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Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

October 13, 2020

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson:

We write in further regard to your July 28, 2020 letter to Attorney General Barr and to Director Wray regarding the Crossfire Hurricane investigation and certain matters related to Ukraine.

Enclosed with this letter is a submission of additional documents, Bates numbered DOJ-HSGAC20200728-000063 to DOJ-HSGAC20200728-000093. Pursuant to longstanding Department policy, the Department has made redactions relating to certain personally identifiable information or to ongoing investigations, enforcement activities, and certain law enforcement operations, methods, or techniques.

Today's submission is based on extraordinary and unique circumstances, and should not be construed as precedent setting in any regard. The production of these materials does not waive any applicable privilege.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Boyd", enclosed in a rectangular box.

Stephen E. Boyd
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures



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Associate Deputy Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH: Robert K. Hur *RKH*
Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General

FROM: Scott N. Schools *SNS*
Associate Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Authorization of the Special Counsel to Investigate
Enumerated Matters

TIMETABLE: As soon as possible.

SUMMARY: The Special Counsel requests confirmation of his authority to investigate the matters identified below. The requested confirmation facilitates an efficient, full, and thorough investigation of the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election. As noted below, it may be appropriate to reassign certain matters identified below to a United States Attorney's Office or Department component at some point in the future. I recommend that you confirm the authority of the Special Counsel to investigate matters identified herein.

DISCUSSION:

On May 17, 2017, you appointed Robert S. Mueller III as Special Counsel "to ensure a full and thorough investigation of the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election," and specified his investigative and prosecutorial authority. Order No. 3915-2017. Thereafter, on August 2, 2017, you executed a classified memorandum that further identified specific matters included within the Special Counsel's investigative authority. During the course of his investigation of the authorized matters, the Special Counsel has identified additional individuals whose conduct he should investigate in order to fulfill his responsibilities as set forth in the appointment order. Those individuals and the basis for their inclusion within the Special Counsel's investigative purview are more fully described below.

I. Individuals whose conduct is directly within the scope of the investigation.

The Special Counsel's Office (SCO) has been meeting with the Office of the Deputy Attorney General every other week to provide a briefing on the progress of the investigation. During those briefings, the SCO has provided sufficient information to establish that the conduct

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of additional individuals other than those named in the classified memorandum should be investigated as part of a full and thorough investigation of the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election, including any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump. Confirmation of the authorization to investigate such individuals does not suggest that the Special Counsel has made a determination that any of them has committed a crime. Rather, the Special Counsel has learned information such that further investigation of the pertinent activities of Michael Cohen, Richard Gates, [REDACTED] Roger Stone, and [REDACTED] is necessary for the Special Counsel to fulfill his responsibilities under the appointment order. I recommend that you confirm the authority of the Special Counsel to conduct that investigation.

II. Individuals who are possibly engaged in jointly undertaken activity pertaining to authorized matters.

The Special Counsel has also identified persons or entities who may have been engaged in jointly undertaken activity with individuals the investigation of whom you previously determined to be within the scope of your appointment order. Investigation by the Special Counsel of these additional persons or entities would be consistent with the ordinary course for a United States Attorney's Office or a Department component. In other words, any such office investigating potential criminal activity by one person would include within the same investigation individuals or entities who may have been jointly involved to determine whether they are targets, subjects, or witnesses, or are wholly uninvolved. This practice increases efficiency by avoiding multiple investigations of the same conduct. It also enables the prosecuting office to be aware of the full scope of the conduct to accurately assess the relative culpability of all involved and to identify and obtain the cooperation of co-defendants and witnesses. Assignment at this time of the investigation of persons or entities who may have engaged in jointly undertaken activity to a United States Attorney's Office or Department component would create the possibility that an individual with relevant information about the Special Counsel's investigation might come forward with that information after the Special Counsel concludes his investigation. This occurrence would raise questions about the completeness of the Special Counsel's investigation and the accuracy of his conclusions. Confirmation of the Special Counsel's authority to investigate these matters would not preclude reassignment of such matters to a United States Attorney's Office or Department component at a later time.

You previously confirmed the Special Counsel's authority to investigate allegations that Paul Manafort committed a crime or crimes arising out of payments he received from or on behalf of the Ukrainian government before and during the tenure of President Viktor Yanukovich. The Special Counsel has determined that the following individuals or entities may have been jointly involved in that conduct: Richard Gates; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I recommend that you confirm the Special Counsel's authority to investigate those individuals and entities in connection with their possible participation in that conduct.

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You also previously confirmed the Special Counsel's authority to investigate allegations that Michael Flynn committed a crime or crimes by acting as an unregistered agent of Turkey. The Special Counsel has determined that Bijan Rafikian and Ekim Alptekin may have been jointly involved in that conduct. I recommend that you confirm the Special Counsel's authority to investigate those individuals and entities in connection with their possible participation in that conduct.

III. Michael Cohen

In the course of the investigation, with respect to Michael Cohen, the Special Counsel has discovered investigative leads the pursuit of which may result in the discovery of criminal conduct not directly related to the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election. Those leads relate to Cohen's establishment and use of Essential Consultants LLC in order to, *inter alia*, receive funds from Russian-backed entities. Because the investigation has also revealed links between Cohen and Russian government officials, the Special Counsel would like to pursue those leads for at least two reasons: (1) there is some evidence that certain of Cohen's actions may relate to the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election; and (2) Cohen may have information relevant to the Special Counsel's investigation, and pursuit of the leads may help to secure Cohen's cooperation, thus furthering the Special Counsel's full and thorough investigation of the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election. I recommend you confirm the authority of the Special Counsel to pursue the referenced leads.

IV. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

V. Summary recommendation

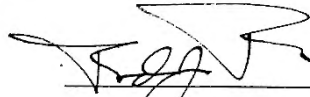
Based on the briefings the Special Counsel's Office has provided, I believe that the matters over which the Special Counsel seeks to confirm investigative authority are sufficiently predicated and appropriately within the scope of your appointment order. Further, centralizing the investigation of the identified matters with the Special Counsel for the time being will lead to a more timely and credible resolution of the investigation, which is squarely in the Department's and the nation's interests. For these reasons, I recommend you confirm the Special Counsel's authority to investigate the named individuals and matters in addition to those individuals and matters identified in the previously referenced classified memorandum.

With respect to any of the matters within the investigative authority of the Special Counsel, should the Special Counsel determine that: (1) the criminal conduct is unrelated to the

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purpose of his appointment (and unrelated to matters addressed by 28 C.F.R. § 600.4(a)); and (2) charging the conduct is not likely to lead to discovery of relevant information, then that matter should be considered for reassignment to a United States Attorney's Office or Department component for prosecution.

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 10/20/17

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Date of entry 12/19/2016

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Bruce OHR, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [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:

[REDACTED] OHR met STEELE [REDACTED] in 2007, sometime before a January 2008 conference they both attended. OHR remembers he was at a conference when Simeon Mogilevich was arrested in Russia in January 2008 and their first interaction took place prior to that event. As the Chief of DOJ's Organized Crime and Racketeering Section at the time, OHR met STEELE [REDACTED] in London at [REDACTED]. STEELE [REDACTED] was an expert on Russia, specifically Russian organized crime, and was concerned the west was not taking the Russian threat seriously. Russian oligarchs are brilliant yet cold-blooded and do not act like adults as they kill people for nothing. Over the years OHR and STEELE [REDACTED] had a few more meetings before OHR left [REDACTED] and joined or founded Orbis. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OHR and STEELE [REDACTED] would see each other once a year in London or the U.S. STEELE [REDACTED] had paid clients, yet provided OHR with the same short intel reports from a variety of subsources that were well placed. OHR introduced STEELE [REDACTED] to his eventual handler, SA [REDACTED] from the FBI's New York Field office.

[REDACTED] OHR believes that STEELE [REDACTED] kept his sources upon leaving [REDACTED]. OHR does not know if STEELE [REDACTED] kept the sources but there was a strong context that STEELE [REDACTED] did keep the sources and that is what OHR drew from it.

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Investigation on 11/22/2016 at Washington, District Of Columbia, United States (In Person)

File # [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Date drafted 11/22/2016

by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OHR believes Russian oligarchs will provide information to the FBI because in Russia everyone talks to the police. Following the 2014 Ukrainian invasion OHR met with [REDACTED] and STEELE [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. OHR recalled the three talked about engaging with prospective oligarchs, and that meeting led to a meeting between the FBI, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] In the 2011 timeframe, STEELE [REDACTED] introduced the FBI to the source that predicated the FIFA case. The source may not have been the source who initiated the case, but contributed to the start of the case.

[REDACTED] In late July 2016, possibly Saturday, July 30, 2016, STEELE [REDACTED] called OHR and asked to meet for breakfast as STEELE [REDACTED] was in Washington, D.C. and had some serious stuff to talk about. STEELE [REDACTED] planned to also tell SA [REDACTED] about the information STEELE [REDACTED] had collected. OHR met STEELE [REDACTED] for breakfast where OHR was told that Carter Page had met with high level officials in Russia. Page met with Sechin and one other person. The media had already documented Page's trip to Moscow at that time. The FSB had Trump over a barrel according to a high level Russian official who advised former [REDACTED] who reported to STEELE [REDACTED]. In addition, [REDACTED] was furious at Paul Manafort and was making a case against him. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were almost ready to talk to the U.S. about the money Paul Manafort stole. STEELE [REDACTED] claimed he had already given some of this reporting to SA [REDACTED] and planned to give the rest to him. At that time, STEELE [REDACTED] had provided [REDACTED] with two reports regarding these topics while Glen Simpson had four. OHR provided copies of notes he took during and after the meeting with STEELE [REDACTED], which are enclosed as attachments.

[REDACTED] OHR knew Glen Simpson hired STEELE [REDACTED] to dig up Trump's connections to Russia. OHR's wife is a Russian translator and was hired to conduct open source research. Even though she did not know the goal of the project, she was able to surmise the purpose as the individuals she was researching were close to Trump. OHR knew that Glen Simpson was hired by a lawyer who does opposition research. OHR knew STEELE [REDACTED]'s reporting on Trump's ties to Russia were going to the Clinton Campaign, Jon Winer at the U.S. State Department and the FBI. OHR was aware that Simpson was passing STEELE [REDACTED]'s information to many individuals or entities and at times STEELE [REDACTED] would attend meetings with Simpson.

[REDACTED] OHR met STEELE [REDACTED] in Washington, D.C. in late September, possibly close to the time when the Yahoo news article was published on September 23, 2016. During that meeting, STEELE [REDACTED] advised the Alfa server in the US is a link to the Trump campaign and Sergei Millian's Russian/American organization in the U.S. used the Alfa server two weeks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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prior. [REDACTED] is alleged to be an Intelligence Officer working with Carter Page. STEELE was desperate that Donald Trump not get elected and was passionate about him not being the U.S. President. OHR believes STEELE wanted to blunt or foil the Kremlin's plans. Simpson and STEELE could have met with Yahoo or Michael Isikoff jointly, but OHR does not know if they did. OHR provided copies of notes he took after the meeting with STEELE, which are enclosed as attachments.

[REDACTED] OHR never believed STEELE was making up information or shading it. STEELE would say this is what sources are telling me. There are always Russian conspiracy theories that come from the Kremlin. One time OHR heard a theory from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. OHR honestly believes STEELE reported what he heard from sources at the Kremlin but that doesn't make that story true.

[REDACTED] Jon Winer possibly knew STEELE when STEELE was [REDACTED] OHR met Winer in 1999 or 2000 when Winer was the U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Law Enforcement. Winer was very interested in Russian Organized Crime and enthusiastic about the subject, yet at times difficult to deal with. OHR knew Glen Simpson and others were talking to Victoria Nuland at the U.S. State Department.

[REDACTED] OHR does not know how STEELE handles or communicates with STEELE sub-sources. OHR does not know the identity of STEELE's sub-sources.

[REDACTED] OHR provided the following contact information for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] OHR has never met the business partner of STEELE [REDACTED]. On one occasion, OHR met with STEELE [REDACTED] and STEELE [REDACTED] brought a tall, young, male associate, but it was not STEELE [REDACTED]' business partner.

[REDACTED] OHR has never been present during meetings between STEELE [REDACTED] and Jon Winer. OHR is only aware that STEELE [REDACTED] and Winer have met as STEELE [REDACTED] advises OHR that the meetings occur.

[REDACTED] Glen Simpson directed STEELE [REDACTED] to speak to the press as that was what Simpson was paying STEELE [REDACTED] to do. OHR does not know if STEELE [REDACTED] going to Mother Jones was Simpson's idea or not.

[REDACTED] Glen Simpson hired OHR's wife to conduct research for his firm. OHR will voluntarily provide his wife's research to the FBI. OHR provided the interviewing Agent with a report on Paul Manafort. The report titled, "Manafort Chronology", was scanned and is a digital attachment to this document.

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File # [REDACTED] Date drafted 12/12/2016

by [REDACTED]

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Collected Item Log

Event Title: [REDACTED] Glenn Simpson 8GB
Verbatim thumb drive

Date: 12/12/2016

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CROSSFIRE HURRICANE;
FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT -
RUSSIA;
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Full Investigation Initiated: 07/31/2016

Collected From: [REDACTED] Associate Deputy Attorney General
and Director of the Department of Justice's
Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task
Force (OCDETF) Bruce Ohr
Department of Justice
Department of Justice
Washington, District Of Columbia 20535
United States

Receipt Given?: No

Holding Office: WASHINGTON FIELD

Details:

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[REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] Glenn Simpson 8GB Verbatim thumb drive
Re: [REDACTED], 12/12/2016

At 3:00 P.M. on December 12, 2016, [REDACTED] received an 8 GB Verbatim USB micro digital storage device (thumb drive) from Bruce OHR, currently the Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). The thumb drive was provided to OHR by Glenn Simpson on December 10, 2016.

Item Type	Description
1B Digital	[REDACTED] 8GB Verbatim USB micro digital storage device (thumb drive) Collected On: 12/12/2016 03:00 PM EST Seizing Individual: [REDACTED] Collected By: [REDACTED] Location Area: Washington, D.C. Specific Location: Department of Justice Headquarters Building Device Type: USB Micro Storage Device (thumb drive) Make: Verbatim Data Capacity: 8 GB Designation: Original Number of Devices Collected: 1

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Bruce OHR, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [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:

[REDACTED] OHR had breakfast at Peet's Coffee, 11th and E St. NW, Washington, D.C. with Glenn Simpson at 10:00 A.M. on December 10, 2016. During breakfast Simpson provided OHR with an 8GB Verbatim USB micro digital media drive (thumb drive). OHR does not know what is on the thumb drive but believes it is in regards to the work [REDACTED] STEELE [REDACTED] was hired to do for Simpson. The thumb drive was entered into evidence at WFO as original evidence [REDACTED] and a working copy CD-ROM was produced for investigative use. An evidence FD-302 was generated and serialized to this file.

[REDACTED] OHR took notes after the meeting with Simpson to preserve his memory and referred to them during the interview. OHR's notes are an attachment to this document.

[REDACTED] Simpson identified Michael Cohen, a lawyer in Brooklyn, NY as having many Russian clients in the Brighton Beach, NY area. Cohen is the go-between Russia and the Trump Campaign and replaced Paul Manafort and Carter Page. Cohen's wife's last name is Shusterman and her father is a major real-estate developer in Moscow with ties to the Kremlin. Cohen may have attended a meeting in Prague, possibly in September, regarding the Trump Campaign and the Russians.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] According to Simpson, much of his collection about the Trump campaign ties to Russia comes from a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Simpson does not know his name.

[REDACTED] A former Trump campaign official, possibly Rick Wilson, was talking about some of the Trump ties to Russia and the Trump Campaign tried to sue him for violating his non-disclosure agreement.

[REDACTED] A Russian senator and mobster named Torshin may be involved in running the Central Bank of Russia. Torshin's name comes up in in Law Enforcement Organized Crime circles as he is well known in a famous Spanish case that shows direct linkages between Russian Organized Crime, Torshin and the Russian Government. Torshin may have funneled Russian money to the National Rifle Association (NRA) to use in support of Trump. An NRA lawyer, [REDACTED], found out about the money pipeline and was very upset, but the election was over by the time [REDACTED] learned of it. Simpson stated there are pictures of Torshin with Trump. Simpson provided OHR with an article on the NRA and Torsion. The article is an attachment to this document.

[REDACTED] Some of Simpson's staff believe the NRA spent an abnormally large amount of money during the election, possibly indicating Russian involvement, but others in his company disagree.

[REDACTED] The New York Times story from October 3, 2016, that downplayed the connection between Alfa Bank servers and the Trump campaign was incorrect. There was communication and it wasn't spam. Mikhail Fridman lied in the written statement that he gave to the New York Times and Washington Post. Fridman claimed he never met Trump, however there are pictures to the contrary.

[REDACTED] Simpson received a bizarre tip on December 9 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Simpson is not sure whether to believe this.

[REDACTED] Simpson still thinks Sergei Millian is a key figure connecting Trump to Russia. Looking at Millian led Simpson's company to Cohen. Simpson would be surprised if Millian was still in the U.S. Simpson believes Millian is an SVR officer, however he is deducing this from Millian's alias, not because he was told Millian was SVR. Millian may have overseen many financial transfers from Russia to assist the Trump campaign.

[REDACTED] Simpson asked STEELE [REDACTED] to speak to the Mother Jones reporter as it was Simpson's Hail Mary attempt.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED] Interview of Bruce Ohr On 12/12/2016 Page 3 of 3

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

[REDACTED]
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Bruce OHR, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [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:

[REDACTED] 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.

[REDACTED]
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Collected Item Log

Event Title: [REDACTED] Nellie Ohr research for **Date:** 12/20/2016
Fusion GPS

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED] CROSSFIRE HURRICANE;
FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT -
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Full Investigation Initiated: 07/31/2016

Collected From: [REDACTED] Associate Deputy Attorney General
and Director of the Department of Justice's
Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task
Force (OCDETF) Bruce Ohr
DOJ

Receipt Given?: No

Holding Office: WASHINGTON FIELD

Details:

On December 20, 2016, at 11:00 A.M. Bruce OHR, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] currently the Associate Deputy Attorney General and
Director of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] Nellie Ohr research for Fusion GPS
Re: [REDACTED], 12/20/2016

Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) provided writer with an 8GB SanDisk
Cruzer Glide USB micro digital data storage drive (thumb drive).

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[REDACTED] Bruce OHR, [REDACTED] [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, 935 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Special Agent and Intelligence Analyst and the nature of the interview, OHR provided the following information:

[REDACTED] On January 20, 2017, OHR received an e-mail from Glen Simpson asking OHR to contact Simpson. OHR subsequently contacted Simpson telephonically. During the telephonic conversation, Simpson told OHR that one of Christopher Steele's employees has been identified and will likely be publicly named by the media within the next couple of days. Simpson did not know the identity or contact information of the employee, only that the employee was intimately involved in compiling the information contained within the dossier on Donald J. Trump and the Trump campaign. Due to the sensitive nature of the employee's work and contacts, revealing the identity of the employee could place the employee in danger. Simpson was considering putting the employee in contact with an attorney to advise the employee. When OHR asked for more information regarding the employee and the nature of the threat, Simpson replied he would contact Steele for more information and then re-contact OHR.

[REDACTED] In the early hours of January 21, 2017, OHR received a text message from Steele which OHR did not notice until later in the morning. Around 8:00 am on the same day, OHR received call from Steele. During this conversation Steele relayed his concerns regarding the safety of his

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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~~employee if the employee's name was released in the media. Steele stated if~~
the employee's name was released, the employee "may need help quickly."
Steele has been unable to directly contact the employee [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] indicating the employee was
alright. When asked for the employee's identity, Steele replied that he did
not have the employee's permission to share the information, but if contact
was needed, [REDACTED], [REDACTED],
whom Steele identified as [REDACTED] and was known to both Steel and OHR could
arrange contact. Steele believed the employee, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], would be scared if the US Government
contacted the employee; the employee's natural inclination would be to 'lay
low.'

[REDACTED] In addition to the publication of the employee's name, an
individual Steele identified as [REDACTED] was about to be exposed (NFI) in the
public which would also lead to the employee being identified. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Steele also told OHR that he spoke with a staff member of
Senator John McCain's office sometime prior to October 2016. Steele had
this conversation at the request of [REDACTED]. Since October 2016,
Steele had not spoken to anyone regarding the Trump dossier.

[REDACTED] OHR took notes during the contact with Simpson and Steele to
preserve his memory and referred to them during the interview. OHR's notes
are an attachment to this document.



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[REDACTED] 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, the employee had 'went to ground' but recently 'semi-emerged' (NFI) indicating Steele could establish contact. Steele's concern was exacerbated by additional media reporting on [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Steele re-iterated to OHR the employee was an "absolute gem." Steele would attempt contact with the employee on [REDACTED] January 2017 to "see where he is." After Steele spoke with the employee, Steele would re-contact OHR.

[REDACTED] 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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[REDACTED] 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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[REDACTED] 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.

[REDACTED] 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 one source.

[REDACTED] 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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[REDACTED] OHR stated he had been contacted by Christopher Steele, via WhatsApp and OHR responded via FaceTime on 02/11/2017.

[REDACTED] Steele advised OHR that his contact was still doing well and he was going to continue to monitor his situation. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Steele's company is continuing to work for both [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], another attorney for [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] However, OHR explained Steele is beginning to worry about his business and was preparing a report on Edward Snowden to broker a business relationship with the FBI. Steele advised OHR, 'You may see me re-emerge in a couple of weeks.'

[REDACTED] OHR responded he had yet to ask Steele if he would like to be provided with an FBI contact.

[REDACTED] OHR also advised Steele's family 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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~~Government investigations had confirmed some of the reporting in his~~
dossier.

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[REDACTED] OHR stated he had recently been contacted by Christopher Steele on three separate occasions via WhatsApp or FaceTime. On 12 March 2017, Steele told OHR he was concerned about receiving a letter from Senator Grassley asking Steele to disclose additional details regarding the dossier Steele compiled on Donald J. Trump. Steele also expressed concern about the well-being of one of his previous employees who was instrumental in obtaining the information published in the dossier.

[REDACTED] On 15 March 2017, Steele told OHR if asked, Steele would tell the investigating congressional committees what he could about the dossier, but Steele must protect the sources and methods used to collect the information.

[REDACTED] On 26 March 2017, Steele told OHR he expected a letter from the congressional committee investigation at any moment. Steele was aware that Glen Simpson has already revived such a letter. Steele further told OHR that [REDACTED] an attorney representing [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and was in contact with Steele. Steele noted since he resided in [REDACTED]

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~~the United Kingdom and was a former [REDACTED], Steele would answer~~
written questions from investigators only after receiving [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] On 5/8/2017, [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:

[REDACTED] OHR and STEELE communicated via text message in WhatsApp and arranged a call for 5/3/2017 at 8:00 AM. STEELE told OHR that business was good.

[REDACTED] STEELE had been worried about Director Comey's upcoming testimony to congress, especially his response to questions that would be raised by Representative Grassley. STEELE was specifically concerned about anything Director Comey would say that might expose a sensitive source. STEELE was happy with Director Comey's response.

[REDACTED] In a previous conversation, STEELE had expressed concern for the well-being of a source. STEELE described the current disposition of this source as "stable".

[REDACTED] STEELE informed OHR that the disclosure laws in the UK were more narrow than in the United States and therefore limited his ability to testify before Congress. STEELE cited specifically that he was restricted from [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] was a former [REDACTED] and had been on the staff of the [REDACTED]. At the time of the interview, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] GLENN SIMPSON of FUSION-GPS and [REDACTED] would be visiting STEELE soon and were in the process of "lawyering up" (NFI).

[REDACTED] JONATHAN WINER was bringing over a letter separately (NFI).

[REDACTED] STEELE was interested in working with the FBI and had additional information if the FBI was interested.



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[REDACTED] On 5/12/2017, [REDACTED] interviewed BRUCE OHR, [REDACTED], [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:

[REDACTED] 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.

[REDACTED] 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?

[REDACTED] STEELE mentioned that SIC was considering sending staffers to the UK.

[REDACTED] 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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[REDACTED] CHRISTOPHER STEELE sent OHR a text message in WhatsApp on or around Friday, 5/12/2017. The two set up a call via WhatsApp for Saturday at 9:00 AM EST.

[REDACTED] Per FBI's previous request, OHR asked STEELE if he would be willing to meet with FBI agents. STEELE responded that the answer was an immediate yes but that he would need to check with his business partner [REDACTED]. OHR was clear that this would be nothing more than a conversation with the FBI and STEELE said that would be alright.

[REDACTED] STEELE informed OHR that he had information regarding a conversation between [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] STEELE contacted OHR via Whatsapp at 9:45 AM on Monday, 5/15/2017. STEELE said [REDACTED] and his business partner were both ok with him talking to the FBI.

[REDACTED] SSA [REDACTED] told OHR that he would communicate with headquarters regarding FBI agents meeting with STEELE and let him know when he received a response.

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