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FOIPA Request No.: 1432673-000
Civil Action No.: 19-cv-01278
Subject: All 302's of individuals who were
questioned/interviewed by FBI Agents working for the
Office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller

Dear Mr. Leopold:

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

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510 pages were reviewed and 59 pages are being released.

- ☒ Deletions were made by the Department of Justice/Office of Information Policy.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request and the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☒ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- ☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- ☒ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

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

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

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

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

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



See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



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Information Management Division

Enclosures

Additional Information:

In response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of Bates Stamped documents, FBI (19-cv-1278)-8891 through FBI (19-cv-1278)-9400. The enclosed documents represent the twenty-second interim release of information responsive to your request.

Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

Please be advised that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact FOIPA program staffing levels and operations. The enclosed FOIPA release represents work product that could be generated for you under these unprecedented circumstances. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to release as much information as possible.

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum includes information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records on individuals. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records. For questions regarding Parts 1, 2, or 3, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." Previously mentioned appeal and dispute resolution services are also available at the web address.

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

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010))]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **National Security/Intelligence Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of national security and foreign intelligence records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and PA exemption (j)(2) as applicable to requests for records about individuals [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2); 50 U.S.C § 3024(i)(1)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that national security or foreign intelligence records do or do not exist.

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

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

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching those systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A reasonable search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled and maintained by the FBI in the course of fulfilling law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization and encompasses the records of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ), FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide and includes Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records. For additional information about our record searches visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records.
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheets. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **The National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private citizens cannot request a name check.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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U.S. Department of Justice

The Special Counsel's Office

Washington, D.C. 20530

May 20, 2018

Re: Grand Jury Subpoena [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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Attached is a federal grand jury subpoena, which requires you to appear before a federal grand jury in Washington, D.C., on [REDACTED]

The grand jury is conducting an investigation of possible violations of federal criminal laws. You may refuse to answer any question if a truthful answer to the question would tend to incriminate you. Anything that you say can be used against you by the grand jury, in a court of law, or in subsequent proceedings elsewhere. Finally, if you testify, you have the right to have your attorney nearby, outside the grand jury room, and to consult with him or her at any time, within reason, during the proceedings.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT S. MUELLER III
Special Counsel

By: /s/
Aaron S.J. Zelinsky
Assistant Special Counsel

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the

District of Columbia

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY

To:

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YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in this United States district court at the time, date, and place shown below to testify before the court's grand jury. When you arrive, you must remain at the court until the judge or a court officer allows you to leave.

Place: U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
U.S. Courthouse, 3rd Floor Grand Jury
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Date and Time:

Date: May 20, 2018

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Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

The name, address, telephone number, and email of the Assistant Special Counsel who requests this subpoena are:

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Aaron Zelinsky, Assistant Special Counsel
Department of Justice – Special Counsel's Office
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530

Subpoena



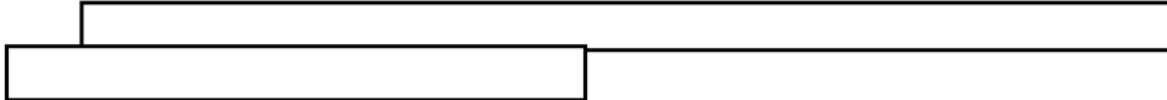
U.S. Department of Justice
The Special Counsel's Office
Washington, D.C. 20530

August 2, 2018



Re: Petr Aven

Dear Counsel:



With respect to the meeting between the government, Client and yourselves on August 2, 2018 and testimony before the Grand Jury on August 3, 2018, (hereinafter "the meeting"), the government will be represented by individuals from the Special Counsel's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The terms of this letter do not bind any office or component of the U.S. Department of Justice other than those identified in the preceding sentence. The following terms and conditions apply to the meeting:

(1) THIS IS NOT A COOPERATION AGREEMENT

[REDACTED] the government does not agree to make any motion on Client's behalf or to enter into a cooperation agreement, plea agreement, immunity agreement or non-prosecution agreement with Client. The government makes no representation about the likelihood that any such agreement will be reached in connection with this meeting.

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

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

of justice pursuant to Section 3C1.1; and (b) that Client's conduct at the meeting is a relevant factor under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

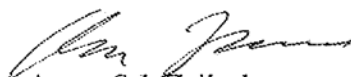
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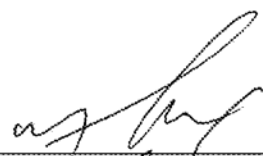
(13) Client and Client's attorney acknowledge that they have read, fully discussed and understand every paragraph and clause in this document and the consequences thereof.

Dated: 8/2/2018

At: Washington D.C.

ROBERT S. MUELLER, III
Special Counsel

By: 
Aaron S.J. Zelinsky
Attorney
Special Counsel's Office


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Dates of Continuation

Initials of counsel, Client and government attorney

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 03/29/2001

To: [REDACTED]

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

Squad 8

From: New York

White Collar Branch, Squad C-14, Public Corruption

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: S8A-NY-278417 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB(S);

WILLIAM J. CLINTON - FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT;

[REDACTED]
MARC RICH - FUGITIVE (B); ET AL;

CFPO - EXECUTIVE BRANCH;

OO:NY

Synopsis: Locate and interview [REDACTED]

Enclosures: Enclosed list of questions to be used as a guideline for captioned matter.

Details: New York is conducting a sensitive investigation concerning possible corruption surrounding the pardons granted by former U.S. President WILLIAM CLINTON.

In early January 2001, a group of individuals were identified as having dinner together at an unidentified restaurant in [REDACTED]. The individuals identified as having attended this dinner are [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was identified as a close friend of [REDACTED]

New York is seeking to disclose if the MARC RICH pardon or any pardon related issue was discussed at this dinner or at any other time. Request information concerning discussions of fundraising and the nature of [REDACTED] relationship with [REDACTED].

For [REDACTED] Division, [REDACTED] RA, the following descriptive data is provided to locate and interview [REDACTED].

Name: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]



U.S. Department of Justice
The Special Counsel's Office
Washington, D.C. 20530

September 5, 2018

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Re: Jason Fishbein

Dear Counsel:

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With respect to the meeting between the government, Client and yourselves on September 5, 2018 (hereinafter "the meeting"), the government will be represented by individuals from the Special Counsel's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The terms of this letter do not bind any office or component of the U.S. Department of Justice other than those identified in the preceding sentence. The following terms and conditions apply to the meeting:

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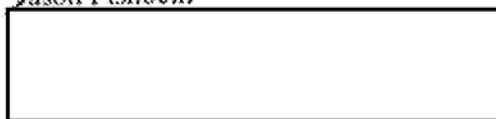
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At: Washington D.C.

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Special Counsel

By: 
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Attorney
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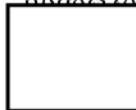
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U.S. Department of Justice
The Special Counsel's Office
Washington, D.C. 20530

August 20, 2018

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Re: Meeting with the Government

Dear [REDACTED]

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Dated: _____

At: _____

ROBERT S. MUELLER, III
Special Counsel

By: Aaron S.J. Zelinsky
Attorney
Special Counsel's Office

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Friday, August 17, 2018



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[redacted] Is it possible for me to have a letter of immunity prior to my interview and production of my computer/ transcripts? It see

@ (! @ms like the prudent thing for me to do. Otherwise, I think I should retain legal counsel, which would require me to postpone our meeting.

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We are hoping to provide you a proffer letter. I will send once I have it.



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Ok. Thank you!

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Monday, August 20, 2018

Can you provide an email for me to send the letter to?



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U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20530
August 23, 2018



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Dated:

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ROBERT S. MUELLER, III
Special Counsel

By: Aaron S.J. Zelensky
Attorney
Special Counsel's Office



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Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Hi [REDACTED] I found a way to send the letter without email. Please call me if you have any questions. Thanks!



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U.S. Department of Justice

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Washington, D.C. 20530

January 19, 2018



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Re: George Nader *

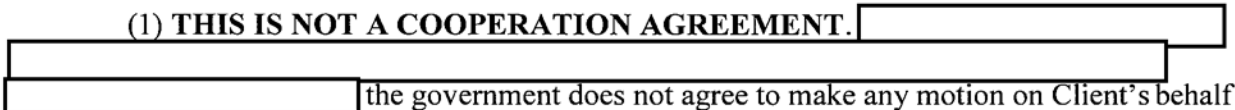
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Dated: Washington DC

At: January 19, 2018

ROBERT S. MUELLER, III
Special Counsel

By: Z. Ahmad
Zainab Ahmad
Senior Assistant Special Counsel
The Special Counsel's Office

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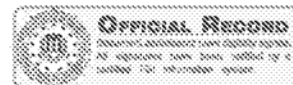
* This investigation relates to alleged false statements, perjury, and conspiracy of the same by others, not Mr. Nader and other crimes. The government ~~is not~~ cannot represent at this point whether or

not George Nader has committed any criminal violations. George Nader is not currently a target of the instant investigation, which includes/extends to various criminal violations, not all of which are listed in this paragraph.

** By law (Rule 6), all statements, notes, reports of these interviews are material within the scope of Rule 6(e), secrecy rule.

*** The above statement (labeled **) was added by defense counsel [redacted] at the beginning of the third proffer session in this matter, held on January 23, 2018. It represents the views of attorney [redacted] does not state any position agreed to or advanced by the Special Counsel's Office. (2A 1/23/18)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 10/05/2018

Original FD-302 attached in 1A.

UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~Investigation on 06/12/2018 at Washington, District Of Columbia, United States (Phone)File [redacted] Date drafted 10/05/2018
by [redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 7:26 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Call

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Hi sir-

No problem. I have one document that I spoke to DAD Strzok about yesterday that we discussed it would be good to turn over to you guys, so your call.

Jim

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 7:15 AM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Call

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Jim,
Sorry for the delay. Can you still do 10? Also, if it is a short conversation, we can do your office. If it is longer, I'd prefer that conference room again.
Thanks,

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----- Original message -----

From: "Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)" [REDACTED]
Date: 6/12/17 1:09 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: Call

No problem at all. Just let me know.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Call

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Let's make it a tentative. I may have to reschedule, as I am waiting on confirmation of a prior appointment. Can we be somewhat flexible?

-----Original Message-----

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 12:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: Call

How about 10am? I have a free window from then until noon.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 11:59 AM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Call

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Hi Jim,

Would tomorrow be ok? If so, just give me a couple times to work with.

Thanks,

-----Original Message-----

From: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 11:54 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Call

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Gentlemen: I have one item that I'd like to run by you at your convenience. I have meetings/calls until about 3:30 today but can talk after that, or sometime tomorrow if you are available.

Thanks,
Jim



J Rybicki [redacted]

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To: Jim Rybicki [redacted]

Tue, May 16, 2017 at 1:29 PM

I'm recalling the following encounters:

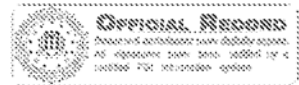
1. January 7 in NYC
2. Call to my cell phone one early evening to repeat denials on golden showers (I think it was before the dinner and possibly before inauguration because he said again we hoped I was staying)
3. January 27 dinner (where he pretends he hasn't already twice said he hopes I will stay)
4. February 14 stay-behind after he kicked AG out of Oval
5. Call from secure phone when we detoured [redacted] (all business)
6. Check in call when I was about to get on chopper with Chuck.
7. Call to my CMS phone when you were there
8. Final call when he called to see if I had done what he asked on getting word out about investigation and I told him I had passed to Dana.

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I have not included the January 21 Blue Room event where he whispered "I really look forward to working with you" in my ear.

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~~SECRET//NOFORN~~**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION****Electronic Communication**DECLASSIFIED BY: NSICG [redacted]
ON 01-05-2022b6
b7C**Title:** (U//~~FOUO~~) Comey Memos**Date:** 05/19/2017**From:** COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

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Contact: [redacted]b6
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b7E**Approved By:** [redacted]**Drafted By:** [redacted]**Case ID #:** [redacted](U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted]FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT -
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Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) To document to the file memos and communications produced by former FBI Director James B. Comey documenting interaction with POTUS-E and POTUS while employed with the FBI.

~~Reason: 1.4(b)~~~~Derived From: FBI NSISC-
20090615~~~~Declassify On: 20421231~~**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) Memo 1
2. (U//~~FOUO~~) Memo 2
3. (U//~~FOUO~~) Memo 3
4. (U//~~FOUO~~) Memo 4
5. (U//~~FOUO~~) Memo 5
6. (U//~~FOUO~~) Memo 6
7. (U//~~FOUO~~) Memo 7

Details:

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ This document serves to memorialize to the file copies of memos and communications produced by James B. Comey, during his employment as FBI Director, which documented interaction with Donald J. Trump during periods when he (Trump) was President-elect and

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President. These documents were internally provided to writer through Assistant Director of Counterintelligence Division, E.W. Priestap.

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DATE: 12-29-2021

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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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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

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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 of 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 I 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.

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.

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

(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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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 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. (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.

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] (S) [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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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

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]) (S)

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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 (S) 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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I attended an Oval office homeland threat briefing for the President today. The meeting was scheduled for 4 pm but was delayed by a prior meeting, which was apparently related to the ongoing litigation over the immigration executive order. The AG and Sec DHS were in the earlier meeting and remained in the Oval when my meeting began, at about 4:15.

There were about a dozen people in the Oval for the homeland session. I sat facing the President over the Resolute Desk in a semi-circle of 6 chairs. DD/CIA sat to my left and D/NCTC to my right. Staff members occupied the couches and chairs behind me. Tom Bossert perched on the arm of a couch to steer the session. I noticed Jared Kushner and Stephen Bannon by face. Mike Dempsey and the VP's NSA were also there, and two or three others (I think including Reince Priebus).

At the completion of the session, the President thanked everyone and said he wanted to speak with me alone. The AG lingered momentarily by my chair, but the President thanked him and said he wanted to meet with Jim. He repeated this at least one more time to usher people out. Everyone left except Jared Kushner, who stopped by my chair to shake hands and exchange pleasantries, including a few brief words about the challenges of the email investigation. The President joined in this brief exchange but then told Mr. Kushner that he wanted to meet with me. That left the two of us alone.

He began by saying he wanted to "talk about Mike Flynn." He then said that, although Flynn "hadn't done anything wrong" in his call with the Russians (a point he made at least two more times in the conversation), he had to let him go because he misled the Vice President, whom he described as "a good guy." He explained that he just couldn't have Flynn misleading the Vice President and, in any event, he had other concerns about Flynn, and had a great guy coming in, so he had to let Flynn go.

He asked me if I had seen Sean Spicer's press briefing today and I replied that I hadn't. He said he had done a great job of explaining why they did what they did. He then asked if "you saw my Tweet this morning," and quickly added that "it is really about the leaks." He then reviewed in some detail the leaks of his calls with the leaders of Mexico and Australia, including how the calls had gone, how he assumed that calls he made on "this beautiful phone [touching the gray phone on the desk]" were confidential, how it couldn't have come from the Mexicans or Australians, how the transcripts actually include things he doesn't remember saying ("and they say I have one of the world's greatest memories"), and that it makes us look terrible to have these things leaking. He then referred at length to the leaks relating to Mike Flynn's call with the Russians, which he stressed was not wrong in any way ("he made lots of calls"), but that the leaks were terrible.

I tried to interject several times to agree with him about the leaks being terrible, but was unsuccessful. When he finished, I said I agreed very much that it was terrible that his calls with foreign leaders leaked. I said they were classified and he needed to be able to speak to foreign leaders in confidence. [NOTE: because this is an

unclassified document, I will be limited in how I describe what I said next]. I then explained why leaks purporting to be about FBI intelligence operations were also terrible and a serious violation of the law. I explained that the FBI gathers intelligence in part to equip the President to make decisions, and if people run around telling the press what we do, that ability will be compromised. I said I was eager to find leakers and would like to nail one to the door as a message. I said something about it being difficult and he replied that we need to go after the reporters, and referred to the fact that 10 or 15 years ago we put them in jail to find out what they know, and it worked. He mentioned Judy Miller by name. I explained that I was a fan of pursuing leaks aggressively but that going after reporters was tricky, for legal reasons and because DOJ tends to approach it conservatively. He replied by telling me to talk to "Sessions" and see what we can do about being more aggressive. I told him I would speak to the Attorney General.


At about this point, Reince Priebus opened the wall door by the clock and the President sent him away, saying he would be another minute or two and he knew people were waiting.

He then returned to the topic of Mike Flynn, saying that Flynn is a good guy, and has been through a lot. He misled the Vice President but he didn't do anything wrong in the call. He said, "I hope you can see your way clear to letting this go, to letting Flynn go. He is a good guy. I hope you can let this go." I replied by saying, "I agree he is a good guy," but said no more.

The President then wrapped up our conversation by returning to the issue of finding leakers. I said something about the value of putting a head on a pike as a message. He replied by saying it may involve putting reporters in jail. "They spend a couple days in jail, make a new friend, and they are ready to talk." I laughed as I walked to the door Reince Priebus had opened.

As I walked out the Vice President was standing just outside the door, waiting. We shook hands. There was a large group with him, including Priebus and the newly sworn-in Secretary of HHS, Tom Price. I walked through the group and away from the Oval office, went downstairs, and exited onto the West Executive Drive. On the way out downstairs, I saw John Kelly gathered with staff. I stopped to greet him and he told me he has previously accepted an invitation to speak to HRT at Quantico about leadership and wondered if it was still okay to do it. I said by all means; that would be great.

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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


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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I returned the president's call this morning at 8:26 am EDT. We spoke for about four minutes. He said he was following up to see if I did what he had asked last time -- getting out that he personally is not under investigation. I replied that I had passed the request to the Acting AG and had not heard back from him. He spoke for a bit about why it was so important: He is trying to do work for the country, visit with foreign leaders, and any cloud, even a little cloud gets in the way of that. They keep bringing up the Russia thing as an excuse for losing the election. I explained that Dana Boente was now the acting AG on this after Jeff Sessions recused himself. He said maybe he would have his people reach out to Dana. I said that that was the way to handle it -- he should have the White House Counsel call the Acting Attorney General and make the request. He said that was what he would do.¹ He then added, "Because I have been very loyal to you, very loyal, we had that thing, you know."² I did not reply, or ask him what he meant by "that thing."³ Instead I said again that the way to handle it was to have the White House Counsel call Dana Boente. He said that's what he would do.

He then switched topics and began to talk about Egypt and its leader, saying Obama didn't like the guy [] He (C) b1 mentioned the Coptic church bombings and how horrible they were. He said that three Americans had been killed by an Egyptian soldier and the Egyptian leader had raised it with him. I interrupted to say that I thought he meant the king of Jordan and an incident in Jordan. He agreed and said the king of Jordan had told him he wanted to bring the soldier to justice quickly, but that the FBI was in some way asking them to delay. He said [] (C) (C) I replied that I would dig into it but that I did not believe it to be true that the FBI was delaying a Jordanian prosecution. In fact, we were working very closely with the American families and had told them that we wanted the Jordanians to bring justice and if they did not we would try to bring the killer to the United States. He asked me to follow up and make sure that we were working well with the Jordanians and helping them quickly bring the killer to justice. I told him I would. He then said that I was doing a great job and wished me well. The call ended.

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¹ I don't know the President well enough to give a high-confidence read here from a phone call, but I perceived him to be slightly annoyed by my reply.

² His use of these words did not fit with the flow of the call, which at that point had moved away from any request of me, but I have recorded it here as it happened.

³ I assumed when he said this that he was reaching back in his memory to our conversation about loyalty at our private dinner, which was sufficiently awkward to make it difficult for him to say I had promised to be loyal, which is where I thought he was headed in the comment.

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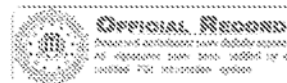
Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: James B. Comey
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Call from POTUS

Categories: D Followup

Just called to check in and see how I'm doing. I said I'm doing great, have a lot going on. I added that Jeff Sessions has hit the ground running with a great speech on violent crime. He talked about Sessions a bit, then last night's speech. Said he heard I'm doing great. Hopes I take good care of myself and come by to say hello when I'm at WH. That's it.

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Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Comey e-mail communications**Date:** 06/16/2017**CC:** [redacted]**From:** WASHINGTON FIELD

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20090615~~~~Declassify On: 20421231~~**Enclosure(s):** Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) Comey January 11, 2017 e-mail
2. (U//~~FOUO~~) Comey January 12, 2017 e-mail

Details:

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ On or around June 9, 2017, SA [redacted] received the enclosed copies of e-mail communications produced by James B. Comey, during his employment as FBI Director, which documented an interaction with Donald J. Trump on January 11, 2017, when he (Trump) was President-elect. These e-mails were internally provided to writer through FBI Supervisory Special Agent [redacted]

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Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

From: James B. Comey
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 10:34 PM
To: [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Burton, Dawn (DO) (FBI); Rybicki, James E. (DO) (FBI)

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Please note on today's calendar that I received a phone call from Reince Priebus at 1:30 and one from President Elect Trump at 5 pm.

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TIME SENSITIVE: Dinner in Moscow, this weekend...

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Carter Page [REDACTED] Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 10:15 AM
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Gentlemen,

FYI – Please keep this confidential for the time being but HBO, the major cable network in the U.S., is going to broadcast a documentary about the first 100 days of the Trump presidency later this month in conjunction with their partner VICE News. They have an international distribution network as well as YouTube. For those of you who are unaware, here's some background on them:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vice_News

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For reference, here is a very thoughtful in-depth piece that they did last February, before the Clinton/Obama witch hunt began. Interviews with Foreign Minister Lavrov and Kremlin spokesman Peskov, among others:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkW4eW7TMvM>

In my view, this could be a great way to bring to life all the constructive work that you guys have been doing on the real research side, and the types of things we actually talked about this summer... as opposed to the complete lies that have dominated the Western media. **We need to decide by later tonight one way or the other so please let me know one way or the other if you'd be willing to participate by 00:00 / midnight tonight Moscow-time (5 pm New York).**

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Subject: TIME SENSITIVE: Dinner in Moscow, this weekend...

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[redacted] Krickovic [redacted]

Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 10:22 AM

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To: [redacted]
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To: [REDACTED] Krickovic [REDACTED] Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 10:25 AM b6
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[Redacted] **Krickovic** [Redacted] Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 10:27 AM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

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[REDACTED] Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 10:28 AM b6
To: [REDACTED] Krickovic [REDACTED] b7C
Cc: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] Krickovic [REDACTED] Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 10:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

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Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 10:32 AM

To: Carter Page

Cc: "Weber, Shlomo"

Krickovic

Klimentov

Denis Klimentov

Denis

Hi Carter,

so will miss your dinner.

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Good luck with the HBO special -- glad you'll have this chance to set the record straight.

All best,

[Quoted text hidden]

Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 10:33 AM

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To: Krickovic

Cc:

100% Right.

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Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 4:22 PM

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To:

Cc: Carter Page

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Hi

for a little while longer. Good luck!

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To:

Krickovic

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From: Krickovic

Date: Apr 19, 2017 11:41 PM

Subject: Re: TIME SENSITIVE: Dinner in Moscow, this weekend...

To: "Carter Page"

Cc:

Hi Carter,

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Best,

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Wed. Apr 19, 2017 at 6:13 PM

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To: Carter Page "Weber, Shlomo" Krickovic
Denis
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Hi Carter!

Thank you very much for the invitation. I will have to miss

Yours,

От: Carter Page

Отправлено: 19 апреля 2017 г. 17:15

Кому: Weber, Shlomo; Krickovic; Denis Klimentov; Denis
Klimentov

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Carter Page

Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 12:03 AM

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To: "Weber, Shlomo" Krickovic
Denis
Klimentov Denis Klimentov

and team,

So sorry to miss you guys. Although I realized it was late notice, I should've known how busy all you jet-setters would've been!

Turns out that I ended up having unexpected commitments back arise here in the U.S. So it wouldn't have worked anyway, as I had to cancel the trip.

In other news, the Fake developments last year are continuing to move toward a happy conclusion for all with

hopefully some positive implications for U.S.-Russia relations... latest from tonight:

<https://mobile.twitter.com/cjtfarrell/status/854878435776364544>

Safe travels to all, take care and looking forward to our paths crossing again some other time.

Carter

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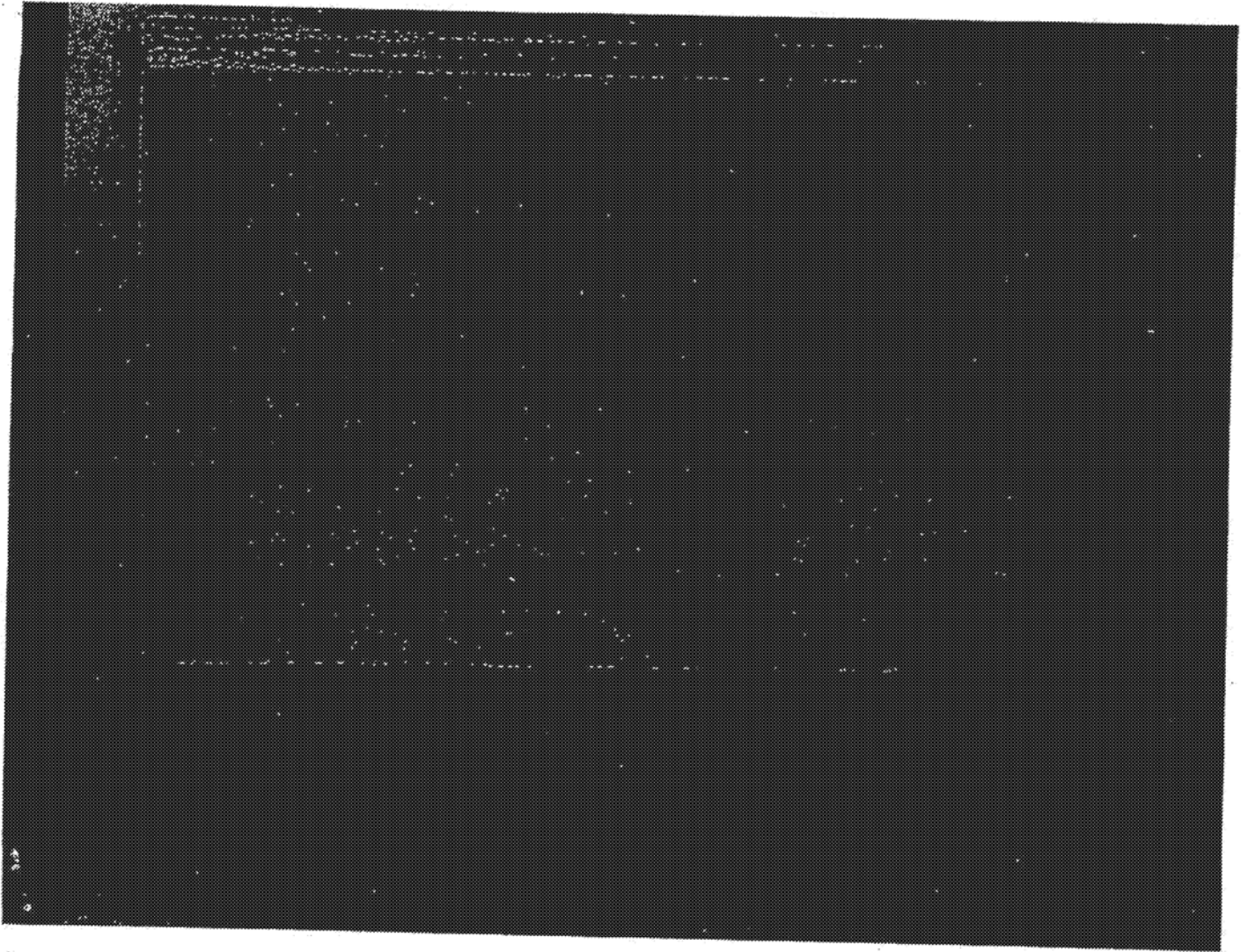
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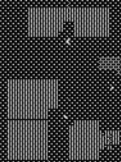
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By Courier

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The Special Counsel's Office
395 E St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Re: Jody Hunt Materials

Dear Mr. Quarles:

Pursuant to your January 8, 2018 request, we are producing the enclosed documents.

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Best regards

