00:59:37 EDT
Attachments: Talking Points.pdf
                 Untitled attachment 37411.txt
MEMORANDUM

FROM ERIK PRINCE
TO: TRUMP CAMPAIGN
VIA: STEVE BANNON
SUBJECT: Defense and Foreign policy talking points

IRAN
It is important to note that the "Arab Spring" actually started in Persia in June of 2009, long before protests in elsewhere. Throughout Iran there were at least 2 million people in the streets protesting the Regime and demanding political, economic and social freedoms. All the people on the streets needed was a little verbal encouragement from the West but none was forthcoming. Total Silence from Washington. The Iranian regime was so in peril that they didn't even trust their own Iranian forces to come in and crack down on the protests but instead imported Lebanese Hezbollah surrogates to come in and break up the protests, murdering, arresting and hanging their way to success.

The Middle East is now experiencing a full on Sunni vs. Shia war. KSA (Saudis) are threatened as the "capital" of Sunni Islam and defender of the Holy Places of Mecca and Medina. The Iranian/Persian military dictatorship is fully engaged to dominate and enjoy hegemony over the entire region in a way not experienced since the Persian empires of the 7th and 8th Centuries. Persia was originally "islamized" by the Arabs and the Sunni vs Shia contest has simmered or boiled since then. We are now in an intense period of boiling, only to be exacerbated by the horrible Nuclear Deal negotiated or actually capitulated by the Obama Administration. The goal of Iran from the beginning is to drive the US from the Middle East and dominate the vacuum remaining. With nuclear weapons and the considerable bonus of the released Sanction funds the Iranian Regime will be well primed to continue their strategy. They are a very deliberate people. This is a society that places up to a thousand stitches in a square inch of a Persian rug. They have been focused on a path to regional dominance and they are winning.

Since the 1979 Iranian Revolution the Iranians have been building and exercising their unconventional warfare capabilities. Qassem Soleimani runs the Quds force which is the Special Forces Unit of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Force. The IRGC is really the military dictatorship of Iran. They dominate the entire Iranian society and Armed Forces just like the SS dominated the entire society and Wehrmacht (German Army) of Hitler's Third Reich. Qassem Soleimani is the Heinrich Himmler of the Iranian State. He is the muscle that keeps the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khameni of Iran in power. The 12 man Guardian Council is their inner circle and effectively chooses any candidates for power. Rouhani may be the President of Iran but the real power is the Supreme leader and the Guardian Council. Soleimani is their muscle.

The Quds Force is the worldwide special operations arm that's very effective at its asymmetric and surrogate warfare mission. It is how the Iranians dominate Lebanon (and threaten the north of Israel) through their Shia proxy Hezbollah (Hizb Allah- Party of God, leader Hassan Nasrallah). Hamas (Leader: Khaled Meshaal) in the Gaza Strip is their Palestinian Proxy and who fires all the rockets and sends suicide bombers to Israeli civilian targets. (Hamas is Sunni but still their hate tool against Israel). It is also how the Iranians dictate/support Iraq though Shia militias, and the Houthis (also a Shia minority group in Yemen).
The Quds Force has been killing Americans from the very beginning. Their sponsored major terror acts include blowing up the U.S. Embassy in Lebanon, the Marine Barracks bombing in 1983 (241 USMC killed in action), kidnapping torture and murder of CIA Station chief Buckley (they even sent the torture tape to Langley), numerous other kidnappings and bombings against American and Israeli targets. Of late it is the Quds Force that supplied Iraqi Shia extremists with a extremely dangerous Improvised Explosive Device IED (road side bomb) called an EFP- Explosive Formed Penetrator which slices through almost all US armor and causes hideous injuries and death to the vehicle occupants. The Iranians have killed and maimed thousands of Americans in Iraq and Afghanistan. That Soleimani and his ilk are not already DEAD is a national disgrace for America.

SYRIA

It is via a combination of Lebanese Hezbollah and IRGC troops that Iran supports Bashar Assad directly in Syria. Iran supports Assad in Syria because Syria was the logistics bridge by which Iran has flowed all the weaponry into Lebanon over the last 35 years. It is also a matter of Shia Solidarity. The Hafez Assad Bath Party Regime took power in 1970 by force. It is an aberration in Syrian history since The Assad family is Alawite, a Sect of Shia Islam. Alawites represent only 12% of the population and were long persecuted by the majority urban Sunnis. It would be like a Dalit/Untouchable becoming President of India. The Sunnis in turn for the last 45 years were persecuted and kept in check by force. When Hafez Assad died, his son Bashar was not in the family dictatorship business at all. He was a dentist living in London and leading a normal life with an attractive, western dressing wife. He quite reluctantly returned to run the country and actually made a number of entreaties to the U.S. wanting to improve relations. As the Arab Spring chaos spread to Syria the Sunnis leapt at the chance to resist. The Alawite dominated army backed by Soviet/Russian weapons tried to crush all resistance with conventional power of armor/artillery and carpet bombing causing massive carnage and starting the largest refugee crisis in Europe since WWII. There have been massive casualties suffered on both sides. It is estimated that 1 of every 3 Alawite males of military age have already been killed in the fighting. It is a blood and religious feud without any chance of peaceful resolution while ISIS or other radical Sunni forces exist. Assad cannot capitulate because it he leaves or loses it is a war of Tribal Extinction. The coastal living Alawites of Syria would be en masse slaughtered. The solution for Syria is inextricably linked to Iraq.

IRAQ

Iraq was dominated for decades by another Bath Party member, in this case a Sunni named Saddam Hussein. His removal caused great hope for the Shia majority in the south, the persecuted Kurds in the north and wariness among the Sunnis in the middle and west of the country. Democratic elections in the country were ill advised as they were bought and paid for by Quds Force money and intimidation throughout the Shia south especially. The Mahdi Army and Badr Corps became the lead surrogates among the many Shia militias in Iraq. They quickly became more organized and formidable than the Viet Cong ever were in Vietnam. They were the tool used to infiltrate and dominate the levers of power in Iraq. They effectively purged Sunnis from Baghdad and from the spectrum of security organizations. The premature pullout of US forces unleashed Shia extremism and caused the beleaguered Sunnis of Iraq to make the Faustian bargain to cooperate with ISIS who promised to protect them from Shia aggression. When ISIS rolled into northern Iraq they captured 5 heavy divisions of Iraqi army equipment and
3 major logistics bases stocked with US made ordnance, supplied and funded by the U.S. Taxpayers.

ISIS is a very adaptive and clever foe. The recent U.S. Drone strike is the first of its kind against a computer hacker. That the USG needs to marshal its forces to kill their hacker is indicative of their growing and not receding capabilities.

They flow very smoothly from small 2-4 man terror cell teams up to 1,000 man or more conventional fast moving light cavalry operations. Although they have no airpower they still have precision strike capabilities. They utilize an armored vehicle loaded with explosives and a suicide driver to deliver ordnance on call for their commanders, keeping a number of propped vehicles on call for immediate response to the tempo of combat.

They see exactly how the U.S. playbook reads and they have adapted to it and are largely unfazed by it. They have an unprecedented incoming supply of recruits because for Islamic Extremists, Syria is the Super Bowl of Jihad. Young jihadis showed up to fight in Afghanistan against the USSR then the USA, they came to Iraq for Jihad but Syria is their main event for all eternity. For every loser seeking meaning in their life that’s dabbled in Koranic studies, they find all the prophecies they need to support an ISIS Caliphate. Isis provides them with training, equipment, income and a steady supply of the spoils of war to fulfill their sickest fantasies.

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, is a serious player and has taken an Al Qaeda business model to the next generation. He’s an Islamic scholar that’s quite adept at building an organization that governs, recruits and advances its goals. While AQ was a dispersed terror organ, ISIS is a terror state with increasingly global reach that also holds a large amount of terrain, equipment and ongoing revenue streams ranging from crude oil, kidnapping and extortion. They derive legitimacy by surviving in the face of the feckless efforts to defeat them. Their lean and dispersed command structure allows for rapid decision making and limits damage caused by the occasional successful USG drone strike. They have a world class communications and social media outreach that serves to promote their brand and aid in recruiting. Their monthly online newsletter Dabiq is widely enough consumed across the worlds 1.5 billion Muslim population to cause a worrying stream of incoming recruits.

The newsletter is named for a city north east of Aleppo in Syria. They are numerous Koranic end time prophecies about the last great battle that will occur in Dabiq where the armies of Jihad defeat the army of the north (Christendom). A bold move by the Next President would be to give them the fight they so desperately seek. Moving a couple thousand US marines nearby Dabiq, in a position to threaten the city would be a bait that ISIS couldn’t resist, like flies to a lantern. The U.S. is frankly lousy at counterinsurgency but does industrial level war very well. Let the small American force hold out defensively for a few months while ISIS moves more into the area and then unload on them with everything non nuclear we have. (24/7 B-52’s, Fuel Air Explosives, artillery, rockets, cluster bombs, etcetera). Kill everything in every grid square surrounding those Marines, while also flattening Dresden style their Caliphate capital of Raqqa Syria. Nothing will be as demotivating for their recruiting efforts is well publicized video of total destruction of their forces. As gruesome as that may sound, they think with medieval perspective and you must give them a pounding they will understand.

The long term solution is to adjust the map of the Levant. When the U.S. pulled out of Iraq the country was still intact. The absence of US presence unleashed the Shia extremism instigated by Quds forces. The Iraqi PM Malaki fired countless competent Sunnis from the Intel Service,
Army and Interior Ministry. This truly disenfranchised the Sunnis who found themselves without jobs, income, electricity or protection. When Isis was active across the border, the Sunni tribes made the Faustian bargain to cooperate with Isis since the Shia were treating them horribly already. The Sunni mistake is obvious and they will never ever reconcile with Shia run Baghdad. Neither will the Kurds who are consistently deprived of weapons and oil funds they are due, ever want to stay part of Iran/Shia dominated Iraq.

Assad in Syria has already indicated he’s willing to have a power sharing agreement. It is time to undo the WWI era Sykes-Picot agreement drafted by the French and British. That map was drawn for their colonial interest and not based on any tribal or cultural logic. The USA should provide real leadership and support the redrawing of the levan borders once and for all. Accept that Syria and Iraq are done even though it’s theoretically possible to rebuild a shattered glass vase, the expense in blood and treasure has already been far too high.

A free and independent Kurdistan is the first place to start. The Kurds could unify the northern part of existing Syria all the way to the Mediterranean sea. Kurds are already halfway there by already taking Kobani Syria. Nineveh province would become a long needed Christian homeland adjacent to Kurdistan. A unified Sunni nation consisting of western Iraq and eastern Syria. Arming the Kurds and the Sunni tribes in their own homelands would eliminate the sanctuaries where Isis can exist and thrive. Isis can be destroyed with conventional combat power either fielded by the U.S. and Arab allies or it can all be rented from private contracted forces to fight alongside Arab neighbors and the indigenous civilized populations. Once the large scale conventional Isis capabilities are annihilated, the isolation and elimination will be simpler among unfriendly populations defending their lands.

Finally, Lebanon has been a battered state since WWI, enduring a famine induced by the Turks that killed over 200,000 and wars, assassinations and non stop strife. Lebanon is effectively a rump state where the Iranian sponsored and heavily armed Hezbollah militia hold complete sway over the impotent government. (Hezbollah are the guys that fought the Israeli Defense Force to a standstill in 2006). Let the Shia parts of Lebanon go with Assad and the Alawites along the coast.

Sadly it’s necessary to reorganize the troubled neighborhood that is the Middle East. Absent some clear actions, the world will be dealing with second and third order metastasis from a Caliphate growing stronger every month

As one considers how the country defends itself going forward, some perspective how we got here as a nation is needed. The tools of warfare have advanced rapidly and some mistake that changes in Tech mean the old facts of war: deceit, tear, casualties and annihilation are past. They aren’t. Some brief history:

Generations of War
First Gen: Moves at the speed of foot/horse, no electronic communications. Linear war. American Rev and Napoleonic Wars

Second Gen: Trench warfare, Little maneuver. Industrial slaughter. Begin automatic weapons (American Civil war and WWI)
Third Gen Warfare: Blitzkrieg, maneuver on sea air and land. (carrier battle groups, strategic nuclear triad and Combined Air land battle doctrine) What the USG trained and equipped for the entire Cold War and what the entire military industrial complex still wants to fight. Very high cost and exhausting, cannot be sustained for long periods. (Gulf War 1, 2003 Iraq Invasion)

Fourth Gen Warfare: Non state actors organize the proliferation of commercial Technology that just 20 years ago was highly classified. (Using Google earth to plan base mortar and rocket attacks, more computing power in an iPhone than aboard Apollo 11) The 9/11 attacks utilized the most cost effective weapon system in history, box cutter knives and suicide fanatics. A $500k attack has cost the U.S. taxpayer trillions and surrendered liberty. The USG is still fighting its current challenges of surrogate warfare with all its 3rd gen warfare gear, tactics and mindset.

The USG has mastered the most expensive ways to wage war. The defense and intel budgets consume more funds than the next seventeen countries combined. We effectively try to mow the lawn with a brand new Rolls Royce.

Examples: the Lockheed Martin F-35 is the most expensive weapon system in the history ($1.4 Trillion for program duration) of the world. Read the article it will explain how badly politicized the acquisitions process has become. The F-35 is built in 45 of 50 states but despite its bright claims its way behind where it should be. There was a recent dogfight fly off between a 30 year old F-16 carrying two large drop fuel tanks vs. a clean configured new F-35. Result: old F-16 spanked the shiny new F-35. All these shiny expensive tools have no role fighting a 4th Gen foe.


I can bore you with examples if you want to read further...

What this means is that trying to fight a 4th Gen war with our 3rd Gen Military is exhaustingly expensive and ineffective since it prevents the adaptation needed to out innovate the 4th Gen foe. We have bureaucratized warfare to an unparalleled level and the cost exhaustion and failures in Iraq and Afghanistan bear witness. We still have more Admirals than Navy ships. We have allowed lawyers to second guess every decision made by field commander. If troops need Close Air Support while fighting in Afghanistan, they shouldn't need to ask permission from a U.S. lawyer sitting in Qatar.

There are a host of ways to fight 4th Gen wars better and ways to cut massive amounts of fat out of the defense budget but we can wait till after the election for that. More defense spending isn't needed, better leaders and smarter spending is. When you have a failing investment, any smart investor doesn't throw more money at the problem. Instead you change leadership and the business plan. All of Washington will tell you to spend more, we all know how consistently wrong their paradigm is...

Why does Russia care about Syria and Iran?
Syria and Iran have remained the most consistent client states of Russia since Assad took over in 1970 and the Iranian Revolution in 1979. They are significant weapons customers and the Syrian Port of Tartuz provides Russia their Mediterranean Navy Port.
A little known fact is that the Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khameni attended the Patrice Lumumba Univ. in 1983 in Moscow which was the primary recruiting ground of the KGB. He’s had a closeness to the Russian Security service ever since. The recent deployment of Russian troops were primarily Forces from Eastern Ukraine that sided with Russia when Putin started his surrogate war. Now that the abuse of all Ukraine has continued those troops loyal to Russia is suspect so he solved two problems sending them to Syria.

**Afghanistan:** The country is consistently failing further and further. The U.S. and allies have created a completely welfare nation. The Afghans have no ability to generate sufficient revenues to provide any level of government service, let alone their expensive military built in the image of the U.S. Army. The list of failures and errors are too long to catalogue here. It is salvageable but with a low cost approach more in keeping with the British East India Company and not how the U.S. Military has blown through a Trillion dollars over 14 years with little to show. The private model to Afghan security may be too much for people to handle but at least budgetary discipline must be imbued to the field decision makers just like authority and responsibility must be pushed down to the lowest possible level.

**China**

As a country the PRC has a real problem with Islamic terrorism. It is an area we can be working closely with them as they have problems that leak into China from Afghanistan. In the northwest province if Xinjiang which borders Afghanistan lives a non ethnic Chinese minority’s called the Uighurs (pronounced: We -Wers). They consistently have committed some large acts of terrorism from truck bombs, driving fast through a market with a truck, a multi attacker knife fight in a train station that killed 29 people etc. the government responds with a very heavy hand. Also there’s been controversy about the PRC claiming entire regions of the South China Sea as territorial waters including waters belonging to their neighbors. They stake their claim by building dredged islands with ports and airfields on the newly created land. Much of this provocation causes internal strife between the party and the PLA. These unnecessary moves are easily thwarted if America used its intelligence services properly.

**Russia:** Vladimir Putin is a former KGB officer who understands how to wield power. That’s been his entire life’s work. He sees himself as the next Peter the Great and as someone who will reassemble the grandness of the Soviet Empire. He is hell bent to destroy NATO and demonstrate it to be an empty feckless vessel. He’s well on his way with the invasions of Georgia, a massive hybrid war ongoing in Ukraine. You should look to him to provide some major provocations in the remaining time of the Obama Administration. He’s restarting the Cold War in every way, even now building 40 new state of the art Mobile nuclear missiles, each carrying four warheads. Think of that, 160 American cities vulnerable to extinction from brand new weaponry. Putin has no real opposition and his propaganda goes not only unchecked but even unanswered by America and the west as the U.S. Govt has downsized or cancelled much of its VOA World service. People that live in oppressed areas really do listen, and they listen even harder when their host government tried to jam the signals. Putin can be managed but the full spectrum of statecraft must be unleashed on him. Russia is a far greater threat than China.

As one studies the continuum of options for a policy maker to respond on a national security or prevent a diplomatic incident, the options currently range from diplomats and press conferences "strenuously denouncing" some unwanted national behavior to quickly giving way to air strikes
and predator drones. In the middle of this continuum there should exist a whole other tool kit of options to draw on long before uniformed soldiers and jet bombers arrive on scene. For the $80 billion spent on the intel community now we are missing that tool kit of Political and Surrogate warfare, covert action, sabotage, information war, propaganda etc. Yes those actions are difficult and come with risk but they are entirely indispensable at crucial junctions in a nations conduct. We are missing these dark arts now. Our Intel services are risk averse to the point of impotency. Many of the brush fires consuming the Middle East, Africa and SE Asia could have been solved by timely Covert Actions. Specific problems and solutions sets can be addressed in person.

Veterans Administration: The Federal Government has no business running health care systems. There are a reported still 600,000 and even up to 1,000,000 vets are still waiting for health care. An IG report found 300,000 deceased Vets still on the rosters for receiving care. Clearly government medicine is never going to get it done. Scrape the VA off and unleash the finest private healthcare system in the world. Vouchers work for broken public schools, use the same paradigm for our Wounded Vets. They can use a Tri-care like access (like any retired military veteran) for private healthcare. Privatize the VA hospitals and turn over their administration to some of the successful not for profit health care networks in America today. The easiest way to do this is to offer Vouchers for the Vets so they can opt out of a failing system. No one can criticize you for throwing the ones that are waiting an immediate lifeline. They will all end up opting out and the system will contract and fold as it should.

Thanks for your time,
I can be reached at

Keep fighting.
From: steve bannon
To: corey r lewandowski
Cc: corey r. lewandowski
Subject: Talking Points.pdf
Date: Tue Sep 08 2015 04:07:00 EDT
Attachments: Talking Points.pdf

From: Steve Bannon
Sent: 9/8/2015 4:07:46 AM
To: Corey R Lewandowski
Subject: Talking Points.pdf
Attachments: Talking Points.pdf

worked this up for u guys.
From: Steve Bannon
Sent: Sat 9/12/2015 2:01 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: Corey Lewandowski
Cc: 
Subject: Re: 

Smart

Does DJT want a telephonic briefing from prince?...can set that up for 6pm today

From: Corey R Lewandowski
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2015 1:59:29 PM
To: Steve Bannon
Subject: Re: 

Yes. Good. We are meeting with Flynn on Monday

> On Sep 12, 2015, at 12:58 PM, Steve Bannon wrote:
> 
> > Just got off the phone w/ him
> >
> > Did u get a chance to review his briefing memo?
Hey want to talk with you about the things we need to do regarding data collection

Thanks,

Breitbart News

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

Steve Bannon wrote:

is our and working on a story about the rubio/christie versus cruz/rand fight over NSA and the approval of the post-patriot act surveillance
There is a guy I know very well currently living in India. Smart guy, Muslim and could be a great asset to intel community.

Do you have anybody in India who could meet with him and check him out?
Yes and yes!

Erik Prince

> On Mar 17, 2016, at 08:53, Steve Bannon wrote:
> Can I get you on the show on Monday???
> R u still up for meeting Trump?
From: EP
To: Steve Bannon
Cc: 
Bcc: 
Subject: Fwd: Recommended meeting
Date: Mon May 23 2016 15:04:44 EDT
Attachments: FullSizeRender.jpg

Resend with □ included.

Erik Prince

Begin forwarded message:

From: EP
Date: May 23, 2016 at 23:02:37 GMT-4
To: Steve Bannon
Subject: Recommended meeting

Steve, Russia's actions in the Ukraine, the Middle East and their more aggressive posture of late are certainly issues that Mr Trump needs to understand fluently. Please consider meeting with Oleg to hear the perspective of a nation on the receiving end... He's the Nat Sec Adviser of Ukraine. He will be in DC from Tuesday to Friday this week.

Oleg is being escorted by my good friend [REDACTED] from LA. He's in the aerospace business.

Once you have any approvals needed we can sort the meeting logistics.

Best,
Erik Prince
Hladkovskyy Oleg Vladimirovich
First Deputy Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine
RUSSIAN ELECTION INFLUENCE ISSUE:

Mr. T should introduce an alternative narrative on this issue. Consider this response:

It's unclear to me if Russia is directly involved in attempting to influence the US election. That said, it's safe to say they are keenly interested, and likely using surrogates to poke into the US election process. Who does the Kremlin want to see in the White House? Ms. Clinton. They know her, well. Putin and his Foreign Minister Lavrov are skilled interlocutors. Professional, successful diplomat with some interesting postings in his career. Was he a real foreign ministry officer or an intelligence officer serving under cover on his multiple tours? The briefings I currently get don't provide this type of information. Whatever his status, Mr. Lavrov has a first-person assessment of Ms. Clinton. He and Putin know her personality; they know her decision-making processes. They know her inner circle members, all their weaknesses and vulnerabilities. They know Ms. Clinton's, personal and systemic weaknesses in the way she ran the State Department and how she responds to pressure and crisis. There is much to learn by analyzing Benghazi, Syria, Iraq and Iran policy development and implementation. All these major policy issues have failed to produce success or acceptable outcomes for the United States. It has always been clear in personal performance evaluations that the best predictor of future performance is past performance. Ms. Clinton has a history of poor decision making, poor performance, and failure. One could ask, who does the Kremlin prefer in this election? It's crystal clear to me. YOU, Ms. Clinton, they know you. They know your weaknesses and your penchant for recklessness, ignoring rules and regulation which has provided a treasure trove of sensitive information while you were Secretary of State. In short, You are predictable. They prefer to deal with predictability and known deficiencies with a clear track record of bad decisions and failure.

I am largely an unknown. Unknowns carry risk for our opponents.

Sent from my iPad
We are getting you more PR help, FYI.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mark Corallo
Date: November 16, 2016 at 22:32:52 GMT+1
To:
Subject: Fwd: Bannon

I spoke to her last night. Then she emailed this morning and I told her I was available. She still hasn’t called back. But see below that I sent to her.

Sent from my iPhone.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mark Corallo
Date: November 16, 2016 at 3:47:16 PM EST
To:
Subject: Bannon

This is the key to winning. This is who he is. This is the message every reporter who is doing a “profile” of Bannon should receive. They should be told that everything they need to know about him and his worldview is right here. It’s fantastic.

And I’d suggest calling me at some point when you have a chance to discuss a great opportunity with VF which could happen tomorrow.


pMVMYLMb#izGBQKgDA
And so he'll know he and I are of like mind, read this (and show it to him if you'd like).

http://www.nationalreview.com/article/225904/can-i-bailout-bailout-mark-corallo

Mark:

Corallo Media Strategies
520 North Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-838-9705
www.corallomediastrategies.com
From: Steve Bannon
Sent: Mon 6/8/2015 1:07 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: Steve Bannon
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fwr: Fwd: CONFIDENTIAL PROPOSAL
Attachments: CLINTON FOUNDATION BRIEFING AND EMAIL VECTOR PROPOSAL 05 17 2018.doc;
ATT00001.htm

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Sent: Friday, June 5, 2015 8:24:10 PM
To: Steve Bannon
Subject: Fwd: CONFIDENTIAL PROPOSAL
privileged and confidential

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Ledeen
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL PROPOSAL
Date: June 5, 2015 at 5:22:43 PM PDT
To: 

Dear 

Thank you for calling me so promptly. Here is the proposal. I hope we can finally work together!

Best,
Barbara
PROPOSAL FOR INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

Executive Summary

This is a proposal for obtaining and then providing multi-level forensic analysis of the emails of certain accounts linked to the former Secretary or State, Hillary Clinton, as well as other members of the William, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation because of its known acceptance of foreign money from organizations, institutions, individuals and cut-outs of dubious distinction.

Hillary Clinton created a private domain server to host her personal email account, and this account was also used for Official U.S. Government business. It is the intent and spirit of the law that high level officials use only Government domains when conducting official business.

Preliminary research shows that millions of dollars were accepted by the Foundation at or around the time that the donors received a quid pro quo from the U.S. Government generally or the U.S. State Department specifically.

How the donations were characterized or washed before they landed at the Foundation in an effort to conceal the true owner is classic money laundering.

Key to any opposition research is to overlay advanced analytics performed by high-quality intelligence analysts using integrated visual analytic products that highlight connections, links, associations and relationships onto the databases: In other words to highlight that which is otherwise hidden in plain sight.

The issue is not whether data exists, but rather, sorting through the quantity of obtainable data and distilling from it the type of information that opposition research analysts use.
Opposition research also includes behavior and predictive profiling and it is highly dependent upon quality intelligence from a multiplicity of disparate database sources.

There is no email address within a private domain service (such as what Mrs. Clinton did here) or a public email domain service that cannot be penetrated using enough brute force intrusion or forensic tools. In the private sector, many tools exist that are legal and proper and often are capable of recovering seemingly deleted emails, but which are later found in the Deep Web, the Dark Web, the Peer-to-Peer and on private, but leaking domain servers of the recipients or re-senders.

Our view is that the private Clinton email domain server was, in all likelihood, breached long ago. The Chinese Intelligence Services, together with the Russian and Iranian cyber intelligence forces co-equally or alone could re-assemble the server's email content and easily transact it to contributions, lobby funds, travel records and the like, for Pres. Clinton and former Secretary Clinton.

From an operational security perspective alone, what Mrs. Clinton and her advisers did by creating a private email domain server displayed a level of recklessness that is unsurpassed by any Cabinet official in the history of email communications.

Our opinion is that before anyone touched the suspect emails, the server had to have been imaged by a highly qualified lab that the Clinton law firm would have carefully selected.

We opine that a time line study analysis would most likely show that the Clinton claims that the server was deleted after a thorough analysis of it was done, is not plausible, and therefore, untruthful.
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We recommend: 1. That we search the open-source information sphere first, using the most advanced recovery tools in the marketplace, which our company does possess. Such a study can be done in less than 30 days. The cost would be approximately $22,000 and would be a worldwide search. 2. Next, we would see whether the content of the server fell into or was the subject of an attempted hacking event. It would take considerable study to see what could be recovered. The study would take 30-45 days and cost about $45,000. 3. We would check and see whether (a) the server was penetrated and recovered by specialized units within the Services and (b) the content of the server was transferred and (c) if any emails could be obtained. If even a single email were recovered and the providence of that email was a foreign service, it would prove catastrophic to the Clinton campaign and to the Foundation's work. This type of work requires travel and intermediary work. It would take 90-120 days, and cost somewhere between $290,000 to $350,000.

Summary and Overview

This is a proposal for providing multi-level forensic email study of certain accounts linked to the former Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, as well as other members of the William, Hillacy and Chelsea Clinton Foundation because of its known acceptance of foreign money from organizations, institutions, individuals and cut-outs of dubious distinction.

Preliminary research shows that millions of dollars were accepted by the Foundation at or around the time that the donors received a quid pro quo from United States Government generally or the U.S. State Department specifically.

Perhaps more egregious is how the donations were characterized or washed before they landed at the Foundation. Under normal circumstances, the re-classification and washing of funds in an effort to conceal the true owner is classic money laundering. This, combined with a number of other circumventions that the Clinton family is known to have engaged in during their 30 years in office, speaks volumes about the candidate’s character and her willingness to live outside the boundaries of normal legalities.
Methodology and Process

Because the Clinton Foundation as well as the Candidate have huge digital fingerprints, key to any opposition research is to overlay advanced analytics performed by high-quality intelligence analysts using integrated visual analytic products that highlight connections, links, associations and relationships onto the databases. In other words, to highlight that which is otherwise hidden in plain sight.

The issue is not whether data exists, but rather, sorting through the quantity of obtainable data and distilling from it the type of information that oppositional research analysts use.

While opposition research generally is defined as derogatory, negative, or adverse information—it also includes behavior and predictive profiling. It is highly dependent upon quality intelligence from a multiplicity of disparate database sources.

Missing Email Recovery Project

Vast media reports show that Hillary Clinton created a private domain server to host her personal email account, and that this account was also used for Official US Government business. It is the intent and spirit of the law that high level officials use only Government domains when conducting official business.

There are a number of compelling reasons that such figures should never use a private email domain, to include Gmail, Hot Mail, Yahoo, etc. None afford the user absolute protection against intrusion by foreign intelligence services. In the main, there is no email address within a private domain service (such as what Mrs. Clinton did here) or a public email domain service that cannot be penetrated using enough brute force intrusion or forensic tools. In the private sector, many tools exist that are legal and proper and often are capable of recovering seemingly deleted emails, but which are later found in the Deep Web, the Dark Web, the Peer-to-Peer and on private, but leaking domain servers of the recipients or re-senders.

In the public sector, foreign intelligence services have a vast array of tools at their disposal that can penetrate any private email account, and many that are even U.S. Government protected systems.

The Clinton Foundation did not consider the upkeep and maintenance of a private email domain service to include the most advanced firewalls, malware, and resistant firewall software that is available in the market place. Such upkeep must be done proactively and on a second-by-second basis, as new and even more aggressive viruses are created each and every second by malevolent forces around the world.

Our view is that the private Clinton email domain server was, in all likelihood breached long ago. One of the dangers of handing over the entire server to an independent forensic data scientist is that the residue of such a breach could be found and highlighted and in some cases, even traced back to the offender. Such a report over a breach of this type would be political suicide for the former Secretary of State, who held one of the most sensitive positions in the US Government.

Second, the Chinese Intelligence Services, together with the Russia and Iranian Cyber Intelligence Forces co-equal or alone could re-assemble the server’s email content and easily transact it to contributions, lobbying funds, travel records, and the like for President Clinton.
and former Secretary Clinton. In short, they could do what the U.S. conservative media and its supporters are trying to do today. However, they would have two distinct advantages that nobody in the private media enjoy:

a. They would have the emails, both the originals, headers, footers, attachments, and the communication vectors of the benefactors seeking patronage with the Clintons and the Foundation. All of this would be in original, pristine, and undeleted condition for them to cross section against open source data.

b. The Services would also have not only extremely experienced HUMINT analysts, but advanced analytical software that could transect contribution of dollars against emails and their timing; as well as other disparate data to assemble a mosaic of political pay-to-play story. The Services could then seek to blackmail members of the Foundation, its staff, or even the Clinton’s themselves. If they did not cooperate, the Services could selectively leak pieces of their analytic findings such as what was done on the Russian uranium story.

Thus, from an operational security perspective alone, what Mrs. Clinton and her advisors did by creating a private email domain server displayed a level of recklessness that is unsurpassed by any Cabinet official in the history of email communications.

**Deletion of Email Server Content – Implausibility**

One of the issues that has not been well-briefed in the media is the forensic methodology of email deletion and recovery, making the story behind what the Clinton Foundation and Mrs. Clinton specifically, a total fantasy.

First, when an email domain server has content that is going to be “parsed” for deletion of select data, such as personal emails versus government, business email it must be done in a very precise and logical manner.

No expert would ever, under any circumstances whatsoever, work with the virgin or original source email server. Any reputable forensic expert would make an “image copy” of the domain server first, and moreover, do a sector-by-sector image copy (the most invidious and thorough method possible) and work from the image to do qualitative or quantitative deletion of the “unnecessary emails”. Nobody would ever risk the potential of the original content server being corrupted, accidentally deleted, or suffer some sort of catastrophic failure1 because it would be devastating politically to try and “message” that kind of event.

Thus, our opinion is that Williams and Connolly would hire a reputable forensic shop which would advise that the domain server to be examined for specific content be imaged, and at least once.

Second, it is not plausible that a human decision-making process was used to manually review every single email, either on the server (or an image of the server) and cull out only those that were non-personal. It is implausible as to the amount of time such an endeavor would take, as well as the thoroughness of such a process. According to media reports, the suspect server had

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1 Not to reference history, but the modern day version of the Rose Mary Wood 18 minute tape gap that occurred upon the infamous Watergate Tapes episode, made more implausible by the forensically enhanced sound engineers who showed repeated re-deletes of the same tape sectors.
approximately 60,000 emails, of which approximately 32,000 were allegedly personal and were deleted.

It is not clear how this was done, according to these same media reports. Logically, there are only three ways:

a. **Review, print and decide.** The first method is for a human analyst to sit and review each email manually on a computer that had been loaded with the .ost or .pst file that contained the email. For those that were "business," the analyst printed a copy in paper format and laid the email on the side. For those emails that had attachments, this too would be printed and attached to the printed email. However, one must consider the human and mechanical time elements to go through 60,000 emails in order to complete such a task, and do it using only one machine, one printer, and one analyst.

b. **Key Word Searching.** Here again, assuming that the legal team prohibited an image copy, the analyst would go through the .pst with inherently loaded key word searching software (and this assumes such software was uniformly on the domain email server to accomplish such a task) and formulate the compliant search terms to distinguish what was or was not a US Government business email.

Some possible key words would be domain server extensions that would be commonly used by US Government personnel, such as .mil, .gov, State etc. However, even key word searching to try and pull out the potential government emails from the total data mass would not be a definitive solution. Moreover, to go through thousands of potential hits and pull out only those that would be relevant, by a single analyst (Again, hypothetically, no image copy was done) would take an enormous amount of time.

c. **Load COTS analytic or key word software.** No forensic analyst would risk loading any type of software onto the native machine or domain server in an effort to identify possible relevant emails.

Most likely, they would image the domain server, and then load the COTS software onto the machine and see whether it could be configured to work with the Clinton domain server. Domain servers and operating systems all have their own unique idiosyncrasies which must be accommodated when selecting a particular COTS software to do email recovery based on key words.

For example, the leading COTS email key word recovery software for Microsoft Outlook email was XOBNI (it was developed and engineered by the creators and original coders of MS-Outlook and later sold to Yahoo) but trying to load this product or its Yahoo successor equivalent onto certain domain servers can cause not only a crash, but destruction of files. The reason is that all email key word search tool products require "indexing" of the entire mass to be successful.\(^{3}\)

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\(^{3}\) As stated, this hypothetical scenario assumes that the original was not imaged, and therefore only one person could work on the file at a time.

\(^{4}\) "Indexing" by its very nature means to pulverize the .pst, .ost or equivalent file on the domain server, and then to parse it in such a way so that the search can type into the program a key word, date, time, reference, citation, or Boolean logic scripted term and bring back a result which would contain the framed "phrase." "Indexing" is inherently a very complex data process that can damage a file if done by a program that does not accommodate different operating systems.
Whether Google Desk Top or other popular COTS programs, the data mass involved must be completely indexed, front-to-back. Depending on the type of operating system within the Clinton domain server, and moreover, the kinds of emails and attachments from around the world that she was sending and receiving, defines how well the indexing will work, and moreover, whether it will damage or destroy the native, original file.

For all of these and other technical and esoteric reasons, logic and normal forensic methodology demands that before anyone touched the suspect emails, the server had to have been imaged and done by a highly qualified lab that the Clinton law firm (David Kendall, Esq., and Williams and Connolly) would have carefully selected.

Assuming our hypothetical -- that at least one image was done -- next would be the process used to select, segregate, and decide what to do with each of over 60,000 emails over a compressed period of time.

One of the issues that the media has overlooked is the forensic process for decluttering emails for segregation and the amount of time it would take to pull out of a data mass select emails of relevance within 60,000 emails.

For these reasons, the customer here needs to create a plausibility time line to show the Clinton claims infeasible. To create such a time line, certain assumptions need to be evaluated or at a minimum, made. For example:

1. When was the domain server created?
2. What was the last date in which it was used?
3. When was it shut down and no longer capable of sending or receiving traffic?
4. When was the domain server deemed a "problem" that legal counsel had to consider?
5. When could the domain server been removed from the Clinton residence or wherever it was being hosted and then moved to either Williams and Connolly offices in Washington, or to the lab that they elected?
6. When did the first emails that were considered US Government trickle over to the State Department of some other agency to be considered for release?

The point here is that to process, decision, and output 60,000 emails, we speculate that it could not have been done in a matter of weeks or even months. To prove our assumption, one need only do a time study analysis (TSA) upon those emails that were produced (those that the customer currently does possess or have access to) and conduct an alpha-omega study of how long such emails as contained in a like domain server would take to identify, isolate, read, analyze, decision, print, and stack -- and do all of this on a single non-imaged hard drive that purports to be the original content server; and be done by a single human analyst.

At the end of the day, we opine that such a time line study analysis would most likely show that the Clinton claims that the server was deleted after a thorough analysis of it was done is not plausible and therefore, untruthful.

Recovery of Emails Deleted From Third Party Sources

We opine that the entire email data mass from the Clinton private domain server does exist somewhere. Whether the content is in the hands of malevolent forces, such as certain foreign services, or whether they have benignly fallen into the Deep Web, Dark Web, or Peer-to-Peer spheres remains to be seen.
Multi-Phase Email Recovery Approach

1. We recommend that the customer start with a search of the open source sphere first, using the most advanced recovery tools in the marketplace, which our company does possess and can do. The critical search term is the email server MX codes, the headers or footers of the email server, or at a minimum, the domain server name which is fairly unique.

Such as study could be done in less than 30 days, the cost would be approximately $22,000 and would be a worldwide search. For this small amount, if we are lucky and the tools used are able to troll the open source sphere well, we could actually bring back the content of sent or received emails.

2. Next, it is possible that through intermediary sources and methods, we could try and see whether the content of the server fell into or was the subject of an attempted hacking event. To do this, we would need to do a careful study of the domain server residue that can be recovered via open source sources as the forensic structure of the domain server as it last existed, would still be in the Internet sphere, but would take considerable study to see what could be recovered. The study would take 30 to 45 days and cost about $45,000.00.

3. Finally, we could check with our own HUMINT sources that have access through liaison work with various foreign services and see whether (a) the server was penetrated and recovered by specialized units within the Services, (b) the content of the server was transferred and (c) if any emails could be obtained. Even if a single email was recovered and the providence of that email was a foreign service, it would prove catastrophic to the Clinton campaign and moreover, to the Foundation’s work. However, to do this type of work, much travel and intermediary work is needed. It would take about 90 to 120 days, cost somewhere between $290,000 to $350,000.
Clinton Foundation Proposal

Introduction and Overview

The Clinton Foundation, the organization that the client seeks to obtain specific information upon, would involve significant research using both public, private, proprietary and restricted access database systems that we are licensed to subscribe to. At present, many media experts are trolling sources and working this landscape variably. What is missing is the key determinator and that is the email contents and the date of each. These, transected against the Clinton Foundation contributors defines whether this was a pay-to-play organization.

There is historical precedence in Presidential campaigns using nefarious devices and vehicles to accord benefactors' opportunity to “pay and play”. Indeed, Hilary Clinton herself was intimately involved in this.

Some initial tests of the data sources that we need to access revealed that it is complex searching, requiring professionals who have substantial experience in different kinds of sophisticated search methodology, not normally done by generalists.

Task 1 – Foundation Project

1. Conduct a full financial on the Foundation that would include accessing all banking accounts, assets, credit, financial holdings and investments (domestic & overseas) of the Subject. Determine funds deposited and identify names of foreign and domestic donors from 2009 to the present.

Task 2 – Foundation Project

1. Determine whether subject may have any hidden interests in the companies or persons directly or through proxies or through other arms distance donors.

2. Identify Subject's “Top 10 Donors” list and obtain searchable terms, (known as “the entity” or “entity”), to include names of people associated with cited companies; names of companies associated with cited names, and then run those names, addresses, and other identifiers against both State and Federal Campaign records, as well as published and non-published Political Action Committee

3. Identify the names of contributors, their addresses, and telephone numbers and compare against a database of successful contracts and attempted bids filed in the State Department between 2009-2013.

4. Determine any personal dealings (quid pro quo) between the subject and the top donors between 2009-2013.

5. International or other unusual financial activities including political donations. Confirm that the subject has previously disclosed all international financial transactions or donations that might be construed as international in sourcing. If international transactions exist, we will identify them and recommend potential secondary courses of action including, but limited to, identification of the sources.
Costs

The searches for the Foundation study are costly owing to the fact that the funds of interest came from outside of the United States, and therefore international resources must be used to gain access to the needed accounts that were used to send funds. The initial feasibility study to see what the weight and amount of data that exists is $24,900. The probably cost to do a full search, assuming that we can document the claims made by the current sources probably will range somewhere between $230,000 and $300,000.

Personal Background Searches – How Data Is Catalogued and Accessed

The customer may also be interested in doing our GlobalScan searches, which are the deepest, and most in-depth scans that are available in the commercial database world today. Reports can range from 800 to 4000 pages long, when including exhibits. Our GlobalScans can be done on any person in the world, and costs depend on the name, address, age and other identifiers for the person. To date, our firm has processed over 20,000 GlobalScans since our inception in 1978. After 1996, the GlobalScan always included digital media data, usually from the original source so that they could be used in a legal proceeding.

In real terms, every person today has a data fingerprint, much like their own fingerprint. As they operate in the e-commerce world, the “Data DNA” of their digital fingerprint leaves an indelible mark that is rarely able to be deleted. Spending patterns, financial transactions, telephone call pattern analysis, credit card transactions, travel habits, subscriptions to magazines and online computer behavior cannot be altered. While people often try to conceal or obfuscate their tracks, computer forensics can be employed to detect their connection.

Humans today translate into digital images, both structured and unstructured. Whether data, pictures, sounds, cyber visits – all of it comprise a person’s data DNA that is unique to that person. It looks something like the illustration below.

Advanced analytics are used to do data extraction, recognizing that:

◆ 80% of the world’s digital content is unstructured or semi-structured, to include:
  ○ Newspapers data sources
  ○ Financial statements contained deep within web sites.
Government reports that are both open and closed
Press releases on the surface Web
Websites, both open and closed
Emails that are dumped into the public domain

**Semantic extraction is typically used to**
- Discover entities and identify their structural ownership and links
- Discover relationships between entities
- Discover events
- Taxonomy generation
- Categorize documents

**A high-performance data-extraction system that consists of**
- A design-time compiler
- A runtime engine
- A powerful Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
- Several utility programs

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Technically, entity extraction operates somewhat in this manner:
As stated at the outset, this investigation should be a phased inquiry, starting with the Global Scan® first, and once the results are obtained, we can probe the leads deeper and trace back related information, if any, to the original source.

ICI specializes in complex investigations that involve databases and electronic sources. It is our experience that the only effective way to conduct such a study is to conduct a Global Scan® on each person or company under investigation.

We assume permissible purpose exists for conducting all appropriate database searches. This matter is confidential and privileged and done pursuant to the privileged communications doctrine and the attorney work-product doctrine. Typically, Investigative Consultants is engaged through a client’s law firm.

For further information regarding compliance with our Terms of Engagement, please see our web site at http://www.icoffshore.com.

Normally, all searches start with a basic scan of our systems, which we define as a Global Scan®. This search permits us to cite the costs for obtaining all other information within each “information corridor” that may be identified during the initial scan.

It also enables the ultimate client to maintain control of the scope, direction, and cost of a more extensive investigation. Each proposed search item is listed at the end of initial report.

For example, a Global Scan® will cite the name and address of a bank, an account number, the signatures on the account, and when it was opened, but will not provide information regarding balances or activity. However, the Global Scan® will cite the exact cost for obtaining that next level of information.

Normally, GlobalScans® always include the following categories of data:

1. Banking, financial and credit relationships, including addresses and names of institutions.
2. Real estate holdings, real estate trusts, and real property conveyances.
4. Credit reports and personal financial scans.
5. Litigation, including criminal arrests in their areas of residence.
6. Newspaper, magazine, trade journal, and wire service reports.

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Please note that some searches require a permissible purpose as defined under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, Title 15, USC 1681, et. seq., as well as other local, state, federal and international laws. You are required to certify to ICI that any search is in compliance with both FCRA, as well as the 1999 Graham-Leach Bank Privacy Act. By placing any order with ICI, the client represents that the client has fully complied with all local, state, federal and international laws and assumes all responsibility. ICI assumes no responsibility for determining whether the client is in compliance with these laws.

We are the Consumer Credit Reporting Agency and all of our reports are done as an agent to counsel under the Attorney Work Product Doctrine. For further information, please see our Terms and Conditions, found at http://www.icoffshore.com/terms.html, which are incorporated into this proposal by reference.

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7. Known associates, family members and close personal friends who may be used to transfer or convey assets.

8. Vehicles, boats, mechanized equipment, and recreational devices traced to merchant’s name, address or SSN.

9. UCC filings recorded in the name of the merchant, based upon a scan of the person’s name, SSN, or past addresses, a triple secured search. Included is both debtor and secured party searches.

10. Identification of trade creditors, credit card companies, utility companies, banks, or other entities that the target would be paying with some type of instrument. These searches do not include identification of the bank that a check is drawn upon, or the account number, just the bill that is being paid.

11. Identification of telephone numbers, cellular numbers, and mobile telephone numbers; together with long distance carriers. This search does not include a detail of the numbers dialed, or the subscribers to the numbers dialed, which can only be obtained at the next level of searching.

12. All past addresses, historic use of addresses, names of relatives, names of persons traced to addresses used by the merchant, names of relatives and the statistical identifiers of those that reside in the same household as the merchant.

In actuality, the data flow appears something like that which is depicted below:

Global Scan® is conducted on a flat fee basis only, and is marketed that way because clients seek to have a guaranteed fee structure cited in advance. Moreover, before any Global Scan® can be prepared, ICI requires that all cited fees and expense surcharges be paid in advance.

ICI does not bill by the hour for its services nor use “general price lists”. Rather, it uses the “bundled billing” approach. In short, the fee is guaranteed and includes all research time, computer data downloads, analysis, report preparation and delivery. We may consult with counsel by telephone or email following transmission of our report, should there be a need to
clarify a few points in our report. This approach guarantees the client all available information for a pre-cited charge without regard to the amount of information obtained.

Specialized In-Depth Searches

ICI also can conduct deeper probes, depending on the requirements of counsel, the permissible purpose to obtain the information, etc. In addition to the above mentioned eight categories of data, ICI can, under certain circumstances provide a more in-depth report and other kinds of advanced searching. The cost for each depends on the nature of the request. Some of the in-depth scans include:

1. Social Security Numbers and DOB Search;
2. Social Security Trace for all addresses, verify date of issuance, state of issuance and whether used regarding banking, financial or credit transaction;
3. Date of Birth Records;
4. Death Records;
5. Change Of Name Records;
6. Marriage and divorce Records;
7. Criminal Records State or federal sealed or unsealed felony or misdemeanor;
8. Warrants of Arrest;
9. Order of Protection, domestic violence offender scans;
10. Probation Records, special offender searches, including sex offender registries, or habitual offender scans;
11. Property Tax Records;
12. Utility Bill Records;
13. Current Address;
14. Drivers License Information;
15. Car Insurance Records;
16. U.S. Postal Service Forwarding Address Records;
17. True owner of U.S. Postal Service PO BOX Records;
18. Magazines or Newsletters that you are the owner of, (Postal Records);
19. Bulk Mail Permit records (US Postal Service);
20. Magazines that someone may subscribe to;
21. Books that are obtained from a library;
22. Junk Mail/Catalogs registere;
23. Credit Card Records;
24. Credit Records;
25. Banking, financial and credit relationships that include name and address of bank;
26. MVR Reports;
27. TAG & VIN Traces;
28. License Plates (name and address can be found by doing a license plate search);
29. Full Driving Records, including searches of National Major Offender Database;
30. Military Records Search, including discharge status, branch job and rating, dates of Enlistment, Reasons for Discharge;
31. List of Hospital admissions and possible diagnosis codes;
32. Telephone Number Historical Index;
33. Cell Phone Trace;
34. Unlisted Phone Numbers Decades;
35. Illegal Alien Database Scan;
36. Government Job Registration Scan;
37. Worker's Compensation Settlement or Claim Scans;
38. Automobile and Personal Injury Insurance Fraud Database;
39. Real Estate, Co-Op and Full Title Search scan for 50 years;
40. Leads for identifying hidden or secreted assets that are in the form of e-bills, bonds, stocks, "offshore" bank accounts, or funds in tax haven countries;
41. College Records Search, verification of college attendance, degrees conveyed and special awards;
42. Terrorist or Civil Member Dossiers;
43. Professional Certification by various professional trade associations;
44. Business Conduct Searches through databases such as Better Business Bureau;
45. Federal Bankruptcy Database Scans, including whether cited in an adversarial proceeding, or as a defendant in any bankruptcy action by others;
46. Catalogs, Mailing Lists, and Department Store searches;
47. Employment Searches for a period of 20 years, including job titles and descriptions, addresses, and possible level of compensation;
48. All Professional Licenses Scan;
49. Business licenses, motor vehicle licenses, pilot licenses;
50. Ejections and Tenant Landlord Database Scan;
51. Voter Registration Database scan of historic voting record;
52. Email tracing service and complete Web Site Domain.

Worldwide Deep Web Intelligence Scan

By way of background, the “Deep Web” — a vast reservoir of Internet content that is 500 times larger than known “surface” World Wide Web material. What makes the discovery of the Deep Web so significant is the quality of content found within it. Deep Web searches are intended for cases where historic data (more than four years) needs to be obtained and which otherwise tends to “fall off” current-day data tables.
Searching on the Internet today can be compared to dragging a net across the surface of the ocean. While much can be gathered from the top, there is a wealth of information that lies deeper, and therefore is missed by the average person.

There are hundreds of billions of highly valuable documents hidden in searchable databases that cannot be retrieved by conventional search engines. The reason is simple: basic search methodology and technology has not evolved significantly since the inception of the Internet.

Traditional search engines create their card catalogs by spidering or crawling “surface” Web pages. To be identified, a page must be static and linked to subsequent other pages. Utilized in this manner, standard search engines cannot “see” or retrieve content in the Deep Web and the crawlers used by them cannot probe beneath the surface. The result is that enormous amounts of data remains untapped and effectively “hidden” to the crawler, while in reality, the material is in plain sight.

The discovery of the Deep Web is the result of groundbreaking search technology developed by the Intelligence Community. Private companies have only recently developed search technology capable of identifying, retrieving, qualifying, classifying and organizing “deep” and “surface” content from the World Wide Web.

The Deep Web is qualitatively different from the surface Web. Deep Web sources store their content in searchable databases that only produce results dynamically in response to a direct request. But a direct query is a “one at a time” laborious way to search.

Our search system automates the process of making dozens of direct queries simultaneously using multiple thread technology. It allows searchers to dive deep and explore hidden data simultaneously from multiple sources using directed queries.

Businesses, researchers and consumers now have access to the most valuable and hard-to-find information on the Web and can retrieve it with pinpoint accuracy. If the most coveted commodity of the Information Age is indeed information, then the value of Deep Web content is immeasurable.

When conducting Deep Web intelligence studies on companies or individuals, we access a much different class of documents. Included in the search results are not only the standard information retrieved by conventional search engines but many other possible leads. Some of the highlights of the Deep Web search include:

1. Public information on the Deep Web that is 400 to 550 times larger than the commonly defined World Wide Web;
2. 7,500 terabytes of information, compared to 19 terabytes of information in the surface Web;
3. 550 billion individual documents compared to the 1 billion of the surface Web;
4. Information from an additional 100,000 Deep Web sites;
5. 60 of the largest Deep Web sites collectively contain about 750 terabytes of information — sufficient by themselves to exceed the size of the surface Web by 40 times;
6. On average, Deep Web sites receive about 50% greater monthly traffic than surface sites and are more highly linked to than surface sites; however, the typical (median) Deep Web site is not well known to the Internet search public;

7. The Deep Web is the largest growing category of new information on the Internet;

8. Deep Web sites tend to be narrower with deeper content than conventional surface sites;

9. Total quality content of the deep Web is at least 1,000 to 2,000 times greater than that of the surface Web;

10. Deep Web content is highly relevant to every information need, market and domain. More than half of the deep Web content resides in topic specific databases;

11. A full 95% of the deep Web is publicly accessible information — not subject to fees or subscriptions.

To put these numbers in perspective, we estimate that some of the largest search engines, such as Northern Light, individually index only 16% of the surface Web. Since they are missing the Deep Web, Internet searchers are therefore searching only 0.03% — or one in 3,000 — of the content available to them today.

Clearly, simultaneous searching of multiple surface and Deep Web sources is necessary when comprehensive information retrieval is needed.

We have automated the identification of Deep Web sites and the retrieval process for simultaneous searches. We have also developed a direct-access query engine translatable to about 20,000 sites, already collected, eventually growing to 100,000 sites.

Our experience has shown that when the hit scores fall below 63%, they are not deemed reliable and the hits tend to be unrelated to the target of the inquiry.

Graphically, size comparison of the Deep Web compared to the “surface web” looks something like this:

![Graph of Deep Web vs. Surface Web]

**Dark Space Searching**

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During the past several years, the Department of Defense, led by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has been steadily working on a project called the NOISE database, known as Name Only Index Searching and Exception. The acronym NOISE came from the negative consequence of conventional searching of the Open Source. Web-enabled applications such as:

- www.altavista.com
- www.northernlight.com
- www.lycos.com
- www.opendirectory.com
- www.waybackmachine.org
- www.google.com
- www.cuil.com
- www.nsn.com

Visually, the process of gathering information on a person or entity looks something like the figure below:
Traditionally, these are "Name Only", "Business Name only", or "Telephone Number Only" searches that return massive, unrefined results. When the search criteria is common, the return results is often "NOISE" and burdens the analyst with a vast amount of irrelevant information.

In the commercial or legal marketspace, the same is true, but the pressure is even greater to obtain results quickly, efficiently, and within a reasonable budget.

The commercial version of the NOISE application is particularly useful in Hedge Fund Defense Litigation and has been used by ICI on numerous occasions to "walk back" information claimed to be gleaned from "insiders". When in reality, it was fished out of the Deep Web and effectively converted for use by Hedge Fund analysts.

For that reason, we suggest that NOISE application and the IdentiChek® data searches be considered here because of the relatively common names of Advantage and the key individuals.

It is the union of the NOISE application and the restricted access data within IdentiChek® that is only available with a permissible purpose that allows for a highly relevant, targeted search approach. It looks something like this:
In the DoD contracting space, DARPA was tasked with the order to find a means to fake granular data about a person (All known names, dates of birth, ages, past addresses, phone numbers, faxes, email addresses, web site addresses, businesses, names of relatives, etc.) or the so called digital fingerprint of a person, and inject that intelligence into the web-enabled application for a more definitive results.

For common names, the leads are culled down from perhaps 12,000 to 120. Moreover, the data is highly accurate and is considered rifle-shot searching.

The second compelling reason this new form of search technology was developed is that the Internet and the Deep Web is much larger and faster than any database source on the planet today. The "Deep Web" sometimes known as the Internet Dark Space or the Deep Web Intelligence Center, is a vast reservoir of content that is 1,000 times larger than the known "surface" World Wide Web. What makes the discovery of the Deep Web so significant is the quality of content found within.

In a very real way, the Dark Space of the Internet is much like the outer space: Its depth and size is not measurable, indefinable, and endless.

The old way of searching, looks something like this:

However, the new way, including use of NOISE and ICI IdeniChek data that can be granularized, looks something like this:
This new capability allows searchers to dive deep and explore hidden data from multiple sources simultaneously using directed queries.

When you combine the tools of being able to “Deep Dive” into the Internet, with the ability to access restricted and protected personal data that is mostly available only to law firms or those with a permissible purpose (Name, DOB, Past Addresses, etc.), one can significantly expand not only the searchable data mass, but do so with highly accurate results.

Businesses, researchers, and consumers now have access to the most valuable and hard-to-find information on the Web and can retrieve it with pinpoint accuracy. Searching on the Internet today can be compared to dragging a net across the surface of the ocean.

However, there is a wealth of information that is deep, and therefore missed, hence, the Deep Web. The reason is simple: basic search methodology and technology have not evolved significantly since the inception of the Internet. Traditional search engines create their card catalogs by spidering or crawling “surface” Web pages.

To be discovered, the page must be static and linked to other pages. Traditional search engines cannot “see” or retrieve content in the Deep Web. Because traditional search engine crawlers cannot probe beneath the surface, the Deep Web or Dark Space of the Internet has heretofore been hidden in plain sight.

The Deep Web is qualitatively different from the surface Web. Deep Web sources store their content in searchable databases that only produce results dynamically in response to a direct request. But a direct query is a “one at a time” laborious way to search.
NOISE automates the process of making dozens of direct queries simultaneously using multiple thread technology, and takes private, non-public financial information and pulverizes it for inclusion into the search query. If the most coveted commodity of the Information Age is indeed intelligence, then the value of Deep Web content is immeasurable.

Today, more and more people are "self-confessing" their habits and haunts; their biases and prejudices and their flavors and peccadillos. It is most predominantly done on such Social Media web sites as Facebook, MyLife, LinkedIn, and hundreds of other public and private chat portals. All of these locations are trawled, but the key is the search instrument or vehicle used and the advanced analytics applies.

ICI specializes in the developing of these wide and deep data mining nets and tools, where it is launched upon an endlessly sized ocean of data.

Some of these data sources include:
A Social Media Web
Provides an interconnected set of Web properties & links which identify, interfere, and defeat targets.

History of ICI's Products and Services

Investigative Consultants, Inc. (ICI), an Illinois "C" corporation, based in Washington DC, was founded by Donald M. Berlin on December 12, 1978. ICI started its operations as a general investigations firm for attorneys specializing in complex federal litigation and commercial transactions.

ICI specializes in providing computerized on-line database investigations and intelligence analysis through a worldwide network of computerized on-disk libraries that is licensed for access. Each database has millions of files, and ICI subscribes to over 9,000 database services worldwide. Most of these databases are used to obtain in-depth background information on people, organizations, institutions, and corporations for attorneys and multinational corporations. ICI currently offers its services only to licensed attorneys, law firms, or attorneys who work for multi-national corporations.

Special emphasis is placed on:

- International corporate due-diligence investigations.
- Complex litigation management and strategy services, using databases to conduct investigations quickly and efficiently.
- Venture capital and banking due-diligence investigation on individuals in 122 countries.
- Tracing of assets, banking, financial and credit investigations because of defaults and other losses.
- Estate preservation searches done by trustees to protect erosion of principal by unknown persons.
- High-level pre-employment background searches on executives.

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ICI brings together the combined and integrated senior staffs of two complementary organizations involved in data collection, research, and intelligence analysis. Both organizations have vast experience in litigation management, intelligence services and investigative research on a worldwide basis.

It may be necessary to conduct ground investigation in the US or some foreign country. Once the initial searches are done and ICI's intelligence analysts have reviewed them for additional leads, sources can be used to do follow-up investigation. However, ground investigation is not part of a standard proposal process.

ICI's network affiliates are former career Foreign Service officials in the United States and abroad that have worked in the field of counterintelligence, money laundering detection, and international finance.

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- Constructs customized searches depending on the investigative objectives of counsel and the type of information that is needed.
- Conducts all inquiries, electronic and otherwise, on its own authority. The law firm client, and its ultimate client, is not identified with the investigation.
- Keeps abreast of new database sources used in all legal specialties. Furthermore, it constantly uses these sources and knows their capabilities from experience.
- Expands to meet unusually complex or particularly urgent assignments, thus eliminating the need for the law firm client to strain its own staff resources.

- Combines electronic searches with necessary on-site investigations, when necessary. Performs at substantially lower overall cost for large investigations than does the law firm's in-house electronic library.

From 1989 to the present, ICI has researched, developed, and perfected several highly proprietary products and processes that are unique to the computerized on-line database industry. It has used these tools, combined with human assets, to provide corporations and law firms some of the finest intelligence products available in the private sector.
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tue 8/04/2015 11:17 AM (GMT-04:00)
To: Steve Bannon
Cc: [Redacted]
Bcc: [Redacted]

Subject: [No Subject]

Corey just confirmed green light on Trump :-))}

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On Jun 12, 2016, at 2:00 PM, wrote:

Hi Steve,

When you are in the UK in the next fortnight, I think that we should meet with and I think that his input could be very valuable for the Super PAC.

If you agree, we will try and connect with him.
(please remind me when you will be in London)

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http://cambridgeanalytica.org
From: [Redacted]
To: Steve Bannon

Subject: Data Guy in Trump Tower

Date: Thu Jan 07 2016 21:15:04 EST

Attachments:

[Redacted]

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.
Can u talk

Have some ideas
Steve,

As you well know from all my op-eds (some of which ran in Breitbart) and strategy pieces, I have been labouring non stop for the Trump campaign — even though I am all the way over here in Oxford. Please let me know if you need anything else or if I can be of further service.

I am back in the US speaking in Boston, Maryland, and LA in mid-October, to conservative and business audiences and will keep plugging.

I have been in constant touch with the campaign.

I have a clever idea for you and Donald for the first debate I wanted to pass along. I know you are in the preparation stage and hopefully will let him be himself, authentic and not overly scripted. Leave that to his inept opponent.

Here is the idea:

In his opening remarks Scene One, in other words—hand Hillary a Writ of Indictment. Have it typed out and actually hand it physically to her.

What is INDICTMENT?

A written accusation of one or more persons of a crime or misdemeanour, presented to, and preferred upon oath or affirmation, by a grand jury legally convoked. Say this and then add, this Indictment is on behalf of all the American people since our Justice Department will not indict you due to crony politics. I present it to you formally here tonight, and serve you on behalf of ALL the American people for you undeniable crimes against America, destruction of evidence in the form of emails, and theft of funds to your own personal benefit and enrichment.

It would steal the show!! And be the headline we want.

Ted Roosevelt Malloch
Steve, I am told [redacted] is in Vegas and willing to play any role in debate activities that is helpful. Any interest in utilizing him? Our friend in FL is working hard on this. Best.

Sent from my iPhone:
can u arrange for [redacted] to meet with [redacted] soonest in NYC

He is here today and back mid week
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Donald Trump Jr.
Date: September 21, 2016 at 2:09:34 AM EDT
To: Steve Bannon, Jared Kushner

Subject: Wikileaks

Guys I got a weird Twitter DM from wikileaks. See below. I tried the password and it works and the about section they reference contains the next pic in terms of who is behind it. Not sure if this is anything but it seems like it's really wikileaks asking me as I follow them and it is a DM. Do you know the people mentioned and what the conspiracy they are looking for could be? These are just screen shots but it's a fully built out page claiming to be a PAC let me know your thoughts and if we want to look into it.

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This message is a PRIVATE communication. This message and all attachments are a private communication and may be confidential and/or legally privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or use of the information contained in or attached to this message is strictly prohibited. Please notify the sender of the delivery error by replying to this message, and then delete it from your system. Thank you.
She is playing commercials about DJT's ties to oligarchs, saying that is why he hasn't released his taxes.

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**From: Steve Bannon**
**Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:16 AM**
**To: Michael Cohen**
**Cc: Kellyanne Conway, Jared, Stephen Miller**

**Subject: Re: request from the ft**

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On Sep 28, 2016, at 6:09 AM, Michael Cohen wrote:

Sergei acknowledges that there has never been a relationship between him and the boss. His commercials are bosh and should be debunked.

Sent from my iPhone

Michael D. Cohen  
Executive Vice President and  
Special Counsel to  
Donald J. Trump  
725 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10022  
Phone:  
Cellular:

Begin forwarded message:

**From: Sergio Millian**
**Date: September 27, 2016 at 2:48:40 PM EDT**
**To: Michael Cohen**
**Subject: Fwd: request from the ft**

FYI.

----------------- Forwarded message -----------------

**From: Sergio Millian**
**Date: Tue, Sep 27, 2016 at 9:35 PM**
**Subject: Re: request from the ft**
To: Catherine Belton

Catherine,

As I explained to you I have spoken to reporters in the past about Trump and they misquoted me. I work with businesses from all over the world, USA, EU, Africa, Russia, China, Japan, etc. I have a solid reputation with businesses around the world. I am US citizen and do not have and never had Russian citizenship. If you libel or slander my name and it hurts my business, I will consult a lawyer.

Here are the answers to your questions,

I have never said that I worked personally for Mr Trump. I said I was a broker for one of his many real estate projects. There are several brokers who work on such real estate projects. I never represented Mr Trump personally and I am not working with Mr Trump. I've never received a dime from Mr. Trump. I have never been paid by Mr. Trump for any work. I have never consulted Mr Trump on any political topics. I have never met Carter Page. I am shocked to see my name used in press about the totally legal real estate transactions and amounts that are of public knowledge in the USA such as this one http://money.cnn.com/2016/07/27/news/donald-trump-russian-deal-mansion/

How often do you speak with Mr. Trump? When was the last time? Eight years ago (2008)

Thank you for honest reporting,

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Best wishes,

Catherine

On 26 September 2016 at 21:36, Sergio Millian wrote:

Hello Catherine,

I saw you called me. I'm currently very busy with my business projects. For some reason over 20 journalists called me during the last 3 days.

Best regards,

Sergei
On 22 September 2016 at 03:13, Sergio Millian wrote:

Catherine,

For the record, all of the opinions and views expressed below are my personal views and not official views of the Chamber of Commerce or any of its members, clients or sponsors.

Has there been a slowdown in business deals between Russia and the US in the wake of sanctions and the standoff over Ukraine, or are in fact deals warming up now that there may be a chance of a Trump presidency and a more pro-Russian stance?

Yes, there has been a significant slowdown in NEW business deals between Russia and the US as a result of the sanctions.

What is the role of the Russian American Chamber of Commerce in fostering better ties?

The Russian American Chamber of Commerce in the USA is one of the main business organizations in the USA that assists U.S. companies in Russian and CIS markets entry. We primarily focus on assistance to U.S. manufacturers and exporters. We hosted five Export to Russia Forums with assistance from U.S. Commercial Service in the United States. The Chamber provides market information, practical advice, leads, and referrals to U.S. members of all sizes to facilitate U.S. export, distribution channels, and other forms of business development in Russia and the CIS countries. The Chamber may also assist U.S. members in obtaining visas, legal advice, translations, certifications, exhibition information, office space, HR-services, and offers a cultural program in the CIS. The Chamber facilitates cooperation for U.S. members with American corporations already working in Russia and CIS countries, the Russian Government, Russian Regional Administrations, U.S. Consulates in Russia, Chambers of Commerce in Russia, and corporate leaders from CIS countries.

Business-wise, despite sanctions, the relations between the USA are still quite strong (primarily because of old connections, previously signed contracts and favorable business climate built by President Obama during his first term in the White House when he made a genuine effort to reset the relationship with the Russians). I estimate there are currently more than 10,000 mainly small and medium size businesses businesses in our two countries, employing up to 3 million people.
One of the major goals of the United Nations and all peace-loving people is to stop the perpetual world war, which occurs in various forms on our planet for thousands of years, to stop and move in the direction of international cooperation. The only alternative to the global confrontation of civilizations, beliefs, religions, is the mutually beneficial economic cooperation of all countries. Preventive military aggression, regime change, political pressure and economic war between the two countries and corporations are instruments of politically weak minds. Strong policy minds will create the necessary economic conditions for the prosperity in the United States and abroad.

Today, the world is again at a crossroads. For the hundredth time in human history. Again, as has already happened many times before, the world is experiencing economic, political, religious and psychological shock. It is high time to think again and stop grabbing the biggest piece of the pie. The global pie is huge, the wealth is so tremendous, there will be enough for all, if we exercise a reasonable approach to the planet's resources, and thoughtfully enjoy the benefits that God has given us.

Let's convert the energy of the global warming of the planet to the warming energy in human relations, employing the achievements in medical technology, information technology, construction, clean and efficient energy to the benefit of Mankind. Therefore, I can say that the responsibility for the future of the world rests upon all of us. It depends on scientists and businessmen, journalists and public workers, politicians and military. It entirely depends on us where our efforts will be directed in our daily business. I hope that the future president of the United States will spread her/his influence throughout the world in order to create global prosperity.

Best regards,
Sergei Millian

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We need to avoid this guy like the plague

They are going to try and say the Russians worked with wiki leaks to give this victory to us

Paul is nice guy but can't let word get out he is advising us

Get Outlook for iOS

What do u think?

Jared
Not certain if you are offline but am sending for when you are online again.
I am really feeling good about our prospects on Tuesday and focusing on preserving the victory. This memo deals with this concern.
I sent this to Reince, and briefed Rick Gates and Hannity.
Good luck. We are almost there.
Paul
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wed 4/20/2016 8:21 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: Steve Bannon
Cc: [Redacted]
Bcc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Cambridge Analytica

Hi,

A pleasure to meet you. Is there a best time to call you tomorrow please?

Sent from my iPhone

> On 20 Apr 2016, at 20:00, [Redacted] wrote:
> [Redacted] the company
I know he is a total pretender!  
We worked on our very first pilot program in Virginia with him in 2013. 

I will connect with him directly.

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(U) MICHAEL DEAL COHEN (COHEN), date of birth [redacted] was interviewed in the Special Counsel's Office, located at 395 E Street SE, Washington, DC. COHEN was accompanied by his attorneys, Guy Petrillo, Amy Lester, and Philip Filmar, from the law offices of Petrillo Klein & Boxer LLP, 655 Third Avenue, New York, NY. Participating in the interview were FBI Special Agent (SA) [redacted] SA Intelligence Analyst (IA) [redacted] Forensic Accountant (FoA) [redacted] Senior Assistant Special Counsel (SASC) Jeannie S. Rhee, SASC Andrew D. Goldstein, and Assistant Special Counsel L. Rush Atkinson. Pursuant to signing a proffer agreement and after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents, COHEN provided the following information:

Investigation on 08/07/2018 at Washington, District Of Columbia, United States (In Person)

File # [redacted]

Date drafted 08/08/2018

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
TRUMP JUNIOR said to TRUMP that he was setting up a meeting in order to get dirt on HILLARY CLINTON. (COHEN did not recall whether TRUMP JUNIOR said "Clinton" or "Hillary.")
(U) Regarding the timing of the meeting, COHEN thought it was prior to June 9th, 2016 by a couple of days. COHEN reviewed a calendar of June 2016 and estimated the conversation he witnessed between TRUMP JUNIOR and TRUMP was Monday, June 6, 2016,
(U) COHEN did not have discussions with the TRUMP CAMPAIGN about TTM.

(U) Nobody from the campaign asked COHEN how TTM was going.
[U] Interview of Michael Cohen

On 08/07/2018

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Russian Olympic Weightlifter.

Cohen knew he...
pOOT to June 9 by a couple of days. Rum it was kind of the beginning of June...
Any discussion of DSI org regarding TTP at some time at company.
nobody asked how TIM was doing in the context of campaign.
Guy Petrillo  
Petrillo Klein & Boxer LLP  
655 Third Ave.  
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New York, NY 10017

Re: Michael D. Cohen

Dear Counsel:

You have indicated that your client Michael D. Cohen (hereinafter “Client”), is interested in providing information to the government.

With respect to the meeting between the government, Client and yourself on August 7, 2018 (hereinafter “the meeting”), the government will be represented by individuals from the Special Counsel’s Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The terms of this letter do not bind any office or component of the U.S. Department of Justice other than those identified in the preceding sentence. The following terms and conditions apply to the meeting:

(1) **THIS IS NOT A COOPERATION AGREEMENT.** Client has agreed to provide information to the government, and to respond to questions truthfully and completely. By receiving Client’s proffer, the government does not agree to make any motion on Client’s behalf or to enter into a cooperation agreement, plea agreement, immunity agreement or non-prosecution agreement with Client. The government makes no representation about the likelihood that any such agreement will be reached in connection with this meeting.

(2) Should Client be prosecuted, no statements made by Client during the meeting will be used against Client in the government’s case-in-chief at trial or for purposes of sentencing, except as provided below.

(3) The government may use any statement made or information provided by Client, or on Client’s behalf, in a prosecution for false statements, perjury, or obstruction of justice, premised on statements or actions during the meeting. The government may also use any such statement or information at sentencing in support of an argument that Client failed to provide truthful or complete information during the meeting, and, accordingly: (a) that under the United States Sentencing Guidelines, Client is not entitled to a downward adjustment for acceptance of
responsibility pursuant to Section 3E1.1, or should receive an upward adjustment for obstruction of justice pursuant to Section 3C1.1; and (b) that Client’s conduct at the meeting is a relevant factor under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

(4) The government may make derivative use of any statements made or other information provided by Client during the meeting. Therefore, the government may pursue any investigative leads obtained directly or indirectly from such statements and information and may use the evidence or information subsequently obtained therefrom against Client in any manner and in any proceeding.

(5) In any proceeding, including sentencing, the government may use Client’s statements and any information provided by Client during or in connection with the meeting to cross-examine Client, to rebut any evidence or arguments offered on Client’s behalf, or to address any issues or questions raised by a court on its own initiative.

(6) Neither this agreement nor the meeting constitutes a plea discussion or an attempt to initiate plea discussions. In the event this agreement or the meeting is later construed to constitute a plea discussion or an attempt to initiate plea discussions, Client knowingly and voluntarily waives any right Client might have under Fed. R. Evid. 410, Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(f), or otherwise, to prohibit the use against Client of statements made or information provided during the meeting.

(7) The government reserves the right to argue that neither this agreement nor the meeting constitutes the timely provision of complete information to the government concerning Client’s involvement in an offense, within the meaning of Section 3E1.1(b) of the Sentencing Guidelines.

(8) If and when required to do so by a court, the government may disclose to the Probation Office or the court any statements and information provided by Client during the meeting.

(9) The government may disclose the fact of the meeting or the information provided by Client during the meeting to the extent the government determines in its sole discretion that disclosure would be in furtherance of its discharge of its duties and responsibilities or is otherwise required by law. Such disclosure includes disclosure to a local, state, federal, or foreign government office or agency, including but not limited to another prosecutor’s office, if the recipient of the information agrees to abide by the relevant terms of this agreement.

(10) The terms and conditions set forth in this agreement extend, if applicable, to the continuation of the meeting on the dates that appear below.

(11) It is understood that this agreement is limited to the statements made by Client at the meeting and does not apply to any oral, written or recorded statements made by Client at any other time.

(12) This document embodies the entirety of the agreement between the government and Client to provide information and evidence. No other promises, agreements or understandings exist between Client and the government regarding Client’s provision of information or evidence.
to the government.

(13) Client and Client’s attorney acknowledge that they have read, fully discussed and understand every paragraph and clause in this document and the consequences thereof.

Dated: August 7, 2018

At: Washington, DC

Robert S. Mueller, III
Special Counsel

By: L. Rush Atkinson
Assistant Special Counsel
The Special Counsel’s Office

Michael D. Cohen

Guy Petrillo
Attorney for Client

Dates of Continuation

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Initials of counsel, Client and government attorney

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