



**Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives**

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VIA U.S. AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable William P. Barr
Attorney General of the United States
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr:

Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III's March 2019 Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election (the "Report") strongly indicates that Erik Prince knowingly and willfully provided materially false testimony to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (the "Committee") in connection with the Committee's duly authorized investigation into Russian interference in the U.S. political process. By this letter, we refer this matter to the Department to consider whether criminal charges should be brought for a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001(a)(2) and (c).

Mr. Prince testified before the Committee on November 30, 2017, and the Committee released his transcript publicly on December 6, 2017. The Special Counsel's Office interviewed George Nader on multiple occasions after Mr. Prince's Committee testimony, including on January 19, 22 and 23, 2018. The Special Counsel's Office also interviewed Mr. Prince after his appearance before the Committee, and the Report cites interviews the Office conducted with Mr. Prince on April 4 and May 3, 2018.

As the Report makes clear, evidence obtained by the Special Counsel, including statements provided to the Special Counsel by both Mr. Prince and Mr. Nader, differs materially from Mr. Prince's testimony, under oath, before the Committee on November 30, 2017. The Report reveals that Mr. Prince's testimony before the Committee was replete with manifest and substantial falsehoods that materially impaired the Committee's investigation. In particular, Mr. Prince's testimony about his January 11, 2017 meeting in the Seychelles with Kirill Dmitriev, the

chief executive officer of Russia’s sovereign wealth fund, differs from the Report in the following material respects:¹

	Committee Testimony	Report
1	The Seychelles meeting with Mr. Dmitriev was a chance encounter suggested by representatives from the United Arab Emirates once Mr. Prince was in the Seychelles. Mr. Prince made no mention of George Nader, thereby concealing from the Committee Mr. Nader’s involvement.	Approximately one week prior to the Seychelles meeting, Mr. Nader proposed to Mr. Prince, in a face-to-face meeting in New York, that Mr. Prince meet Mr. Dmitriev. In addition, Mr. Nader sent background information about Mr. Dmitriev to Mr. Prince.
2	Mr. Prince met Mr. Dmitriev once, at the hotel bar, for a maximum of 30 minutes. Mr. Prince testified that Mr. Dmitriev’s wife may also have been present, but he did not mention Mr. Nader.	Mr. Prince and Mr. Dmitriev met twice. The first meeting was 30-45 minutes at Mr. Nader’s villa with Mr. Nader present; the second meeting, held at Mr. Prince’s urging at a hotel restaurant, related to Libya.
3	Mr. Prince and Mr. Dmitriev did not discuss opening a channel of communication between the United States and Russia.	At the first meeting, Mr. Prince promised Mr. Dmitriev that he would report back to Steve Bannon about their conversation and Mr. Bannon or someone from the Transition Team would follow up if there was interest in continuing the discussion.
4	Mr. Prince and Mr. Dmitriev only discussed trade matters, oil and commodity prices, and how the United States and Russia should work together to defeat Islamic terrorism.	At the second meeting, Mr. Prince told Mr. Dmitriev that the United States could not accept Russian involvement in Libya. ²
5	Mr. Prince was not acting as a representative of Donald Trump at the Seychelles meeting.	Prior to accepting the meeting with Mr. Dmitriev, Mr. Prince told Mr. Nader that he would have to check with Transition Team officials. At the first meeting, Mr. Prince told Mr. Dmitriev that he provided policy papers to

¹ The enclosed appendix provides excerpts from Mr. Prince’s Committee transcript that contradict the Report.

² Most of the information about the first meeting remains heavily redacted due to grand jury material, and the Committee has been unable to evaluate this information for the purpose of this referral and other oversight and legislative needs.

	Committee Testimony	Report
		<p>Mr. Bannon and promised that he would report back to Mr. Bannon.</p> <p>When requesting the second meeting, Mr. Prince told Mr. Nader that he had checked with his “associates back home” and needed to convey a message to Mr. Dmitriev.</p> <p>After the meetings, Mr. Prince told Mr. Nader that he would inform Mr. Bannon about meeting with Mr. Dmitriev.</p> <p>After the meetings, Mr. Prince briefed Mr. Bannon about meeting with Mr. Dmitriev.³</p>
6	Mr. Prince did not tell Mr. Bannon, the Trump Organization, or the Transition Team about meeting with Mr. Dmitriev.	After the meetings, Mr. Prince briefed Mr. Bannon about meeting with Mr. Dmitriev.

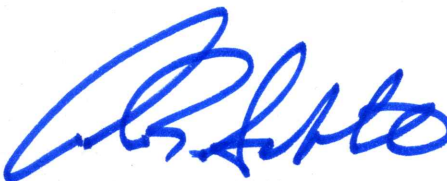
The aforementioned false statements were material to the Committee’s investigation. They impaired the Committee’s understanding of Russia’s attempts to contact and influence the incoming Trump Administration, concealed Mr. Nader’s role as an intermediary, and stymied the Committee’s ability to request relevant documents and testimony from Mr. Prince, Mr. Nader, Mr. Bannon, and other individuals who may have information about the Seychelles meeting(s), among other matters of interest to the Committee. As a result, Mr. Prince’s false statements hindered the Committee’s ability to fully understand and examine foreign efforts to undermine our political process and national security, develop appropriate legislative and policy remedies to counter future malign influence operations targeting campaigns and presidential transitions, and inform the American public, as appropriate.

We therefore refer this matter to you and request that you investigate whether there is sufficient admissible evidence to prove that Mr. Prince made materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations to Congress, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001(a) and (c).

³ According to the Report, Mr. Bannon denied ever talking to Mr. Prince about Mr. Dmitriev. Report at 156 (describing conflicting accounts provided by Mr. Bannon and Mr. Prince).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Adam B. Schiff
Chairman

Enclosures:

Appendix – Excerpts of Interview Transcript and Report
Transcript of Erik Prince’s Interview before the Committee (November 30, 2017)

APPENDIX

Excerpts of Interview Transcript and Report

The excerpts below from Erik Prince's interview transcript and the Report establish that Mr. Prince provided materially false testimony to the Committee during his interview on November 30, 2017.

(1) **Seychelles Meeting With Kirill Dmitriev Was Not A Chance Encounter, But Rather Was Orchestrated By Erik Prince And George Nader**

During his interview with the Committee, Mr. Prince repeatedly and falsely stated that the meeting with Kirill Dmitriev was a chance encounter, suggested by representatives from the United Arab Emirates at the conclusion of their business meeting in the Seychelles on January 11, 2017. Mr. Prince made no mention of George Nader, thereby concealing from the Committee Mr. Nader's involvement. The Report makes clear that in fact, Mr. Prince and Mr. Nader arranged the meeting with Mr. Dmitriev in advance of January 11, 2017. Specifically, Mr. Nader told Mr. Prince in New York on January 3, 2017 that the Russians were looking to "build a link" with the incoming Trump Administration and suggested that Mr. Prince and Mr. Dmitriev meet. Mr. Nader then sent Mr. Prince an internet link to a Wikipedia entry about Mr. Dmitriev, Mr. Dmitriev's two-page biography, and a list of Mr. Dmitriev's positive quotes about Donald Trump.

*** Committee Testimony ***

Tr. at 7:

On or around January 11, 2017, I traveled to the Seychelles to meet with some potential customers from the UAE for the logistics business of which I am chairman. After the meeting, they mentioned a guy I should meet who was also in town to see them, a Kirill Dmitriev from Russia, who ran some sort of hedge fund.

I met him in the hotel bar, and we chatted on topics ranging from oil and commodity prices to how much his country wished for resumption of normal trade relations with the -- relationship with the USA. I remember telling him that if Franklin Roosevelt could work with Josef Stalin to defeat Nazi fascism, then certainly Donald Trump could work with Vladimir Putin to defeat Islamic fascism.

The meeting ended after a maximum of 30 minutes. I've had no communications or dealings with him or any of his colleagues before or after that encounter last January.

That's really all there is to say about that meeting.

Tr. at 8:

MR. ROONEY: So you were doing this in your own capacity, for your business, to meet with him?

MR. PRINCE: The Emiratis I'd just met with previously said, there's an interesting guy from Russia you should meet if you have any business in the commodity space, which I do. I look at minerals and oil and gas. He said, you should meet him. So I met him in the bar and had a drink.

Tr. at 26:

And, at the end, one of the entourage says, "Hey, by the way, there's this Russian guy that we've dealt with in the past. He's here also to see someone from the Emirati delegation. And you should meet him. He'd be an interesting guy for you to know, since you're doing a lot in the oil and gas and mineral space."

So, as I recall, I met him, this same guy I talked about, Kirill Dmitriev. Met him down in the bar after dinner, and we talked for 30 minutes over a beer, and that was it.

Tr. at 29:

MR. PRINCE: Well, let's just say when you're running a country, a very successful, affluent country, there's a lot of people waiting to see or to meet with leadership. So, you know, whether they do business with Russia or China or Europe or whatever, they have very good relationships with a lot of other countries, so it's not a surprise that other leaders, other people from other countries would've been waiting to see or having met with any of that leadership.

MR. SCHIFF: So none of the UAE delegation, including the Prince, gave you any reason to believe that part of the reason they wanted you to come to Seychelles was to meet Mr. Dmitriev?

MR. PRINCE: Not at all. No.

Tr. at 30:

MR. PRINCE: Like I said, there was no formal introduction. It's not like I was at a meeting and they invited this Russian guy to the meeting. It was a matter of, "Hey, while you're here, there's a Russian guy that we've done some business with in the past, and it'd be interesting for you to meet him." So that's why I met him down in the bar after dinner, with no other Emiratis present.

Tr. at 56-57:

MR. PRINCE: Like they mentioned to me: Hey, this guy, this Russian guy that deals in commodities in emerging markets would be a useful guy for you to meet potentially for stuff in the future. So, yes.

And that's -- and I would imagine they mentioned the same thing

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that, you know, this guy Erik who deals in emerging markets and looks for minerals and oil and gas in remote places. So that's why they -- I guess that's why they arranged that meeting.

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i. George Nader and Erik Prince Arrange Seychelles Meeting with Dmitriev

Nader traveled to New York in early January 2017 and had lunchtime and dinner meetings with Erik Prince on January 3, 2017.¹⁰³⁴ Nader and Prince discussed Dmitriev.¹⁰³⁵ Nader informed Prince that the Russians were looking to build a link with the incoming Trump Administration.¹⁰³⁶ Grand Jury he told Prince that Dmitriev had been pushing Nader to introduce him to someone from the incoming Administration. Grand Jury Nader suggested, in light of Prince's relationship with Transition Team officials, that Prince and Dmitriev meet to discuss issues of mutual concern.¹⁰³⁸ Grand Jury Prince told Nader that he needed to think further about it and to check with Transition Team officials.¹⁰³⁹

After his dinner with Prince, Nader sent Prince a link to a Wikipedia entry about Dmitriev, and sent Dmitriev a message stating that he had just met "with some key people within the family and inner circle"—a reference to Prince—and that he had spoken at length and positively about

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Dmitriev.¹⁰⁴⁰ Nader told Dmitriev that the people he met had asked for Dmitriev's bio, and Dmitriev replied that he would update and send it.¹⁰⁴¹ Nader later received from Dmitriev two files concerning Dmitriev: one was a two-page biography, and the other was a list of Dmitriev's positive quotes about Donald Trump.¹⁰⁴²

The next morning, Nader forwarded the message and attachments Dmitriev had sent him to Prince.¹⁰⁴³ Nader wrote to Prince that these documents were the versions "to be used with some additional details for them" (with "them" referring to members of the incoming Administration).¹⁰⁴⁴ Prince opened the attachments at Trump Tower within an hour of receiving them.¹⁰⁴⁵ Prince stated that, while he was at Trump Tower that day, he spoke with Kellyanne Conway, Wilbur Ross, Steve Mnuchin, and others while waiting to see Bannon.¹⁰⁴⁶ Cell-site location data for Prince's mobile phone indicates that Prince remained at Trump Tower for approximately three hours.¹⁰⁴⁷ Prince said that he could not recall whether, during those three hours, he met with Bannon and discussed Dmitriev with him.¹⁰⁴⁸ Grand Jury

(2) **Mr. Prince Met Mr. Dmitriev Not Once, But Twice On January 11, 2017**

During his interview with the Committee, Mr. Prince falsely stated that he had only one meeting with Mr. Dmitriev, at a hotel bar, which lasted no more than 30 minutes. Mr. Prince testified that Mr. Dmitriev's wife may also have been present, but he did not mention Mr. Nader. In contrast, according to the Report, Mr. Prince met with Mr. Dmitriev and Mr. Nader twice on January 11, 2017. The initial meeting took place at Mr. Nader's villa, with Mr. Nader present, and lasted approximately 30-45 minutes. The second meeting between Mr. Prince, Mr. Dmitriev, and Mr. Nader was held at a restaurant within the hotel property; the meeting was brief, and was requested by Mr. Prince after learning that a Russian aircraft carrier had sailed to Libya.

*** Committee Testimony ***

Tr. at 7:

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That's really all there is to say about that meeting.

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So, as I recall, I met him, this same guy I talked about, Kirill Dmitriev. Met him down in the bar after dinner, and we talked for 30 minutes over a beer, and that was it.

Tr. at 36:

MR. SCHIFF: And was he alone in the bar?

MR. PRINCE: I think his wife was there.

Tr. at 39:

MR. SCHIFF: So the only two meetings you had while you were there were an hour-long meeting with the Prince and his delegation and an approximately half-an-hour meeting in the bar with Mr. Dmitriev.

MR. PRINCE: I think that's the order of it, but I'm not -- yeah. Something like that.

Tr. at 41-42:

MR. PRINCE: Again, to characterize it, Congressman, Erik Prince, a private citizen, traveled to the Seychelles to meet with some Emirati people that he'd known for a few years. And while there, they said, "Oh, there's this Russian guy that's also here to see us. Might be useful for you to meet him." And like I said, I met him for a maximum of 30 minutes, probably much less than that -- because it doesn't take me that long to drink a beer -- in a bar. I had no communication with that guy before then and no communication with him or any of his

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affiliates since then.

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Dmitriev arrived with his wife in the Seychelles on January 11, 2017, and checked into the Four Seasons Resort where Crown Prince Mohammed and Nader were staying.¹⁰⁵⁸ Prince arrived that same day.¹⁰⁵⁹ Prince and Dmitriev met for the first time that afternoon in Nader's villa, with Nader present.¹⁰⁶⁰ The initial meeting lasted approximately 30-45 minutes.¹⁰⁶¹

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Afterwards, Prince returned to his room, where he learned that a Russian aircraft carrier had sailed to Libya, which led him to call Nader and ask him to set up another meeting with Dmitriev.¹⁰⁷³ According to Nader, Prince called and said he had checked with his associates back home and needed to convey to Dmitriev that Libya was "off the table."¹⁰⁷⁴ Nader wrote to Dmitriev that Prince had "received an urgent message that he needs to convey to you immediately," and arranged for himself, Dmitriev, and Prince to meet at a restaurant on the Four Seasons property.¹⁰⁷⁵

At the second meeting, Prince told Dmitriev that the United States could not accept any Russian involvement in Libya because it would make the situation there much worse.¹⁰⁷⁶ Grand Jury

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After the brief second meeting concluded, Nader and Dmitriev discussed what had transpired.¹⁰⁷⁸ Dmitriev told Nader that he was disappointed in his meetings with Prince for two reasons: first, he believed the Russians needed to be communicating with someone who had more authority within the incoming Administration than Prince had.¹⁰⁷⁹ Second, he had hoped to have a discussion of greater substance, such as outlining a strategic roadmap for both countries to follow.¹⁰⁸⁰ Dmitriev told Nader that Grand Jury Prince's comments Grand Jury were insulting Grand Jury.¹⁰⁸¹

Hours after the second meeting, Prince sent two text messages to Bannon from the Seychelles.¹⁰⁸² As described further below, investigators were unable to obtain the content of these or other messages between Prince and Bannon, and the investigation also did not identify evidence of any further communication between Prince and Dmitriev after their meetings in the Seychelles.

(3) **Mr. Prince And Mr. Dmitriev Discussed Opening Communications Channel Between The United States And Russia**

During his interview with the Committee, Mr. Prince falsely stated that he and Mr. Dmitriev did not discuss opening a channel of communications between the United States and Russia. However, the Report reveals that Mr. Prince told Mr. Dmitriev that he would report back to Steve Bannon about their conversation, and that Mr. Bannon or someone else from the Transition Team would follow up if there was interest in continuing the discussion. This is consistent with Mr. Nader's comments to Mr. Prince on January 3, 2017, when first arranging the meeting with Mr. Dmitriev, that the Russians were looking to "build a link" with someone from the incoming Trump Administration.

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Tr. at 38-39:

MR. SCHIFF: Did he bring up a desire to have a relationship with the Trump administration?

MR. PRINCE: No.

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MR. SCHIFF: Did you discuss establishing a channel of communications with his country that would be discreet?

MR. PRINCE: No.

MR. SCHIFF: Did you discuss having any channel of communications between the United States and Russia?

MR. PRINCE: No.

MR. SCHIFF: Is there anything more specific you can tell us about what you did discuss with him?

MR. PRINCE: No.

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Nader traveled to New York in early January 2017 and had lunchtime and dinner meetings with Erik Prince on January 3, 2017.¹⁰³⁴ Nader and Prince discussed Dmitriev.¹⁰³⁵ Nader informed Prince that the Russians were looking to build a link with the incoming Trump Administration.¹⁰³⁶ Grand Jury he told Prince that Dmitriev had been pushing Nader to introduce him to someone from the incoming Administration. Grand Jury Nader suggested, in light of Prince's relationship with Transition Team officials, that Prince and Dmitriev meet to discuss issues of mutual concern.¹⁰³⁸ Grand Jury Prince told Nader that he needed to think further about it and to check with Transition Team officials.¹⁰³⁹

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Prince added that he would inform Bannon about his meeting with Dmitriev, and that if there was interest in continuing the discussion, Bannon or someone else on the Transition Team would do so.¹⁰⁷¹ Grand Jury
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(4) **Mr. Prince And Mr. Dmitriev Discussed More Than Trade Matters, Oil And Commodity Prices, And Defeating Islamic Terrorism**

During his interview with the Committee, Mr. Prince falsely stated that he and Mr. Dmitriev only discussed trade matters, oil and commodity prices, and how the United States and Russia should work together to defeat Islamic terrorism. The Report establishes that during the second meeting, Mr. Prince told Mr. Dmitriev that the United States could not accept Russian involvement in Libya. Most of the information about the first meeting remains heavily redacted due to grand jury material, and as a result, the subject matter of that meeting is unclear. The Report does clarify, however, that at the first meeting, Mr. Prince told Mr. Dmitriev that he was looking forward to a new era of cooperation and conflict resolution, he provided policy papers to Mr. Bannon, he would report back to Mr. Bannon about his meeting with Mr. Dmitriev, and the topic of election interference did not come up.

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Tr. at 36-37:

MR. PRINCE: I said, I'm -- I gave him my name, and I said, the Emirati guy said I should meet you while I'm out here. And so we talked about, like I said, trade matters and how the United States and Russia

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should be working together to defeat Islamic terrorism. And we certainly talked about the prices of oil and other basic mineral commodities and where he thought the market was going.

Tr. at 37:

MR. SCHIFF: What more can you tell us about what he said regarding trade or commerce between the United States and Russia?

MR. PRINCE: Nothing more than that. Like I said in my letter, I remember telling him that if Franklin Roosevelt could work with Josef Stalin to defeat Nazi fascism, certainly the United States could work with Vladimir Putin to defeat Islamic fascism.

MR. SCHIFF: Okay. What else did you discuss?

MR. PRINCE: That's all.

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Grand Jury [REDACTED] ¹⁰⁶² Prince described the eight years of the Obama Administration in negative terms, and stated that he was looking forward to a new era of cooperation and conflict resolution.¹⁰⁶³ According to Prince, he told Dmitriev that Bannon was effective if not conventional, and that Prince provided policy papers to Bannon.¹⁰⁶⁴

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Prince added that he would inform Bannon about his meeting with Dmitriev, and that if there was interest in continuing the discussion, Bannon or someone else on the Transition Team would do so.¹⁰⁷¹ Grand Jury [REDACTED]

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(5) Mr. Prince Was Acting As A Representative of Trump

During his interview with the Committee, Mr. Prince falsely stated that he was not acting as a representative of Donald Trump when he met with Mr. Dmitriev in the Seychelles. The Report, however, suggests that Mr. Prince was acting as a representative or conduit to President-elect Trump’s transition:

- Prior to accepting the meeting, Mr. Prince told Mr. Nader that he would have to check with Transition Team officials;
- At the first meeting, Mr. Prince told Mr. Dmitriev that he provided policy papers to Mr. Bannon and promised Mr. Dmitriev that he would report back to Mr. Bannon, a senior member of the Transition Team who became a senior White House official on January 20, 2017;
- When requesting the second meeting, Mr. Prince told Mr. Nader that he had checked with his “associates back home” and needed to convey a message to Mr. Dmitriev;
- After the meetings, Mr. Prince told Mr. Nader that he would inform Mr. Bannon about meeting with Mr. Dmitriev; and
- After the meetings, Mr. Prince briefed Mr. Bannon about meeting with Mr. Dmitriev. (Mr. Bannon denies ever talking to Mr. Prince about Mr. Dmitriev.)

*** Committee Testimony ***

Tr. at 5:

What role did you play in the Donald Trump for President campaign?

MR. PRINCE: I played no official or, really, unofficial role.

Tr. at 6:

MR. PRINCE: Sure. I supported him monetarily. I attended some fundraisers. I wrote some papers on different foreign policy positions and, you know, kicked them up into the adviser-sphere on what should be done on Middle Eastern or African counterterrorism issues.

MR. ROONEY: Who did you give those papers to?

MR. PRINCE: Normally, I sent them to Steve Bannon.

Tr. at 8:

MR. ROONEY: Was the point of that meeting for you to represent the Trump campaign or Mr. Trump in any way?

MR. PRINCE: No.

Tr. at 8:

MR. ROONEY: So this notion that you were there representing the Trump campaign is not true.

MR. PRINCE: That is correct.

Tr. at 28:

MR. PRINCE: Well, I have never purported or positioned to having any great access to the Trump administration. Was I happy he won? Absolutely. But, you know, I never pursued a staff position there, I never pursued any kind of leadership role. But as a taxpayer and a parent, figuring out ways to end these endless wars that America is involved in, you bet I was -- I'm happy to have anybody hear my voice on that.

Tr. at 59-60:

You were asked this question about the campaign. Let me ask the same question about the transition. In the campaign, you said no

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official role, kind of some unofficial stuff that you detailed. The Trump transition, did you have any official role or unofficial role in the transition team?

MR. PRINCE: No.

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Administration.¹⁰⁵⁴ Nader wrote to Dmitriev, "This guy [Prince] is designated by Steve [Bannon] to meet you! I know him and he is very very well connected and trusted by the New Team. His sister is now a Minister of Education."¹⁰⁵⁵ According to Nader, Prince had led him to believe that Bannon was aware of Prince's upcoming meeting with Dmitriev, and Prince acknowledged that it was fair for Nader to think that Prince would pass information on to the Transition Team.¹⁰⁵⁶ Bannon, however, told the Office that Prince did not tell him in advance about his meeting with Dmitriev.¹⁰⁵⁷

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Prince said that he met Bannon at Bannon's home after returning to the United States in mid-January and briefed him about several topics, including his meeting with Dmitriev.¹⁰⁸⁶ Prince told the Office that he explained to Bannon that Dmitriev was the head of a Russian sovereign wealth fund and was interested in improving relations between the United States and Russia.¹⁰⁸⁷ Prince had on his cellphone a screenshot of Dmitriev's Wikipedia page dated January 16, 2017,

* NOTE: Mr. Bannon denies ever talking to Mr. Prince about Mr. Dmitriev. (Report at 156.)

(6) Mr. Prince Told Mr. Bannon About the Seychelles Meeting

During his interview with the Committee, Mr. Prince falsely stated that he did not tell Mr. Bannon, the Trump Organization, or the Transition Team about his meeting with Mr. Dmitriev. The Report reveals that, in fact, on January 12, 2017 and then again several days later, Mr. Prince contacted Mr. Bannon's personal assistant to set up a meeting with Mr. Bannon. Then, in mid-January, Mr. Prince met Mr. Bannon at Mr. Bannon's home to discuss, among other topics, Mr. Dmitriev. (Mr. Bannon denies ever talking to Mr. Prince about Mr. Dmitriev. Report at 156.)

*** Committee Testimony ***

Tr. at 40:

MR. SCHIFF: Well, you tell me. Did you tell anyone that you had met with the UAE delegation, and did you tell anyone that you had met with Mr. Dmitriev?

MR. PRINCE: I don't think so, no.

MR. SCHIFF: Did you ever have a subsequent conversation --

MR. PRINCE: There was no reason to be reporting to anyone. I'm -- I own my own business and run it accordingly.

MR. SCHIFF: Did you ever tell Mr. Bannon that you had met with Mr. Dmitriev?

MR. PRINCE: No, I don't think so.

MR. SCHIFF: Did you ever tell Mr. Bannon that you had met with the Prince and his delegation?

MR. PRINCE: That's possible, but I don't remember. There would've been no reason to report to him who I was meeting and where.

Tr. at 41:

MR. SCHIFF: Did you ever communicate with anyone in The Trump Organization or transition team that you had gone to the Seychelles and had a meeting with the UAE?

MR. PRINCE: Not that I recall, no.

MR. SCHIFF: Did you ever tell anyone with The Trump Organization or transition team that you had had a meeting with Mr. Dmitriev?

MR. PRINCE: No, I did not.

Tr. at 63-64:

MR. HIMES: So just to be clear, two meetings in Trump Tower during the transition with Steve Bannon, neither of which lasted more than 5 or 10 minutes?

MR. PRINCE: Correct.

MR. HIMES: Did Mr. Bannon make any requests of you in those meetings?

MR. PRINCE: He may have asked my opinion on U.S. policy in Afghanistan, why we are failing. Those are the only requests would

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be questions of: What do you think of this U.S. foreign policy challenge in whatever country it might be?

MR. HIMES: Did the topic of Russia ever come up in either of those two meetings?

MR. PRINCE: No.

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Report at 155:

After the Seychelles meetings, Prince told Nader that he would inform Bannon about his discussion with Dmitriev and would convey that someone within the Russian power structure was interested in seeking better relations with the incoming Administration.¹⁰⁸³ On January 12, 2017, Prince contacted Bannon's personal assistant to set up a meeting for the following week.¹⁰⁸⁴ Several days later, Prince messaged her again asking about Bannon's schedule.¹⁰⁸⁵

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Prince said that he met Bannon at Bannon's home after returning to the United States in mid-January and briefed him about several topics, including his meeting with Dmitriev.¹⁰⁸⁶ Prince told the Office that he explained to Bannon that Dmitriev was the head of a Russian sovereign wealth fund and was interested in improving relations between the United States and Russia.¹⁰⁸⁷ Prince had on his cellphone a screenshot of Dmitriev's Wikipedia page dated January 16, 2017,

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and Prince told the Office that he likely showed that image to Bannon.¹⁰⁸⁸ Prince also believed he provided Bannon with Dmitriev's contact information.¹⁰⁸⁹ According to Prince, Bannon instructed Prince not to follow up with Dmitriev, and Prince had the impression that the issue was not a priority for Bannon.¹⁰⁹⁰ Prince related that Bannon did not appear angry, just relatively uninterested.¹⁰⁹¹