

From: Lasseter, David F (b)(6)
[REDACTED]
To: Schools, Scott N (b)(6)
[REDACTED]
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: RE [REDACTED]
Date: Wed Jun 20 2018 14:11:10 EDT
Attachments:

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Thanks Scott. Sorry I gave you SIPR address....thought it was on that domain.

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Thank you,
Jake

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[REDACTED]
To: Johnson, Joanne (b)(6)
[REDACTED]
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]
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Joanne:

These are the [REDACTED] docs for HPSCI. Thanks!

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Thanks. (b)(5) per FBI

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Thanks [REDACTED]. I really
appreciate your work on this.

Scott

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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From: Schools, Scott N (b)(6)

To: Gauhar, Tashina (b)(6)

Cc:

Bcc:

Subject: (U) FW: ~~TOP SECRET//NOFORN~~

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On January 27, 2017, OHR received a WhatsApp notification from Christopher Steele indicating Steele's employee was alright and Steele would like to keep the line of communication open with OHR for future contact. OHR replied in the affirmative.

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ On January 24, 2017, OHR received a WhatsApp notification from Christopher Steele. On January 25, 2017, Steele contacted and spoke with OHR via WhatsApp. During this conversation, Steele again relayed his concerns regarding the safety of his employee. Due to the possibility of the employee's identity being exposed by the media, [REDACTED]

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR took notes during the contact with Steele to preserve his memory and referred to them during the interview. OHR's notes are an attachment to this document.

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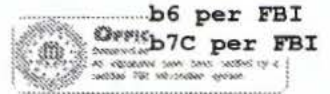
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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR stated he had been contacted by Christopher Steele, via WhatsApp, on January 31, 2017. On January 30, 2017, the Trump Administration fired Acting Attorney General Sally Q. Yates and Steele had contacted OHR to determine if OHR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

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

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR also advised [REDACTED] an attorney representing [REDACTED] explained his client felt [REDACTED] were recently complicated by the FBI, who he

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felt viewed him as a criminal. [redacted] informed OHR that [redacted] would

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like to 'clean things up' and felt the circumstances surrounding the 2016

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US Presidential election had become 'too emotional.' OHR stated, as he

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understood it, [redacted] was informed of what was required during the FBI

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interview.

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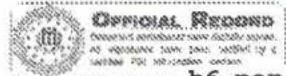
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- (U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Bruce OHR, [redacted] currently [redacted] b6 per FBI
Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of b7C per FBI
Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) was
interviewed at FBI Headquarters, 935 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC.
After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Special Agents and
the nature of the interview, OHR provided the following information:
- (U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR stated he had been contacted by Christopher Steele, via
WhatsApp and OHR responded via FaceTime on 02/11/2017.
- (U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Steele advised OHR that [redacted] b6 per FBI
[redacted] b7C per FBI
[redacted] b7D per FBI
[redacted] OHR added [redacted]
- (U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Steele's company is continuing to work for both [redacted] b6 per FBI
[redacted] another attorney for [redacted] b7A per FBI
[redacted] However, OHR explained Steele is beginning to worry about his b7C per FBI
business and was preparing a [redacted] to broker a business b7E per FBI
relationship with the FBI. Steele advised OHR, 'You may see me re-emerge
in a couple of weeks.'
- (U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR responded he had yet to ask Steele if he would like to
be provided with an FBI contact.
- (U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ OHR also advised [redacted] was doing fine, but were
still a bit "freaked out." However, it seemed to Steele that things were
calming down and he was pleased about a recent CNN article that stated U.S.

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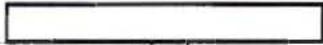
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To: Schools, Scott N. (b)(6)

Cc: Priestap, E W (FBI) [redacted]

Bcc:

Subject: RE: [redacted] ~~SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN~~

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Date: Wed Dec 13 2017 12:19:53 EST

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Scott—in the course of the original review [redacted]

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[redacted] Given developments since we
conducted that first review we wanted to make sure you had these [redacted] as well for full transparency.

Please let us know if these should be integrated into the production for HPSCI.

Thank you,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] (CD) (FBI)

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Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:27 AM

To: 'Schools, Scott N.' (b)(6)

Cc: PRIESTAP, E. W. (CD) (FBI) [redacted]

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Scott—as requested, attached are the [redacted]

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[redacted]

We are currently finalizing redactions to these in coordination with OGC for the purposes of HPSCI review. I expect that review will be done relatively soon.

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[redacted] when they are complete.

Best,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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[redacted]
Special Assistant
FBI Counterintelligence Division
Desk: [redacted]
Mobile: [redacted]

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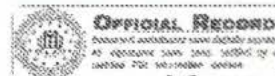
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 05/12/2017

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ On 5/12/2017, SA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] interviewed BRUCE OHR, [redacted] currently the Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) at FBI Washington Field Office, 601 4th Street, Washington, DC. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, OHR provided the following information:

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ STEELE sent OHR a text message in WhatsApp some time around Tuesday and they set up a call via WhatsApp for Wednesday 2:00 PM EST.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Over the course of their telephone call, STEELE informed OHR that he had received a letter from the Senate Intelligence Committee (SIC). The letter requested answers to the following questions:

1. Had STEELE provided information to the US Government?
2. What was the scope of STEELE's investigation?
3. Did STEELE have any additional information to provide?

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ STEELE mentioned that SIC was considering sending staffers to the UK.

(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ SSA [redacted] requested that OHR ask STEELE if he would be willing to have a conversation with FBI agents in the UK. OHR agreed to pass along the message.

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b7C per FBI~~Reason: 1.4(b)~~

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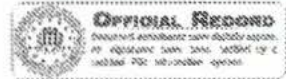
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Investigation on 05/12/2017 at Washington, District Of Columbia, United States (In Person)

File # [redacted] Date drafted 05/12/2017 b3 per FBI
by [redacted] b6 per FBI
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Bruce OHR, [redacted] currently the Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) was interviewed at FBI Headquarters. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, OHR provided the following information:

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ On December 20, 2016, at 11:00 A.M. OHR provided writer with an 8GB SanDisk Cruzer Glide USB micro digital data storage drive (thumb drive). Glen Simpson at Fusion GPS hired OHR's wife, Nellie Ohr, to conduct research for his firm. OHR voluntarily provided his wife's research to the FBI. OHR provided the interviewing Agent with the thumb drive and indicated it contained the totality of the work Nellie Ohr conducted for Simpson, but the Fusion GPS header was stripped. Nellie Ohr is a Russian linguist/analyst and a former Russian History professor. The thumb drive was entered into evidence.

Reason: 1.4(b)

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ On January 27, 2017, OHR received a WhatsApp notification from Christopher Steele indicating Steele's employee was alright and Steele would like to keep the line of communication open with OHR for future contact. OHR replied in the affirmative.

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From: Gauhar, Tashina (b)(6)

To: Schools, Scott N. (b)(6)

Cc:

Bcc:

Subject: FW: (S//NF) [redacted]

Date: Mon Jan 29 2018 18:44:40 EST

Attachments: [redacted].pdf

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From: (b)(6) Stuard Evans

Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 8:18 AM

To: Gauhar, Tashina

Subject: FW: [redacted] SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN [redacted]

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From: (b)(6) NSD USA GOV

Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 8:03 AM

To: Evans Stuart NSD USA GOV; Sanz-Rexach Gabriel NSD USA GOV; (b)(6)

NSD USA GOV

Subject: FW: [redacted] SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN [redacted]

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(b)(6) [redacted]
National Security Division
U.S. Department of Justice
(b)(6) [redacted]

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From: [redacted] OGC) (FBI) [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 8:01 AM
To: (b)(6) [redacted] NSD USA GOV
Subject: [redacted] SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN [redacted]

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(b)(6) [redacted]

Please find attached the document prepared and reviewed by CD and OGC

[redacted]
[redacted] but please let me know if there's anything else
you would like to review before the 9:30 meeting.

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Thanks,

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Chief, Counterintelligence Law Unit I
National Security and Cyber Law Branch
[redacted]

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From: Gauhar, Tashina (b)(6)
[REDACTED]
To: (b)(6) Brad Weinsheimer (NSD)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: FW: (S//NF) For ODAG review
Date: Fri Feb 02 2018 17:40:15 EST
Attachments: DRAFT Memo Response 2.2.18 3pm.docx

Classification: ~~SECRET~~//NOFORN

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Trying again -- let me know if this goes through.

From: Gauhar, Tashina
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 5:36 PM
To: Weinsheimer Bradley NSD USA GOV
Cc: OCallaghan Edward NSD USA GOV; Evans Stuart NSD USA GOV
Subject: FW: (S//NF) For ODAG review

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Brad -- per our conversation. Thanks.

From: ANDERSON, TRISHA B. (OGC) (FBI) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 5:16 PM
To: Gauhar, Tashina
Subject: For ODAG review --- ~~SECRET~~//ORCON/NOFORN

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Trisha

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To: (b)(6) Brad Weinsheimer (NSD)

OCallaghan Edward NSD

USA GOV (b)(6)

Evans Stuart NSD USA GOV

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

NSD USA GOV (b)(6)

Cc:

Bcc:

Subject: FW: (S//NF) For ODAG review

Date: Sat Feb 03 2018 01:22:58 EST

Attachments: DRAFT Memo Response 2.2.18 3pm (4)(DOJedits).docx

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Derived From: DOJ/NSI SCG 1 INT dated 20120701

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FYI, below. Thanks for all your assistance this week. Will keep you posted on this FBI response.

--Tash

From: Gauhar, Tashina

Sent: Saturday, February 03, 2018 1:21 AM

To: 'ANDERSON, TRISHA B. (OGC) (FBI)'

Subject: RE: (S//NF) For ODAG review

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[REDACTED]
To: Schools, Scott N. (b)(6)
[REDACTED]
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: FW: (S//NF) For ODAG review
Date: Sat Feb 03 2018 01:23:22 EST
Attachments: DRAFT Memo Response 2.2.18 3pm (4)(DOJedits).docx

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To: Gauhar, Tashina
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From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)

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To: Schools, Scott N. (b)(6)
[redacted]

Cc:

Bcc:

Subject: FW: Scanned Document --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

Date: Mon Feb 05 2018 14:14:27 EST

Attachments: image.pdf

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Scott,
Per you request.....

[redacted]

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To: [REDACTED] (FBI)

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Cc:

Bcc:

Subject: (U) FW: Memos

Date: Wed Apr 18 2018 09:53:33 EDT

Attachments: Comey memos - full_unredacted_2018_04_17_18_42_10_063.pdf

Comey memos - redacted pages_2018_04_17_18_42_05_862.pdf

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From: ZEBLEY, AARON M. (SM) (OGA) [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 7:05 PM

To: Schools, Scott N. (b)(6)

Subject: FW: Memos --~~SECRET//NOFORN~~ [REDACTED]

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Scott,

The full memos (the first document) have bracketed sections to delineate classified material. Bill P marked those areas some time ago: (b)(5)

The two redacted pages that make up the second document (b)(5)

[REDACTED] To create a complete set of Hill memos, you would need to substitute those two pages into the complete set and remove the originals.

Thanks.

Aaron

From: [redacted] (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 6:45 PM
To: ZEBLEY, AARON M. (SM) (OGA) [redacted]
Subject: Memos -----~~SECRET//NOFORN~~ [redacted]

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RYBICKI, JAMES E. (DO) (FBI)

From: COMEY, JAMES B. (DO) (FBI)
 Sent: Saturday, January 07, 2017 1:42 PM
 To: MCCABE, ANDREW G. (DO)(FBI); BAKER, JAMES A. (OGC) (FBI); RYBICKI, JAMES E. (DO) (FBI)
 Cc: COMEY, JAMES B. (DO) (FBI)
 Subject: My notes from private session with PE on 1/6/17 -- ~~SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN~~

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What follows are notes I typed in the vehicle immediately upon exiting Trump Tower on 1/6/17. Although I wrote this less than five minutes after the meeting and have tried to use actual words spoken, including quoting directly in some places, I have not used quotation marks throughout because my purpose was to capture the substance of what was said. I am not sure of the proper classification here so have chosen SECRET. Please let me know if it should be higher or lower than that.

Notes begin here:

During my briefing on the [REDACTED] material in the main body of the meeting, I mentioned the derog files on [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I said we were doing that.

At the conclusion of our session, the COS asked whether there is anything we haven't mentioned that they should know or that might come out. I said there was something that Clapper wanted me to speak to the PE about alone or in a very small group. COS asked whether the group of COS, VPE, and PE was okay or whether I wanted to be alone. I told him it was up to the PE, who quickly said that he and I would meet alone.

After others left the room, we sat at the table. He began by telling me that I had had one heck of a year but that I had conducted myself honorably and had a great reputation. He said I was repeatedly put in impossible positions. He said you saved her and then they hated you for what you did later, but what choice did you have? He said he thought very highly of me and looked forward to working with me, saying he hoped I planned to stay on. I assured him I intended to stay. He said good.

I then executed the session exactly as I had planned. I told him that I wanted to meet with him to tell him more about what is in the reports written by [REDACTED] although I didn't use that name). I said that the written reports themselves were [REDACTED] and the content known at IC senior level and that [REDACTED] didn't want him caught cold by some of the detail. I then explained that the [REDACTED]

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I said, the Russians allegedly had tapes involving him and prostitutes at the Presidential Suite at the Ritz Carlton in Moscow from about 2013. He interjected, "there were no prostitutes; there were never prostitutes." He then said something about him being the kind of guy who didn't need to "go there" and laughed (which I understood to be communicating that he didn't need to pay for sex). He said "2013" to himself, as if trying to remember that period of time, but didn't add anything. He said he always assumed that hotel rooms he stayed in when he travels are wired in some way. I replied that I do as well.

(S) I said I wasn't saying this was true, only that I wanted him to know both that it had been reported and that the reports were in many hands. I said media like CNN had them and were looking for a news hook. I said it was important that we not give them the excuse to write that the FBI has the material on [REDACTED] and that we were keeping it very close-hold. He said he couldn't believe they hadn't gone with it. I said it was inflammatory stuff that they would get killed for reporting straight up from the source reports.

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He then started talking about all the women who had falsely accused him of grabbing or touching them (with particular mention of a "stripper" who said he grabbed her) and gave me the sense that he was defending himself to me. I responded that we were not investigating him and the stuff might be totally made up but it was being said out of Russia and our job was to protect the President from efforts to coerce him. I said we try to understand what the Russians are doing and what they might do. I added that I also wanted him to know this in case it came out in the media.

He said he was grateful for the conversation, said more nice things about me and how he looks forward to working with me and we departed the room.

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I had dinner with President Trump in the Green Room at the White House last night at 6:30 pm. We sat facing each other at a small oval table set for two and placed in the center of the room. There were two servers (who I had the chance to chat with a bit because I arrived about 10 minutes early; they were both retired Navy submariners and we had a fun discussion about height clearance in submarines). The servers were only in the room when they delivered food or retrieved plates.

The conversation, which was pleasant at all times, was chaotic, with topics touched, left, then returned to later, making it very difficult to recount in a linear fashion. Normally I can recall the pieces of a conversation and the order of discussion with high confidence. Here, given the nature of it, there is a distinct possibility that, while I have the substance right, the order was slightly different. It really was conversation-as-jigsaw-puzzle in a way, with pieces picked up, then discarded, then returned to.

The President spoke an overwhelming majority of the time. He never asked me an open-ended question or left it to me to choose a topic of conversation. There were almost no periods of silence during the 1 hour and 20 minutes, except once or twice when the President paused as the servers entered. I felt comfortable throughout, although never relaxed, given the focus conversation required.

At various times, he talked about the inauguration and crowd size, the campaign and his effective use of free media ("earned media"), the extraordinary luxury of the White House (which he favorably compared to Mar-a-lago), his many activities during the day and week, his young son's height, the viciousness of the campaign (where I interjected about Adams and Jefferson; he said he had been given a book about it, which was upstairs), how he had not been mocking a handicapped reporter, had not assaulted any of the women who claimed he did (reviewing in detail several of the allegations), and many other things. I will attempt to recount in some detail only those parts that related in some way to my work.

He touched on my future at various points. The first time he asked "so what do you want to do," explaining that lots of people wanted my job ("about 20 people"), that he thought very highly of me and had heard great things, that the people of the FBI really like me, but he would understand if I wanted to walk away given all I had been through, although he thought that would be bad for me personally because it would look like I had done something wrong, that he of course can make a change at FBI if he wants, but he wants to know what I think. There was no acknowledgement by him (or me) that we had already talked about this twice.

I responded by saying that he could fire me any time he wished, but that I wanted to stay and do a job I love and think I am doing well. I explained that I never expected to be back in government but had found this job hugely rewarding and wanted to serve out my term. I added that I was "reliable" in one way but not in the way political people sometimes use the term. I explained that he could count on me to always tell him the truth. I said I don't do sneaky things, I don't leak, I don't do

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weasel moves. But I was not on anybody's side politically and could not be counted on in that traditional political sense, which I said I thought was in the president's best interest. He asked whether the FBI leaks and I answered that of course in an organization of 36,000 we were going to have some of that, but I said I think the FBI leaks far less than people often say. I predicted he, like all Presidents, would discover the entire government leaks like crazy and explained that it often comes from the first or second hop out from those actually working on the sensitive thing.

He replied that he needed loyalty and expected loyalty. I did not reply, or even nod or change my facial expression, which he noted because we came back to it later.

The conversation then swerved into a long discussion of the email investigation (which we returned to at least once more). This was where I spoke the most and laid out for him my thinking (with frequent interruption) in a manner similar to my discussions with Senators Feinstein and Grassley during our one-on-ones. The one detail I added was about the AG directing me not to use the word "investigation."

He knew the sequence of events extremely well, breaking them down in his lexicon into Comey One, Comey Two, and Comey Three developments and he walked through how he saw each played out during the campaign, in great detail. He asked whether it was true "there was a revolt" after Comey One. I said that was nonsense and I had worked hard to see if folks had concerns. I added that I surely didn't need to tell him that the media sometimes gets stuff wrong. I explained that the investigators all agreed there was no case; he said he disagreed and thought there was a case. He asked me at several points how I had held up under all the abuse. I explained the freedom that comes from doing the right thing in the right way, surrounded by people who are helping make the decisions in the same way.

At this point he asked me (and asked again later) whether "your guy McCabe" has a problem with me, explaining that "I was pretty rough on him and his wife during the campaign." I explained that Andy was a true professional and had no problem at all. I then explained what FBI people were like, that whatever their personal views, they strip them when they step into their bureau roles and actually hold "political people" in slight contempt, without regard to party.

At about this point, he asked me to compare AG Holder and AG Lynch. I said I thought AG Holder was smarter and more sophisticated and smoother than AG Lynch, who I added is a good person. He said Holder and President Obama were quite close. I replied that they were and it illustrated, in my view, a mistake Presidents make over and over again: Because they reason that problems for a President often come from Justice, they try to bring Justice close, which paradoxically makes things worse because an independent DOJ and FBI are better for a President and the country. I listed off John Mitchell, Ed Meese, an Al Gonzales as examples of this mistake and he added Bobby Kennedy.

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At about this point, he turned to what he called the "golden showers thing" and recounted much of what he had said previously on that topic. He repeated that it was a complete fabrication and "fake news." I explained again why I had thought it important that he know about it. I also explained that one of the reasons we told him was that the media, CNN in particular, was telling us they were about to run with it. He said it bothered him if his wife thought there was even a one percent chance it was true in any respect. He said he had spoken to people who had been on the Miss Universe trip with him and they had reminded him that he didn't stay over night in Russia for that. He said he arrived in the morning, did events, then showered and dressed for the pageant at the hotel (he didn't say the hotel name) and left for the pageant. Afterwards, he returned only to get his things because they departed for New York by plane that same night. He said he thought maybe he should ask me to investigate the whole thing to prove it was a lie. I did not ask any questions. I replied that it was up to him, but I wouldn't want to create a narrative that we were investigating him, because we are not and I worried such a thing would be misconstrued. I also said that it is very difficult to disprove a lie. He said "maybe you're right," but several times asked me to think about it and said he would also think about it.

We returned to the topic of my job and in response to his question I explained how I had ended up with the position and that I had been pleasantly surprised that President Obama thought of the role the way I did: He wanted competence and independence and didn't want the FBI involved in policy. He wanted to be able to sleep at night knowing the FBI was well run.

The President then spoke again about being glad I wanted to stay. He said Mattis said great things about me, as did Sessions. He explained he had asked a lot of people about me and heard great things. He then returned to loyalty, saying "I need loyalty." I replied that he would always get honesty from me. He paused and said that's what he wants, "honest loyalty." I replied "you will get that from me." (It is possible we understood that phrase differently, but I chose to understand it as consistent with what I had said throughout the conversation: I will serve the President with loyalty to the office, the country, and the truth. I decided it would not be productive to push the subject further.)

At about this point he asked again about "your guy McCabe" and whether he was "going to be okay." I again affirmed Andy's ability and professionalism and said the President would come to see and benefit from both.

He then asked who I thought I should "deal with" and he suggested Reince Priebus. I explained that in the prior administration my WH contacts were with the COS, or the people in Mike Flynn's job and Tom Bossert's job. He said "Reince doesn't know we are having dinner," but he will tell him and that I should deal with Reince. He then went on to explain that he has serious reservations about Mike Flynn's judgment and illustrated with a story from that day in which the President apparently discovered during his toast to Teresa May that President Putin had called four days

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(C) ago. Apparently, as the President was toasting PM May, he was explaining that she had been the first to call him after his inauguration and Flynn interrupted to say that Putin had called (first, apparently). It was then that the President learned of Putin's call and he confronted Flynn about it (not clear whether that was in the moment or after the lunch with PM May). Flynn said the return call was scheduled for Saturday, which prompted a heated reply from the President that six days was not an appropriate period of time to return a call from the President of a country like [Russia]. ("This isn't [redacted] we are talking about."). He said that if he called [China or Russia] and didn't get a return call for six days he would be very upset. In telling the story, the President pointed his fingers at his head and said "the guy has serious judgment issues." I did not comment at any point during this topic and there was no mention or acknowledgment of any FBI interest in or contact with General Flynn.

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(U) As we got up, he said we should have my family back for dinner. When I didn't reply, he added, "or a tour, whatever you think is appropriate." As we stepped from the Green Room, he said "Reince knows we are having dinner" (the opposite of what he said earlier) "deal with him; I will tell him." He then walked me into the East Room. I said I had been there before when President Obama held a big dinner for senior staff and appointees around Christmas. We then shook hands and parted.

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I went to the White House today for a 4 pm "meet and greet" with COS Reince Priebus. As I walked in from West Exec, I saw and briefly chatted with Bill Priestap and Jen Boone, who were there to do a defensive briefing [REDACTED] (S)

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As I waited in the West Wing lobby, Mike Flynn stopped by and sat down. We chatted for about five minutes about his new job, the challenges in building a staff, and working with folks who had never been in government before, how he maintains fitness, etc. There was no mention by either of us of [REDACTED] (S)

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COS Priebus's assistant came and got me and took me to his office. He greeted me and we sat with his desk between us. He explained that this was a chance to get acquainted, and he guided the conversation in a variety of directions.

Early in our conversation he brought of the immigration order and asked if I was a lawyer. He asked if I agreed that the order appear facially valid. I said I did, as I believed OLC had; the President has broad authority in the area. I added that because immigration was not an FBI issue, I had not followed the court discussion carefully and did not know what considerations there might be beyond the face of the order.

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We touched on a variety of subjects, including "how the [REDACTED] ended up in the report." I explained that the analysts from all three agencies agreed it was relevant and that portions of the material were corroborated by other intelligence. They discussed whether [REDACTED] and decided it made most sense to [REDACTED] I said I agreed with that decision and thought it very important that it be included and briefed to a select audience. He pressed again and said that the material was [REDACTED] I explained that the primary source [REDACTED] much of it was consistent with and corroborative of other intelligence, and that the incoming president needed to know the rest of it was out there. (S)

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I explained to him that at our dinner the President had expressed interest in having me investigate the Golden Showers thing. I repeated what I had told the President about not wanting to create a narrative that we were investigating him.

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He then asked about leaks of the fact of [REDACTED] and that it was briefed to the incoming president. I said I didn't know where it came from but I suspect it came from folks who have left government. He asked whether it could have come from the FBI. I said it was possible but extremely unlikely in view. We talked about leaks in general and I explained my view that they almost always come from one or two hops out and that every president is plagued by them. He asked if we had ever caught an FBI leaker. I said we had, but it was a rare thing because it almost always turned on our willingness to go after reporter records. He then recalled the Obama administration conflict with James Rosen of Fox. He also mentioned the leak of the read-outs of the Presidents calls with foreign leaders. (S)

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He then asked me if this was a "private conversation." I replied that it was. He then said he wanted to ask me a question and I could decide whether it was appropriate to answer. He then asked, "Do you have a FISA order on Mike Flynn?" I paused for a few seconds and then said that I would answer here, but that this illustrated the kind of question that had to be asked and answered through established channels. I said the answer [redacted] I then explained that the normal channel was from DOJ leadership to the WH counsel about such things. [redacted] I would normally make sure the AG and DAD were aware and they would likely inform the WH Counsel and he could decide whether to inform the COS. I explained that it was important that communications about any particular case go through that channel to protect us and to protect the WH from any accusations of improper influence.

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He said he understood and then asked me what I would talk to Denis McDonough about. I said two kinds of things: policy, like Going Dark, and particular operational issues if we were facing a terror threat or there was an intelligence operation that was sensitive. He would call me to cut through the clutter and find out directly what he needed to know. Reince responded that that was helpful and he hoped I would call him to offer thoughts whenever I thought they would benefit from them, whether not it related to the FBI. He said they would welcome the feedback. I said I would.

He said he understood my dinner with the President had gone very well and that he was interested in my staying on. I repeated what I had told the President, including that we had agreed not to announce anything. Reince asked me how it worked and I explained that I had a ten-year term and, although the President could fire me anytime he liked, I would just continue my term. There was nothing to announce.

During the conversation, Reince also touched the email investigation, offering his view that the Clinton team had misplayed my final announcement and should have pushed it harder as good news. He also said, reflectively, that it wasn't the Russians' fault that she failed to campaign in Michigan, and it wasn't my fault that she set up her email the way she did. He then pressed me on why it wasn't chargeable "gross negligence," and I took him through the facts and the law. At some point I added that it also wasn't my fault that Huma Abedin forwarded emails to Anthony Weiner.

Reince then took me to the Oval Office to greet the President on my way out. The President was seated behind his desk, speaking to Sean Spicer. He introduced me to Mr. Spicer, who shook my hand and departed. Reince stayed, seated to my right as I sat in a chair facing the President.

The President then spoke about a variety of topics, touching on the email investigation (wondering aloud what it would have been like to run against Bernie

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Sanders if I had recommended charging Hillary Clinton). He asked (as he had at our dinner) whether my deputy had a problem with him, and recounting how hard he had been on the campaign trail, saying "the number 2 guy at the FBI took a million dollars from the Clintons." I again explained that Andy McCabe was a pro. He asked whether he had ever mentioned to me the campaign attacks. I said "never," and again explained he was a true pro and you would come to value him. I said if he had it to do over again I'm sure he would urge his wife not to run, but that the guy put everything aside and did his job well.

The President talked about the leak of the "read-outs" from his calls with Australia and Mexico, explaining that the leaks couldn't have come from the "other side," and he understood we were helping look into that. Reince interjected that "Kellogg" was looking at it and we were helping. I said I would follow up to find out what was going on.

(S) The President brought up the "Golden Showers thing" and said it really bothered him if his wife had any doubt about it. He then explained, as he did at our dinner, that he hadn't stayed overnight in Russia during the Miss Universe trip. Twice during this part of the conversation, Reince tried to interject a comment about the [redacted] and "why it was even in there," but the President ignored him. The President said "the hookers thing" is nonsense but that Putin had told him "we have some of the most beautiful hookers in the world." (He did not say when Putin had told him this and I don't recall [redacted])

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He then pivoted to the Russians wanting an apology from Bill O'Reilly. I said I had seen that and O'Reilly's reply, which was to "call him in 2023." The President then said that O'Reilly's question about whether he respected Putin had been a hard one. [redacted] He said he does respect the leader of a major country and thought that was the best answer. He then said, "You think my answer was good, right?" I said the answer was fine, except the part about killers, because we aren't the kind of killers that Putin is. When I said this, the President paused noticeably. I don't know what to make of it, but he clearly noticed I had directly criticized him.

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The conversation then moved to other pleasantries and we wrapped up with a handshake.

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The President called me on my CMS phone at 8:13 am today (March 30, 2017). The call lasted 11 minutes (about 10 minutes when he was connected). We were connected by Royal Crown switchboard.

He began by joking that I was getting more publicity than he. I replied that I hate it. He then said he was trying to run the country and the cloud of this Russia business was making that difficult. He said he thinks he would have won the health care vote but for the cloud. He then went on at great length, explaining that he has nothing to do with Russia (has a letter from the largest law firm in DC saying he has gotten no income from Russia), was not involved with hookers in Russia (can you imagine me, hookers? I have a beautiful wife, and it has been very painful), is bringing a personal lawsuit against Christopher Steele, always advised people to assume they were being recorded in Russia, has accounts now from those who travelled with him to Miss Universe pageant that he didn't do anything, etc.

He asked what he could do to lift the cloud. I explained that we were running it down as quickly as possible and that there would be great benefit, if we didn't find anything, to our Good Housekeeping seal of approval, but we had to do our work. He agreed, but then returned to the problems this was causing him, went on at great length about how bad he was for Russia because of his commitment to more oil and more nukes (ours are 40 years old).

He said something about the hearing last week. I responded by telling him I wasn't there as a volunteer and he asked who was driving that, was it Nunes who wanted it? I said all the leadership wanted to know what was going on and mentioned that Grassley had even held up the DAG nominee to demand information. I said we had briefed the leadership on exactly what we were doing and who we were investigating.

I reminded him that I had told him we weren't investigating him and that I had told the Congressional leadership the same thing. He said it would be great if that could get out and several times asked me to find a way to get that out.

He talked about the guy he read about in the Washington Post today (NOTE: I think he meant Sergei Millian) and said he didn't know him at all. He said that if there was "some satellite" (NOTE: I took this to mean some associate of his or his campaign) that did something, it would be good to find that out, but that he hadn't done anything and hoped I would find a way to get out that we weren't investigating him.

As the conversation ended, he said that he hadn't brought up the McCabe thing because I had said he was an honorable guy (NOTE: I think he meant that he "hadn't brought it up" in this conversation, but he could have meant something else). I repeated that he was. He then said he hadn't brought it up but that McAuliffe is close to the

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Clintons and had given him money but I had said he was an honorable guy. I repeated that he (Andy) was an honorable person.

He finished by stressing that he was trying to make deals for the country, the cloud was hurting him (and mentioned going to G-7 with it hanging over him), and he hoped I could find a way to get out that he wasn't being investigated.

I told him I would see what we could do and that we would do the work well and as quickly as we could.

10:05: I called the Acting Attorney General and relayed the substance of the above and said I was telling him so he could decide what guidance to give me, if any.

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Scott—please see read-through and redacted versions of the memos. I wanted to relay two points regarding our review:

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Scott,

The full memos (the first document) have bracketed sections to delineate classified material. Bill P marked those areas some time ago: (b)(5)

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What follows are notes I typed in the vehicle immediately upon exiting Trump Tower on 1/6/17. Although I wrote this less than five minutes after the meeting and have tried to use actual words spoken, including quoting directly in some places, I have not used quotation marks throughout because my purpose was to capture the substance of what was said. I am not sure of the proper classification here so have chosen SECRET. Please let me know if it should be higher or lower than that.

Notes begin here:

During my briefing on the [REDACTED] material in the main body of the meeting, I mentioned the derog files or [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I said we were doing that.

At the conclusion of our session, the COS asked whether there is anything we haven't mentioned that they should know or that might come out. I said there was something that Clapper wanted me to speak to the PE about alone or in a very small group. COS asked whether the group of COS, VPE, and PE was okay or whether I wanted to be alone. I told him it was up to the PE, who quickly said that he and I would meet alone.

After others left the room, we sat at the table. He began by telling me that I had had one heck of a year but that I had conducted myself honorably and had a great reputation. He said I was repeatedly put in impossible positions. He said you saved her and then they hated you for what you did later, but what choice did you have? He said he thought very highly of me and looked forward to working with me, saying he hoped I planned to stay on. I assured him I intended to stay. He said good.

I then executed the session exactly as I had planned. I told him that I wanted to meet with him to tell him more about what is in the reports written by [REDACTED] although I didn't use that name). I said that the written reports themselves were [REDACTED] and the content known at IC senior level and that I didn't want him caught cold by some of the detail. I then explained that the [REDACTED]

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At about this point he asked again about "your guy McCabe" and whether he was "going to be okay." I again affirmed Andy's ability and professionalism and said the President would come to see and benefit from both.

He then asked who I thought I should "deal with" and he suggested Reince Priebus. I explained that in the prior administration my WH contacts were with the COS, or the people in Mike Flynn's job and Tom Bossert's job. He said "Reince doesn't know we are having dinner," but he will tell him and that I should deal with Reince. He then went on to explain that he has serious reservations about Mike Flynn's judgment and illustrated with a story from that day in which the President apparently discovered during his toast to Teresa May that President Putin had called four days

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As we got up, he said we should have my family back for dinner. When I didn't reply, he added, "or a tour, whatever you think is appropriate." As we stepped from the Green Room, he said "Reince knows were are having dinner" (the opposite of what he said earlier) "deal with him; I will tell him." He then walked me into the East Room. I said I had been there before when President Obama held a big dinner for senior staff and appointees around Christmas. We then shook hands and parted.

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I went to the White House today for a 4 pm "meet and greet" with COS Reince Priebus. As I walked in from West Exec, I saw and briefly chatted with Bill Priestap and Jen Boone, who were there to do a defensive briefing [REDACTED].

As I waited in the West Wing lobby, Mike Flynn stopped by and sat down. We chatted for about five minutes about his new job, the challenges in building a staff, and working with folks who had never been in government before, how he maintains fitness, etc. There was no mention by either of us of [REDACTED]
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COS Priebus's assistant came and got me and took me to his office. He greeted me and we sat with his desk between us. He explained that this was a chance to get acquainted, and he guided the conversation in a variety of directions.

Early in our conversation he brought of the immigration order and asked if I was a lawyer. He asked if I agreed that the order appear facially valid. I said I did, as I believed OLC had; the President has broad authority in the area. I added that because immigration was not an FBI issue, I had not followed the court discussion carefully and did not know what considerations there might be beyond the face of the order.

We touched on a variety of subjects, including "how the [REDACTED] ended up in the report." I explained that the analysts from all three agencies agreed it was relevant and that portions of the material were corroborated by other intelligence. They discussed whether [REDACTED] and decided it made most sense to [REDACTED]. I said I agreed with that decision and thought it very important that it be included and briefed to a select audience. He pressed again and said that the material was [REDACTED], I explained that the primary source [REDACTED] much of it was consistent with and corroborative of other intelligence, and that the incoming president needed to know the rest of it was out there.

I explained to him that at our dinner the President had expressed interest in having me investigate the Golden Showers thing. I repeated what I had told the President about not wanting to create a narrative that we were investigating him.

He then asked about leaks of the fact of [REDACTED] and that it was briefed to the incoming president. I said I didn't know where it came from but I suspect it came from folks who have left government. He asked whether it could have come from the FBI. I said it was possible but extremely unlikely in view. We talked about leaks in general and I explained my view that they almost always come from one or two hops out and that every president is plagued by them. He asked if we had ever caught an FBI leaker. I said we had, but it was a rare thing because it almost always turned on our willingness to go after reporter records. He then recalled the Obama administration conflict with James Rosen of Fox. He also mentioned the leak of the read-outs of the Presidents calls with foreign leaders.

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He then asked me if this was a "private conversation." I replied that it was. He then said he wanted to ask me a question and I could decide whether it was appropriate to answer. He then asked, "Do you have a FISA order on Mike Flynn?" I paused for a few seconds and then said that I would answer here, but that this illustrated the kind of question that had to be asked and answered through established channels. I said the answer [REDACTED] I then explained that the normal channel was from DOJ leadership to the WH counsel about such things. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I would normally make sure the AG and DAG were aware and they would likely inform the WH Counsel and he could decide whether to inform the COS. I explained that it was important that communications about any particular case go through that channel to protect us and to protect the WH from any accusations of improper influence.

He said he understood and then asked me what I would talk to Denis McDonough about. I said two kinds of things: policy, like Going Dark, and particular operational issues if we were facing a terror threat or there was an intelligence operation that was sensitive. He would call me to cut through the clutter and find out directly what he needed to know. Reince responded that that was helpful and he hoped I would call him to offer thoughts whenever I thought they would benefit from them, whether not it related to the FBI. He said they would welcome the feedback. I said I would.

He said he understood my dinner with the President had gone very well and that he was interested in my staying on. I repeated what I had told the President, including that we had agreed not to announce anything. Reince asked me how it worked and I explained that I had a ten-year term and, although the President could fire me anytime he liked, I would just continue my term. There was nothing to announce.

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Reince then took me to the Oval Office to greet the President on my way out. The President was seated behind his desk, speaking to Sean Spicer. He introduced me to Mr. Spicer, who shook my hand and departed. Reince stayed, seated to my right as I sat in a chair facing the President.

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The conversation then moved to other pleasantries and we wrapped up with a handshake.

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The conversation then moved to other pleasantries and we wrapped up with a handshake.

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[REDACTED] said we were doing that.

At the conclusion of our session, the COS asked whether there is anything we haven't mentioned that they should know or that might come out. I said there was something that Clapper wanted me to speak to the PE about alone or in a very small group. COS asked whether the group of COS, VPE, and PE was okay or whether I wanted to be alone. I told him it was up to the PE, who quickly said that he and I would meet alone.

After others left the room, we sat at the table. He began by telling me that I had had one heck of a year but that I had conducted myself honorably and had a great reputation. He said I was repeatedly put in impossible positions. He said you saved her and then they hated you for what you did later, but what choice did you have? He said he thought very highly of me and looked forward to working with me, saying he hoped I planned to stay on. I assured him I intended to stay. He said good.

I then executed the session exactly as I had planned. I told him that I wanted to meet with him to tell him more about [REDACTED] (S) what is in the reports written by [REDACTED] although I didn't use that name). I said that the written reports themselves were [REDACTED] and the content known at IC senior level and that I didn't want him caught cold by some of the detail. I then explained that the [REDACTED]

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I said I wasn't saying this was true, only that I wanted him to know both that it had been reported and that the reports were in many hands. I said media like CNN had them and were looking for a news hook. I said it was important that we not give them the excuse to write that the FBI has the material on [REDACTED] and that we were keeping it very close-hold. He said he couldn't believe they hadn't gone with it. I said it was inflammatory stuff that they would get killed for reporting straight up from the source reports.

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He then started talking about all the women who had falsely accused him of grabbing or touching them (with particular mention of a "stripper" who said he grabbed her) and gave me the sense that he was defending himself to me. I responded that we were not investigating him and the stuff might be totally made up but it was being said out of Russia and our job was to protect the President from efforts to coerce him. I said we try to understand what the Russians are doing and what they might do. I added that I also wanted him to know this in case it came out in the media.

He said he was grateful for the conversation, said more nice things about me and how he looks forward to working with me and we departed the room.

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The conversation, which was pleasant at all times, was chaotic, with topics touched, left, then returned to later, making it very difficult to recount in a linear fashion. Normally I can recall the pieces of a conversation and the order of discussion with high confidence. Here, given the nature of it, there is a distinct possibility that, while I have the substance right, the order was slightly different. It really was conversation-as-jigsaw-puzzle in a way, with pieces picked up, then discarded, then returned to.

The President spoke an overwhelming majority of the time. He never asked me an open-ended question or left it to me to choose a topic of conversation. There were almost no periods of silence during the 1 hour and 20 minutes, except once or twice when the President paused as the servers entered. I felt comfortable throughout, although never relaxed, given the focus conversation required.

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He touched on my future at various points. The first time he asked "so what do you want to do," explaining that lots of people wanted my job ("about 20 people"), that he thought very highly of me and had heard great things, that the people of the FBI really like me, but he would understand if I wanted to walk away given all I had been through, although he thought that would be bad for me personally because it would look like I had done something wrong, that he of course can make a change at FBI if he wants, but he wants to know what I think. There was no acknowledgement by him (or me) that we had already talked about this twice.

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 Cc: COMEY, JAMES B. (DO) (FBI)
 Subject: My notes from private session with PE on 1/6/17 --- SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN

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Notes begin here:

During my briefing on the [REDACTED] material in the main body of the meeting, I mentioned the derog files on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I said we were doing that.

At the conclusion of our session, the COS asked whether there is anything we haven't mentioned that they should know or that might come out. I said there was something that Clapper wanted me to speak to the PE about alone or in a very small group. COS asked whether the group of COS, VPE, and PE was okay or whether I wanted to be alone. I told him it was up to the PE, who quickly said that he and I would meet alone.

After others left the room, we sat at the table. He began by telling me that I had had one heck of a year but that I had conducted myself honorably and had a great reputation. He said I was repeatedly put in impossible positions. He said you saved her and then they hated you for what you did later, but what choice did you have? He said he thought very highly of me and looked forward to working with me, saying he hoped I planned to stay on. I assured him I intended to stay. He said good.

I then executed the session exactly as I had planned. I told him that I wanted to meet with him to tell him more about what is in the reports written by [REDACTED] (although I didn't use that name). I said that the written reports themselves were [REDACTED] and the content known at IC senior level and that I didn't want him caught cold by some of the detail. I then explained that [REDACTED]

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I said, the Russians allegedly had tapes involving him and prostitutes at the Presidential Suite at the Ritz Carlton in Moscow from about 2013. He interjected, "there were no prostitutes; there were never prostitutes." He then said something about him being the kind of guy who didn't need to "go there" and laughed (which I understood to be communicating that he didn't need to pay for sex). He said "2013" to himself, as if trying to remember that period of time, but didn't add anything. He said he always assumed that hotel rooms he stayed in when he travels are wired in some way. I replied that I do as well.

I said I wasn't saying this was true, only that I wanted him to know both that it had been reported and that the reports were in many hands. I said media like CNN had them and were looking for a news hook. I said it was important that we not give them the excuse to write that the FBI has the material or [REDACTED] and that we were keeping it very close-hold. He said he couldn't believe they hadn't gone with it. I said it was inflammatory stuff that they would get killed for reporting straight up from the source reports.

He then started talking about all the women who had falsely accused him of grabbing or touching them (with particular mention of a "stripper" who said he grabbed her) and gave me the sense that he was defending himself to me. I responded that we were not investigating him and the stuff might be totally made up but it was being said out of Russia and our job was to protect the President from efforts to coerce him. I said we try to understand what the Russians are doing and what they might do. I added that I also wanted him to know this in case it came out in the media.

He said he was grateful for the conversation, said more nice things about me and how he looks forward to working with me and we departed the room.

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I had dinner with President Trump in the Green Room at the White House last night at 6:30 pm. We sat facing each other at a small oval table set for two and placed in the center of the room. There were two servers (who I had the chance to chat with a bit because I arrived about 10 minutes early; they were both retired Navy submariners and we had a fun discussion about height clearance in submarines). The servers were only in the room when they delivered food or retrieved plates.

The conversation, which was pleasant at all times, was chaotic, with topics touched, left, then returned to later, making it very difficult to recount in a linear fashion. Normally I can recall the pieces of a conversation and the order of discussion with high confidence. Here, given the nature of it, there is a distinct possibility that, while I have the substance right, the order was slightly different. It really was conversation-as-jigsaw-puzzle in a way, with pieces picked up, then discarded, then returned to.

The President spoke an overwhelming majority of the time. He never asked me an open-ended question or left it to me to choose a topic of conversation. There were almost no periods of silence during the 1 hour and 20 minutes, except once or twice when the President paused as the servers entered. I felt comfortable throughout, although never relaxed, given the focus conversation required.

At various times, he talked about the inauguration and crowd size, the campaign and his effective use of free media ("earned media"), the extraordinary luxury of the White House (which he favorably compared to Mar-a-lago), his many activities during the day and week, his young son's height, the viciousness of the campaign (where I interjected about Adams and Jefferson; he said he had been given a book about it, which was upstairs), how he had not been mocking a handicapped reporter, had not assaulted any of the women who claimed he did (reviewing in detail several of the allegations), and many other things. I will attempt to recount in some detail only those parts that related in some way to my work.

He touched on my future at various points. The first time he asked "so what do you want to do," explaining that lots of people wanted my job ("about 20 people"), that he thought very highly of me and had heard great things, that the people of the FBI really like me, but he would understand if I wanted to walk away given all I had been through, although he thought that would be bad for me personally because it would look like I had done something wrong, that he of course can make a change at FBI if he wants, but he wants to know what I think. There was no acknowledgement by him (or me) that we had already talked about this twice.

I responded by saying that he could fire me any time he wished, but that I wanted to stay and do a job I love and think I am doing well. I explained that I never expected to be back in government but had found this job hugely rewarding and wanted to serve out my term. I added that I was "reliable" in one way but not in the way political people sometimes use the term. I explained that he could count on me to always tell him the truth. I said I don't do sneaky things, I don't leak, I don't do

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weasel moves. But I was not on anybody's side politically and could not be counted on in that traditional political sense, which I said I thought was in the president's best interest. He asked whether the FBI leaks and I answered that of course in an organization of 36,000 we were going to have some of that, but I said I think the FBI leaks far less than people often say. I predicted he, like all Presidents, would discover the entire government leaks like crazy and explained that it often comes from the first or second hop out from those actually working on the sensitive thing.

He replied that he needed loyalty and expected loyalty. I did not reply, or even nod or change my facial expression, which he noted because we came back to it later.

The conversation then swerved into a long discussion of the email investigation (which we returned to at least once more). This was where I spoke the most and laid out for him my thinking (with frequent interruption) in a manner similar to my discussions with Senators Feinstein and Grassley during our one-on-ones. The one detail I added was about the AG directing me not to use the word "investigation."

He knew the sequence of events extremely well, breaking them down in his lexicon into Comey One, Comey Two, and Comey Three developments and he walked through how he saw each played out during the campaign, in great detail. He asked whether it was true "there was a revolt" after Comey One. I said that was nonsense and I had worked hard to see if folks had concerns. I added that I surely didn't need to tell him that the media sometimes gets stuff wrong. I explained that the investigators all agreed there was no case; he said he disagreed and thought there was a case. He asked me at several points how I had held up under all the abuse. I explained the freedom that comes from doing the right thing in the right way, surrounded by people who are helping make the decisions in the same way.

At this point he asked me (and asked again later) whether "your guy McCabe" has a problem with me, explaining that "I was pretty rough on him and his wife during the campaign." I explained that Andy was a true professional and had no problem at all. I then explained what FBI people were like, that whatever their personal views, they strip them when they step into their bureau roles and actually hold "political people" in slight contempt, without regard to party.

At about this point, he asked me to compare AG Holder and AG Lynch. I said I thought AG Holder was smarter and more sophisticated and smoother than AG Lynch, who I added is a good person. He said Holder and President Obama were quite close. I replied that they were and it illustrated, in my view, a mistake Presidents make over and over again: Because they reason that problems for a President often come from Justice, they try to bring Justice close, which paradoxically makes things worse because an independent DOJ and FBI are better for a President and the country. I listed off John Mitchell, Ed Meese, an Al Gonzales as examples of this mistake and he added Bobby Kennedy.

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At about this point, he turned to what he called the "golden showers thing" and recounted much of what he had said previously on that topic. He repeated that it was a complete fabrication and "fake news." I explained again why I had thought it important that he know about it. I also explained that one of the reasons we told him was that the media, CNN in particular, was telling us they were about to run with it. He said it bothered him if his wife thought there was even a one percent chance it was true in any respect. He said he had spoken to people who had been on the Miss Universe trip with him and they had reminded him that he didn't stay over night in Russia for that. He said he arrived in the morning, did events, then showered and dressed for the pageant at the hotel (he didn't say the hotel name) and left for the pageant. Afterwards, he returned only to get his things because they departed for New York by plane that same night. He said he thought maybe he should ask me to investigate the whole thing to prove it was a lie. I did not ask any questions. I replied that it was up to him, but I wouldn't want to create a narrative that we were investigating him, because we are not and I worried such a thing would be misconstrued. I also said that it is very difficult to disprove a lie. He said "maybe you're right," but several times asked me to think about it and said he would also think about it.

We returned to the topic of my job and in response to his question I explained how I had ended up with the position and that I had been pleasantly surprised that President Obama thought of the role the way I did: He wanted competence and independence and didn't want the FBI involved in policy. He wanted to be able to sleep at night knowing the FBI was well run.

The President then spoke again about being glad I wanted to stay. He said Mattis said great things about me, as did Sessions. He explained he had asked a lot of people about me and heard great things. He then returned to loyalty, saying "I need loyalty." I replied that he would always get honesty from me. He paused and said that's what he wants, "honest loyalty." I replied "you will get that from me." (It is possible we understood that phrase differently, but I chose to understand it as consistent with what I had said throughout the conversation: I will serve the President with loyalty to the office, the country, and the truth. I decided it would not be productive to push the subject further.)

At about this point he asked again about "your guy McCabe" and whether he was "going to be okay." I again affirmed Andy's ability and professionalism and said the President would come to see and benefit from both.

He then asked who I thought I should "deal with" and he suggested Reince Priebus. I explained that in the prior administration my WH contacts were with the COS, or the people in Mike Flynn's job and Tom Bossert's job. He said "Reince doesn't know we are having dinner," but he will tell him and that I should deal with Reince. He then went on to explain that he has serious reservations about Mike Flynn's judgment and illustrated with a story from that day in which the President apparently discovered during his toast to Teresa May that President Putin had called four days

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ago. Apparently, as the President was toasting PM May, he was explaining that she had been the first to call him after his inauguration and Flynn interrupted to say that Putin had called (first, apparently). It was then that the President learned of Putin's call and he confronted Flynn about it (not clear whether that was in the moment or after the lunch with PM May). Flynn said the return call was scheduled for Saturday, which prompted a heated reply from the President that six days was not an appropriate period of time to return a call from the President of a country like [REDACTED] ("This isn't [REDACTED] we are talking about."). He said that if he called [REDACTED] and didn't get a return call for six days he would be very upset. In telling the story, the President pointed his fingers at his head and said "the guy has serious judgment issues." I did not comment at any point during this topic and there was no mention or acknowledgment of any FBI interest in or contact with General Flynn.

As we got up, he said we should have my family back for dinner. When I didn't reply, he added, "or a tour, whatever you think is appropriate." As we stepped from the Green Room, he said "Reince knows where we are having dinner" (the opposite of what he said earlier) "deal with him; I will tell him." He then walked me into the East Room. I said I had been there before when President Obama held a big dinner for senior staff and appointees around Christmas. We then shook hands and parted.

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I went to the White House today for a 4 pm "meet and greet" with COS Reince Priebus. As I walked in from West Exec, I saw and briefly chatted with Bill Priestap and Jen Boone, who were there to do a defensive briefing [REDACTED]

As I waited in the West Wing lobby, Mike Flynn stopped by and sat down. We chatted for about five minutes about his new job, the challenges in building a staff, and working with folks who had never been in government before, how he maintains fitness, etc. There was no mention by either of us of [REDACTED]

COS Priebus's assistant came and got me and took me to his office. He greeted me and we sat with his desk between us. He explained that this was a chance to get acquainted, and he guided the conversation in a variety of directions.

Early in our conversation he brought up the immigration order and asked if I was a lawyer. He asked if I agreed that the order appear facially valid. I said I did, as I believed OLC had; the President has broad authority in the area. I added that because immigration was not an FBI issue, I had not followed the court discussion carefully and did not know what considerations there might be beyond the face of the order.

We touched on a variety of subjects, including "how the [REDACTED] ended up in the report." I explained that the analysts from all three agencies agreed it was relevant and that portions of the material were corroborated by other intelligence. They discussed whether [REDACTED] and decided it made most sense to [REDACTED]. I said I agreed with that decision and thought it very important that it be included and briefed to a select audience. He pressed again and said that the material was [REDACTED]. I explained that the primary source [REDACTED] much of it was consistent with and corroborative of other intelligence, and that the incoming president needed to know the rest of it was out there.

I explained to him that at our dinner the President had expressed interest in having me investigate the Golden Showers thing. I repeated what I had told the President about not wanting to create a narrative that we were investigating him.

He then asked about leaks of the fact of [REDACTED] and that it was briefed to the incoming president. I said I didn't know where it came from but I suspect it came from folks who have left government. He asked whether it could have come from the FBI. I said it was possible but extremely unlikely in view. We talked about leaks in general and I explained my view that they almost always come from one or two hops out and that every president is plagued by them. He asked if we had ever caught an FBI leaker. I said we had, but it was a rare thing because it almost always turned on our willingness to go after reporter records. He then recalled the Obama administration conflict with James Rosen of Fox. He also mentioned the leak of the read-outs of the Presidents calls with foreign leaders.

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He then asked me if this was a "private conversation." I replied that it was. He then said he wanted to ask me a question and I could decide whether it was appropriate to answer. He then asked, "Do you have a FISA order on Mike Flynn?" I paused for a few seconds and then said that I would answer here, but that this illustrated the kind of question that had to be asked and answered through established channels. I said the answer [REDACTED] I then explained that the normal channel was from DOJ leadership to the WH counsel about such things. [REDACTED] I would normally make sure the AG and DAG were aware and they would likely inform the WH Counsel and he could decide whether to inform the COS. I explained that it was important that communications about any particular case go through that channel to protect us and to protect the WH from any accusations of improper influence.

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Version with our edits and questions. I tweaked the [REDACTED] a bit. See what you think. Thanks.

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I made some additional edits that Tash and I have discussed. We are available to meet prior to 4. Want to meet at 3 in Mary's office?

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Scott,

Attached are NSD's comments on these revised TPs. FBI is eager to move on this, and has offered to discuss this afternoon, if needed. Any one of the three of us in NSD are happy to talk it through.

Thanks,

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I got a bounce back – trying again. Thanks.

From: Gauhar, Tashina
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 10:22 PM
To: Rybicki, James E (FBI); Evans Stuart NSD USA GOV; Toscas George NSD USA GOV; [REDACTED]
(b)(6) Mary McCord (NSD)
Cc: Schools, Scott N.
Subject: RE: (S) Current DRAFT Document

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Jim – Per our conversation, attached please find edits and questions on the draft document.
Understanding the Director will not be at the morning meeting, let's find another time for the A/DAG and
the Director to talk about this tomorrow.

Thanks,

Tash

From: RYBICKI, JAMES E. (DO) (FBI) [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Gauhar, Tashina; Evans Stuart NSD USA GOV; Toscas George NSD USA GOV; (b)(6) Mary McCord
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From: (b)(6) Stuart Evans (NSD)
To: Gauhar, Tashina (b)(6)
Cc: McCord Mary NSD USA GOV
(b)(6)
Toscas George NSD USA GOV (b)(6)
Bcc:
Subject: RE: 030617 TPs re CH cases ---SECRET//NOFORN [REDACTED]
Date: Mon Mar 06 2017 14:12:36 EST
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Tash, understand there are separate discussions ongoing about (b)(5)
[REDACTED] Setting aside that policy
decision, attached are a few edits/comments for the FBI to consider to help
ensure completeness/accuracy, should a decision be made to use these points.

Stu

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From: McCord Mary NSD USA GOV
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Toscas George NSD USA GOV; Evans Stuart NSD USA GOV
Subject: FW: 030617 TPs re CH cases ---SECRET//NOFORN [REDACTED]

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From: PAGE, LISA C. (OGC) (FBI) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 11:14 AM
To: Gauhar Tashina ODA; McCord Mary NSD USA GOV

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Cc: MCCABE, ANDREW G. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: 030617 TPs re CH cases -----~~SECRET//NOFORN~~ [redacted]

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Tash, Mary:

Attached, please find a draft of the proposed talking points re the CH cases.
Thanks.

Lisa

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To: McCord Mary NSD USA GOV
(b)(6)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: (S) Talking points
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In general, (b)(5) [REDACTED] I think. A few specific edits for consideration by NSD. FBI also clarified they are seeking to brief this to the gang of 8.

Thanks.

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From: PAGE, LISA C. (OGC) (FBI)
To: [redacted]
Gauhar, Tashina (b)(6)
[redacted] McCord Mary NSD USA GOV (b)(6)
Cc: McCabe, Andrew (FBI) [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted]
Subject: 030617 TPs re CH cases --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~ [redacted]
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