

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 2, 2017

RE: 2017-05-288 (DO) 2017-05-347 (FinCEN)

Mr. Jason Leopold Investigative Reporter Buzzfeed News 1669 Benedict Canyon Beverly Hills, CA 90210

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Dear Mr. Leopold:

This letter acknowledges your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to Department of the Treasury, dated May 23, 2017. You seek, disclosure from the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Office of Foreign Asset Control, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Treasury Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture, the following records:

- Any and all emails Adam Szubin and Daniel Glaser exchanged, sent, received, mentioning or referring to Russia and the Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes (TFFC). Please be sure to us "TFFC" to locate responsive records.
- Any and all emails mentioning or referring to TFFC and Russia sent, received by TFI
  official Jennifer Fowler, TFFC official, TFFC official Sarah Runge; Anna Morris; TFFC
  official Jamie Kraut. Any and all emails in which the above named officials are named in
  the body/text of any emails that mention or refer to TFFC and Russia.

In an email dated June 2, 2017, you provided a timeframe for the search, January 1, 2014, through the date the search for responsive records is conducted. You further stated that "Russia "is the subject of the request.

Treasury's Departmental Offices (DO) has initiated a search for responsive records to your request. We will make every effort to provide you with a timely response. Treasury DO uses a multi-track system consisting of simple, complex, and expedited processing tracks to manage and process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are answered more quickly and more complex requests generally require significant processing time. Your request is queue #573 in the complex track for processing since consultations with other Treasury organizations or Federal agencies are required or the search results may return a large volume of records to review and



determine if the records are responsive to your request. Due to these unusual circumstances, the FOIA allows an additional 10 days to process your request. Treasury DO updates it FOIA multitracks and queues weekly at <a href="https://www.treasury.gov/FOIA/Pages/reports\_index2.aspx">https://www.treasury.gov/FOIA/Pages/reports\_index2.aspx</a>.

I have determined you are a representative of the news media (media). Media requesters are not charged fees associated with search or review and will obtain the first 100 pages of duplication of hard copy records free. Duplication of hard copy records below \$25 are waived. Treasury will make every effort to transmit your final response via email or CD free of charge as well; therefore, your request for a fee waiver is granted.

Your request has also been assigned to the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). OFAC will contact you directly concerning your request. Your request may require further submissions and/or justifications in order to be processed.

When inquiring about your request within OFAC, please refer to identification number above and contact the OFAC FOIA Requester Service Center at 202-622-2500, option 3.

Your request has also been routed to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) as indicated in your FOIA request. Please refer to FOIA request 2017-05-347 when inquiring about your request within FinCEN, who will reply to you directly.

Further inquiries to FinCEN should be addressed to FinCEN at the address below:

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ATTN: FOIA Request P.O. Box 39 Vienna, VA 22183

You may contact the FOIA Public Liaison, Ryan Law at any time for any questions you may have concerning your request via telephone at (202) 622-8098; or email at FOIAPublicLiaisonDepartmentalOffices@treasury.gov.

You may also wish to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office which offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

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National Archives and Records Administration
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College Park, MD 20740-6001
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If additional questions arise concerning this action within DO, please contact Cawana Pearson via telephone at (202) 622-0930; or via email at TreasFOIA@treasury.gov. Please reference FOIA request 2017-05-288 when inquiring about this request. Please be mindful that you may receive several final response letters from Departmental Offices in response to your FOIA request.

Sincerely,

Cawana Pearson

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