



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Electronic Communication

Title: [REDACTED] US Department of State employees aware of FBI relationship with STEELE.

Date: 11/16/2016

From: WASHINGTON FIELD

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CROSSFIRE HURRICANE;
FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT - RUSSIA;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] CROSSFIRE DRAGON
FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT - RUSSIA;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER

Synopsis: [REDACTED] This communication documents to the file two email strings regarding US Department of State employees aware of FBI relationship with STEELE.

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on 8/26/2020
This redacted version only

Enclosure (s): Enclosed are the following items:

- 1. [REDACTED] US Department of State employees aware of FBI relationship with STEELE
- 2. [REDACTED] Victoria Nuland inquires about [REDACTED] meeting

Details:

This communication documents to the file two email strings regarding US Department of State (USDOS) employees aware of FBI relationship with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] US Department of State employees aware of FBI relationship with STEELE.

Re: [REDACTED], 11/16/2016

STEELE. The first string of emails documents that USDOS employees were not only aware of the FBI's relationship with STEELE, the name of the Special Agent handler [REDACTED], the CHS' company name, but also knew of the CROSSFIRE HURRICANE team's planned travel [REDACTED] on October 3 to meet with STEELE. In addition, it also appears an unnamed USDOS employee may have been [REDACTED] and met with STEELE, who is a friend or an acquaintance and took notes during the STEELE meeting. The notes were not provided to the FBI as the USDOS employee believes STEELE already passed the FBI this information.

The second string documents that following the FBI's meeting with STEELE on October 3, 2016, Kathy Kavalec, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European Affairs, acting on behalf of Victoria "Toria" Nuland, the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European Affairs, requested an update from [REDACTED] Section Chief Steve Laycock regarding the FBI's meeting with STEELE.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: AG Barr Request: FW: Follow-up --- [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED],
Below is what I was able to find in my emails.

Additionally, I remember that Pete or [REDACTED] had an idea of who the DOS employee was that met with the Orbis employee so I ran that person's name by Kathy and she all but confirmed that it was the same person who had provided his hand written notes to Nuland. I don't remember ever getting these notes from Nuland or Kathy.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 11:24 AM
To: [REDACTED] LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]; MOFFA, JONATHAN C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; STRZOK, PETER P. (CD) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Follow-up --- [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: Follow-up --- [REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 10:43 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Follow-up --- [REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Follow-up --- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: STRZOK, PETER P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 10:26 AM
To: LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Cc: MOFFA, JONATHAN C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Follow-up --- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Subject: FW: Follow-up --- [REDACTED]

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TRANSITORY RECORD

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Steve

From: Kavalec, Kathleen A [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 6:36 PM
To: LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: Follow-up

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Best, Kathy

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[REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 7:10 AM
To: STRZOK, PETER P. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Update? --- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] : [REDACTED] N

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] B
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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All good, I hit her back with it 'went well' and you the team had everything they needed.

From: STRZOK, PETER P. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 5:00 PM
To: [REDACTED] LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Update? [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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I agree with [REDACTED]. "We had a collegial meeting. Given our investigative responsibilities, we don't feel appropriate to get into the substance of the conversation." If she still pushes, he can just say he needs to take it back to HQ, let me know, and we'll figure out how to address.
Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 8:29 AM
To: LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (CD) (FBI); STRZOK, PETER P. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Update? --- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Steve,

I'd be interested in [REDACTED]'s response to you. From Friday's meeting with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] we came to the conclusion that first and foremost the source's security is most important and we should never disclose our relationship regardless of if the CHS disclosed the relationship. As you know, the CH Team and [REDACTED] fully admonished the CHS that we have a confidential relationship so we shouldn't have any more loose lips. The idea from Friday's meeting was to have [REDACTED]

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remain engaged with Kathleen and Toria as a sounding board in a non-committal way as he would hear if the CHS wasn't keeping up his end of the confidential relationship bargain.

I also don't know how its State's business or how they think it appropriate to ask about a potential FBI source meet on such a politically charged subject. That is sending flags up.

I think [REDACTED] will have the best approach and idea on how to give a non-committal answer. Obviously she knows we had a team travel [REDACTED] and the source's admission, but I don't think we owe her any type of read-out and a political appointee should know better than to ask about a potential investigation of a political rival. I think we leave it at - a meeting occurred, the FBI collected information. I defer to [REDACTED] for his sense on how to handle the situation.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Any feedback we can provide, even if generic in nature?

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Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Update?

Steve,

Toria is back from Moscow and just asked me how the meeting [REDACTED] went earlier this week. Is there anything you can share? Happy to talk secure if that would be convenient. Best, Kathy

Kathy Kavalec
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of European Affairs
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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 6:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (CD) (FBI); MOFFA, JONATHAN C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Letter Follow-up --- [REDACTED] N

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I think that's enough info. If we need more, we can always go and informally talk to the State employee. This was as much for source vetting purposes as anything else

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 1:45 PM
To: [REDACTED]; LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (CD) (FBI); MOFFA, JONATHAN C. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED]; STRZOK, PETER P. (CD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Letter Follow-up --- [REDACTED]
Importance: High

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Copy. Thanks, [REDACTED]

I'll let DAD Strzok and SSA [REDACTED] comment further if needed, as this may have just answered our questions.

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Source Reporting:

The attached document is a memo from the CHS describing intelligence that CHS received from Jon WINER, US Department of State on October 18, 2016. CHS has stated that CHS has a business association with WINER. The memo describes how WINER obtained the intelligence and that it is apparently from a FSB sub-source. The information describes the FSB efforts at successfully compromising Donald TRUMP.

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Submitted By [REDACTED] Wed, 19 Oct 2016 15:51:42 +0200
First Level Approved By [REDACTED] Wed, 19 Oct 2016 15:57:23 +0200
Second Level Approved By [REDACTED] Wed, 19 Oct 2016 10:25:10 -0400

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Company Note

We received this report from Jon WINER, US State Department on 18 October 2016. It is the second in this series we have seen. We consider it potentially significant and apologise in advance for its rough format. The sub-source, as we understand it, is a Turkish businessman with strong Russian, including FSB links. He is in touch with Cody SHEARER, a contact of Sydney BLUMENTHAL, a friend of the CLINTONS, who passed it to WINER. We have no means of verifying the source/s or information but note that some of the reporting is remarkably similar to our own, albeit from a completely different sourcing chain, and therefore could be important collateral, especially on the reported Ritz Carlton incident in 2013; TRUMP's compromise by the FSB (and knowledge of it); and subsequent Kremlin funding of the TRUMP campaign (through the AGALAROVs). We judge that WINER at least would be happy to discuss all this further with you.

19 October 2016

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FSB†Interview ≠ ≠

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He noted that there is a division within the FSB which he is part of that thinks the existence of a "pervasive" and "sophisticated" intelligence operation focusing on pivotal US personalities is widely known specifically the Donald Trump operation. He said the Trump operation was an "open secret" in Putin's government circles. The question among FSB employees he said is how far this should go. He described these operations as "utter madness." He said there are two elements as to why Americans should care about what the FSB is doing: 1. The Americans are being screwed around with by a foreign power. 2. By helping expose and embarrass Putin in regards to what he has done with Trump which has spiraled out of control might eventually improve relations between the US and Russia because what he has done is dangerous. He repeated that Trump

whom he described as a
"delicate target" ≠ ≠ ≠
was filmed twice in Moscow in
November 2013 during the MsÆ Universe pageant.
Once in the presidential suite of the Ritz Carlton Hotel
and a second time at the Crocus shopping mall where the
pageant was held. He said there is a special complex for
distinguished guests in the Crocus complex with
all the amenities including a pool. This complex is owned
by the Agalarov family.
He said he believes a copy of the sex videos is in
Bulgaria, Israel and FSB political unit vaults in
Moscow.
Having seen the videos, he describes Trump's behavior as
"very dark."
He said
"This guy has mental issues with women. He
doesn't act normal. There is a lot of penetration
at all forms
of penetration. Gosh! He grabs her. He licks her
and
makes her lick him. He sticks his fingers up the
rass. He is
a psychopath. He likes to make the women scr

eam and
hurt them.”
From observing Trump for years in previous visits to
Moscow, the FSB knew he had a weakness for women.
But he said Trump’s behavior illustrated that he really did
not like women.
He said that he knew that Trump eventually learned that
he had been flipped in a honeypot operation in Moscow.
He was also filmed in St. Petersburg. He said Trump was
furious when he learned what had happened. Many of the
old Russian friends Trump used to collaborate with, he is
no longer on good terms with.
He repeated that the first FSB generated payments to
Trump took place in Baku, at the presidential palace. The
first one was for \$10 million, which Trump took personally.
The next payment of \$30 million went to daughter Ivanka.
The FSB money was originally passed through Aras
Agalarov, the billionaire real estate mogul, who served as
a liaison between Trump and Putin. Anar Mam

madov"
son of Azerbaijan Transport Minister Ziya Mammadov
was also involved. The presidential palace was used
because Aras Agalarov's son Emin who got Trump to
perform in a music video was married to Leyla Aliyeva
the glamorous daughter of Azerbaijani President Ilham
Aliyev among other reasons. Trump promised support
President Aliyev politically after he was delivered the
\$10 million and promised to organize a visit of
congressmen to Baku. My FSB source asked me
to look into the Trump congressional trip to Baku with
some congressmen from both political parties.

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