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MR. DAVIS: Good morning. This is the transcribed interview of Donald Trump, Junior. Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein first invited Mr. Trump to testify at a public hearing entitled Oversight of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and Attempts to Influence Elections, Lessons Learned From Current and Prior Administrations. Mr. Trump was not compelled to testify at that hearing and the committee withdrew its invitation for him to appear voluntarily after he agreed to this interview.

Would the witness please state your name for the record.

THE WITNESS: Donald John Trump, Junior.

MR. DAVIS: On behalf of the Chairman I want to thank Mr. Trump for appearing here today. My name is Patrick Davis and I'm the Deputy Chief Investigative Counsel with the Committee's majority staff.

I'll ask everyone from the committee who is here at the table to introduce themselves as well.

MR. FOSTER: Jason Foster, Chief Investigative Counsel for Chairman Grassley.

MR. HOLMES: Lee Holmes, Chief Counsel for
Senator Lyndsey Graham.

MS. SAWYER: Heather Sawyer, Chief Oversight Counsel for Senator Feinstein.

MR. PRIVOR: Brian Privor, Senior Counsel for Senator Feinstein.

MS. CLAFLIN: Molly Claflin, Counsel for Senator Feinstein.

MR. DAVIS: The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not apply to any of the Committees' investigative activities, including transcribed interviews. There are some guidelines we follow and I'll go over those now.

MS. SAWYER: Patrick, before we start can we have the record reflect Senators Durbin and Blumenthal are also present.

MR. DAVIS: Our questioning will proceed in rounds. The majority staff will ask questions first for one hour. Then the minority staff will have the opportunity to each ask questions for an equal amount of time. We will go back and forth until there are no more questions and the interview is over.

We typically take a short break at the end of each hour, but should you need to take a break at any other time, please let us know. And we can
discuss taking a break for lunch whenever you're ready to do that.

We have an official reporter taking down everything we say to make a written record. So we ask that you give verbal responses to all questions. Do you understand.

MR. TRUMP: I do.

MR. DAVIS: So that the court reporter can take down a clear record, we'll do our best to limit the number of people directing questions at you during any given hour to those whose turn it is. It's also important that we don't talk over one another or interrupt each other if we can help it. That goes for everybody present at today's interview.

While senators on the committee may observe, the Chairman and Ranking Member have agreed that only staff will ask questions today.

We encourage witnesses who appear before the Committee to consult freely with counsel if they so choose. You are appearing here today with counsel. Counsel please state your name for the record.

MR. FUTERFAS: Good morning. Alan Futerfas, F-U-T-E-R-F-A-S.
MS. LYNCH: Karina Lynch, L-Y-N-C-H.

MR. GARTEN: Alan Garten, G-A-R-T-E-N.

MR. DAVIS: We want you to answer our questions in the most complete and truthful manner possible. So we will take our time. If you have any questions or if you don't understand any of our questions, please let us know. If you honestly don't know the answer to a question or don't remember, it's best not to guess. Just give us your best recollection. It's okay to tell us if you learned information from someone else if you indicate how you came to know that information. If there are things that you don't know or can't remember, we ask that you inform us to the best of your knowledge who might be able to provide a more complete answer to the question.

This interview is unclassified. So if the questions call for any information that you know to be classified, please state that for the record as well as the reason for the classification. And then once you've clarified that, to the extent possible, please respond with as much unclassified information as you can. If we need to have a classified session later, that can be arranged.

It is this Committee's practice to honor
valid common law privilege claims as an accommodation to a witness or party when those claims are made in good faith and accompanied by sufficient explanation so that the Committee can evaluate the claim. When deciding whether to honor a privilege the Committee weighs its need for the information against any legitimate basis for withholding it. The Committee typically does not honor contractual confidentiality agreements.

The Committee and Mr. Trump have agreed that this interview is occurring without prejudice to any future discussions with the Committee and we reserve the right to request Mr. Trump's participation in future interviews or to compel his testimony. The Committee and Mr. Trump have also agreed that participation in this interview does not constitute a waiver of his ability to assert any privileges in response to future appearances before this Committee.

You should understand that, although the interview is not under oath, by law you are required to answer questions from Congress truthfully. Do you understand that?

MR. TRUMP: I do.

MR. DAVIS: Specifically, 18 U.S.C. Section
1001 makes it a crime to make any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representation in the course of a congressional investigation. That statute applies to your statements in this interview. Do you understand that?

MR. TRUMP: I do.

MR. DAVIS: Witnesses who knowingly provide false statements could be subject to criminal prosecution and imprisonment for up to five years. Do you understand that?

MR. TRUMP: I do.

MR. DAVIS: Is there any reason you're unable to provide truthful answers to today's questions?

MR. TRUMP: No.

MR. DAVIS: Finally, we ask that you not speak about what we discuss in this interview with anyone else outside of who's here in the room today in order to preserve the integrity of our investigation. We also ask that you not remove any exhibits or other Committee documents from the interview.

Is there anything else that my colleagues from the minority want to add?

MS. SAWYER: Good morning. Thanks for being
with us today. We appreciate it. I just want to make clear that Senator Coons has also joined us now as well.

MR. DAVIS: Mr. Trump, would you like to make a statement?

MR. TRUMP: Yes. Thank you.

I welcome the opportunity to share this prepared statement in an effort to set forth the sum and substance of what I know regarding a meeting that I attended on June 9, 2016. I'm thankful for the opportunity to meet with you today and look forward to answering all of your questions. As will become clear, I did not collude with any foreign government and do not know of anyone who did.

From 2002 to 2015 the Trump Organization and NBC Universal were co-owners of the Miss Universe Pageant. Over the years the pageant had been held in countries around the world including Cyprus, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Thailand, Mexico, Bahamas, Vietnam, and Brazil. On November 9, 2013 the pageant was held at Crocus City Hall, a concert venue in Moscow, Russia owned by real estate developed Aras Agalarov. Though I did not attend the Miss Universe Pageant, I have been to Russia on
a few occasions, most recently in 2011.

Following the pageant the Trump Organization and Mr. Agalarov's company, Crocus Group, began preliminarily discussing potential real estate projects in Moscow. This was not the first time the Trump Organization had explored potential real estate deals in Russia. As a global real estate company and hotel company with projects currently in Canada, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Panama, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom, Uruguay, and elsewhere, prior to the election the Trump Organization was looking to expand into new international markets, just like its competitors. Ultimately, however, the company was not able to find a suitable project and has not consummated any real estate deals or made other investments in Russia.

Some time after the pageant the Trump Organization invited Mr. Agalarov's son, Emin, a successful pop singer, to perform at the WGC Championship Golf Tournament which was being held in March 2014 at Trump National Golf Course in Doral, Florida. As I was not in attendance at the Miss Universe Pageant in Moscow, this was the first time I recall meeting Emin and his manager Rob
On June 16, 2015 my father announced his intention to run for President of the United States. Over the next year and a half my father campaigned tirelessly, traveling across the country in an effort to convey his vision for the country to the American people. Though I had no prior experience in politics, my father's message to the country inspired me as it did millions of others.

From the moment he announced his candidacy my siblings and I worked day in and day out to support our father. I had never worked on a campaign before and it was exhausting, all encompassing, and a life-changing experience. Every single day I fielded dozens, if not hundreds of e-mails and phone calls. Because my father started off as the underdog we had a very modest staff and were forced to learn as we went along. Every day presented numerous challenges and required my attention to many different issues.

The Republican primaries began on February 1, 2016 with the Iowa caucuses. Although my father did not win Iowa, over the next several months he was fortunate to prevail in New Hampshire, South Carolina, Nevada, Alabama,
Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, and many other states. Nevertheless, as of June 2016 it was still uncertain whether my father would receive the nomination for President at the Republican National Convention in mid-July.

Despite overwhelming support from the American people, it was widely reported that some within the party were attempting to undermine the process in an effort to force a contested convention. While this was going on we were also in the process of replacing our campaign manager. It was an extraordinarily intense period of time.

In the midst of this maelstrom on the morning of June 3, 2016 I received an e-mail from Rob Goldstone. Although I had not seen him in quite some time, Rob would intermittently contact me. For example, when Emin would perform in the New York area Rob would graciously invite me to attend. Similarly, after my father announced his candidacy Rob was among the many individuals who would reach out from time to time do congratulate us on winning a primary or to show their support.

In his e-mail to me Rob suggested that someone had official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary Clinton and her dealings
with Russia and that the information would be very useful to the campaign. I was somewhat skeptical of his outreach as I had only know Rob as Emin's somewhat colorful music promoter who had worked with famous pop singers such as Michael Jackson. Since I had no additional information to validate what Rob was saying I did not quite know what to make of his e-mail. I had no way to gauge the reliability, credibility, or accuracy of any of the things that he was saying.

As it later turned out, my skepticism was justified. The meeting provided no meaningful information and turned out to be not about what was represented. The meeting was instead primarily focused on Russian adoptions, which is exactly what I said over a year later in my statement of July 8, 2017.

Nonetheless, at the time I thought I should listen to what Rob and his colleagues had to say. To the extent that they had information concerning the fitness, character, or qualifications of any presidential candidate, I believed that I should at least hear them out. Depending on what, if any, information that they had, I could then consult with counsel to make an
informed decision as to whether to give it any
further consideration. I also note at this time
there was no focus on Russian activities that there
is today.

In responding to Rob's e-mail I wrote back
and suggested that perhaps I speak to Emin first.
As much as some have made of the phrase "I love
it," it was simply a colloquial way of saying that
I appreciated Rob's gesture. Three days later on
June 6th Rob contacted me again about scheduling a
time for a call with Emin. My phone records show
three very short phone calls between Emin and me on
June 6th and 7th. I do not recall speaking with
Emin. It's possible we left each other voicemails
messages. I simply don't remember.

The next day, June 7th, I received a
follow-up e-mail from Rob inquiring about the
dates and times for a meeting. In one of the
e-mails Rob mentions that two people would be
attending, one of whom was a lawyer. I later
learned from Rob that the lawyer was already
scheduled to be in court in New York on June 9th.
I have also seen press reports that she was on
Capitol Hill and attended a congressional hearing
on June 14th.
While Rob said he would send me the names of the attendees for the June 9th meeting, he never did. As a result I had no advance knowledge of who would attend. I told Rob that Jared Kushner and our newly hired campaign manager Paul Manafort would likely also attend. I then asked Jared and Paul if they could attend, but told them none of the substance or who was going to be there since I did not know myself. Because we were in the same building Paul, Jared, and I would routinely invite one another to attend meetings at a moment's notice.

On June 9th -- June 9th was like every other day during the campaign, it was chaotic. In addition to the campaign we still had a company to run. Because my father was solely focused on fulfilling his promise to the American people, responsibility for the company fell squarely on the shoulders of my siblings and me. Accordingly, I spent June 9th in a series of campaign and business-related meetings and interviews. The meeting which Rob asked for was on my calendar at 4:00 p.m. marked simply as "Meeting, Don Jr., Jared Kushner."

As I recall, at or around 4:00 p.m. Rob
Goldstone came up to our offices and entered our conference room with a lawyer I know now to be Natalia Veselnitskaya. Joining them was a translator and a man who was introduced to me as Irakly Kaveladze. After a few minutes Jared and Paul joined. While numerous press outlets have reported that there were a total of eight people present at the meeting, I only recall seven. Because Rob was able to bring the entire group up by only giving his name to the security in the lobby, I had no advance warning regarding who or how many people would be attending. There is no attendance log to refer back to and I did not take notes.

After perfunctory greetings the lawyers began telling the group very generally something about individuals connected to Russia supporting or funding Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton or the Democratic National Committee. It was quite difficult for me to understand what she was saying or why. Given our busy schedules, we politely asked if she could be more specific and provide more clarity about her objective for the meeting.

At that point Ms. Veselnitskaya pivoted
and began talking about the adoption of Russian children by U.S. citizens and something called the Magnitsky Act. Until that day I'd never heard of the Magnitsky Act and had no familiarity with this issue. It was clear to me that her real purpose in asking for the meeting all along was to discuss Russian adoptions and the Magnitsky Act.

At this point Jared excused himself from the meeting to take a phone call. I proceeded to quickly and politely end the meeting by telling Ms. Veselnitskaya that because my father was a private citizen there did not seem to be any point for having this discussion. She thanked us for our time and everyone left the conference room. As we walked out I recall Rob coming over to apologize.

I have no recollection of documents being offered or left for us. The meeting lasted 20 to 30 minutes. Rob, Emin, and I never discussed the meeting again. I do not recall ever discussing it with Jared, Paul, or anyone else. In short, I gave it no further thought.

As is clear from the above, I did not collude with any foreign government and did not know anyone who did. I'm grateful for the opportunity to help resolve any lingering concerns.
that may exist regarding these events. I'm very
proud of the campaign that my father ran and I was
honored to be a part of it.

MR. FUTERFAS: That concludes the statement.

MR. DAVIS: Thank you.

The time is now 9:48 and we will get
started with the first hour of questions.

MS. SAWYER: Patrick, before you do I just
wanted to note that Senator Klobuchar has also
joined us.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. Mr. Trump, could you please state your
full name for the record.

A. Donald John Trump, Junior.

Q. What is your professional background?

A. Real estate developer.

Q. When did you begin working at the Trump
Organization?


Q. And what is your current role at the Trump
Organization?

A. Executive vice president of development
and acquisitions.

Q. Did you have an official role on your
father's campaign for president?

A. Not an official role, no.

Q. During the campaign did you report to any individuals within the campaign structure?

A. Not in any formal structure, no.

(DTJR Exhibit 1 was marked for identification.)

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. Mr. Trump, I'd like to turn to the e-mail chain beginning on June 3, 2016 between you and Rob Goldstone.

A. Yes.

Q. Which later included an e-mail from you to Paul Manafort. I will label this Exhibit 1.

A. Thank you.

Q. The Bates numbers are DJTFP-00011895 through 897. I believe you clarified this in your statement, but just to make sure, the chain references people named Emin and Aras. These are references to Emin Agalarov and Aras Agalarov, correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. The first e-mail in this chain chronologically states it was sent from Mr. Goldstone to you at 10:36 a.m. on June 3, 2016.
It states that the Crown prosecutor of Russia met with Aras and offered to provide the Trump campaign with some official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary in her dealings with Russia and would be very useful to your father. Was this e-mail the first occasion in which Mr. Goldstone relayed to you this purported offer to provide your father's campaign this information?

A. Yes, I believe it was.

Q. Mr. Goldstone's e-mail states, in part, "This is obviously very high level and sensitive information but is part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump, helped along by Aras and a minute."

Prior to this e-mail had you and Mr. Goldstone ever communicated about this topic, Russian government support for your father?

A. No, we had not.

Q. Your response e-mail doesn't question his assertion that the Russian government was supporting your father. At the time did you have reason to believe that the Russian government supported then Candidate Trump?

A. I did not.

Q. Mr. Goldstone's e-mails states "What do
you think is the best way to handle this
information and would you be able to speak to Emin
about it directly? I can also send this info to
your father via Rhona, but it is ultrasensitive.
So wanted to send to you first."

As far as you know, was he referring to
Rhona Graff, an executive vice president at the
Trump Organization, an assistant to your father?
A. I believe so, yes.

Q. To the best of your knowledge, when
Mr. Goldstone expressed this reluctance to send
this ultrasensitive information to your father via
Ms. Graff, was that a reluctance to share the
information with your father himself or a
reluctance to use Ms. Graff as intermediary to
share it with your father? Did Mr. Goldstone ever
explain or how did you interpret the statement at
the time?
A. I don't know.

Q. According to the document, you replied to
Mr. Goldstone at 10:53 on June 3, 2016 stating
"Thanks, Rob. I appreciate that. I am on the road
at the moment, but perhaps I could speak to Emin
first. Seems we have some time and if it's what
you say, I love it, especially later in the summer.
Could we do a call first thing when I am back?"

What did you mean when you wrote that you "love it, especially later in the summer"?

A. As I said in my statement, I had no way of gauging the credibility of this, if it was even real. We had bigger fish to fry with the convention and the possibility of a contested convention. So this wasn't something that I was in a rush to act on.

Q. And why did you want to talk to Emin first?

A. Because I had no idea what to make of this. I knew of Rob as, again, a rather colorful guy, you know, tabloid journalist turned promoter. So I wanted to see if there was anything to it.

Q. The e-mail chain then shows that Mr. Goldstone e-mailed you again on Monday, June 6, 2016 attempting to arrange a call with Emin and at 15:03 that day, 3:03 p.m., you responded asking if Emin could speak with you then. After a few e-mails Mr. Goldstone stated at 3:43 p.m. that Emin is "On stage in Moscow but should be off within 20 minutes, so I'm sure can call."

(DTJR Exhibit 2 was marked for identification.)
BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. I'd like you to take a look at the document Bates-stamped DJTJR-00855, which I'll label Exhibit 2. Please keep Exhibit 1 nearby, though, as we'll return to it momentarily.

Exhibit 2 is an [redacted] record for your iPhone with the Trump Organization; is that correct?

A. I believe it is, yes.

Q. So in Exhibit 1 Mr. Goldstone's e-mail at 3:43 p.m. on June 6 said that Emin would call you within about 20 minutes, and this [redacted] record, which is heavily redacted, shows an incoming call 21 minutes later at 4:04 p.m. on that day from the number [redacted]. Was that a call from Emin?

A. I believe it to be.

Q. According to the document, the call lasted two minutes. Do you have any memory of the content of that call?

A. I don't. And in researching this we went to check with the phone company. Two minutes is anything over 60 seconds. So it's between 60 seconds and two minutes, which is why I wasn't sure if it was a call or just a voicemail and a missed call playing phone tag.
Q. According to the document, 25 minutes after the first call ended you made an outgoing call to that same number, but in between the two calls there's another entry, a call at 4:27 that lasted four minutes from a blocked number. Between Emin's call to you at 4:04 and your return call to him at 4:31, with whom did you have a call?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Other than that call, do you recall what you did during the 25 minutes between those calls?

A. I don't.

Q. It appears from this record that after your call with the blocked number ended you called Emin back. That call to Emin at 4:31 p.m. lasted three minutes according to the document. Do you recall that call at all?

A. I do not.

Q. And, again, according to this exhibit on the next day, June 7, 2016, you received an incoming call from that same number at 12:44 p.m. which lasted two minutes. Do you recall the contents of that call?

A. I do not.

Q. The document also shows that at 4:07 p.m. on June 7, 2016 you placed a call to 703-
Who was that call to?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do you recall the contents of it, then?

A. No, I don't.

Q. Returning to Exhibit 1, a few hours after your call with Emin and a few minutes after your call to that 703 number you received an e-mail from Mr. Goldstone at 4:20 p.m. in which he wrote "Emin asked that I schedule a meeting with you and the Russian government attorney who is flying over from Moscow for this Thursday. I believe you are aware of the meeting and so wondered if 3:00 p.m. or later on Thursday works for you? I assume it would be at your office."

Was this assumption correct, by that point had you already discussed having the meeting?

A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. And I believe you noted in your statement that Mr. Goldstone said he would send the names of the two people meeting with you later that day, but am I correct you're saying he never did send them?

A. Correct.

Q. Prior to the meeting on June 9, 2016 who did you tell about the meeting or about Mr. Goldstone's underlying offer to pass along
information from Russia?

A. I believe only Jared Kushner and Paul Manafort, I made them aware of it.

Q. Was there anyone else?

A. No, not to my recollection.

Q. Did you inform your father about the meeting or the underlying offer prior to the meeting?

A. No, I did not.

Q. Regarding the people you did tell about the meeting before hand, what did you tell them was the purpose of the meeting?

A. I don't even know if I told them that as covered in my statement. I believe I sent them the e-mail and asked if they could attend.

Q. And how did you communicate with each of the people, Mr. Manafort and Mr. Kushner, about the meeting beforehand? Was it via e-mail or were there phone calls?

A. I only recall e-mail, but I may have had a conversation briefly.

Q. Looking back at Exhibit 1, the first page includes an e-mail from you to Manafort at 12:02 p.m. on June 8, 2016 stating that the meeting had been moved to 4:00 tomorrow at your office, to
which Mr. Manafort replied "See you then." Other

than this e-mail chain involving Mr. Goldstone,
you, and Mr. Manafort, did you send or receive any
e-mails before the June 9th meeting about it?

A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. What is your understanding of

Mr. Goldstone's work?

A. He's a music manager and I guess former
tabloid journalist.

Q. Has the Trump Organization ever paid

Mr. Goldstone for work he conducted?

A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

Q. What is your understanding of

Mr. Goldstone's ties with the Russian government,
whether direct or indirect, past or present?

A. I'm not aware of any.

(DTJR Exhibit 3 was marked for

identification.)

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. I'd like you to take a look at this e-mail

chain which I'll label Exhibit 3. This document is

Bates-stamped DJTJR-00893. This is an e-mail chain

between Mr. Goldstone and Rhona Graff from July

2015. You are not listed as a recipient. The

first e-mail chronologically is from Mr. Goldstone
to Ms. Graff on July 22, 2015 and states, in part, "Emin has an e-mail invite for Mr. Trump to attend his father's 60th birthday in Moscow on November 8." Ms. Graff responded back on July 24, 2015 stating, in part, "I will certainly make Mr. Trump aware of this invitation and I know he will be honored that Emin thought of him. However, given his presidential campaign it's highly unlikely that he would have time on his calendar to go to Moscow in November." Mr. Goldstone replies on that same day stating, in part, "I totally understand re Moscow, unless maybe he would welcome a meeting with President Putin which Emin would set up."

Were you aware of this supposed offer by Mr. Goldstone to arrange via Emin a meeting between Mr. Putin and your father?

A. Only in preparation for this testimony.

Q. Other than this e-mail chain and the circumstances leading up to the June 9, 2016 meeting, are you aware of any other instances in which Mr. Goldstone sought to arrange meetings between Russian government officials and the Trump campaign?

A. None that I can recall, no.
Q. What was your understanding of Mr. Goldstone's relationship to then Candidate Trump?

A. Mr. Goldstone's?

Q. Yes.

A. Other than I believe they had met at Miss Universe, I'm not aware of any relationship between Candidate Trump and Mr. Goldstone.

Q. Are you aware of any relationship between the two of them since he's become President?

A. No, I'm not.

Q. And I believe you stated you first met Emin Agalarov at an event, did you say, in Florida?

A. Yes. I believe that was the first time we met face to face. I don't know if we had gone back and forth by phone or e-mail beforehand because I know we were looking at a potential deal in Moscow before that.

Q. How would you describe your relationship with him?

A. We've met face to face two or three occasions and we looked at a deal once. So casual acquaintance.

Q. Would you say it's primarily a business
acquaintance, personal acquaintance, or a mixture of the two?

A. All of our dealings have been business related.

Q. Can you describe the projects in which the Trump Organization has worked with him?

A. Well, it was the Miss Universe Pageant. That was the only deal that ever occurred. Then we looked at a real estate deal that was in close proximity to the Crocus City Hall that I mentioned in my opening statement, which would have been a residential tower still to be designed with maybe some retail components as a Trump-branded property.

Q. Are there any other projects in which the Trump Organization has sought to work with him but which have not yet come to fruition?

A. No, not that I recall.

Q. What is your understanding of Emin's ties to the Russian government?

A. I'm not aware of specific ties.

Q. Are you aware of any --

MR. FOSTER: Are you aware of general ties?

MR. TRUMP: I'm not aware of official ties, no.

MR. FOSTER: Any ties?
MR. TRUMP: I would only speculate, but that's it.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. Are you aware of other instances in which Emin sought to arrange meetings between the Trump campaign and Russian government officials?

A. I'm not aware of that.

Q. And how do you know his father Aras Agalarov?

A. I don't. I've never met Aras, to my recollection.

(DTJR Exhibit 4 was marked for identification.)

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. I'd like you to take a look at an e-mail and attachment Bates-stamped DTJR-00442 and its attachment which is 443. This is Exhibit 4.

A. Thank you.

Q. This e-mail is from Mr. Goldstone to you and Rhona Graff sent on February 29, 2016. The e-mail states, in part, "Emin's father has asked me to pass on his congratulations in a letter enclosed below for Mr. Trump on the eve of Super Tuesday vote, offering his support and that of many of his important Russian friends and colleagues,
especially with reference to U.S./Russian

relations."

The attached letter from Aras states, in
part, "Alongside with many people in this country
who appreciated your statement that U.S. and Russia
should work together more closely, all of us at
Crocus Group follow with great interest your bright
electoral campaign. On the eve of forthcoming
Super Tuesday we would like to wish you success in
winning this major ballot and further reinforcing
your undisputed status as the frontrunner for the
Republican nomination for U.S. presidential
election."

When you received this e-mail from
Mr. Goldstone referring to the support of Aras and
his many -- and many of his important Russian
friends, how did you interpret that statement?
A. I don't remember getting it, but I would
have interpreted it as casual congratulations.
Q. And did you view this message as general
Well-wishing or something more concrete?
A. General well-wishing.
Q. Returning to Exhibit 1, Mr. Goldstone
referenced the Crown prosecutor of Russia as being
the source offering the incriminating information
about Hillary Clinton and he later stated the meeting would be with a Russian government attorney. Did you believe that you would be meeting with a law enforcement official from Russia about criminal evidence regarding Hillary Clinton?

A. I did not know who I was going to be meeting with.

Q. So prior to the meeting did you have any reason to believe that there would be anyone attending who had ties to Russian intelligence service or had materials obtained through espionage rather than criminal investigations or other sources?

A. I did not.

Q. I'd like to turn now to the actual meeting on June 9, 2016. Did anyone at the meeting offer to release hacked e-mails to aid the Trump campaign?

A. No.

Q. Did anyone offer to manufacture and distribute fake news to aid the Trump campaign?

A. No.

Q. Did anyone offer to hack state voter registration systems to obtain voter data to aid the Trump campaign?
A. No.

Q. Was there any discussion of anything that might reasonably be considered collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russian government?

A. No.

Q. Mr. Goldstone's prior e-mail said he would be bringing two people to meet with you and that after bringing them to the meeting he would not sit in. How many people did he actually bring to the meeting, to the best of your recollection?

A. To the best of my recollection, he brought four people, including himself.

Q. Did he explain this discrepancy between what he told you he would do and what he actually did?

A. Not that I recall.

Q. Did Mr. Goldstone stay for the meeting itself, contrary to his prior representation to you?

A. Yes, he did.

Q. Who else attended the June 9th meeting in New York City at Trump Tower? Please list anyone who was present for any portion of the meeting, however briefly, even if they did not attend the entire meeting?

A. Jared Kushner, Paul Manafort, myself, the
female lawyer, I believe I mentioned Irakly
Kaveladze, Mr. Goldstone, and the translator, that
I recall. As I mentioned in my statement, people
have said there was an eighth person. I just can't
remember.

Q. You don't recall Rinat Akhmetshin being at
the meeting?

A. I've heard the name. I don't recall now.

Q. Were all of the attendees introduced?

A. I don't recall, but I imagine that's
likely.

MR. FOSTER: Let me just follow up. You said
you heard that name. You mean you've heard that
name since --

MR. TRUMP: I've heard that name as part of
the press report --

MR. FOSTER: At the time you had not.

MR. TRUMP: Yeah. At the time I had no idea,
oh.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. To the best of your recollection how was
Ms. Veselnitskaya introduced?

A. As a lawyer.

Q. Did she or any other attendee claim that
she was a Russian government lawyer?
A. She did not.

Q. Mr. Goldstone's e-mail stated you would be meeting with a Russian government attorney. Did he explain this discrepancy?

A. He did not.

Q. Did you ask him?

A. I didn't.

Q. If not, why not?

A. I think because it became pretty apparent that this wasn't going anywhere and we were all looking to get back to our daily lives.

Q. Had you ever communicated with Ms. Veselnitskaya prior to that meeting?

A. Not to my knowledge, no.

Q. Did it appear that anyone else in the meeting from the Trump campaign had ever previously interacted with her?

A. It did not.

Q. You've stated you have no recollection of Mr. Akhmetshin attending the meeting. Were you aware at the time that Mr. Akhmetshin and Ms. Veselnitskaya were working with Fusion GPS?

A. I was not aware of that.

Q. Were you aware that Mr. Akhmetshin had a long relationship with Glenn Simpson, the founder...
of Fusion GPS?

A. I had never heard of Glenn Simpson or Fusion GPS. I was not aware of it.

Q. So I assume, then, were you aware that employees and subcontractors of Fusion GPS were also working on opposition research on your father at the time?

A. I've read that since, but I was not aware at the time.

Q. Were you aware that Fusion GPS was behind information presented to you regarding Bill Browder and the Magnitsky Act?

A. I was not.

Q. Were you aware that Mr. Simpson from Fusion GPS had dined with Ms. Veselnitskaya the night before your meeting, had met with her the day of, and dined with her again the night after your meeting?

A. I was not.

Q. Do you recall how Mr. Samochornov was introduced?

A. I don't recall him being introduced.

Q. Did he say what type of business he was in or who he worked for?

A. Not that I recall, no.
Q. Did he or any other attendee claim that he was working for the Russian government?

A. No.

Q. Had you ever communicated with him prior to the meeting?

A. Not to my knowledge, no.

Q. Did it appear that anyone else in the meeting from the Trump campaign had ever previously interacted with him?

A. It did not.

Q. How was Mr. Kaveladze introduced?

A. He was introduced -- I actually don't remember how he was introduced.

Q. And did you previously know Mr. Kaveladze?

A. I had previously communicated with him, though I was not aware at the time, apparently he goes by the name Ike informally. So I had communicated with Ike when we were looking at the real estate deal, but I didn't realize that Ike was short for Irakly. I didn't kind of put the Dick/Richard connection together there. So I did not know and I was not aware that I had communicated with him before.

Q. And at the meeting what did you understand his business to be?
A. I don't recall.

Q. Did you -- did he state for whom he worked?

A. Not that I remember, but he works for Crocus.

Q. Were you aware at the time of the meeting that he, among others, was linked to a government inquiry in the early 2000s into possible money laundering by U.S. corporations formed for Russian entities?

A. I did not know that as I did not know anyone who was coming into the room.

Q. Did any of the attendees claim to be working for the Russian government?

A. No.

Q. You've already provided a description of the meeting. I do have a few specific questions about the content. Did Ms. Veselnitskaya or her colleagues mention Bill Browder?

A. Not that I remember.

Q. Did they mention the Magnitsky Act?

A. Yes, they did.

Q. And did they discuss Russia's ban on U.S. adoption of Russian children which was a response to the Magnitsky Act?
A. Yes, they did.

Q. Did they ask that your father take any action regarding the Magnitsky Act or the global Magnitsky Act if elected?

A. Not specifically that I recall.

Q. Did they ask any --

MR. FOSTER: Do you have a general recollection?

MR. TRUMP: I think it was clear that they were against it, but we made them -- as I mentioned in my statement, we made them aware that we were private citizens, this isn't something we're doing about adoption. While important to many people, was not a campaign issue and wasn't going to be a campaign issue, wasn't something we were talking about. So we sort of used that as the way to move on.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. Did anyone in the meeting mention the Justice Department's lawsuit against Prevezon Holdings?

A. It sounds familiar, but I can't recall if that's something that was mentioned there or if it was something that I've read about since.

Q. Did anyone at the meeting mention, or were
you otherwise aware at the time, that

Ms. Veselnitskaya is the lawyer representing
Prevezon Holdings and the Katsyv family?

A. I was not aware of that at the time.

Q. Were you aware at the time that Prevezon
Holdings is owned by a Russian businessman, Dennis
Katsyv, whose father was a Russian government
official?

A. I'm not aware of that.

Q. Were you aware at the time that the U.S.
Department of Justice had initiated a civil asset
forfeiture case against Prevezon Holdings arguing
that Prevezon received millions of dollars of
laundered money uncovered by Russian lawyer
Mr. Sergei Magnitsky?

A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. Were you aware that Ms. Veselnitskaya was
in court that day, before the June 9th meeting?

A. I believe the e-mail stated something to
that effect or that she was in there that day, but
I do not know that to be a fact.

Q. Did Ms. Veselnitskaya or her colleagues
ask that your father take any action regarding the
Justice Department's lawsuit against Prevezon
Holdings if elected?
A. Not that I remember.

Q. Since news of this meeting broke there have been several news articles detailing efforts by this same group to lobby on Capitol Hill to overturn the Magnitsky Act around the same time they met with you. Have you seen news accounts of the anti-Magnitsky pitch Mr. Akhmetshin and Ms. Veselnitskaya were pushing on Capitol Hill?

A. Since then, yes, I have.

Q. Do those news accounts of their lobbying pitch on Capitol Hill generally match the information they pitched to you in your meeting?

A. Again, I don't remember much from the meeting because I didn't give it much credence at the time, but generally speaking, it sounds fairly familiar.

Q. Did Ms. Veselnitskaya or her colleagues mention support of the DNC or RNC?

A. I believe they mentioned support of the DNC.

Q. Can you elaborate on the context?

A. It generally started out as people with, you know, perhaps general interest in Russia. I'm not sure if they were U.S. or Russian based, but business people who were supporters of the DNC and
perhaps Hillary Clinton were in some sort of tax
scheme to avoid paying taxes in both the United
States and Russia.

MR. FOSTER: Did she provide any names of who
these people were?

MR. TRUMP: Not that I remember. It was
fairly jumbled and didn't really seem all that
relevant to me. So I don't recall, but she may
have.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. What, if anything, did Ms. Veselnitskaya
and her colleagues offer you or the Trump campaign
during this meeting?

A. Nothing.

Q. What, if anything, did they ask of you or
the Trump campaign?

A. Nothing.

Q. Other than what we've already discussed,
what other topics were discussed at the meeting?

A. As I said, it started off with that sort
of tax scheme and, you know, quickly migrated to
Russian adoption and ultimately the Magnitsky Act.
That's really the extent of it.

Q. What was Ms. Veselnitskaya's role in the
meeting? Did she, through her translator, do most of
the talking for her side?

A. Yes.

Q. What was Mr. Kaveladze's role during the meeting?

A. I don't recall him doing any talking.

Q. Did Mr. Samochornov do anything at the meeting other than translate?

A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. And what was Mr. Goldstone's role during the meeting?

A. He had none, he just sat in.

(DTJR Exhibit 5 was marked for identification.)

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. I'd like you to take a look at another e-mail chain. This is one that's Bates-numbered DJTJR-00454256. It will be labeled Exhibit 5.

A. Thank you.

Q. This is an e-mail from Mr. Goldstone to Dan Scavino, copying you, Rhona Graff, and Konstantin Sidorkov. It was sent on June 29, 2016. It states, in part, "Dan, I am following up an e-mail a while back of something I had mentioned to Don and Paul Manafort during a meet recently. There are believed to be around 2 million
Russian-American voters living in the USA and more
than 1.6 million of these use the Russian
"Facebook" site V Kontakte: K-O-N-T-A-K-T-E: "VK as their preferred social media outlet. As I
mentioned to you guys through Emin and my contact
at VK, they want to create a Vote Trump 2016
promotion aired directly at these users, people who
will be voting in November. At the time Paul had
said he would welcome it. So I had the VK folks
mock up a basic sample page which I am resending
for your approval now."

To the best of your recollection, did
Mr. Goldstone discuss his VK proposal with you and
Mr. Manafort during the June 9, 2016 meeting?

A. No, not that I recall.

Q. Do you recall discussing it with him at
any other meeting?

A. I recall seeing the e-mails in preparation
for this, but, again, I didn't give it much.

Q. To the best of your knowledge, did the
Trump campaign ever pursue this?

A. I don't believe they did.

Q. So returning to the meeting, what did
Mr. Kushner do during the meeting? Did he ask any
questions or make any comments?
A. None that I recall. He showed up a few minutes late and left a few minutes early to take a phone call.

Q. What did Mr. Manafort do during the meeting? Did he ask any questions or make any comments?

A. Again, none that I recall, but I believe he was on his phone as well.

Q. Did you take any notes at the meeting?

A. I didn't, no.

Q. Did anyone else as far as you could tell?

A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. You may have addressed this in your opening statement, but did any of the attendees bring any documents to the meeting?

A. None that I remember, no.

Q. To the best of your knowledge, what time did the meeting begin and when did it end?

A. Approximately 4:00 p.m., plus or minus maybe some tardiness, and it lasted, to the best of my recollection, 20 minutes, maybe 30. Probably on the shorter end of that spectrum.

Q. And how did the meeting conclude?

A. We went our separate ways and Rob Goldstone came up to me and apologized.
Q. Did any attendee request additional
meetings or communications with you or any member
of the Trump campaign?

A. No, they did not.

MR. FOSTER: Can you tell us the best you can
the exact words of his apology, Mr. Goldstone's
apology?

MR. TRUMP: Essentially he apologized for
what he believed was wasting our time.

MR. FOSTER: You don't recall anything else?

MR. TRUMP: It was simply that I think. You
know, based on his initial e-mail to me and what
the meeting turned out to be, there was a pretty
substantial delta there. So that's what I
interpreted his apology to be.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. So to recap a few things, Mr. Goldstone
told you he was bringing two people to meet with
you, he brought more. He told you he would not
stay for the meeting, he did. He told you that
you'd be meeting with a Russian government
attorney, but she was not, at least not overtly.
And he told you they had ultrasensitive information
that would incriminate Hillary Clinton and her
dealings with Russia, but instead you say they
offered some general tax scheme information and discussed the Magnitsky Act, according to your account.

Was this sort of disconnect between what Mr. Goldstone promised and what he actually delivered characteristic of Mr. Goldstone as far as you knew?

A. Again, understanding his background, perhaps, but I don't know that I know him well enough to make that assumption. I haven't spent enough time with him to be able to know for sure.

Q. Do you think that he duped you into this meeting under false pretenses he thought would grab your attention?

A. I imagine there was an element of showmanship involved, yes.

Q. Since the June 9th meeting have you had any additional meetings or communications with Ms. Veselnitskaya, Mr. Akhmetshin, Mr. Kaveladze, or Mr. Samochornov?

A. No, none that I recall.

Q. After the meeting but prior to the news of it breaking this summer, did you discuss the meeting with anyone?

A. No, I did not.
Q. Did you discuss the Prevezon Holdings case or the Magnitsky Act with anybody during that timeframe?

A. I wouldn't have even remembered those things until I read about it in the news.

Q. So at the time what was your overall assessment of the June 9th meeting?

A. I really didn't have much. You know, coming out of it I didn't want to give it anymore time and didn't have any real thoughts on it at all.

(DTJR Exhibit 6 was marked for identification.)

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. I'd like to refer to the e-mail chain and attachment Bates-numbered DJTJR-00245 to 248. This is an e-mail sent on November 28, 2016 from Mr. Goldstone to Rhona Graff, which she then forwarded to Steve Bannon. Mr. Goldstone states in part "Aras Agalarov has asked me to pass on this document in the hope it can be passed on to the appropriate team. If needed, a lawyer representing the case is in New York currently and happy to meet with any member of the transition team."

The attached document begins "One of the
key issues banning real reset of relations between
the U.S. and Russia is the U.S. position on the
continued support of the Sergei Magnitsky Rule of
Law Accountability Act of 2012." It goes on to
claim that the existing understanding of
Mr. Magnitsky's death is wrong, to cast aspersions
at Mr. Browder and Ziff brothers, claiming they
were some of the main sponsors of the Democrats.
It then also references Ms. Veselnitskaya's efforts
on Capitol Hill.

I'll give you a few moments to look over
this document.

(Witness reviewing document.)

BY THE WITNESS:

A. Okay.

Q. Do the contents of this document, other
than the references to events that happened after
your June 9, 2016 meeting, track with the
information presented to you at that meeting?

A. Again, I don't remember too many details
of it, but I think, generally speaking, yes, they
do. And Ziff brothers sounds familiar, but I don't
recall specifically.

Q. Were you aware that Mr. Goldstone sent
this document to the Trump Organization?
A. I only saw this in preparation for this.

So I was not, no.

Q. It appears Mr. Goldstone continued his anti-Magnitsky effort beyond your June 9, 2016 meeting. Other than this e-mail, were you aware of any other effort he made on this issue after your meeting?

A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. Mr. Goldstone offered to have the lawyer representing the case meet with the transition team. Do you know if such a meeting ever occurred?

A. I do not.

(DTJR Exhibit 7 was marked for identification.)

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. On July 8th of this year the New York Times broke the story about your June 2016 meeting.

I'll label the version of that article that is currently on the Times Website as Exhibit 7. That article included the following passage. "Donald Trump, Junior had denied participating in any campaign-related meeting with Russian nationals when he was interviewed by the Times in March. 'Did I meet with people that were Russian? I'm sure. I'm sure I did,' he said, 'but none that
were set up, none that I can think of at the moment, and certainly none that I was representing the campaign in any way, shape, or form.'"

MR. FUTERFAS: Sorry. What page are you reading from?

MR. DAVIS: It's the third page.

MR. FOSTER: Fourth paragraph.

MR. FUTERFAS: Thank you very much.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. "Asked at that time whether he had ever discussed government policies related to Russia, the younger Mr. Trump replied 'A hundred percent no.'"

Did the Times accurately quote your March statement to them?

A. I do not know. I imagine I was talking about Russian government people, not Russian nationals because I would have no way of knowing how many people of Russian descent that I would have met along the campaign trail every day for two years.

Q. So how do you square this account with what we now know about the June 9th meeting?

A. I think it's accurate when I'm talking about Russian officials. Again, I don't know how I
would know if I met any Russian nationals along the 
way. So I think that would be the discrepancy.

(DTJR Exhibit 8 and Exhibit 9 
were marked for 
identification.)

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. So after the news of the meeting broke you 
issued a few different statements. I'd like to 
refer to them and ask you a few questions. This 
will be Exhibit 8.

On July 8th of this year you issued a 
statement about the meeting. "It was a short 
introductory meeting. I asked Jared and Paul to 
stop by. We primarily discussed a program about 
the adoption of Russian children that was active 
and popular with American families years ago and 
was since ended by the Russian government, but it 
was not a campaign issue at the time and there was 
no follow-up. I was asked to attend the meeting by 
an acquaintance but was not told the name of the 
person I would be meeting with beforehand."

On July 9th you issued a second statement 
"I was asked to have a meeting by an acquaintance I 
knew from the 2013 Miss Universe Pageant with an 
individual who I was told might have information
helpful to the campaign. I was not told her name prior to the meeting. I asked Jared and Paul to attend but told them nothing of substance.

We had a meeting in June 2016. After pleasantries were exchanged the woman stated that she had information that individuals connected to Russia were funding the Democratic National Committee and supporting Ms. Clinton. Her statements were vague, ambiguous, and made no sense. No details or supporting information was provided or even offered. It quickly became clear that she had no meaningful information.

She then changed subjects and began discussing the adoption of Russian children and mentioned the Magnitsky Act. It became clear to me that this was the true agenda all along and that the claims of potentially helpful information were a pretext for the meeting. I interrupted and advised her that my father was not an elected official, but rather a private citizen, and that her comments and concerns were better addressed if and when he held public office.

The meeting lasted approximately 20 to 30 minutes. As it ended, my acquaintance apologized for taking up our time. That was the end of it and
there was no further contact or follow-up of any kind. My father knew nothing of the meeting or these events."

On July 11th of this year you Tweeted a version of the e-mail chain setting up the meeting along with a statement. This will be Exhibit 9. This statement reads "To everyone, in order to be totally transparent I'm releasing the entire e-mail chain of my e-mails with Rob Goldstone about the meeting on June 9, 2016. The first e-mail on June 3, 2016 was from Rob who was relating a request from Emin, a person I knew from the 2013 Miss Universe Pageant near Moscow. Emin and his father have a very highly respected company in Moscow. The information they suggested they had about Hillary Clinton I thought was political opposition research.

I first wanted to just have a phone call, but when that didn't work out they said the woman would be in New York and asked if I would meet. I decided to take the meeting. The woman, as she has said publicly, was not a government official and, as we have said, she had no information to provide and wanted to talk about adoption policy and the Magnitsky Act.
To put this in context, this occurred before the current Russia fever was in vogue. As Rob Goldstone said just today in the press, 'the entire meeting was the most inane nonsense I ever heard and I was actually agitated by it.'

Can you explain about how your statements about the meeting evolved?

A. Well, I think they're all very consistent with each other. The initial statement was discussing exactly what the meeting was about. It ended up being about that. It did not talk about what got them into the door and I didn't expand on it because I didn't think it was relevant to discuss what the meeting was not actually about even if that's what the e-mail was. As more questions were asked and more information was requested we released more information and went into greater detail.

Q. The Washington Post has since reported that your father was involved in drafting your July 8th statement. Is that correct?

A. I don't know. I never spoke to my father about it.

Q. Do you know who did draft that statement?

A. Well, there were numerous statements
drafted with counsel and other people were involved
and, you know, opined.

Q. To the best of your knowledge, did the
President provide any edits to the statement or
other input?

A. He may have commented through Hope Hicks.

Q. And do you know if his comments provided
through Hope Hicks were incorporated into the final
statement?

A. I believe some may have been, but this was
an effort through lots of people, mostly counsel.

Q. Did you ask him to provide any assistance
with the statement?

A. No. She asked if I wanted to actually
speak to him, and I chose not to because I didn't
want to bring him into something that he had
nothing to do with.

Q. Do you know how many drafts of the
statement were made?

A. We had a longer version and a shorter
version and there were probably multiple iterations
of each of those.

Q. And do you know how many people worked on
the draft and who they were?

A. I don't know.
Q. Do you have copies of each draft statement?
A. I don't know. Counsel would.
Q. Did you communicate with any of the other participants in the June 9th meeting to discuss any of your public statements?
A. Not that I recall. I may have, but certainly not before the first statement.
Q. Moving on, how would you characterize the Trump Organization's business relationships with Russia?
A. Other than we hosted the Miss Universe Pageant there, they don't exist.
Q. How many times have you visited Russia?
A. I believe the answer is four, but it could be four or five.
Q. On those trips were you representing the Trump Organization?
A. On one of them I was giving a speech at a high-end Russian real estate conference. The other were looking at deals. So in a round-about way, yes, but one was really representing myself.
Q. And I believe you may have said this in your opening statement, but when was the last time you visited Russia?
A. I believe it was 2011.

Q. It's been reported that in late 2015 or 2016 when now President Trump was running for office the Trump Organization was pursuing a plan to develop a massive Trump Tower in Moscow. Is that accurate?

A. Yes.

Q. Did the fact that now President Trump was running a campaign at the time affect that development in any way?

A. I think not at that stage, no, it had not.

Q. Has it since?

A. Yes. We've agreed not to do any deals internationally because of potential conflict issues.

Q. How would you describe President Trump's personal business associations in Russia?

A. Again, other than casual ones we've discussed here, I don't believe he has very many, if any, others.

Q. Do you have any reason to believe that your father either during the campaign or as President has made any policy decisions with respect to Russia based on any potential business deals with them in the future?
A. Absolutely not.

Q. Do you know Sergei Millian?
A. Not that I'm aware of.

Q. Are you aware of him having any role in the Trump campaign?
A. No, I'm not.

Q. Has he had any role at the Trump Organization, to the best of your knowledge?
A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

Q. Do you know Boris Epshteyn?
A. Yes, I do.

Q. How would you describe your relationship with him?
A. Casual. He was an effective surrogate on the campaign and that's about the extent.

Q. Do you recall what title he had, if any, on the campaign?
A. I don't recall that, but I know -- I believe it was largely in communications.

Q. Are you aware of any connections he may have had with the Russian government?
A. I'm not, no.

Q. Are you aware of Alfa Bank?
A. No.

Q. Did any officials on the Trump campaign
ever discuss Alfa Bank with you?

A. No, they did not.

Q. As you may be aware, there were news reports during the campaign that the Trump Organization may have received and sent electronic communications with Alfa Bank. The campaign responded that's not accurate. Is it correct to say that the Trump Organization has no relationship with Alfa Bank or to the extent that you're aware of it?

A. I'm not aware of any relationship.

Q. When did you first meet Paul Manafort?

A. I believe it would have been sometime spring of '16, before the Republican National Convention.

Q. What was the nature of your relationship with him?

A. He became our campaign chairman and I worked with him accordingly.

Q. What was your understanding of Mr. Manafort's business prior to joining the campaign?

A. I understood that he worked on numerous political campaigns and he was brought on primarily because I guess he had expertise and experience in
contested conventions, which is something that we were concerned about at the time.

Q. Are you aware of any ties, direct or indirect, past or present, between Mr. Manafort and the Russian government?

A. I've read that since, but I'm not aware of anything specific, no.

Q. Were you aware of Mr. Manafort's relationship with and work on behalf of Viktor Yanukovych?

A. Again, I've heard that since, but not at the time, no.

Q. Did you ever discuss Ukraine, Ukrainian interests, Ukrainian politicians, or Ukrainian business with Mr. Manafort?

A. No, not that I recall.

Q. Do you know Konstantin Kilimnik?

A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

Q. Do you know Carter Page?

A. I've heard the name since, but I wouldn't -- I didn't know who that was at the time, no.

Q. Did you have any communications with him during the campaign that you recall?

A. Not that I recall. That doesn't mean I
didn't run into him, you know, if he was at a campaign meet or something like that, just to be very clear. If you put him in this room today I probably wouldn't be able to tell you who he was.

Q. Do you know George Papadopoulos?
A. Yes. The name sounds familiar.

Q. Do you know when you first met him?
A. I have no idea.

Q. What's the nature of your relationship with him or how do you know him?
A. I believe he worked on the campaign and I know the name, but that's about the extent of what I recall at this time.

Q. What is your understanding of his work for the campaign?
A. I don't recall at this time.

Q. Did you have any reason to believe that he had ties with the Russian government?
A. No.

Q. Do you know Rick Gates?
A. I do.

Q. When did you first meet him?
A. Sometime along, you know, on the campaign.

Q. And what was the nature of your relationship with him?
A. I knew he had done some work with Paul and, you know, was working with him. So as it related to that I would communicate with Rick occasionally.

Q. Was he affiliated with the Trump campaign?
A. Actually I don't know if he was affiliated officially, but he did work, you know, especially work with Paul Manafort and such. So...

Q. Can you describe what his role was within that work to the extent you know?
A. As I recall, some of it had to do with probably communications. Others had to do with more general stuff as it related to what Paul was doing as campaign chairman in the organization, but I don't recall the specific title or role, what it would have been.

MR. DAVIS: I think this is a good stopping point for us. We'll take a short break.

MR. FOSTER: We'll go off the record at 10:45.

(A short break was had.)

MS. SAWYER: We'll go back on the record. It's about 10:59.
EXAMINATION

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Again, my name is Heather Sawyer. I work with Senator Feinstein. I have some of my colleagues here. I'll do the primary questioning this round. They may have a few follow-up. We will not speak over each other, but if at any point anything I'm asking you is unclear, let me know and I'll be happy to clarify.

A. Thank you.

Q. In working for the campaign did you have a campaign e-mail address?

A. I did not, no.

Q. Did you have a personal address that you ever used?

A. Not for campaign issues, no.

Q. Okay. So the only e-mail address that you used would have been the Trump Organization e-mail address?

A. I believe so, yes.

Q. What about phones, did you have a campaign phone?

A. I did not.

Q. Personal phone?

A. One and the same. I have one phone.
Q. Do you have a landline at work?
A. I do, yes.
Q. Do you know whether that landline has a private branch exchange that enables it to track calls to your particular number?
A. I don't know, no.
Q. Do you know whether or not there was a search for any logs from that in responding to the Committee's request for information?
A. I'll defer to counsel because they did all the searches, but I believe so.
MR. FUTERFAS: I've never heard the terms you've just used about the branch something, but we're happy to look into the question.
MS. SAWYER: Thank you.
MR. FUTERFAS: What were the terms that you used?
MS. SAWYER: The term I used was private branch exchange. I think that -- I'm no technical expert, but I think that will work and maybe someone who is will understand better. Or PBX.
MR. FUTERFAS: Okay.
MR. PRIVOR: More generally the question is do you have logs of telephone calls? Usually phone records break it down by extension.
MS. SAWYER: And if so, we would ask that you search and produce any relevant call information from that.

MR. FUTERFAS: We'll find that out and do so if it can be searched.

MR. TRUMP: If we haven't already.

MR. FUTERFAS: I just don't know. That part I don't know.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. In speaking with my colleagues you described the campaign as chaotic. Did you keep a calendar?

A. I imagine very generally, but not anything specific. You know, if I had appointments they would likely be in my calendar, yes.

Q. So you had a calendar. Would that reflect both work appointments and campaign appointments if you had them?

A. Yes, it would.

Q. And have you produced those calendar entries for the Committee or would you go ahead and do so?

MR. FUTERFAS: We have to the extent they've been responsive, yes. In fact, I think -- I don't know if the prior question alluded, but to the
extent there was a calendar, I think there was a

BY THE WITNESS:

A. I alluded to that in my opening

statement.

Q. We'll check through and if we have

follow-up, we'll follow up with your lawyers.

How often during the campaign did you

speak with your father?

A. It would very much depend on the week.

Some weeks it could be quite often, some weeks it

would be not at all. Most of the time for me it
didn't make sense to be where he was. He's sort of

a big personality, creates sort of a vacuum. So I

went and focused on areas where he wasn't.

Q. Do you have offices in Trump Tower?

A. I do.

Q. During the campaign he also had offices in

Trump Tower?

A. He did, yes.

Q. And how close are your offices to his

offices?

A. He's a floor above my offices.

Q. In general terms during the campaign what

percentage of your time on any given day was
A. It could vary greatly from zero to a hundred percent depending on the time and place.

Q. Now, I want to go back and talk to you a little bit about the exchange you had with Rob Goldstone. He sent you an e-mail on June 3rd with the subject line "Russia-Clinton, private and confidential"?

A. Yes.

Q. You told my colleagues earlier you were not expecting this e-mail. Do you recall where you were when you received it?

A. I don't, no.

Q. Your response says that you were on the road. Do you recall that you were traveling at the time?

A. I don't recall that, no.

Q. Is it possible that you were traveling with the campaign?

A. That is possible, yes.

Q. And would there be records that might reflect where you were on that particular day, June 3rd, when you received this e-mail?

A. I imagine there may be something, yes.

MS. SAWYER: And would you produce if -- if
there is, would you produce that documentation to
to the Committee?

MR. FUTERFAS: I have no objection to that.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. When you got the e-mail did you discuss it
with anyone?

A. No, not that I recall.

Q. It came to you on a Friday. Did you talk
to anyone about it over the weekend?

A. Not that I remember, no.

Q. Is it possible that you spoke with anyone
about it?

A. It is possible, but I don't recall doing
it.

Q. You got an e-mail with a title
"Russia-Clinton, private and confidential," you
didn't mention that to Paul Manafort?

A. Other than I forwarded the e-mail to him
to invite them to the meeting, I didn't discuss it
with him to my recollection, no.

Q. And you said you forwarded it. That was
the only time you recall discussing it with him?

A. That's the only time I recall, yes.

Q. And Exhibit 1 which you reviewed with my
colleagues indicates that you forwarded it on
June 8, 2016. At that point there's just a reference to "Meeting got moved to 4:00 tomorrow at my office," Mr. Manafort responds "See you then."

Had you not discussed the meeting with him before that time?

A. I don't recall discussing it with him at that time, but I may have.

Q. How would he have known what this meeting was about if you had not discussed it with him?

A. I don't know.

Q. Did he ever ask you about it?

A. Not that I recall.

Q. This particular document, Donald J. Trump, Junior Exhibit 1, bears a Bates --

A. Excuse me one second. Someone took my Exhibit 1. I don't seem to see it here.

Q. It has a Bates number DJTFP. I think that stands for Donald J. Trump For President. Your lawyers also produced to the Committee a version of the e-mail, but it did not include that forward from Mr. Manafort. We have a version of that and we can enter it as Exhibit 10, but this one does show that it was sent to you at the __________.

Do you know why this version was not produced to the Committee?
A. I do not know.

(DJTJR Exhibit 10 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. I'm going to give you Exhibit 10.

A. Thank you.

Q. Do you recall seeing what has been marked as Exhibit 1 at the time with a response from Mr. Manafort?

A. I recall seeing it in preparation for this. I don't recall it at the time.

Q. I'm sorry. Exhibit 1 you saw in preparation for this or Exhibit 10?

A. I may have seen both. I don't know. If I could see the differences.

(Whereupon a discussion was had sotto voce.)

BY THE WITNESS:

A. I guess I'm not sure which one, if not both.

Q. With regard to the document that's marked Exhibit 10, which is the one that your lawyers produced to the Committee, does that email capture the entire exchange about this meeting barring what was the response from Mr. Manafort that does not
seem to be captured there?

MR. FUTERFAS: Just so the record's clear, there were multiple custodians to this e-mail. So if the campaign produced an e-mail, the campaign may have because different custodians were being searched. We have found that there was -- I think there was a few words that are additional to Exhibit 10, including the "See you then," and I think we also found earlier on there was another -- again, another similar kind of brief exchange, but I think that was a function of the different custodians that were participating in this little dialogue.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. We can talk off the record about the other change, but with regard to the document that was produced to the committee, Exhibit 10, to the best of your knowledge, is that the full exchange?

A. Well, whichever one is the longer I believe is the full exchange. I don't know, but I'm not aware of anything else.

Q. Has it been altered in any way?

A. No.

Q. Have any of the communications been removed by anyone?
A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

Q. You released a version of the e-mail by Twitter. How did you decide what version of the e-mail chain to release?

A. I don't know. It's the version I pulled up.

Q. And did you consult with anyone in deciding to do that?

MR. FUTERFAS: Aside from counsel?

MS. SAWYER: Yes, aside from counsel.

BY THE WITNESS:

A. All those conversations counsel was involved.

Q. Okay. And did you seek their advice?

A. Counsel?

Q. Yes.

A. Yes.

Q. And who was representing you?

A. The two gentlemen here, Alan Garten and Alan Futerfas.

Q. And they were representing you personally?

A. Yes, I believe so.

MR. FUTERFAS: Yes.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. And they were involved in all the
conversations you had about release of that e-mail?

A. Yes, they were.

Q. So you received this e-mail from Mr. Goldstone, the e-mail that starts the chain that's contained on both Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 10 I believe, and you respond within 20 minutes even though you're on the road. What did you understand him to be offering?

A. You know, again, I didn't know what exactly to make of the e-mail. I saw what it said, but I had no way of gauging its credibility or reliability. I think especially knowing Goldstone and his personality I imagine there was a discount factor to anything that was written.

Q. Had you or the campaign gotten other offers of assistance from Russia?

A. No, not that I'm aware of.

Q. So this would have been the first offer of assistance from Russia?

MR. FUTERFAS: Object to the form of the question. Mr. Goldstone says what Mr. Goldstone says. You're characterizing it as an offer of assistance from Russia. We only know what Mr. Goldstone says. So I object to the form.
Q. Okay. On its face, I'll just read it,

"The crown prosecutor of Russia met with his father Aras" -- I took that to mean Aras Agalarov -- "this morning and in their meeting offered to provide the Trump campaign with some official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary and her dealings with Russia and would be very useful to your father. This is obviously very high level and sensitive information but is part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump - helped along by Aras and Emin."

Did you ask Mr. Goldstone what that meant?

A. I did not, no.

Q. Were you surprised when you read that offer?

A. As I said, I wasn't sure what to make of it.

Q. Did it alarm you in any way?

A. I don't know that it alarmed me, but like I said, I don't know and I don't know that I was all that focused on it at the time.

Q. And why wouldn't that alarm you?

A. I don't know because I don't remember thinking about it at the time.

Q. So you responded in 20 minutes to an
e-mail that on its face offered sensitive information but is part of Russia and you didn't think about it at the time?

A. I may have thought about it at the time. I don't recall thinking about it at the time. And I responded in 20 minutes because if I get an e-mail I respond to it. If I see it, I respond. And, again, I didn't follow up. I don't know that I ever followed up other than in response to Rob following up with me three days later.

Q. And in your response it says "If it's what you say, I love it, especially later in the summer." Specifically what did you love about it?

A. As I said in my statement, it was a colloquial term used to say, hey, great, thank you. I didn't want to deal with anything right now. We had other stuff we had to worry about, namely a potential contested convention. We were in the process of replacing Corey Lewandowski, who was the campaign manager, with Paul Manafort. There was a lot of stuff on our plate.

Q. All right, but more specifically you say "If it's what you say, I love it." What was the "it" that you loved in that e-mail?

MR. FUTERFAS: I object. I think Mr. Trump
has answered -- I'll, of course, let him answer, but I think that question has been asked and he's answered it.

BY THE WITNESS:

A. Potential information about an opponent.

Q. Potential incriminating information on Hillary Clinton?

A. Yes.

Q. And what about the thing that says "It is part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump," did you also love that?

A. I don't know. I don't recall.

Q. Did you understand that that would be problematic?

A. I didn't think that listening to someone with information relevant to the fitness and character of a presidential candidate would be an issue, no.

Q. So you believed at the time that this would be potentially useful information to your father?

A. No. I agreed to listen and I was willing to listen and that's the extent of it.

Q. But you did not believe it would be potentially very useful to your father and the
MR. FUTERFAS: I think that question's been asked and answered now three times. I'll let you answer it again, but my objection stands for the record.

BY THE WITNESS:

A. Again, I didn't know what to make of it. I was willing to listen to him. As it turns out, my instincts were correct because it was none of those things.

Q. And in your e-mail you say "Love it, especially later in the summer." What did that part of your e-mail mean?

A. It means this wasn't something that I wanted to give much focus to, again, given the fact we were dealing with a potential contested convention and the very reality of having to replace a campaign manager mid primaries.

Q. In that first e-mail Mr. Goldstone suggests and says that he could "Send this info to your father via Rhona, but it is ultrasensitive so wanted to send to you first." You had indicated to my colleague that Rhona -- that refers to Rhona Graff?

A. That's correct.
Q. And what role does she play in the Trump Organization?
A. He was my father's assistant.
Q. And do all communications to your father go through her?
A. I don't know about all, but a lot would have, yes.
Q. Does she answer his phone and handle his appointments?
A. Someone else would likely answer the phone, but she would handle his appointments and schedule, yes.
Q. Could or would someone contact your father without first contacting Rhona Graff?
A. People could, yes.
Q. And would Mr. Goldstone be one of those persons?
A. Would he be able to contact my father?
Q. Directly.
A. Not that I'm aware of, no.
Q. Do you know if he sent this to Rhona Graff?
A. I do not.
Q. Did you ever ask her if he did?
A. I did not ask her that, no.
Q. Did you ever ask him not to send it to her?
A. I did not.

Q. Did you agree that this was "ultrasensitive"?
A. I didn't know what it was. I don't know that anything here is ultrasensitive.

Q. Did you tell your father about this e-mail?
A. I did not.

Q. Did you tell Mr. Manafort?
A. As I said, I don't recall telling him anything about it other than the exchange as it relates to setting up the meeting.

Q. What about Mr. Kushner?
A. Same.

Q. Anyone else?
A. No.

Q. Why wouldn't you share it with your father given your response that you loved it, especially later in the summer?
A. Because I wouldn't bring him anything that's unsubstantiated, especially from a guy like Rob, before I knew what it was actually about myself.
Q. Now, Mr. Goldstone suggests in his e-mail that you speak with Emin directly, and you had indicated and my colleague had you go through a call log, a page of call log. Do you recall -- I'm going to actually introduce for the record another exhibit and we're going to mark this one Exhibit 11.

(DJTJR Exhibit 11 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. So this is a document produced by your attorneys. It's got Bates number DJTJR-00851 to 00865. So I think it's about 14 pages. I believe this is your -- it says down on the front page "Don Junior iPhone Trump" and it appears to be a bill cycle from __ from 6/1/16 to 6/30/16. So these are the -- as I understand it, the complete record of your phone for that month. I just want to start and direct your attention for the moment to page 855, which is the page that I believe my colleagues --

A. Yes.

MR. PRIVOR: It's the same as Exhibit 2, that page.

BY MS. SAWYER:
Q. Yes, that page is the same as Exhibit 2.
A. Correct.

Q. So you spoke with my colleagues about a couple calls that occurred on 6/6. One was an incoming call at 4:04 p.m. You said you believe that might have been Emin?
A. I believe that's correct, yes.

Q. But you don't recall whether you spoke to him or what you discussed?
A. Correct.

Q. And then you didn't recall the next call, which was a blocked call, who that would have been to?
A. Correct.

Q. And then another call at 4:31, again Russia, this is not incoming. So it looks like you may have called. That's three minutes long?
A. Correct.

Q. Do you recall whether you actually reached Emin?
A. I don't recall if I actually reached him, no.

Q. So at this point in time on June 6th you're still not sure exactly from Emin's perspective what this meeting is about?
A. As far as I remember, yes.

Q. There's a blocked call at 8:40 that day. Do you know who that call was with?

A. I don't.

Q. Do you know why it's unredacted here?

There's a lot of calls that are redacted. Apparently it was deemed relevant. Do you know why that was?

A. I do not know. Perhaps only to not --

MR. FUTERFAS: For the record, we -- because we did not know and could not make a determination of relevance or not relevance, we produced blocked calls. Obviously the blacked-out portions, redacted portions we could identify who the caller was, what the exchange was, and then we could determine relevance, but because we couldn't determine it one way or another we left them in.

MR. PRIVOR: That true for all the blocked calls?

MR. FUTERFAS: Yes.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Does your father used a blocked number on his cell phone or on any phones that you call him on?

A. I don't know.
Q. So you don't know whether or not this might have been your father?
A. I don't.
Q. What about Mr. Kushner, does he use a blocked number?
A. I don't believe so, no.
Q. And what about Mr. Manafort?
A. I don't know.
Q. The next day, June 7th, a little further down the page there's a call at 12:44, an incoming call, the same number with a 7 extension from Russia. Do you recall speaking to Emin on that day?
A. I don't, no.
Q. Is it possible that you did?
A. It's possible that I did, yes.
Q. But you don't recall exchanging any substantive conversation about the e-mail that Mr. Goldstone had sent or the meeting?
A. No, I don't. Again, this shows that it was a two-minute call, which is 60 seconds -- between 60 seconds and a minute 59. So I can't imagine much substantive would have transferred in that period of time, which is what led me to say -- or question whether there was perhaps voicemail
and/or playing phone tag.

Q. But you don't recall?

A. I don't recall, no.

Q. The next unblocked — unredacted call is a call at 4:07 p.m., it says "Arlington, VA" and has a 703 number. You indicated to my colleagues you didn't recall who that was. Is that the case?

A. I don't know who it is now, no, I don't.

Q. Would you be surprised if I told you that a Google search shows that's Paul Manafort's number?

A. I don't know. It may be.

Q. You don't recall speaking with him on June 7th?

A. No, I don't recall that.

Q. You don't recall speaking to him that day about this meeting?

A. No, I don't.

Q. Or the e-mail from Mr. Goldstone?

A. No. I spoke to Paul quite often.

Q. Then just to take you back a page on this same exhibit to 854, just go back one page.

A. Okay.

Q. You'll see "Sunday, 6/5" at the bottom of that page.
A. Yes.

Q. And as I indicated to you earlier, you got the e-mail from Mr. Goldstone on a Friday. On Sunday there are two calls that have been unredacted. One's at 4:28 to Arlington, Virginia, same number, Mr. Manafort's number. Do you recall speaking to him on that Sunday?

A. I don't, no.

Q. Do you know if you spoke to him possibly on that Sunday about Mr. Goldstone's e-mail or that meeting?

A. No. I don't recall having those conversations.

Q. About 15 minutes later there's another call to New York, New York, 917. Do you know whose number that is?

A. I could probably find out, but I don't know off the top of my head.

Q. If I told you that a search of -- a Google search of that indicates that it's Mr. Kushner's number, would that surprise you?

A. No.

Q. And do you recall speaking with him on that Sunday?

A. No, I don't.
Q. You don't recall speaking with him 15
minutes after you spoke with Mr. Manafort?
A. No, I don't, but if we did, that was
something that could happen every day on a
campaign, dealing with two of the top people on a
campaign.
Q. And you had received this e-mail two days
earlier with the title "Russia-Clinton, private and
confidential," but you don't believe -- do you
believe that you would have mentioned to them --
that to them when you spoke to them over that
weekend?
A. I just don't recall. I could have, but I
don't remember doing it.
Q. Was it so unremarkable to have received
this e-mail that it would not have been something
you would want to raise with them?
A. I think I would have wanted to speak to
Emin or someone else first, but it's not out of the
realm of possibility, no.
Q. And then when you spoke to Emin you didn't
get substantive information, but you were willing
to go forward with the meeting. Why was that?
A. Well, I don't recall saying I ever spoke
to Emin. I'm not sure, but Rob and Emin were
acquaintances and it would be pretty customary for me to give a friend a few moments.

Q. You decided, though, to not just give a few of your own moments, but to ask Mr. Manafort who you described in the e-mail as the campaign boss. Did you do that not knowing and having verified what you believe that meeting was going to be about?

A. Can you repeat the question, please?

Q. Sure. You didn't only give a few minutes of your own time. You elected to bring in Mr. Manafort, who you describe as the campaign boss in an e-mail, and Mr. Kushner. So you devoted your time, the campaign boss's time, and Mr. Kushner's time, and you did so without having confirmed what you believed this meeting was going to be about?

A. Yes, I believe so.

Q. You believe you did not know what the meeting was going to be about going into it?

A. I had an understanding of what Rob wrote. I had, to my recollection, no way of verifying whether that was true because I don't remember having any conversations about it. They work in the same building and oftentimes on the same floor as me. So it wouldn't be uncustonmary for me to go
into them and say, hey, swing into something as
they've probably done to me hundreds of times prior
to that.

Q. When you forwarded them the e-mail on
June 8 -- and, again, your message to them just
says "Meeting got moved to 4:00 tomorrow at my
offices" and it did include that entire e-mail
chain?

A. Yes.

Q. Did Mr. Manafort ask you any questions
about that meeting?

A. Not that I recall.

Q. Do you recall discussing it with him at
all before you went into the meeting?

A. I don't, no.

Q. What about Mr. Kushner, did he ask you any
questions about the meeting?

A. Again, not that I remember.

Q. Did you discuss it with him at all before
you went into the meeting?

A. Not that I remember, no.

Q. My colleague showed you some other
exhibits where Mr. Goldstone or the Agalarovs had
forwarded information, pleasentries to Rhona to
give to your father?
A. Yes.

Q. Here's an instance of something described as ultrasensitive information. If those exchanges were routinely given to Rhona and then given to your father, why wasn't this passed on to your father?

MR. FUTERFAS: I object to the form of the question. Actually, could you rephrase the question? It could be that my objection is ill advised. Could you rephrase the question? I thought you were asking why didn't Rob send -- I thought you were inquiring about the state of mind about Rob Goldstone, but maybe you were asking something different. So if you could rephrase it?

MS. SAWYER: Sure.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Our colleague showed you a number of exhibits showing that when well wishes or information from Mr. Goldstone or the Agalarovs came to your father they were passed on to your father. In this case there's information that's described as very useful to your father's campaign. Why wasn't that shared with him?

A. Because I don't know that I was ever the person sharing that information or those well
wishes with my father, and Rhona is not, to my
knowledge, on this initial e-mail.

Q. And the document you're referring to has a
number of notes on it?
A. Yes.

Q. I don't think it's a document that we've
shared with you or used as an exhibit?
A. No.

Q. Would you be willing to share that with
the Committee?
A. These are notes I prepared with counsel.

So...

Q. And the underlying document is the e-mail?
A. It's just the e-mail chain, yes.

Q. So you did not pass the information along
to your father. Do you know if anyone else did?
A. I don't believe they did, but I don't
know,

Q. Have you ever asked him if he was given
this e-mail or told about this meeting?
A. No, I haven't.

Q. Has he ever told you whether he saw this
e-mail or knew about this meeting?
A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. And that is something you would recall?
A. Certainly not at that time. So I mean, obviously he's aware of it now because he's read it, it's been in the papers, but that's the extent of my knowledge of his knowledge of it.

Q. And when he found out about it because, as you said, it's been in the papers, did he express surprise to you?

A. I don't think so, no.

Q. Did he ask you -- did he indicate to you that he hadn't known about the meeting before? Did he say why wasn't I told about this meeting?

A. No, he didn't.

Q. Did you find that odd?

A. No, because he wasn't aware of it, and, frankly, by the time anyone was aware of it, which was summer of this year, as I stated earlier, I wouldn't have wanted to get him involved in it because it had nothing to do with him.

Q. So Mr. Goldstone -- and you discussed this with my colleagues -- had indicated that he would send the names of the two people meeting with you, but you said he never did send you that information?

A. That's correct.

Q. And how did they then gain access -- he
said for security reasons he would send that. How
did they then gain access to the Trump Tower?

A. Apparently because they were with
Mr. Goldstone when he showed up and he had an
appointment.

Q. Okay. So there would have been an
appointment log for Mr. Goldstone kept at Trump
Tower?

A. No. There would have been a meeting in my
calendar and security downstairs would call up and
say your appointment's here and I'd say okay.

Q. So there's no additional screening or log,
I think you indicated?

A. Correct.

Q. Did you take any steps to try to learn
anymore information about the individuals you were
meeting with before you took -- before you were in
the meeting with them?

A. No. As I said, I didn't know who they
were before they got in there, and once they left
it was apparent to me there was nothing worth
following up on. So I didn't. You know, again,
before this if you put those people in this room
right now, other than Goldstone, I wouldn't have
been able to tell you who any of them were.
Q. So you took no steps to understand who the Russian government lawyer might be who was coming to meet with you?

A. It became pretty clear she wasn't representing the Russian government.

Q. But you took no steps to determine who she was before you met with her?

A. No, I did not.

Q. What about the mention in the e-mail to the Crown prosecutor of Russia, what was your understanding of who that referred to?

A. I had never heard of the position. So I don't know what that even is, if it even exists.

Q. And you didn't ask anyone about that?

A. I didn't, no.

MR. PRIVOR: During the meeting did you ask if anyone was a Crown prosecutor?

MR. TRUMP: No, I didn't. It became pretty apparent that they weren't.

MR. PRIVOR: And based on what was it apparent to you that they weren't affiliated with the Russian government?

MR. TRUMP: That they were working on cases in the United States. It just became pretty obvious to me that they were not representatives of
the Russian government.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. But you didn't ask them that question?
A. But I didn't ask them.

Q. So the e-mail said the meeting would be in your offices. Where did you end up meeting?
A. We met in our 25th floor conference room.

Q. And where is that compared to where your office actually is?
A. It's next door to my office.

Q. So it's one floor down from your father's offices?
A. That's correct.

Q. Did he come by at any point in the meeting?
A. He did not.

Q. Did anyone else stop by at any point in that meeting?
A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. So no one attended other than the individuals you already listed with my colleagues?
A. Correct.

Q. You said that there were introductions made at the outset?
A. Casual hello, handshakes, that kind of
stuff.

Q. Did Mr. Manafort know any of the participants?
A. Not that I'm aware of, no.
Q. Do you know whether he knew Mr. Akhmetshin?
A. I do not know if he knew him.
Q. Do you know if he knew Ms. Veselnitskaya?
A. I do not.
Q. Did you ever ask him at any point whether he knew any of those individuals?
A. I didn't and I don't recall anything that would lead me to believe that he did know them.
Q. Have you spoken with him about it since?
A. Since, no.
Q. You haven't spoken with him about it in preparation for your testimony today?
A. No, I have not.
Q. So you've never had the opportunity to ask him about that meeting and his recollection of that meeting?
A. No, I have not.
Q. What about Mr. Kushner, did he know any of the participants?
A. I don't believe so, no.
Q. He didn't know Mr. Goldstone?

A. He may have met Mr. Goldstone at the WGC Championship if he was there, I don't even know if he was, but I don't believe he had any conversations beyond, again, a casual meet and greet while Rob was at the event that Emin was performing at.

Q. And what about any of the other participants, did he know any of them?

A. I don't believe so.

Q. Did you ever ask him if he knew any of them?

A. I didn't, no.

Q. And have you had an opportunity since the June 9th meeting to talk with him about that meeting?

A. Only with counsel.

Q. And, again, the counsel was representing whom?

MR. FUTERFAS: Which period of time are you talking about?

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Well, when did you talk to him about the meeting?

A. I imagine in preparation for this we've
had counsel -- we've had conversations, but that's about the extent of it. Certainly not at the time, no.

Q. So there was counsel there representing you and counsel there representing him?
MR. HERMES: Are you talking about recently?
MS. SAWYER: Yes.

BY MS. SAWYER:
Q. My understanding is you had not spoken with him about the meeting until recently in preparation for your testimony?
A. That is correct.
Q. So that was the first time you spoke with him. When did that happen just time wise?
MR. FUTERFAS: I mean, we're talking the last -- since sometime in late June or early July or whatever -- whenever --
MR. TRUMP: I would say that's accurate, yes.
MR. FUTERFAS: -- between then and now is when we're talking about.

BY MS. SAWYER:
Q. So had you spoken with him before the New York Times reported on the meeting?
A. I don't remember.
Q. So it's possible you had spoken with him before it got reported on publicly in the press?

A. Yes, it's possible.

Q. And was anyone else involved in those conversations besides you and Mr. Kushner and your lawyers?

A. As I said, I don't recall actually having the conversation. I just said it's possible. So I don't know.

MR. PRIVOR: Do you recall what prompted you to have a discussion with Mr. Kushner before it became publicly reported?

MR. FUTERFAS: Object to the form of the question. He said it's possible they had a conversation. So with that proviso I'll let my client answer the question.

MR. TRUMP: I don't remember.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. So you spoke with my colleagues a bit about what actually was discussed in the meeting.

A. Yes.

Q. So who spoke first?

A. I believe the lawyer through her translator.

Q. So she does not speak English, as far as
you know?

A. She used the translator. I don't know if she knows some English and maybe interjected some, but I remember that she spoke through a translator.

Q. So she was speaking in Russian?

A. I believe so.

Q. He translated -- do you understand Russian?

A. I do not.

Q. Did anyone else -- did Mr. Manafort speak Russian?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

Q. What about Mr. Kushner?

A. I don't believe so.

Q. So you all were relying on the translator to convey what Ms. Veselnitskaya was saying?

A. Correct.

Q. So exactly what did she say to you about the tax scheme?

A. I believe I said it earlier, but essentially that people who had some connections or dealings in Russia and the United States who were big funders of the DNC and/or Hillary Clinton were perhaps avoiding paying taxes in both of those markets through some sort of scheme. I mean,
that's the gist of it and that's probably where they lost me.

Q. Did you ask any follow-up questions?

A. I think we tried to ask her to expand on it a little bit and I don't know that we got any more clarity as to the issue or potential conflict.

Q. Okay. You said "we." Who specifically? Did you ask her to clarify?

A. I don't recall who asked. I believe it was myself, but "we" meaning myself, Paul, and Jared were there. I don't remember who asked, but we asked for some clarity to try to expand on it a little bit and I don't know that we got any more clarity on it.

Q. So you don't recall specifically if you asked. Do you know if Mr. Manafort asked for her to expand?

A. I don't.

Q. Do you recall if Mr. Kushner did?

A. I don't, no.

Q. So was any information specific to Hillary Clinton provided during the meeting?

A. No, there was not.

Q. Did you ask for any information specific to Hillary Clinton?
A. I asked as it related to what would this have to do with the premise of the meeting and that's sort of where the transition went into, again, Russian adoption and ultimately Magnitsky.

Q. When you say you asked what it had to do with the premise of the meeting, exactly how did you put that?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Did you specifically ask whether they had incriminating information on Hillary Clinton?

A. I don't believe I specifically asked that, no, but I know we asked for further detail because this wasn't clear.

Q. Did you ask at any point in time what was meant by "This is part of Russia, the Russian government's support for your father"?

A. No. At this point I think we had generally lost interest.

Q. Okay. And why is it that you had lost interest?

A. Because Russian adoption and this sort of, you know, tax scheme and an act I had never heard of, none of them were campaign issues and none of them were things we were spending time on.

Q. But what is it that specifically you were
interested in getting out of that meeting?

A. I was interested in listening to

information.

Q. Information on Hillary Clinton?

A. Yes.

Q. Information on Hillary Clinton that came

potentially from the Russian government?

A. Again, I had no way of assessing where it
came from, but I was willing to listen.

Q. You had an e-mail saying that it was part

of the Russian government's support for your

father. Did you have any reason to doubt that that

was what you were going to hear?

MR. FUTERFAS: Asked and answered about five
times. So I object to the question. I'll let him

answer it, but I think that same question has been

asked many times. I'll let my client answer.

BY THE WITNESS:

A. I think it's been covered, but to clarify

I think, yes, given Rob and his history, I had no

way to validate that there was any legitimacy to

this whatsoever. As I said, my instincts were

correct about that.

Q. And was that a disappointment?

MR. FUTERFAS: Object to the form of the
question, but I'll let my client answer.

BY THE WITNESS:

    A. All else being equal, I wouldn't have

wasted 20 minutes hearing about something

that I wasn't supposed to be meeting about.

    Q. Because you did take the meeting to try to

get that information?

    A. I took the meeting to listen.

    Q. And had the information been offered would

you have accepted it? Had additional information

been offered because you actually were offered

information from what you've told us, but would you

have accepted it?

    A. It depends on what that was and where it

came from, and at that point if there was anything

material I could have decided what to do and

brought in counsel.

    Q. And when the meeting ended did you have

any conversations with Paul Manafort or Jared

Kushner about it?

    A. No. I think we all went back to doing

what we did on a daily basis.

    Q. Did you go up and talk to your father

about it?

    A. No. I wouldn't have wasted his time with
Q. Did you or anyone else at any point think about consulting -- you said you would have -- if you had gotten what you thought was additional information you would have consulted with a lawyer. Did any of you consult with a lawyer in any event about this?

A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

Q. Did any of you consider talking to law enforcement about this?

A. If something would have materialized that would have merited that we would have likely done that, but there was nothing there.

Q. And in your view, what would have merited consulting with a lawyer or going to law enforcement?

A. If there was real information that could jeopardize the presidency or candidate for the presidency of the United States. I think that kind of information would be relevant to the American public.

Q. To the American public is different than law enforcement. Can you clarify that difference?

A. I imagine if there was something real they would pursue it and find out if and when that is
correct. I had no way of ever being able to do that.

Q. So was it your intent going into this meeting if you got damaging information from the Russian government to take that to law enforcement?

A. It would depend on whatever information was actually given, but none of that happened.

Q. In retrospect would you have accepted the meeting if you had known what exactly it was going to be?

A. I guess it depends on how it came about.

Q. If it came -- well, explain what you mean by that.

MR. FUTERFAS: Excuse me. I object to the form of the question.

MS. SAWYER: I just asked the question if he knew in hindsight exactly what was going to come out of this meeting would he have accepted it in the first instance.

BY THE WITNESS:

A. Likely not. I would have accepted a meeting from Rob Goldstone because he was an acquaintance and he knew acquaintances of ours. If this would have come from Ms. Veselnitskaya I likely would never have accepted it because I
didn't know who she was. So I do believe I gave
more credence to it coming from an acquaintance as
a courtesy.

Q. And did you ever express to Mr. Goldstone
any disappointment in the meeting or in him having
arranged it?

A. No, I didn't. He expressed that to me.

Q. And did it impact your relationship with
him in any way?

A. I don't know that our relationship was,
you know, more than casual. So not substantially,
but, again, all I ever got from Rob was casual
thanks and hellos and congratulations along the
way.

Q. There was, in your view, no follow-up at
all from this meeting?

A. Correct.

Q. I just wanted to have you return to what
was previously marked as Exhibit 5.

A. Yes.

Q. This is an e-mail sent 6/29/2016, so the
end of the month, from Rob Goldstone to Dan
Scavino. Who is Dan Scavino?

A. Dan Scavino ran our social media campaign.

Q. And you're CC'd on this. Do you recall
getting this?

A. I don't.

Q. Rhona Graff is also CC'd. Do you know what, if anything, Rhona Graff did with this e-mail?

A. I don't.

Q. Do you know if she provided this e-mail to your father?

A. I doubt this is something she would provide to my father, but I don't know that.

Q. The subject line is "Russia's largest social media network 'VK' offers Trump campaign message to over 2 million registered Russian-American voters in the USA." It has an attachment which there is two pages that follow. Do you recall if this was the attachment, the actual attachment to that e-mail?

A. I don't recall seeing it, but it likely was.

Q. Do you know what Mr. Scavino did with this e-mail?

A. I do not.

Q. Did you ever ask him?

A. I did not.

Q. Do you know if VK ever did provide social
media messaging to the Trump campaign?

A. I don't believe so, but I don't know.

Q. Why is it you don't believe so?

A. Because I may have heard about it if they would have done something and I don't recall hearing about it.

Q. Just turning to the next page, which is page 455 Bates number.

A. Yes.

Q. It's got a picture of your father, it's got some hashtags, it's got his birth and other information. Then it has some posts by Donald J. It says "Donald J. Trump, 16 May at 7:58 p.m., Bernie Sanders is being treated very badly by the Dems. The system is rigged against him. He should run as an independent. Run Bernie run."

Is that an actual post of your father's?

A. I don't know. I doubt that he posted on a page with 36 followers, but it looks like that could have been someone else copying his Twitter feed or something to that effect on this page that someone set up.

Q. Then the next one, "The media is" -- it's another Donald J. Trump, 16 May at 7:57 p.m. "The media is really on a witch hunt against me, false
reporting and plenty of it, but we will prevail, exclamation."

Is that an actual Tweet of your father's?

A. I don't know, but, again, I don't think he'd been posting himself on VK on a page with 36 followers.

Q. So it's possible they took the Tweets and put it into what they were proposing to then put out as social media messaging?

A. That looks to me as the most likely scenario, yes.

Q. So was it your understanding that this was an offer to coordinate and amplify messaging with the Trump campaign?

A. Again, I don't know if I had an understanding because I don't remember seeing it.

Q. Have you ever asked anyone subsequent about this?

A. No, I haven't.

Q. You said that you reviewed this in preparation for today. Did you speak with Mr. Scavino about it?

A. I don't recall speaking to Dan, no.

Q. Did you speak to anyone on the communications or social media team for the
campaign?

A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. Did you ever meet Konstantin Sikorkov, spelled S-I-K-O-R-K-O-V?

A. No, not that I recall.

Q. Your father gave a campaign speech on the evening of June 7th, 2016, which was four days after you got Goldstone's e-mail but before you had had the actual meeting. In that speech your father said "I'm going to give a major speech on probably Monday of next week and we're going to be discussing all of the things that have taken place with the Clintons. I think you're going to find it very informative and very, very interesting."

What was he referring to?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Do you know if he knew at that point in time that you were meeting on -- scheduled to meeting on June 9th with a Russian lawyer?

A. No, I don't believe so because, again, I never discussed it with him at all.

MR. PRIVOR: Do you know whether anyone else discussed it with him?

MR. TRUMP: I don't believe they did, but I don't know.
MR. PRIVOR: For instance, Paul Manafort?

MR. TRUMP: I don't know.

MR. PRIVOR: And Mr. Kushner?

MR. TRUMP: I don't know.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Mr. Manafort had met with him earlier that day. Do you know if he -- the day of the meeting, June 9th, do you know if he discussed it with him then?

A. I don't know.

Q. Were you involved in any way in helping him prepare the comments for the speech that I just read?

A. No. I never would have done that.

Q. You never would have been involved in --

A. I wasn't involved in writing his speeches, no.

Q. Did you ever ask him what he meant by that?

A. I did not, no.

Q. So you never asked what he thought was very, very interesting information on Clinton?

A. I do recall and I don't know the timing of it, but I know there was a lot of talk about utilizing information from the book Clinton Cash.
I don't know the exact timing of it, but that could very well be the things that he wanted to talk about because while it was out there I don't know it got the mainstream pickup that perhaps the campaign would have wanted. So that could be a reference to that, but that's speculation. I don't remember the exact timing of it.

Q. In your mind is it -- he uses that term "something very, very interesting."

Mr. Goldstone's June 3 e-mail to you says he has something very interesting. Is that just a coincidence?

A. I think a lot of people would use "very interesting." Yes, I think it's just a coincidence.

Q. Do you have any way of knowing whether that's a coincidence or not?

A. I don't other than that's the way my father speaks.

Q. Just briefly returning to the phone logs, Exhibit 11, the first -- second page of that document, 852, indicates in the left-hand column "Roaming call detail."

A. Left-hand column?

Q. About halfway down.
A. Okay, yes.

Q. And it has a few dates, Wednesday 6/29 and if you go on down the page it says Friday 6/24, Saturday 6/25. Do you recall if you traveled outside the United States during those time periods?

A. Sorry. What is the date again? 6/29?

Q. Yes. So one date is 6/29.

A. I don't recall, but we could find out.

Q. Okay. And then it appears that another time period would have been 6/23, 6/24, 6/25 potentially. Do you recall?

A. I may have been on vacation with my children. Let me find out for certain, but I may have taken them to the Bahamas at that time. You know, it's a long time ago and I'm trying to remember, but we will find out.

Q. You don't recall any particular campaign-related travel at that time?

A. No, I don't.

MR. FUTERFAS: I just want to be specific. What is it the Committee is requesting? Would you like us to find out if he was out of the country during those dates and where?

MS. SAWYER: Yes, that would be great.
Toward the end of the June. And if he was out of
the country any other time from that month. It
looks from these logs that he might have been.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Turning now your attention on that same
document to page 857. These are just some calls
and I'll just direct your attention to the right-
hand column on that page. It says Thursday 6/23
there are some calls that evening. The first is at
7:05 p.m., again, it's in Arlington, Virginia, 703
number, Mr. Manafort's number. Do you recall
speaking to him in connection with any travel?
A. No, I don't.

Q. The next call, 707, is an incoming call
from that same number. Do you have any
recollection of talking to Mr. Manafort twice that
evening?
A. It appears like maybe there was a missed
call and a follow-up call, but no, I don't recall
that.

Q. And then down the same sheet on Tuesday,
6/28 there's three calls that afternoon that have
been unredacted. One is at 1:22 p.m., that's
Mr. Manafort's number again. Do you recall
speaking with him on the 28th?
A. I don't.

Q. You don't recall speaking to him about campaign-related travel or other travel?
A. No, I don't.

Q. The next call is an incoming call and that's Mr. Kushner's number. Any recollection of talking to him about anything that particular day?
A. No.

MR. FOSTER: Let me just note for the record that Senator Hatch is present.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Then do you know who that other 3:57 p.m. incoming call, 646 area code, do you know who that is?
A. That's my real boss.

Q. And who is your real boss?
A. My wife.

Q. Do you know why her number would be unblocked here?
A. I don't other than it's just -- I have no clue.

MR. FUTERFAS: It could have been a law office error.

MR. TRUMP: Blame the lawyers.

MS. SAWYER: I think our time is just about
up for this hour. So I think we probably should
break now and then give our colleagues another
change. So we'll go off the record at 11:58.

(A short break was had.)

MR. DAVIS: Back on the record. It's 12:15

MR. TRUMP: Could I just interject one thing?

Heather, I took a couple seconds to check on some
of that last questioning as it related to the
dates. The end of June I was in Scotland for the
opening of Turnberry, and I was in the Bahamas with
my kids as I had suspected in that last, you know,
week of June, first couple days of July.

MS. SAWYER: Okay. Thanks.

FURTHER EXAMINATION

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. So, Mr. Trump, I believe you generally
indicated that after the meeting you didn't really
discuss it or give it much thought. Obviously it
became an issue over the summer this year. When
did it first come back on your radar as requiring
your attention?

A. I believe I was asked about it as it
related to probably discovery when we were, you
know, producing things for either this inquiry or
others is when it first popped back into my memory.
Q. Do you have any sense of when that would have been?

A. Probably mid, late June.

Q. And at the time you issued your July 8th statement had you rereviewed the initial e-mail chain from Mr. Goldstone setting up the meeting before issuing that statement?

A. I believe we did, yes.

Q. Do you know if the President had seen that e-mail chain prior to the July 8 statement?

A. I don't know.

Q. Now, there are a few other areas I'd like to ask you about that have been reported on and I'd like you give you a chance to comment. There's been some reporting about a speech you gave in October 2016 with a think tank called the Center For Political and Foreign Affairs. Can you explain how that speaking arrangement came about and what it entailed?

A. A person who works at I guess her own kind of speaking bureau who has booked me for public speaking events over the years reached out to me, said that this organization wanted to book me. I guess it's a Parisian or French think tank. They've had speakers such as Kofi Annan, Tony
Blair, a list of the usual suspects, and they wanted to get an understanding of what was going on in the rather unusual 2016 election cycle in the United States.

Q. So to the best of your knowledge, you were first contacted about it through this speaker's bureau; is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. What did the actual event involve? Was it a lecture you gave, a round table discussion?

A. More of a round table discussion.

Q. And is the director of that think tank Fabien Baussart?

A. Yes, he is.

Q. And aside from the round table did you separately meet with Mr. Baussart and his wife?

A. Yes, I did. I had lunch with them.

Q. At either the round table or your lunch with them was there any discussion of cooperating with the Russian government?

A. No.

Q. In the campaign?

A. Not as it related to the campaign, no.

Q. Were there general political discussions about geopolitics and the United States and Russia?
A. Yes, but less so Russia, more as it pertains to Syria because his wife is Syrian.

Q. And at that event or the lunch was there any discussion of any quid pro quo with Russia and the Trump campaign?

A. No.

(DJTJR Exhibit 12 was marked for identification.)

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. I'd like to show an e-mail chain to you.

I'll mark this Exhibit 12.

A. Thank you.

MR. DAVIS: Does everyone have Bates 719 on it as well?

MR. FUTERFAS: I have 718.

MR. DAVIS: Here's 719.

MR. TRUMP: 19 and 18, I've got them both.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. Again, these are Bates-numbered TRUMPORG-3000718 and 719.

A. Yes.

Q. This is an e-mail exchange between you and Jan Jones in April of 2017?

A. Yes.

MR. FUTERFAS: Excuse me a second.
(Whereupon a discussion was had sotto voce.)

MR. FUTERFAS: Thank you. Sorry.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. And is Jan Jones the employee with the speaker's bureau that you were referencing?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, on the first e-mail chronologically in this chain, it looks like it's April 23, 2017 at 3:23 p.m., it appears Ms. Jones e-mailed you asking, in part, "Are you up for doing something during the G7 in Sicily with Fabien? We were thinking that with the G7 taking place that would be the 'cover' if we need it. Fabien understands all the background that would need to go into preparation and making sure there is no blowback in any way on you. No photos, no media, everything discrete."

What did you understand her to mean when she talked about using the G7 as "cover"?

A. I didn't. I assume, you know, because of the press that the other speech originally had gotten I wanted to lay low and not create another issue. Even though it was fine, I wanted to do something, I didn't want to create an unnecessary
Q. At this time did you have Secret Service protection?
A. This is April. Yes, I did.
Q. Had you gone to do an event with Mr. Fabien, to the best of your knowledge, would the Secret Service have accompanied you to any such event?
A. Yes, they would have.
Q. So to the best of your knowledge, if you would have pursued another speaking engagement with him, even if the G7 were cover, while it might have been cover from the media, the Secret Service and, hence, the U.S. Government would have been aware of it; is that right?
A. Yes.
Q. Mr. Trump, there's also been some press about a statement you made in 2008 at a real estate conference in which you stated "In terms of high-end product influx into the U.S., Russians make up a pretty disproportionate cross-section of a lot of our assets." Can you explain what you meant by that?
A. Yeah. I think as high-end real estate developers, us or any of the other people that
build expensive condominiums in places like
New York or Miami, there is a pretty large portion
of foreign nationals, whether it be Russian,
Chinese, Saudi, that buy in those markets and buy
luxury condominiums.

Q. So were you asserting that there were a
number of Russian customers for these condominiums
as opposed to your investors or both?

A. We don't have any Russian investors. This
is purely for the sale of condominiums where we
have -- you know, had some, but, again, a lot of
our condominiums, for example, Trump Tower was
originally built in 1982 it topped out, would have
been sold and we wouldn't have been involved in any
of those transactions from that point on. So a
buyer wherever they're from may have been the
fifth, tenth, fifteenth owner of a given unit over
those 30-something years.

Q. There's also been some press about an NRA
dinner you attended. Do you know Mr. Aleksander
Torshin, T-O-R-S-H-I-N?

A. Yes. I met him at a dinner.

Q. Was that at the NRA dinner in I believe
June of 2016?

A. Yes.
Q. At that dinner did you discuss with him any coordination between the Trump campaign and the Russian government?

A. No, but to clarify, he was not at dinner with me. He was at a table nearby. I was at dinner with the 30 top people at the NRA I believe and someone who had known him asked if I would say hello. So I wasn't having dinner with him.

Q. Would you say you had a brief conversation with him, a long one?

A. Brief, a few minutes.

Q. Do you remember at all the content of that conversation?

A. It was the NRA show. I believe he's a gun enthusiast.

Q. And did that conversation involve any discussion of quid pro quo between the Russian government and the Trump campaign?

A. None at all.

Q. To the best of your knowledge, did anyone from the FBI ever provide what's referred to as a defensive briefing to the campaign, a briefing where they warn anyone on the campaign that foreign intelligence operatives might be trying to infiltrate?
A. Not that I'm aware of, but that doesn't mean they didn't do it.

Q. And do you know Felix Sater?
A. I do.

Q. Can you describe your relationship with him?
A. We worked on a few deals together when he was working at the Bayrock Group.

Q. Were those deals in the U.S. or in other countries?
A. The deals that got consummated were in the U.S.

Q. Did you attempt any deals within Russia?
A. We looked at one deal I believe in 2006, I believe, but early 2006. We looked at one deal in Russia, but it never materialized.

Q. And did you travel to Russia with Mr. Sater?
A. I didn't travel there with him, but I met him there.

Q. And what did you do with him in Russia, to the best of your recollection?
A. We met with some guys that were developers to look at a potential Trump property in Moscow.

Q. Were those developers private companies or
government affiliates?

A. Private companies.

Q. And what ultimately became of that effort?

A. Nothing.

Q. What did you understand -- did Mr. Sater have any role in the Trump Organization?

A. For a time he served as a broker essentially trying to find development deals for us from a license perspective, but he was never on the payroll or never served as an actual -- I guess a full-fledged employee.

Q. Are you aware of him having any involvement in the Trump campaign?

A. I'm not aware of any involvement of his in the campaign, no.

Q. I'd like to briefly return to the issue of Mr. Goldstone and VK.

A. Yes.

(DJTJR Exhibit 13 was marked for identification.)

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. I have another exhibit here. This will be 13.

A. Thank you.

Q. This is an e-mail exchange Bates-stamped
DJTJR-00249 to 250. It appears to be an e-mail chain between Mr. Goldstone and you which then was forwarded on to Dan Scavino or later involves Dan Scavino. Looking at the first e-mail chronologically on this chain on page 250, it looks like Mr. Goldstone e-mailed you CC'g Rhona Graff on January 19th. Again, this e-mail seems to be pitching having your father set up some sort of page on VK. This was January 19th of 2016.

Do you recall seeing this e-mail at the time?

A. I don't recall seeing it, no.

Q. And do you know if anyone took any action on it at the time?

A. I don't know, no.

Q. Given that six months later Mr. Goldstone was still pushing the VK issue, do you have any reason to believe that this offer went anywhere with the Trump Organization?

A. I don't, no.

Q. And returning back to the meeting itself, the June 9th meeting, were you aware that Mr. Goldstone had apparently tagged himself on Facebook at Trump Tower right before the meeting began?
A. No, I did not, but having since seen some of his social media posts, it doesn't surprise me.

(DJTJR Exhibit 14 was marked for identification.)

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. I'd like to introduce for the record an article from News Week that describes Mr. Goldstone tagging himself on Facebook at Trump Tower shortly before the meeting. This will be Exhibit 14.

Generally speaking, do you believe that publicly tagging yourself in a Facebook post would represent that you were intending to have a covert or secret meeting?

A. Not likely, no, but I'm not a spy.

Q. And returning briefly to Mr. Manafort, what was your understanding of how Mr. Manafort ceased to be affiliated with the campaign?

A. I believe there was stuff coming out about Paul that he denied, but he didn't want to drag any other aspects of that life into the campaign and the work that we were doing. So he removed himself from his position as campaign chairman.

Q. And did he discuss with you or, to the best of your knowledge, anyone else on the campaign his ties with Ukrainian business or Russian
interests, his alleged ties?

A. No, not that I recall.

Q. Do you know Lieutenant General Michael Flynn?

A. I do.

Q. When did you first meet him?

A. Somewhere along the way on the campaign trail.

Q. What would you say was the nature of your relationship with him?

A. He worked on the campaign.

Q. And were you aware of any ties, indirect, past or present, between Mr. Flynn and the Russian government?

A. No, I was not.

Q. Did you ever discuss Russia or Russian interests with Mr. Flynn?

A. Not that I recall, no.

MR. FOSTER: Can we just return briefly to the issue of the e-mail chain that you Tweeted out and released publicly. We were asking earlier about when you first rereviewed that e-mail chain. So other than when you received it at the time back in 2016, after the meeting do you recall looking back at that chain or reviewing it for any reason
at any time for the rest of the 2016?

MR. TRUMP: There was no reason for me to do that.

MR. FOSTER: So then we were trying to pinpoint maybe when was the first time you went back and rereviewed that chain in 2017, and I believe your answer earlier -- feel free to correct me. You thought you might have reviewed it in preparation for production of documents or discovery; is that correct?

MR. TRUMP: I believe so. I believe that's what I said, yes.

MR. FOSTER: And do you know to whom that discovery would have been? Just for the record, I believe our request was July 11th.

MR. TRUMP: I don't know if it was for this. I don't know if it was for special counsel -- or special prosecutor's investigation. It's the first time. Senate intel maybe. I don't remember the exact chronology, but one of those.

MR. FOSTER: Okay. So it wasn't in regard to communications with press about the e-mail?

MR. TRUMP: No, I don't believe so.

MR. PRIVOR: In preparation for the July 8 statement it was -- the e-mail chain was reviewed
in preparation for that statement by you; is that correct?

MR. TRUMP: Yes.

MR. PRIVOR: And you said not by the

President -- or you don't know --

MR. TRUMP: I don't know.

MR. PRIVOR: You don't know if the President

reviewed it. Sorry.

But you earlier spoke about the

statements, the July 8 and July 11 statements --

I'm not sure which statement you were referring
to -- that the President's team may have been

involved. Do you happen to know if anyone on the

President's team saw the e-mail chain prior to the

July 8 statement?

MR. TRUMP: I don't actually know if they saw

it, no.

MR. FOSTER: To the best of your knowledge,

how and when did the President or members of his

team learn of the e-mail?

MR. TRUMP: I don't know.

MR. FUTERFAS: Let me interject for the

record, I think it's worth doing, that at some

point obviously counsel and various people became

aware of various investigations and documents began
to be collected and reviewed in response to those investigations. So I don't know what you're asking in terms of his knowledge when he saw something, there was a lot of interaction with counsel going back some period, but I think what I've said and I think what Mr. Trump has said is that sometime in June would probably make sense or maybe even -- we haven't timelined it, but certainly when we became publicly aware there were various investigations documents began to be assembled and things like that.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. Were you aware of any communication between anyone on the Trump campaign and WikiLeaks?

A. I got a few direct messages from them asking me, I believe, if I would leak his tax return. I think the only time I responded to them was, hey, when I am I going to receive the next leak. And they would reach out on a few occasions sort of passing along news, hey, you may want to Tweet this, this would be of interest probably with some sort of admin there.

Q. Were these -- you said direct messages.

On what --

A. Twitter.
Q. Do you still have copies of these messages?
A. I should.

Q. Would you be willing to provide them to the Committee?
A. Sure.

Q. You said they said you may want to Tweet this. Do you remember any specific instances?
A. I believe once -- I mean, I'd be speculating. If you give me a little chronological leeway, I believe they initially reached out to me to possibly distribute information about my father's tax return to clear up those issues. Then they -- I'd be guessing. Why don't I just get it for you.

Q. And you said you thought it was some sort of admin. Did the person involved ever identify themselves?
A. I believe on one occasion they did.

Q. And do you remember who they said they were?
A. It was a lady that appeared to work at a law firm, if I recall correctly.

Q. Not Mr. Assange?
A. No. I've never communicated with him
directly that I'm aware of.

Q. And did you ever Tweet any of the things they recommended Tweeting?

A. The one time I believe I responded I had already re-Tweeted what they had put out or what they had suggested for me to put out, but I would throughout the course and even recently I would occasionally re-Tweet WikiLeaks, yes.

Q. Beyond those direct messages you had with WikiLeaks, were you aware of anyone else on the Trump campaign or within the Trump Organization communicating with WikiLeaks?

A. No, I was not.

Q. And did you have any reason to believe that WikiLeaks was working with, whether directly or indirectly, any foreign government?

A. No, I do not.

Q. Were you aware of any communications between anyone at the Trump campaign or the Trump Organization and Guccifer 2.0?

A. No.

Q. And in terms of interactions between Trump campaign personnel and Russian government officials, what types of interactions were you aware of?
A. Trump campaign officials and Russian government personnel? I was aware of none.

Q. Have you seen press reports about various meetings such as with Ambassador Kislyak?
   A. If I could scratch my last statement, yes, I did read about that after the fact.

Q. Were you aware of those at the time they occurred, to the best of your knowledge?
   A. I knew of something. I believe there was a meeting there. I wasn't part of the meeting, but yes, I believe I was aware that it had occurred.

Q. Back in the time frame of your June 9, 2016 meeting with Mr. Goldstone, had you received any guidance from the Trump campaign about meetings with foreign officials?
   A. No, not that I recall.

Q. And are you aware of any coordination between anyone on the Trump campaign or within the Trump Organization and the Russian government regarding the 2016 election?
   A. No, I'm not.

MR. FOSTER: You were asked earlier if, to your knowledge, anyone at the campaign had ever received what's known as a defensive briefing from the FBI about people who might be trying to
infiltrate the campaign, and I believe your answer
was that, to your knowledge, you weren't aware of
any such briefing. Were you aware of any --
regardless of whether it was a defensive briefing
or any other particular kind of contact, are you
aware of any other FBI contacts with yourself or
with the campaign in 2016?

MR. TRUMP: No.

MR. FOSTER: Let's go off the record at

12:41.

(A short break was had.)

MS. SAWYER: We're going back on the record.

It's 12:50.

FURTHER EXAMINATION

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Mr. Trump, you and your counsel had
indicated that you would want to have your
statement entered into the record as an exhibit.
So I just wanted to take care of that quickly
before we started. So it will be marked as
Exhibit 15.

A. Thank you.

(DJTJR Exhibit 15 was marked
for identification.)

BY MS. SAWYER:
Q. You mentioned during the conversation with my colleagues that you had become aware of a meeting or meetings with Ambassador Kislyak. Can you just explain like what meetings did you become aware of? When did they take place?

A. I don't remember the exact timing of when they took place. I believe it was after we had already secured -- meaning after the election, but I could be mistaken. The only reason I'm aware of it is because it occurred in my office. I came back from the gym and they were in there.

Q. So when you say after the election, you mean after November 8, 2016?

A. I believe so.

Q. Was it a meeting in December of 2016?

A. That would fit the description, yes, I believe so.

Q. So it was a meeting in Trump Tower?

A. Yes.

Q. In your office but you hadn't known about it beforehand?

A. Correct.

Q. Do you know why they used your office?

A. It was open, I was at the gym.

Q. And who was in that meeting?
A. I believe it was Jared Kushner, the Ambassador, maybe Flynn, but I don't remember.

Q. Anyone else, to the best of your recollection?

A. No, not that I recall.

Q. Was the meeting still ongoing when you returned?

A. I believe it was, yes.

Q. Did you go in and join the meeting?

A. No, I did not.

Q. Why not?

A. Because I didn't know what it was about and I was sweaty from the gym.

Q. Did you ask Mr. Kushner or Lieutenant General Flynn about the meeting after?

A. No, I don't think I did.

Q. Did you have any interaction with Ambassador Kislyak yourself?

A. None that I recall, but that doesn't mean we didn't shake hands or something.

Q. Aside from that were there any other meetings that any member of the campaign or the Trump Organization had with Ambassador Kislyak that you're aware of?

A. None that I recall, no.
Q. And do you know -- did you ask or do you know what was discussed during that meeting?
A. I do not.
Q. Do you know whether -- strike that.
You know, I had asked you about some of your means of communicating. I didn't ask and looking at the phone log it reminded me. It has text messaging charges. So you used text messaging as well to communicate?
A. Yes.
Q. And did you use any particular messaging apps? Do you use Signal?
A. I don't have Signal, no.
Q. Do you use Snapchat?
A. I don't do Snapchat, no. I have enough forms of social media.
Q. What about WhatsApp?
A. Yes, I use WhatsApp.
Q. Did you use that for campaign purposes?
A. Not that I recall. I was a pretty late adapter to WhatsApp. I'm not sure I downloaded it until after the campaign.
Q. Okay. And so when do you believe that you started using WhatsApp?
A. I still don't really use it regularly.
I'd be guessing. I don't know.

Q. And do you know if WhatsApp was -- your messaging on the app was reviewed as part of the production to the Committee?

A. I don't know.

MS. SAWYER: Could you just make sure it is.

MR. FUTERFAS: Okay.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Besides WhatsApp, do you use any other messaging apps? FrozenChat?

A. No.

Q. ChatSecure, anything else?

A. No.

Q. We talked about your phone usage. Have you ever used a prepaid phone?

A. No, I have not.

Q. Did you use anybody else's phone other than yours for campaign purposes?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

Q. You didn't use your wife's phone?

A. No.

Q. In terms of -- you mentioned Twitter, maybe DM private messages. Could you also just make sure those are searched as well for material responsive to the committee's request.
MR. FUTERFAS: Twitter?

MS. SAWYER: Twitter.

MR. FUTERFAS: Did you say something else?

MS. SAWYER: I think direct messaging is a mechanism on Twitter for communicating.

MR. FUTERFAS: You can tell I know an awful lot about it.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Do you have a home landline?

A. I believe I do, but I don't even know the number of it.

Q. Do you know if you used it for campaign purposes?

A. No.

MR. PRIVOR: Mr. Trump, you mentioned that you're not a regular user of WhatsApp. Are you an infrequent user of it?

MR. TRUMP: I guess I use it infrequently. People have contacted me on it, but like I said, it's something I would have done probably in the last few months. I may have had it a little bit longer.

MR. PRIVOR: Do you know if anybody contacted you via WhatsApp related to campaign matters?

MR. TRUMP: I don't believe so, but I'll go
BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. What about related to the issue of Russian interference in the 2016 election?
A. No.

Q. How about FBI Director Comey's firing?
A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. What about Lieutenant General Flynn's resignation or anything about his relationship with the campaign or administration?
A. I don't believe so, no.

Q. And just briefly, you were asked by my colleagues about the statements made about the meeting, the June 9th meeting. You had indicated you thought your father may have communicated changes through Hope Hicks. Who is Hope Hicks?
A. She is, I guess, the communications director now.

Q. For the White House now?
A. Correct.

Q. Who else, to the best of your knowledge, was involved in the drafting of those statements?
A. I believe all counsel.

MR. FUTERFAS: Just your best recollection.

BY THE WITNESS:
A. My understanding is that counsel was involved.

Q. Counsel, Hope Hicks, your father. Anyone else at the White House?

MR. FUTERFAS: Let me ask for a point of clarification. When you're saying counsel, are you saying your own counsel or are you saying counsel for your father?

MR. TRUMP: Both.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. So your personal counsel and who would those individuals have been?

A. The two gentlemen sitting at the table with us here today.

Q. Mr. Futerfas and Mr. Garten?

A. Yes.

Q. And you said your father's counsel. Who would that have been?

A. It's a big team. I don't know.

Q. You don't know?

A. No.

Q. Was it Mr. McGahn?

A. I don't know. I don't know.

Q. Would it have possibly been Mr. Cobb?

A. I don't know if that was before his time
or not. So I don't know.

Q. And anyone else not on the lawyer side from the White House involved?
A. Not to my recollection.

Q. And anyone other than the lawyers you've mentioned on your side involved in drafting it?
A. No.

Q. Did you see the final -- the original final statement before it went out?
A. Yes, I did.

Q. You approved it?
A. Yes, I did.

Q. And then the second statement, did you see that before it went out?
A. Yes.

Q. And you approved that?
A. Yes.

MR. FUTERFAS: Just for a point of clarification, I think at that time in July members of the Kasowitz firm were representing President Trump.

BY MS. SAWYER:
Q. So it could have been Mr. Kasowitz?
A. I think that timing still makes sense in my recollection.
MS. SAWYER: We're going to shift gears a little bit. My colleague Brian Privor is going to ask you additional questions. So I'll turn it over to him.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. Let's start with the Miss Universe Pageant in 2013. You stated that you did not attend the pageant. Were you in Russia at the time?

A. No, I was not.

Q. Where were you at the time?

A. I don't know, but probably New York.

Q. Any reason you didn't go to the pageant?

A. It wasn't a big part of our business.

Q. Fabien Baussart, you testified earlier about him. You mentioned that you were participating in a round table discussion with him and other participants on the round table, you had lunch and dinner with Mr. Baussart and his wife?

A. Correct.

Q. Did you have any other meetings with Mr. Baussart or his wife after that round table discussion?

A. No, I did not.

Q. We saw some e-mails earlier where Jan
Jones was trying to make an arrangement and we discussed the G7 meeting. No other meetings were ever arranged?

A. No.

Q. Did any meeting ever get arranged and you subsequently canceled or didn't attend?

A. No.

Q. We've been talking earlier about different business connections with Russia and our colleagues referred to a statement that you made at the 2008 Cityscape USA Bridging U.S. and Emerging Real Estate Markets Conference. This is the quote where you mentioned disproportionate share of the assets coming from Russia, and I think you referred to that as referring to purchases of condos as opposed to investments in the underlying development projects?

A. Correct.

Q. Have there been any Russian investors in any of the underlying development projects that you can recall?

A. No, not that I can recall.

Q. The Trump Organization in addition to buildings develops golf courses; is that right?

A. Correct.
Q. Has there been any Russian investment in any of the golf courses?
A. No.
Q. You have two golf courses in Dubai. Either of those involve Russian investors?
A. Those are set up as licensing deals, but I don't believe so. They are owned by DAMAC, a publicly traded company in the UAE, but no, not to my knowledge. Those are not our golf courses.
Q. And we've been talking about Russian investors. How about any other investors from the former Soviet Republic, have any of them been investors in any of your development projects that you're aware of?
A. Where we are the developer, no.
Q. How about where it's a licensing deal, are you aware of instances where Russians or former Soviet Republic investors are involved in the development side of the deal?
A. None that I can recall, but there may be small -- we're not in charge of who does financing for what. I would probably know it and most of them were done by larger institutions, but I'm not aware of any, no.

MR. FUTERFAS: Let me have one minute before
your next question.

(Whereupon a discussion was had sotto voce.)

MR. FUTERFAS: I'm sorry.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. You just stated, Mr. Trump, that you're not responsible for determining who the investors are in the development side of the deal; is that right?

A. If it's a licensed deal whereby someone is taking our brand and putting it on a building and we are not the developer, correct, we would not be in charge of financing. So, again, most of those deals would have -- were done by reputable institutions, but that doesn't mean there's not someone -- I just want to be clear that doesn't mean there's someone that doesn't have half a percent stake, came in on a mez loan later on, and could then say, well, we were an investor in the project. That's possible, but I'm not aware of it.

Q. So you're not responsible for identifying the investors. Do you take an interest -- you meaning, broadly speaking, the Trump Organization, do you take an interest in who the investors are in a development deal when you're just licensing?
A. I would say we take an interest in the people who are ultimately our partners as best we can, but, you know, again, partnership and the financing there would be different. We wouldn't be that involved in the financing side of things.

Q. And by partners you're including the developer?

A. Yes.

Q. What sort of due diligence do you do on your partners when you're going to have a licensing deal?

A. Depends on the deal.

Q. Let's take -- well, let's back up a little bit. We talked earlier, you spoke with our colleagues about a gentleman named Felix Sater?

A. Correct.

Q. Who is Mr. Sater again?

A. He was a gentleman that worked at the Bayrock Group. They were partners of ours on a deal that we had worked on in Fort Lauderdale as well as Trump Soho.

Q. How did you first come to know Mr. Sater?

A. I believe it was early 2000s, probably talking about the Fort Lauderdale deal as I believe that was the first deal we did with them.
Q. And how is it that you came to know him with respect to that particular deal?
A. I don't remember.
Q. Do you know who approached whom?
A. I don't.
Q. Do you recall who the developer was for the Fort Lauderdale deal?
A. Ultimately a gentleman named Roy Stillman I think became the primary developer there.
Q. Did it also involve the Bayrock Group?
A. Yes, they had a piece of that deal.
Q. And Mr. Sater was involved?
A. Yes.
Q. Was he affiliated with the Bayrock Group at the time?
A. I believe so.
Q. Do you know what his role was?
A. I believe he ran a lot of their development operations in the U.S.
Q. Is he a senior member of the team?
A. Yes.
Q. Would you call him a principal at the Bayrock?
A. I don't know their financial structure.
So I mean, principal in terms of ownership I don't
know, but yes, I believe he was in charge of their U.S. developments.

Q. And you don't recall who actually brought the Fort Lauderdale deal to you?
A. No, I don't.

Q. When you first started doing business with Mr. Sater did you do any sort of background check on him or any due diligence on him?
A. I don't recall.

Q. Do you typically do background checks on people that you're going to partner with in real estate deals?
A. Yes.

Q. And what do you do typically for a background check?
A. Usually go through some sort of agency that specializes in those kinds of things.

Q. Like a Billiter?
A. I don't remember the names of the agencies. I don't do it myself.

Q. Who does that?
A. Various people within the organization.

Q. Do you have a particular group that handles that?
A. No, not a particular group.
Q. It's sort of all hands on deck to run background checks?

A. I don't know if that's an accurate description, but there are people. Usually a lower-level guy on the team would look, you know, and start the process of doing a background check.

Q. Do you know if anybody at the Trump Organization knew Mr. Sater before you first did business with him?

A. I don't believe that they did, no.

Q. Do you know if Michael Cohen had any relationship with Mr. Sater before you did business with him?

A. I think we did business with Mr. Sater before we met Michael Cohen, but I could be mistaken.

Q. Do you recall when Mr. Cohen joined the Trump Organization?

A. Maybe 2006 or '7, something like that.

Q. Did Mr. Sater ever work for the Trump Organization himself directly?

A. Not as an employee, no.

Q. Were you aware that he carried a business card that showed his association with the Trump Organization?
A. I've since seen that, yes.

Q. Do you know why he had a business card identifying himself as a member of the Trump Organization?

A. I don't.

Q. Do you have any idea how he got that business card?

A. I don't.

Q. If I wanted to get a business card that says I work for the Trump Organization, I'm a senior advisor to now the President, would I have to go through somebody at the Trump Organization to do that?

A. Presumably, yes.

Q. And who would that be?

A. I don't know.

Q. I think we discussed earlier a trip to Russia where you met Mr. Sater there; is that right?

A. Correct.

Q. What were the circumstances in which you had met him in Russia?

A. I believe he wanted to show us a potential real estate deal that could be a Trump-branded building in Moscow.
Q. Like a Trump Tower in Moscow?
A. Correct.

Q. Did anyone else attend your trip -- join you on that trip?
A. I believe my sister was with me.

Q. Your sister being Ivanka?
A. Correct.

Q. And that particular Trump Tower deal never came to fruition; is that right?
A. That's correct.

Q. Did there ever come a time that you became aware that Mr. Sater had a criminal history?
A. Yes. I've read that since. I don't remember when.

Q. Is that something that you learned recently or in years past?
A. I don't recall.

Q. You had mentioned the Trump Soho project. Is that one that you had put together with Mr. Sater?
A. Amongst others, yes.

Q. Did that also involve the Bayrock Group?
A. It did.

Q. Do you know how that particular project was first conceived?
A. Yes. Bayrock Group I believe purchased the land that the building now sits on. They then flipped a lot of that project after securing I think development rights for essentially what is now the building to another partner, stayed in it, and brought us in ultimately for design expertise, managing of the hotel that was put on the site, aesthetic components, et cetera.

Q. Who ultimately served as the developer of that project?

A. I believe it was the Sapir Organization.

Q. I'm sorry?

A. Sapir Organization, S-A-P-I-R.

Q. Who is the Sapir Organization?

A. They're a development group and owner of lots of buildings in New York City.

Q. Do you know who the principal of the Sapir Organization is?

A. I believe it's Alex Sapir.

Q. How do you know him?

A. I've known Alex through New York and his father lived in Trump Tower.

Q. Was the Bayrock Group also involved in the Trump Soho?

A. Yes, they were.
Q. Do you recall what the basic structure of that particular deal was in terms of, you know, what was the equity and debt, the basic outlines of that?

A. I guess there were three principal, you know, equity partners, that would have been us with a smaller stake, Sapir Organization and Bayrock. There was debt as well as mezzanine financing I guess ahead of all of that.

Q. You mentioned that the Trump Organization had a small portion of the equity?

A. Correct.

Q. Did you actually contribute capital for the equity?

A. We did not.

Q. But you had a share of the equity for purposes of the capital structure distributions?

A. Correct.

Q. How did you come to have -- "you," meaning the Trump Organization, how did you come to have a share of the equity in that deal?

A. Because we brought our expertise to the project and we took it as equity rather than fees.

Q. Were you personally involved in that particular project?
A. I was.

Q. What was your role?

A. I don't know that I had a defined role, but I was involved in aspects of the design, ultimately involved in aspects of management of the hotel primarily because our biggest aspect would be the management and subsequent management of the hotel once it was built and under operation.

Q. Did you have an equity stake in the project as well personally?

A. Yes. My sister and I had a small stake.

Q. Was that through an entity?

A. Yes.

Q. Is that Donka Soho Member?

A. Yes, it is.

Q. What's your sister's role in the project?

A. Same.

Q. Did you receive any income or salary or other fees other than your equity interest?

A. No, not that I remember.

MR. FUTERFAS: Before you ask your next question, can I just consult?

MR. PRIVOR: Of course.

MS. SAWYER: While we have a pause I also had
meant to mentioned earlier that we've been joined
by Senator Whitehouse.

MR. FUTERFAS: Okay. Sorry to interrupt you.

(Whereupon a discussion was had
sotto voce.)

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. You mentioned there was also financing,
possibly mezzanine finance involved in that. Who
secured the financing for that deal, do you recall?

A. I don't.

Q. Do you know who supplied the debt side of
the deal?

A. I believe iStar was in there somewhere I
think as the mez, and I don't recall exactly who
had the construction lender structure.

Q. Were there any domestic banks involved
providing financing?

A. I don't remember.

Q. Do you recall if there were any foreign
banks providing any of the financing?

A. I don't remember the structure. I think
if iStar was in there that's a U.S.-based mez fund.
So they would have been in there, but I don't
remember the construction side of it.

Q. Did you do any due diligence on Bayrock
before entering a development deal with them?

A. Again, I don't know that they were the principal developer. I don't know if we did additional diligence because we'd already been partners with them before that.

Q. How about the Sapir Organization?

A. I don't remember.

MR. FUTERFAS: One second.

(Whereupon a discussion was had sotto voce.)

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. I had asked you a few moments ago whether you came to learn of Mr. Sater's criminal history and, I'm sorry, I don't recall -- you did know of it at some point?

A. I did. I just don't remember when I found out.

Q. Do you recall any meetings concerning Mr. Sater's criminal history having been discovered with respect to the Soho development?

A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. Do you recall any instance in which the equity structure of the deal had changed on account of Mr. Sater's criminal history?

A. I don't, no.
Q. Do you know if the financing was ever changed on account of Mr. Sater's criminal history?
A. Not that I recall, no.
Q. Do you know whether there was any effort to notify the lenders or the mezzanine finance with respect to Mr. Sater's criminal history?
A. No, I don't.
Q. If you wanted to find that out, who would you ask?
A. Presumably the lenders.
Q. We could ask the lenders. Who was in the Trump Organization who would know if anyone from Trump had notified the lenders?
A. Again, since we weren't the lead developer it likely wouldn't have come from us. We wouldn't have come that way. So it would probably have to go through the Sapir Organization because I think they were lead.
Q. Do you know if your father had ever come to learn that Mr. Sater had a criminal history?
A. I don't know.
Q. Was there ever any effort to disguise Mr. Sater's involvement in the project that you're aware of?
A. Not that I'm aware of, no.
Q. Do you recall when the Trump Soho building began selling condominiums?

A. Well, let me keep it general. Late 2000.

Q. Okay.

A. Meaning '8 or '9 probably.

Q. So after the real estate crash or market crash, generally speaking?

A. During, after, yeah.

Q. And what happened on account of the market environment? Were you able to sell the condos?

A. Sales became quite slow.

Q. Were there any restrictions on selling of condos as compared to a conventional condominium in New York?

A. There's usually release prices imposed by the lenders. So you can't sell below a sort of benchmark per square foot price so that their contribution is secured by those sales.

Q. Were there restrictions due to residential zoning agreements or requirements?

A. Can you please just rephrase the question?

Q. Were there any -- let me start over. Were there any residential zoning restrictions on selling these condos to the public?

A. There were restrictions placed on the
condominium that it couldn't serve as a pure
condominium. It was a hotel-condominium. So what
that means to a buyer, think of it if you bought
unit 502, you own a one-bedroom hotel unit. We'll
manage it for you, you own the revenues associated
therewith, you can use it when you're in town, but
you can't stay there for more than 30 days in a
row, X number of days in a year. I think the
ordinance was put in place to prevent a sort of
trojan horse where you say you're building a hotel,
but you're actually building a condominium in that
zoning market.

Q. Okay. So that's a restriction that would
have been communicated to any buyer or perspective
buyer?
A. Yes.

Q. Did that hamper sales of the condominiums?
A. I think it's a restriction that we all
understood going into it. It limits the market in
that you're looking for a pied-a-terre-type buyer,
someone likely not from New York City because they
can't live there 365 days a year, but it was what
was needed to make the project feasible.

Q. Given that you're not looking typically
for a New York buyer, does that mean you were
looking for overseas investors?

A. For overseas, out of state, people who visit New York.

Q. Who was responsible for the marketing of that project?

A. A group called Prodigy.

Q. Where is Prodigy based?

A. I believe they're based in New York and Miami.

Q. Do you know who the principals of Prodigy are?

A. At the time I believe it was a gentleman named Rodrigo Nino.

Q. Who is he?

A. He's a real estate broker in New York that ran Prodigy.

Q. Do you know whether -- what the proportion of buyers for that particular development were that were foreign versus U.S.-based buyers?

A. I don't.

Q. Is that a record that the Trump Organization would keep track of?

A. I imagine the sales agent would keep track of that, not us.

Q. Would that be Prodigy?
A. Correct.

Q. Is that something that Prodigy would share with the Trump Organization?

A. I don't know that it would matter to us where the buyers came from, but they may have.

Q. Would you have ever looked at -- the Trump Organization broadly speaking, would you have ever looked at who the buyers were for particular condominiums?

A. We would likely not have been involved in any kind of screening process like that, no.

Q. So if you had a bunch of buyers who happened to be Russians, would that be something that would come across your radar?

A. Not likely.

Q. Would Prodigy have brought that to the Trump Organization's attention if that were the case?

A. Probably not.

Q. Is that something you would inquire about?

A. Probably not.

Q. You wouldn't -- the Trump Organization wouldn't keep any records of who the buyers were of the particular condos?

A. No. Oftentimes we would probably see it
eventually when it came to operations, but during
the sales process we wouldn't have been actively
involved in that. I don't think at least.

Q. We'll stick with the Trump Soho. Do you
know whether that particular project permitted
anonymous buyers?

A. I don't know what that means.

Q. Is it possible to buy a condominium
without disclosing a beneficial ownership of the
actual buyer?

A. I imagine people, you know, as would often
be the case, would buy a condominium in an LLC.
So, you know, some sort of corporate structure that
way I would imagine is pretty common, but I don't
know.

Q. And does the Trump Organization do any due
diligence to determine who the beneficial owners
are of a particular buyer?

A. In that case we would not have been
involved, no.

Q. Would that fall to Prodigy again?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know whether any buyers paid all
cash for their particular units?

A. No idea.
Q. Is that something that the Trump Organization keeps track of?

A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. Is that something that Prodigy could keep track of?

A. I don't know that it would matter to Prodigy. So I don't know that they would keep track of it. Whether a buyer shows up with cash or shows up with a bank check, you know, with financing in place, it wasn't their or our role to help secure financing. So I don't know.

Q. You're not sure that it would matter whether the purchaser was a cash buyer?

A. I don't think so, no.

Q. Would you ever consider what the provenance of the money was that was used to purchase a particular condo?

A. In the case of Trump Soho certainly not because we weren't in charge of that, but I think there are definitely cash buyers that as developers I've seen and heard of all over the place.

Q. Are there other Trump projects that the Trump Organization served as the agent for actually selling the units?

A. There are some where we've served or at
least partially served in that capacity as sponsor on occasion, yes.

Q. And in those cases where the Trump Organization serves as sponsor did the Trump Organization perform any due diligence on who the buyers of the particular units are?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Do you recall which buildings those were where Trump was a sponsor?

A. Trump Soho Trump was a sponsor and likely had our own leasing team or selling team in there because sometimes you would bring in a group -- in most cases you would bring in a group, a Corcoran or a Douglas Elliman and say, okay, you guys are in charge of sales. We're the developer, we'll build it, we're still the sponsor, but they're the ones doing the active selling. So it just depends on a case-by-case basis.

Q. Okay. So in Trump Soho Trump was a sponsor but wasn't actually doing any of the selling?

A. Trump wasn't a sponsor. Trump had a piece of the equity, but the sponsor I believe is Sapir.

MR. GARTEN: I'm sorry to interject. I think you just misspoke. You said Trump Soho was the
sponso r earli e r.

MR. TRUMP: No. Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. GARTEN: Trump was the sponsor of Trump

Soho.

MR. TRUMP: Trump was not the sponsor of

Trump Soho, no.

MR. GARTEN: Okay.

MR. TRUMP: I think I meant Trump Park

Avenue. I'm sorry. I apologize. A lot of Trumps.

MR. FUTERFAS: Okay. Excuse me.

(Whereupon a discussion was had

sotto voce.)

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. Are there other projects where you can

recall where the Trump Organization served as a

sponsor responsible for selling the units?

A. Let's see. Where we -- I think Trump Park

Avenue is the primary one where, you know, I would

be aware of where we served as sponsor and also

didn't often work with outside brokerage.

Q. Any others that you can recall?

A. I think most utilized outside salespeople.

Maybe Vegas, but I'm speculating now. I just don't

remember the structure of the sales teams.

Q. Other than Park Avenue you can't recall
any today?

A. That doesn't mean they weren't there. I just don't --

Q. Understood. I just want to make sure we understand the scope of your memory.

A. Correct.

Q. We've talked a bit about Bayrock. Are there other projects where Bayrock was partnered with the Trump Organization?

A. Again, Fort Lauderdale and Soho are the two.

Q. How about in Phoenix?

A. The deal never went forward.

Q. How about Hotel du Parc on Lake Geneva?

A. No.

Q. Did that ever come to fruition?

A. I'm not even aware of it coming to me.

Q. Are you familiar with the Swiss Development Group?

A. That's the name of it?

Q. I'm asking if you're familiar with the Swiss Development Group?

A. I'm not, no.

Q. Do you know who Victor Khrapunov is?

K-H-R-A-P-U-N-O-V.
A. I do not.

Q. Do you know if had owned any condominiums in Trump Soho?

A. He may, but I don't know.

Q. You mentioned a Moscow project that didn't come into -- never came to fruition with Mr. Sater in 2006 I think you said?

A. Correct.

Q. Was there ever another effort by Mr. Sater to bring together a development in Moscow?

A. I believe in 2015 he worked on something to that effect with Mike Cohen.

Q. And Mike Cohen is counsel at the Trump Organization?

A. Correct.

Q. Tell us about that. How did that -- do you know anything about that deal?

A. Very little.

Q. What do you know about it?

A. I know that it got to an LOI and that's about the extent of it.

Q. Do you know who signed the LOI? An LOI is letter of intent?

A. Correct.

Q. Do you know who signed it?
A. I believe my father signed it.
Q. On behalf of the Trump Organization?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you know who the counterparties were?
A. I don't.
Q. Was Bayrock involved in that one?
A. I don't believe so.
Q. Do you have any idea who was the potential counterparty on that deal?
A. I don't, no.
Q. But it was somebody connected to Felix Sater?
A. I don't know if they're connected to Felix Sater or if they knew Felix. He was involved as a broker. I don't know if he's a principal. I wasn't involved.
Q. I presume the Trump Organization still has the letter of intent?
A. I would imagine.
Q. Is that something you could produce to the Committee if we needed to see that?
A. I don't see why not. I'll check with counsel.
Q. It's been reported I believe on CNN that Mr. Cohen had reached out to an e-mail box at the
Kremlin that was a generic mailbox for Dmitry Peskov. Were you aware of that before the public reporting?

A. No, I was not.

Q. Did you have any involvement in this potential deal in Moscow?

A. Like I said, I was peripherally aware of it, but most of my knowledge has been gained since as it relates to hearing about it over the last few weeks.

Q. In this same time frame, 2015 or 2016, when Mr. Sater and Mr. Cohen were exploring a possible deal, do you know if anyone else was also exploring a deal simultaneously with the Trump Organization to build in Moscow?

A. I don't believe so.

Q. We've discussed the Agalarov family, Emin and his father Aras. Do you know if they were also exploring building a Trump Tower in Moscow?

A. We had looked at it earlier than that, but it sort of faded away I believe at the end of '14.

Q. But not in 2015 or 2016?

A. Certainly not '16. There was never a definitive end to it. It just died of deal fatigue.
Q. How did that deal first come about?

MR. FUTERFAS: Which just for clarification?


BY THE WITNESS:

A. They had hosted the Miss Universe Pageant. They were Russian developers. They had a place called Crocus City Hall where the pageant happened. They had a development site across the street, nearby, I've never been there to see that site, and wanted to talk about potentially doing a Trump-branded building there.

Q. Did you know the Agalarovs independently of the Miss Universe Pageant, before Miss Universe?

A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. How about your father, do you know if he had any connection to them before Miss Universe?

A. I don't believe he did.

Q. Do you know how they were first introduced to your father?

A. I don't.

Q. So just two days after the Miss Universe Pageant your father put out a Tweet referring to Aras Agalarov saying that he "Had a great weekend with you and your family, you've done a fantastic job. Trump Tower Moscow is next" in all bold caps.
"Emin was wow." Presumably Emin performed at Miss Universe; is that right?

A. He performed there.

Q. So following the Miss Universe Pageant your father Tweeted about Trump Tower Moscow. Does that refresh your recollection in terms of the timing of when there was a discussion with the Agalarovs?

A. As I said, it was shortly thereafter, but I don't remember the exact timing.

Q. Do you know whether financing was ever discussed with the Trump Organization for building a Trump Tower in Moscow?

A. I don't believe it was.

Q. Have you ever heard of a Russian affiliated bank known as Sberbank, S-B-E-R-B-A-N-K?

A. No.

Q. Do you know if they were ever involved in any financing deal for a Trump project?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

Q. Do you know who Herman Gref?

A. Herman Gref.

Q. G-R-E-F.

A. No.

Q. He might go by German Gref.
A. Not that I recall.

Q. Did the Trump Organization ever explore building a project in Baku, Azerbaijan?

A. Yes.

Q. And when was that?

A. I wasn't the lead on the project. So maybe I'll defer to Alan.

Q. I don't think Alan wants to testify today.

A. I don't know the exact timing. Would 2012 sound right? I don't know the exact timing.

Q. You don't recall exactly?

MR. FUTERFAS: Just a second.

(Whereupon a discussion was had sotto voce.)

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. Do you know who was involved in the Azerbaijan project or potential project?

A. I don't recall, no.

Q. Anyone from the Trump Organization you can recall?

A. I believe my sister was involved and presumably members of our development team.

Q. Do you know who the potential counterparty was on that deal?

A. I don't remember.
Q. And that deal never came to fruition; is that right?

A. It never got built, no.

Q. Do you know why?

A. I don't.

Q. Are you familiar with the Mammadov family?

A. No.

Q. Don't know them at all?

A. I may have met them, but I don't know them, no.

Q. Aras Agalarov is from Azerbaijan. Do you know if he was related to that particular project?

A. I don't know.

Q. How did you first come to meet Emin Agalarov?

A. I don't remember how we were first introduced. I believe the first time we met in person was when he performed at the WGC Championship, as I mentioned in my opening statement. Presumably I was introduced to him when we started talking about a potential real estate development with the Agalarovs shortly after the Miss Universe Pageant.

Q. Had you ever met his father?

A. I don't believe I have, no.
Q. Not at any time?
A. Not that I recall, no.
Q. Do you know whether either of the Agalarovs attended the inauguration for your father as President?
A. I don't.
Q. Do you know if they were invited?
A. I don't know.
Q. Do you know whether Mr. -- the father, Aras Agalarov, has any connection to Vladimir Putin?
A. I don't know.
Q. How about Emin?
A. I don't know.
Q. We had looked at earlier this morning the e-mail from Mr. Goldstone and Mr. Goldstone refers to the Agalarovs having information and refers to a connection to the Russian government. Did that come as a surprise to you?
A. What's the question?
Q. Did it come as a surprise to you that Mr. Goldstone was referring to a connection between the Agalarovs and the Russian government?
A. I don't know. I don't know if I thought about it.
Q. When you're reviewing your counterparties for a potential deal you said that you'll do some sort of background check. Do you ever check to determine if your counterparty is prohibited from doing business with U.S. persons because they're on the U.S. sanctions list?

A. Again, I would imagine that would fall to whoever's doing the background check.

Q. And that's some underling, you don't recall who it is?

A. I mean, the agency doing the background check presumably would notify us of that.

Q. At what stage of a potential development deal do you actually conduct a background check?

A. Depends. Before we start doing serious work.

Q. Is it before the letter of intent is signed?

A. Not always, no.

Q. So sometimes you'll sign a letter of intent with a counterparty for which you don't know what their background is, whether they're a suitable partner?

A. I think if there's an understanding they have a reputation as being successful developers we
could get past that stage without having gone
through it, yes.

Q. And how do you determine whether somebody
has the financial wherewithal to complete a project
as a developer?

A. Further diligence.

Q. And what kind of diligence is performed to
determine their financial wherewithal?

A. In cases where we're coming in as a
license we may not even get involved in that. We
would look to see if they properly owned the land,
what the financing structure would be, we'd discuss
that with them, but there's not a fixed process as
to determine that.

In the case of the Agalarovs it's pretty
clear they were successful developers, we'd seen
what they did after Miss Universe. So we were
willing to have dialogue talking about a potential
deal, but, again, it didn't go anywhere.

Q. So if the Agalarovs were, for instance,
your potential counterparty, you wouldn't look into
where they were getting the money to actually
finance a particular deal they were going to
develop with your name on it?

A. We would. Once we got to financing we
would likely get involved with that, but that's
usually further down the road.

Q. So much after the letter of intent is
signed?

A. Definitely.

Q. At that point when you're going to check
the financial wherewithal do you know what's
actually done to confirm they have the financial
ability to perform?

A. I don't.

Q. Who would take care of that? Who in the
Trump Organization would manage that process?

A. Likely our CFO would look at something
like that.

Q. Who is that?

A. Allen Weisselberg.

Q. With respect to the Agalarovs, do you know
whether the Trump Organization ever performed any
financial due diligence on them?

A. I don't know.

Q. So with respect to the various projects
that were considered with the Agalarovs, you don't
know whether it ever got to the stage where
financial due diligence was performed?

A. There was only one project that I'm aware
of that was discussed with the Agalarovs and it never got to that stage.

Q. Do you know who Ivan --

MR. FUTERFAS: Can I have one minute?

MR. PRIVOR: Of course.

(Whereupon a discussion was had sotto voce.)

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. Do you know the name Ivan Markov?

A. I don't, to the best of my knowledge.

Q. Do you know whether any party other than those we discussed ever met with the Trump Organization to discuss building a Trump Palace in Moscow?

A. Maybe. I don't know.

Q. Who would know that?

A. Well, myself or my sister, but I believe we're the only ones that looked at, you know, deals other than what we've discussed in potentially Moscow. But, again, nothing ever came to fruition. So these are people that perhaps I met but don't even recall meeting.

Q. The Trump Organization obviously considers lots of development projects. Does the organization keep any sort of log of those that it
has considered?

A. Not an official log, no.

Q. Is there a file that would contain, for instance, all letters of intent that are entered into?

A. I would imagine our legal department would keep that, yes.

Q. Do you know that they do keep them?

A. I don't know that they do, but I assume that they would.

Q. Any time the Trump Organization enters into a letter of intent is that something that has to go through your father or can somebody else sign a letter of intent?

A. No, it wouldn't have to go through my father necessarily.

Q. Who else can sign on behalf of the Trump Organization?

A. My siblings and I could have.

Q. And is there a rule or any sort of internal policy in terms of when you can sign versus it would have to go to the level that your father signs it?

A. No.

Q. So you or your siblings could pursue a
development deal without consulting your father?

A. We likely would consult him, but we could pursue plenty of deals, look at plenty of deals. We wouldn't likely bring him stuff before we believe them to be real and he didn't spend very much time dealing with license deals.

Q. In terms of real estate developments, approximately how many projects a year does the Trump Organization consider?

A. For our own developments?

Q. Development or licensing.

A. Could be 10 or 15, could be dozens. Every year's different depending on the market cycle, depending on what's going on.

Q. Looking back at 2016, can you recall how many deals the Trump Organization considered for Trump being the developer?

A. 2016 for Trump being the developer? Well, we were in the process of doing and finishing Doral. So we had a big stake in that. And we were doing the same thing at the old Post Office. So in terms of our own developments our plates were pretty full with that as well as smaller stuff as it related so some of our golf course developments, but those were our primary focus in that area.
Q. But apart from those that were actually in development, were there others that you considered as an organization for Trump serving as the developer in 2016?

A. I'm sure we looked at stuff. I just don't remember what it was.

Q. How about for licensing deals, do you recall in 2016 how many licensing deals there were for real estate developments where Trump would serve as the name on the building?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Do you have a ballpark guess?

A. A dozen. I don't remember exactly.

Q. And for each of those dozen or so deals, whatever the exact number is, would there be a letter of intent for each one?

A. No, not necessarily.

Q. What are the circumstances that require entering into a letter of intent?

A. There would have to be, you know, a deal in place, the ability to believe that something could happen, you know, on those sites, we get comfortable with the location and what was ultimately going to be built, numerous criteria that would go into that.
Q. But your comfort you described earlier does not include necessarily financial due diligence, that may come later?

A. That could come later, yes.

Q. Just one question about your visits to Russia. I think you stated earlier you recalled being there four or five times?

A. That's correct.

Q. And the most recent was when?

A. I believe the last was 2011.

Q. With respect to the potential Sater deal in Moscow 2015 or early 2016, did you ever travel to Russia?

A. I did not.

Q. Did you ever speak to anybody from Russia about that deal?

A. About that deal, no.

Q. About any other deals in Russia in that time period?

A. No, I don't believe so.

Q. And among all the deals that were considered you mentioned potential licensing deals in 2016 as well as the two developments that you mentioned. Did you speak to anybody from Russia with regard to any of those projects that you can
recall?
A. No, not that I can recall.

MR. PRIVOR: I think our time is up. We'll go off the record at --

MR. FOSTER: You have ten more minutes if you want it.

MR. PRIVOR: We'll continue for a few more minutes.

MS. SAWYER: Just quickly, you already have told us that you did not go to the Miss Universe Pageant in 2013. Did your father ever talk to you about his visit there

MR. TRUMP: No, he did not.

MS. SAWYER: So you don't really know about what he did while he was there and who he might have met with?

MR. TRUMP: No, not in any detail.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. I'm going to give you a series of names. With respect to each one of them can you tell us whether you had any contact with these people during the campaign season with respect to your father's campaign.

You mentioned earlier Irakly or Ike Kaveladze. Other than the June 9th meeting, have
you had any other contact with him during the campaign?

A. During the campaign, no, I don't believe so. I believe the only communications I ever had with him before the meeting and, frankly, after were in looking at the deal with Crocus which would have petered out before the campaign.

Q. How about Oleg Deripaska?
A. Not that I recall.

Q. Do you know who he is?
A. I don't.

Q. How about Peter Katsyv?
A. No.

Q. Do you know who he is?
A. I don't.

Q. Dennis Katsyv?
A. Not that I recall, no.

Q. Do you know who he is?
A. No.

Q. How about Sergey Lavrov?
A. The name sounds familiar, but I don't know who it is.

Q. Do you know whether you had any contact with him during the campaign?
A. No, I did not.
Q. How about Sergey Kislyak?

A. Again, sounds familiar, but I think we were talking about both of those last two names a little bit earlier.

Q. Sergey Kislyak is the former Russian ambassador.

A. The same would apply. I know they had a meeting in my office and I'm not sure if I said hello or not, but that's the extent. Maybe Lavrov, he may be the gentleman that you mentioned in the Michael Cohen e-mail. Is that where that comes from?

MR. FUTERFAS: I thought maybe he was the NRA person.

MR. TRUMP: I don't know. So the answer is yeah, I may have heard the name, but I don't have any real knowledge.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. With respect to Ambassador Kislyak, other than that possible chance encounter in your office, did you have any other communication with him during the campaign?

A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

Q. How about Sergei Gorkov?

A. I don't believe so.
Q. Do you know who he is?
A. Sergei Gorkov?
Q. Yes.
A. Can you spell it, please.
Q. G-O-R-K-O-V.
A. I don't believe so.
Q. How about Igor Sechin?
A. I don't believe so.
Q. Do you know him?
A. Not that I recall.
Q. Konstantin Kilimnik?
A. No.
Q. Do you know who he is?
A. I don't.
Q. Dmitry Peskov, do you know him?
A. The name sounds familiar, but I believe it's because it was mentioned earlier today. So I don't know him and I don't believe I've met him.
Q. Have you had any communications with him?
A. I don't believe so, no.
Q. How about Sergei Ivanov?
A. No.

MR. PUTERFAS: Excuse me. For clarification -- I'm sorry. were you finished with that answer?
MR. TRUMP: Yes.

MR. FUTERFAS: The testimony earlier was about Mr. Trump meeting someone at an NRA conference. I just don't remember the name of that person. So when he says I don't recall meeting that individual, to be clear --

MR. TRUMP: No, I don't think that name came up.

MR. PRIVOR: Understood.

MR. TRUMP: It may include ---

MR. TRUMP: Yeah. If there's a context, please give it to me.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. How about Igor Diveykin?
A. No.

Q. Do you know who he is?
A. I don't.

Q. How about Konstantin Kosachev?
A. Not that I know of, no.

Q. You don't know who he is either?
A. No.

Q. Any communications with Victor Yanukovych?
A. No.

Q. Do you know who he is?
A. I've heard the name.
Q. Do you know in what context?
A. Isn't he the former president of the Ukraine?
Q. He is.
A. Okay.
Q. Do you know anything more about it?
A. That's the extent of it.
Q. How about Mikhail Kulagin?
A. No.
Q. You don't know who he is?
A. No.
Q. How about Mikhail Fridman?
A. No.
Q. Don't know who he is either?
A. Not that I recall.
Q. Any communications with Oleg Govorun?
A. I don't believe so.
Q. Don't know who he is?
A. No.
Q. How about any communications with Pyotr Aven?
A. Doesn't sound familiar.
Q. And you don't know who he is?
A. No.
MR. PRIVOR: Why don't we take a break.
We'll go off the record. It's 1:47.

(A short break was had.)

MS. SAWYER: We'll go back on the record.

MR. FOSTER: It's 1:58. I'll just note quickly for the record we're going to deviate a little bit from the procedure. The majority staff is going to defer to the minority staff to do another round at this point. We only have one more line of questioning, but we think it will be short. So for efficiency sake we're going to let them finish and then we'll have our round.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. I'm going to ask a couple of cleanup questions and I'll turn it over to my colleague Heather.

Have you ever heard of an entity named VTB Bank?

A. Not that I recall at this time, no.

Q. Does it ring a bell with you as providing financing to any deal that the Trump Organization had considered?

A. Could you give me some context?

Q. I'm just asking if you've heard of it.

A. I don't recall, no.

Q. Good enough.
When was the last time that you had seen Mr. Sater in person, do you recall?
   A. It's been years.
Q. Do you know whether he visited the Trump Tower in July of 2016?
   A. I don't.
Q. When's the last time you spoke to Mr. Sater?
   A. Also years.
Q. And how about when's the last communication you've had with him in any other form such as e-mail?
   A. I have no idea.
Q. Do you know -- did you know that Mr. Cohen and Mr. Sater had met in January of 2017?
   A. I did not know.
Q. Are you familiar with a Ukrainian lawmaker by the name of Andrey Artemenko?
   A. I'm not.

MR. PRIVOR: I'll turn it over to Heather.

FURTHER EXAMINATION

BY MS. SAWYER:
Q. Are you familiar with the term or the concept of "kompromat"?
   A. I've heard of it in the last few weeks,
yes.

Q. And what is your understanding of that term?
A. Compromising information.

Q. And have you ever been told that Russia has compromising information on you?
A. No.

Q. Have you ever been told that Russia has compromising information on your father?
A. No.

Q. On anyone else in your family?
A. No.

Q. Anyone associated with the Trump Organization?
A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

Q. Anyone associated with the Trump campaign?
A. Same.

MR. FUTERFAS: I'm sorry, before you ask the next question can I --

MS. SAWYER: Sure.

(Whereupon a discussion was had sotto voce.)

MR. FUTERFAS: Just for clarification, there's a press report or something that's called
the Steele dossier. Are you -- are your questions directed to conversations other than conversations that have been -- other than that reporting in the press?

MS. SAWYER: Okay. Setting aside what your counsel has referred to as the Steele dossier.

BY THE WITNESS:

A. I'm not aware of any, no.

Q. How about compromising information with regard to Lieutenant General Flynn?

A. None.

Q. And what about Mr. Manafort?

A. Also none.

Q. The intelligence community in early January published an unclassified assessment that "Russia's intelligence services conducted cyber operations against targets associated with the 2016 presidential election, including targets associated with both major U.S. political parties." They concluded that this was a part of a campaign where they sought to support your father's prospects and campaign and provided derogatory information against his opponent, Hillary Clinton. Do you have any evidence that contradicts or is inconsistent with that assessment?
A. I'm not aware of any evidence that confirms or denies it.

Q. Have you seen any intelligence reports related to it?

A. I have not, no.

Q. Has anyone discussed with you any intelligence reports related to it?

A. No.

Q. Do you have any other evidence that it was related to that assessment?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

Q. Are you aware of anyone who encouraged, supported, in any way aided Russia cyber operations during the 2016 presidential election?

A. I'm not.

Q. Have you seen any e-mails or documents that might have come from cyber operations during the 2016 presidential election other than what's been released publicly?

A. No.

Q. When and how did you first hear about the availability of information gained through cyber attacks on the Democratic National Committee?

A. I imagine WikiLeaks, but I don't know.

Q. And do you recall roughly when that was?
A. I don't. Summer '16, spring of '16.

Q. And that was the first you had heard of it?

A. I believe so, yes.

Q. And how did you hear about it?

A. News, social media.

Q. And when did you first hear that that information had been gained through a hack of the DNC?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do you know if it was in June of 2016?

A. I imagine I found out when the rest of the public heard it.

Q. So you learned through public reporting?

A. Yes.

Q. You didn't hear it from anyone within the campaign before that?

A. Not to my knowledge, no.

Q. Anyone associated with the campaign in any way?

A. I don't believe so.

MR. PRIVOR: Did anyone from WikiLeaks reach out to you to tell you about the hacks?

MR. TRUMP: As I mentioned, they had contacted me asking if I pushed some stuff out and
some other minor communications, but I believe that was already well in process by that time.

MR. PRIVOR: Had anyone sent you a DM or private message concerning hacks of the DNC servers?

MR. TRUMP: Not that I recall, no.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Did you or anyone else discuss finding ways to obtain the information, once you had learned about it publicly finding ways to obtain that information?

MR. FUTUREAS: Can we just be specific which information you're referring to?

MS. SAWYER: Sure.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. First of all, let me ask you when did you first learn about the availability of John Podesta's e-mails?

A. When the public was made aware.

Q. Do you recall when that was?

A. I don't.

Q. Do you think it was as early as you heard about the Browder, the other initial leak with regard to the Democratic National Committee?

A. I don't know that they're one and the
same. I'm not sure.

Q. And did you also learn at the same time --
around that same time that he also had been subject
to cyber attack?
A. I don't recall.

MR. FUTERFAS: "He" meaning Podesta.

MS. SAWYER: "He" meaning John Podesta. You
don't recall?

BY THE WITNESS:
A. No.

Q. Did you or anyone else discuss finding or
obtaining this information from the hack of the
Democratic National Committee?
A. No. It was all put up there I believe,
like I said, on WikiLeaks.

Q. Did you discuss trying to obtain the
information from the hack of John Podesta's
e-mails?
A. I don't believe so, no.

Q. Did you discuss how to coordinate possible
release of that information with anyone?
A. Not that I can recall, no.

Q. Did anyone offer you any information as to
when that information from either of those hacks
would be released?
MR. FUTERFAS: You mean prior — I want to be clear of your question. You mean prior to that information being publicly available, i.e. that, in fact, they were hacked?

MS. SAWYER: I'm asking if anyone contacted him — let me just rephrase.

MR. FUTERFAS: Thank you.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Did anyone ever contact you or anyone else on the campaign about the timing of release of that information before that release occurred?

A. No, not that I recall.

Q. Did anyone — did you or anyone else on the campaign ever learn about the timing of the release of the information before it happened?

A. I don't believe so, no.

Q. Was there any discussion that you were involved in within the campaign or anyone else about potential use of the information that had been obtained through the cyber attacks on the DNC or Mr. Podesta?

A. Meaning beyond what was made available publicly?

Q. Yes. How you might possibly use that to your advantage.
A. I don't recall that, no. It was just out there in plain sight.

MR. PRIVOR: I don't mean to be too nitpicky, but you've used the term not that you recall. Is that because it never happened or is it something that happened at one time, you just don't recall it now?

MR. TRUMP: I don't recall it ever happening. I just don't know that if someone had a passing conversation with me and said, hey, what do you think about that, but no, there was no substantive conversations that I can at all remember about any of that.

MR. FUTERFAS: Just an observation. I think some of the questions are obviously -- the phraseology is you or anyone on the campaign. Obviously he can only answer to what he personally knows.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Do you feel the need to change any of your answers?

A. I don't believe so, but that's obviously a caveat I can only speak for myself and the conversations I was involved in. I'm not aware of any other conversations that took part along this
line of questioning that I had heard about after the fact but was not a part of. I just kind of gave you guys the full scope there. Does that make sense?

MR. PRIVOR: I think so. Just so we're clear, the last couple questions that you've answered with I don't recall, that's not something that you knew at one time but have since forgotten as opposed to -- I think your answer, if I understand your correction, is that you never knew of anything like that at all; is that right?

MR. TRUMP: That's correct.

MR. PRIVOR: Thank you for the clarification.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. Were there any efforts to coordinate the use of the information that was released as part of -- by WikiLeaks, by Guccifer, by DC Leaks with any external parties?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever talk to anyone -- did you ever talk to Dan Scavino about potential use of information that was obtained through attacks on the DNC or Mr. Podesta?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Did you ever talk to anyone else on the
social media team for the campaign about use of that information?

A. If there was anything that would have been released it would have been released publicly. I may have had a conversation that said, hey, you should re-Tweet that thing, that's kind of a big deal, but that would be the extent of any conversation I had. I just don't remember having any of those conversations.

Q. And do you recall when those conversations would have occurred?

A. I don't recall the conversations. So no.

Q. Did you or anyone else encourage Russia or anybody else to hack Hillary Clinton's e-mails?

A. I certainly didn't. I don't remember if anyone else did.

Q. Did you or anyone else make any effort to obtain Hillary Clinton's e-mails?

A. No.

Q. Did you or anyone else ever receive Hillary Clinton's e-mails other than something that might have been published publicly?

A. No.

Q. Do you know who Peter Smith is?

A. No.
Q. Were you aware of Mr. Smith's efforts to obtain Hillary Clinton's e-mails?

A. I don't recall knowing Peter Smith. So I'm not aware of his efforts. Who was he?

Q. There's been public reporting on him. So it's in the press.

A. Okay. I haven't seen it.

Q. Do you know if any of the following people made any efforts to obtain Secretary Clinton's e-mails. Michael Flynn?

A. I don't know.

Q. Steve Bannon?

A. I don't know.

Q. Kellyanne Conway?

A. I don't know.

Q. Sam Clovis?

A. I don't know.

Q. Carter Page?

A. I don't know.

Q. Roger Stone?

A. No idea.

Q. Did you ever have a conversation with Mr. Stone about e-mails or other information obtained as part of a cyber attack on the DNC or Mr. Podesta or about Hillary Clinton's e-mails?
A. I don't recall having a conversation with Roger Stone basically past the first week or two of our campaign.

Q. So that would have been in 2015?
A. Probably.

Q. June of 2015?
A. I didn't really deal with Roger too much.

Q. Who did deal with Roger?
A. I don't know if anyone did. I don't know that he had an actual role in our campaign.

Q. Did he communicate directly with your father?
A. I don't know.

Q. We've talked a lot about Russia. So I have some broader questions about other foreign governments. Did other foreign governments offer or provide assistance to the Trump campaign?
A. None that I'm aware of.

Q. Did other foreign nationals offer or provide assistance to the Trump Campaign?
A. No.

Q. Did you directly or indirectly seek foreign government or foreign nationals assistance for the Trump campaign?
A. No.
Q. Are you aware of anyone else seeking
foreign government or foreign nationals assistance
for the Trump campaign?
A. I'm not.
Q. Did you ever tell anyone that you or the
Trump campaign would be receptive to offers of
assistance from foreign governments or foreign
nationals?
A. No.
Q. Did any other -- it has been reported that
your father was at his private golf club in
Bedminster, New Jersey before he fired former
Director Comey. Were you at Bedminster that
weekend?
A. I don't believe so, no.
Q. Did you talk with your father that
weekend?
A. Not that I recall, no.
Q. Did you discuss his firing of Director
Comey with him at any point in time?
A. No, I don't believe so.
Q. Did you ever discuss Director Comey's
performance with your father?
A. No.
Q. Director Comey testified to Congress. You
Tweeted a fair amount about his testimony?
   A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever discuss his testimony with your father?
   A. I don't believe so, no.
   Q. Did you talk about his testimony with anyone else in your family?
   A. Not that I remember, no.
   Q. Anyone in the Trump Organization?
   A. I think it was a pretty big topic of conversation that week. So I may have, but nothing specific that I recall.
   Q. Did you talk to anyone about the Tweets that you put out?
   A. I got talking points from the RNC and their communications department during that, but I sort of went off on my own.
   Q. So you didn't coordinate with anyone?
   A. I heard their talking points, I saw what they were doing, and I sort of did my own thing.
   Q. Did you get talking points from anyone else about Director Comey at any point in time?
   A. No, not that I remember.
   Q. On February 13th National Security Advisor Michael Flynn left the administration, he ended his
service. When did you first learn he was leaving?

A. When you did probably. Well, you may have
known before me because of your position, but when
the public found out I found out.

Q. Mr. Flynn had been at Mar-a-Lago with your
father in the days around that. Were you at
Mar-a-Lago?

A. February? I don't believe so, but I don't
know.

Q. And what is your understanding of why he
left?

A. He exaggerated a claim or misled Vice
President Pence about something.

Q. And what is the basis of that
understanding?

A. Media.

Q. Have you discussed it with your father
ever?

A. I have not.

Q. Have you discussed it with anyone else in
the White House?

A. No.

Q. Anyone in the Trump Organization?

A. No.

Q. Were you ever present when anyone else was
discussing his firing?

A. No.

Q. Were you ever present when anyone else was discussing Director Comey's firing?

A. No, I don't believe so.

Q. Mr. Flynn also had meetings and discussion with the Russian ambassador. You've spoken about one of them and your knowledge of that. Do you know of any others?

A. I'm not aware of any others, no.

Q. Did you know anything about his conversations with the ambassador at the end of December 2016?

A. No.

Q. Do you know if Mr. Flynn had conversations with any other foreign government officials that have not been disclosed?

A. I'm not aware of any, no.

Q. Have you and your father ever discussed the FBI's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election?

A. No, not that I remember.

Q. Has your father ever expressed to you his frustrations with an investigation of Russian interference?
A. No.

Q. Have you and your father ever discussed the question of pardons for individuals related to the investigation of Russian interference?

A. No, we haven't.

Q. Have you discussed the issue of pardons for anyone?

A. No.

Q. Lieutenant General Flynn following his leaving the administration, is it your understanding that he resigned or he was fired?

A. I don't know that I have an understanding beyond what was reported.

Q. He subsequently registered for work he had been doing on behalf of Turkish interests in the Turkish government. Did you know about that?

A. Only in recent weeks.

Q. And how did you learn of it?

A. Media.

Q. Did you travel to Turkey in the fall of 2016?

A. I did.

Q. When did you go?

A. November, mid-November -- or end of November, maybe early December.
Q. And why did you go?
A. I was hunting.

Q. And who arranged that trip?
A. I arranged it with a friend of mine who runs a hunting outfitting business in Turkey.

Q. And who is that individual?
A. I'm going to botch the last one, but something along that line.

Q. And what was the purpose of that trip?
A. It was hunting.

Q. And did you do any campaign-related activities while you were there?
A. Campaign-related activities? The campaign was over.

Q. Did you do anything related to Trump business while you were there?
A. No.

Q. Who did you meet with while you were there?
A. Him, his hunting guides, a few people that were friends of his, and that's about the extent of it. I had a Secret Service detail with me the whole time.

Q. Was Michael Flynn involved in any way in
MR. PRIVOR: Was he ever a topic of conversation on this trip?
MR. TRUMP: No, he was not.

BY MS. SAWYER:
Q. In addition to any contacts you might have had, did you ever have any contacts or communications with DC Leaks?
A. Who?
Q. DC Leaks.
A. Never even heard of DC Leaks.
Q. What about Guccifer 2.0?
A. I don't believe so, no.
Q. Have you had any contacts with Lieutenant General Flynn since he resigned or was fired?
A. I don't believe so, no.
Q. What about your father, has had he any contacts with him?
A. I don't know.
Q. And have you personally had any contact with Paul Manafort since he resigned as campaign manager or chair on August 18, 2016?
A. On August 18, 2016? I'm sure I have.
Q. Do you recall what those interactions were
A. Casual. I don't know.

Q. When was the last time you interacted with him?

A. I think he came by my office sometime early in the spring.

Q. What do you consider early in the spring?

A. Probably March.

Q. March of 2016?


Q. 2017. Sorry. And that's the last you recall having met with him?

A. Correct.

Q. Have you had any discussions with your father about the congressional investigations?

A. No.

Q. With anyone else in your family?

A. Other than casual good luck kind of thing from my brother, no, not extensively. Not at all, no.

Q. What about Mr. Kushner?

A. I've spoken to him once or twice with counsel, both counsel present, but not extensively, no.

Q. And did you talk to him before he spoke
with the Senate Intelligence Committee?

A. I don't think I did. I mean, let me rephrase that. Not specifically about that. I'm sure I spoke with Jared generally, but not about those issues and not about his testimony.

Q. I'm talking about the investigations.

A. Yeah.

Q. And what about after his testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee?

A. Like I said, I've spoken to him, but I don't recall speaking to him about that specifically.

Q. Have you ever interacted with Attorney General Sessions?

A. Yes.

Q. When have you interacted with him?

A. On the campaign. I did a few campaign stops with him, a few in Texas and in the south. So I knew him from that.

Q. And what about since the election, since November 8, 2016?

A. I don't believe I've seen him since.

Q. Were you aware of his meetings with Russian Ambassador --

A. Let me correct that for one second. Since
the election or since the inauguration? I may have
seen him as part of the transition team after the
election, but since the inauguration I don't
believe I've seen Senator Sessions.

Q. Did you have any role in the transition
team?
A. Initially getting things rolling, but no.
Once it was clear I wasn't going to D.C., I largely
removed myself from all of that.

Q. So were you involved at all in selecting
the transition team?
A. Selecting the transition team? There were
some people I was involved in at the beginning of
the process, yes.

Q. And who were those individuals?
A. I was involved somewhat in vetting people
for the Department of Interior, involved in some of
the people -- in talking with some of the people
and various other things, but primarily Interior.

Q. And why the Department of Interior?
A. Because I'm an outdoorsman, I campaigned
on a lot of those issues, hunters and fisherman and
shooters around the country. It was a relevant
thing for me.

Q. What did the vetting process entail?
A. Meeting people who would be able to do a
good job in that position and introducing them to
my father and ultimately getting his take.

Q. And did you perform any due diligence as
part of that vetting? Was any required by the
transition team?

A. The team did more of the diligence once we
sort of narrowed down a group that would be good
for the role.

Q. And do you know who on the transition team
was responsible for that vetting?

A. Specific vetting, no, I don't.

Q. And you weren't involved in any of the
specific vetting?

A. No.

Q. And do you remember who specifically you
recommended to become part of the administration?

A. I recommended Ryan Zinke.

Q. Anyone else?

A. Not that I remember, no.

Q. Were you aware of Attorney General
Sessions meeting with Russian Ambassador Sergey
Kislyak?

A. No.

Q. Did you become aware of them at any time?
A. From the media, yes.

Q. So not prior to that?

A. Correct.

MR. PRIVOR: A couple moments ago you mentioned a meeting with Jared Kushner with counsel and I think you said you two counsels were present. Who were the two?

MR. TRUMP: His counsel I believe is Abbe Lowell and you guys.

MR. FUTERFAS: I don't want to go into privileged questions.

MR. PRIVOR: I'm not asking about a privileged conversation. Was anyone else present?

MR. TRUMP: I don't believe so.

MR. PRIVOR: So it was you, Mr. Kushner, and your respective lawyers?

MR. TRUMP: Correct.

MR. PRIVOR: No one else?

MR. TRUMP: No.

MR. FUTERFAS: When you said present, I just want to be very clear some of those conversations could have been been by phone as well?

MR. PRIVOR: Understood. Thank you for the clarification.

MS. SAWYER: I think that's it for us for
now. We'll go off the record. It's 2:26.

(A short break was had.)

MR. FOSTER: We're back on the record. It's 2:30. We have a couple more questions and I think we'll be done.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. FOSTER:

Q. There was a reference earlier in the interview to something that's commonly referred to as the Steele dossier, a collection of memos by Christopher Steele that have been released to the press. When did you first become aware of the existence of that set of memos referred to as the Steele dossier?

A. I believe whenever the media announced it.

Q. So you didn't have any prior knowledge of it through any conversations with your father about his conversations with Director Comey or anyone in the intelligence community about that document?

A. No, I don't believe so.

Q. And you were asked a couple questions earlier about your knowledge of the Comey firing or discussions about Mr. Comey's performance. I want to ask you a more general question. Did you ever have any conversations with your father about his
conversations with Director Comey prior to Director Comey being fired?

A. No, I didn't.

MR. FOSTER: I'll note for the record that Senator Franken is in the room.

MR. DAVIS: I have have one more question or line of questions.

FURTHER EXAMINATION

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. So the Republican National Convention was in July of 2016, as I'm sure you recall.

A. Yes.

Q. In June of 2016 do you recall efforts by various so-called Never Trump Movements to use procedural tactics such as freeing delegates to try to thwart your father from taking the nomination at that convention?

A. I heard about that.

Q. Do you remember if that was a topic of discussion throughout June within the Trump Organization?

A. It wouldn't have been within the organization, but it would have been within the campaign.

Q. On June 15th both the Smoking Gun and
Gawker released what they claimed was a file of opposition research on your father that had been obtained through the DNC hack by Guccifer 2.0. That release came in the midst of the Never Trump efforts to thwart your father's efforts to seal the nomination. Do you recall any conversations about that release among the Trump Organization or Trump campaign?

A. No, I don't.

MR. FOSTER: We'll go off the record. It's 2:33.

(Whereupon the proceedings were adjourned at 2:33 p.m.)