

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 19, 2019

Case No.: F-2018-04736 Segment: IPS-0002

Mr. David N. Bossie Citizens United 1006 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E. Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Bossie:

In response to your request dated June 22, 2018, under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. §552, the Department has located two responsive documents. After reviewing these documents we have determined that both may be released in full. All released material is enclosed.

We will keep you advised as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Trial Attorney Johnny Hillary Walker, III, at (202) 252-2575 or johnny.walker@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number, F-2018-04736, and civil action number, 1:18-cv-01862, in all communications about this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman

Chief, Programs and Policies Division

Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2018-04736 Doc No. C06682578 Date: 02/19/2019

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Sent:

Thursday, October 13, 2016 9:51 AM

To:

Winer, Jonathan < WinerJ@state.gov>

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Re: Thanks

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April 30, 2019

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Segment: IPS-0002 & H-0001

Mr. David N. Bossie Citizens United 1006 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E. Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Bossie:

I refer you to our letter dated February 19, 2019, regarding the review of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The review of potentially responsive records is ongoing and has resulted in the retrieval of five documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that one may be released to you in full, three may be released in part, and one must be withheld in full. All released material is enclosed.

Where documents are released to you in part, all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. The document withheld in full was withheld at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) under FOIA Exemptions 3 and 7(E), 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(3) and (b)(7)(E). For those records released in part, portions withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 were withheld at the request of the FBI pursuant to the National Security Act of 1947, §50 U.S.C. 3024(i)(1), unless otherwise noted. An enclosure provides information on FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material.

We will keep you advised as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Trial Attorney Johnny Hillary Walker, III, at (202) 252-2575 or johnny.walker@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number, F-2018-04736, and civil action number, 1:18-cv-01862, in all communications about this case.

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
 - 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

Árms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
 - (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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Kavalec, Kathleen A

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Notes from Meeting with Chris Steele and Tatyana Duran of Orbis Security, October 11, 2016 Background: Orbis undertook the investigation into the Russia/Trump connection at the behest of an institution he declined to identify that had been hacked. The institution approached them based on the recommendation of Glenn Simpson and Peter Fritch (specialists in economic crime, formerly of the WSJ) and is keen to see this information come to light prior to November 8. Orbis undertook the investigation in June of 2016. **B3** NATSECACT1947 B7(E) 1.4(C)B1 **B3** NATSECACT1947 B7(E) **B3** NATSECACT1947 B7(E)

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Tuesday, November 1, 2016 3:19 PM

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Subject:

Name of contact

Ana,

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The name of the person you asked me about is Chris Steele.

Kathy Kavalec
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of European Affairs
Department of State, Room 6226
Washington, D.C.
202-647-5146

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Washington, D.C. 20520

May 6, 2019

Case No.: F-2018-04736

Segment: IPS-0002 & H-0001

Mr. David N. Bossie Citizens United 1006 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E. Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Bossie:

I refer you to our letter dated April 30, 2019, regarding the review of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The review of potentially responsive records has resulted in the retrieval of two documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that one may be released to you in full and the other may be released in part.

For the document withheld in part, where excisions have been made, the applicable exemptions are marked. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. Note that some of the material in this document was withheld at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). An enclosure provides information on FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material.

Additionally, upon further review, the FBI has determined that additional information may be released in one document previously produced on April 30, 2019. All released material is enclosed.

This completes the processing of your request. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Trial Attorney Johnny Hillary Walker, III, at (202) 252-2575 or johnny.walker@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number, F-2018-04736, and civil action number, 1:18-cv-01862, in all communications about this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman

Chief, Programs and Policies Division

Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
 - 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
 - (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

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Notes from Meeting with Chris Steele and Tatyana Duran of Orbis Security, Octo	her 11 2016
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Background: Orbis undertook the investigation into the Russia/Trump connecti	
behest of an institution he declined to identify that had been hacked. The institution	
approached them based on the recommendation of Glenn Simpson and Peter F	
in economic crime, formerly of the WSJ) and is keen to see this information com	ne to light prior
to November 8. Orbis undertook the investigation in June of 2016.	
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1. Contacts between Trump via Manafort and the Kremlin that go back	
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Trump was filmed engaged in compromising activities with prostitutes in	
Carlton, the Russians have not needed to use that "kompromat" on him	
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prostitutes is accurate because they had their source speak with hotel co	
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managed by Alfa Bank (see separate paper on this channel). Aven is reportedly vulnerable to pressure from Putin because he has declined to repatriate \$48 in funds he took out of Russia. (Steele said Aven's contacts with Putin go back to St. Petersburg, when Putin made \$100M in the oil-for-food business while Aven was Minister of Foreign Trade.) Manafort is vulnerable because he owes \$100M to the Russians. Carter Paige is involved, and he had two secret meetings with Rosneft Chairman Igor Sechin in Moscow earlier this year. Steele says U.S. congressional contacts confirmed Paige was involved in the effort to have the Republican platform changed with respect to Ukraine/lethal weapons. Steele noted that according to their source, while there will continue to be leaks of DNC material, "all the best stuff" has already been leaked and there will not be any bombshells coming.

2. There is a technical/human operation run out of Moscow targeting the election. There is a significant Russian network in the U.S. run by the Russian Embassy that draws on emigres to do hacking and recruiting. This operation involved Russian Embassy officer Mikhail Kalugin, who was quickly pulled out of the U.S. this summer when the hacking scandal broke. Kalugin was replaced with Andrey Bondarev. Payments to those recruited are made out of the Russian Consulate in Miami. (Comment: As of late September 2016, according to DHS electronic records, Mikhail Kalugin did not appear to be in the U.S. His travel history indicates he arrived in the U.S. at Dulles airport on April 4, 2016 and departed at Dulles airport on August 18, 2016.

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Andrey Bondarev appeared to be in the country as of late September 2016. Bondarev's most recent I-94 indicates that he arrived on August 29, 2016 at Dulles airport. It is important to note that there is no Russian Consulate in Miami. End comment.)

- 3. The Russians have succeeded in placing an agent inside the DNC.
- 4. Steele also mentioned an émigré Amcit by the name of Serge Millian who may be involved in some day. (According to the Financial Times (FT), Milian is head of the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce). Steele noted Millian had left the U.S. and seemed to have disappeared. (Comment: According to FT, Millian's organization said in 2009 it had "signed formal agreements with the Trump Organization" to service Russian real estate clients, but the Trump Organization denied any connections. Per Steele, Millian is connected Simon Kukes (who took over management of Yukos when Khodorkovsky was arrested.) N.B. I've seen press reports that Kukes recently donated a large amount of money to the Trump campaign.

On a separate note, Orbis has information suggesting Lesin was killed accidentally. Reportedly Lesin was trying to push Putin's mistress Kubayeva out of Gazprom Media, and someone was sent to warn him off. They did not mean to kill him, but things got out of hand.

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Sent:

Monday, November 21, 2016 1:03 PM

To:

'Ohr, Bruce (ODAG)' <Bruce.G.Ohr@usdoj.gov>

Subject:

RE: Thanks and some links

Just re-looking at my notes from my convo with Chris Steele, I see that Chris said Kukes has some connection to Serge Millian, an émigré who is identified by FT as head of the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce. According to what Chris said to me in early October, Millian has apparently "disappeared," i.e., left the U.S. and hasn't been seen recently. I don't know anything about Millian, but he is referenced in the FT story: https://ig.ft.com/sites/trumps-russian-connections/

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From: Ohr, Bruce (ODAG) [mailto:Bruce.G.Ohr@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 12:35 PM

To: Kavalec, Kathleen A

Subject: RE: Thanks and some links

Kathy -

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us. I really hope we can get something going here.

This is very interesting – I may have heard about him from Tom Firestone as well, but I can't recall for certain. We will take another look at this.

Thanks again, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Bruce

From: Kavalec, Kathleen A [mailto:KavalecKA@state.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 12:17 PM
To: Ohr, Bruce (ODAG) < brohr@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: Thanks and some links

Bruce,

Thanks so much for coming by. It was very helpful to hear about the work the OCDE TF is doing, and we look forward to staying in touch.

Regarding the person I mentioned, Simon Kukes, below are a couple of links to the story I mentioned. I met Simon Kukes around 2014. Tom Firestone brought him in. Kukes had left Russia because he said he was concerned he might be investigated – as I recall he said had gotten a summons to a court on some issue. Per Tom, Kukes was trying to decide whether to relocate to the U.S.; he was supposedly worried about his safety. I think maybe he was also looking at Israel. Not sure where he ended up. On this campaign donation story, I just wondered what, assuming this is true, the original source of the funding might have been. Best, Kathy

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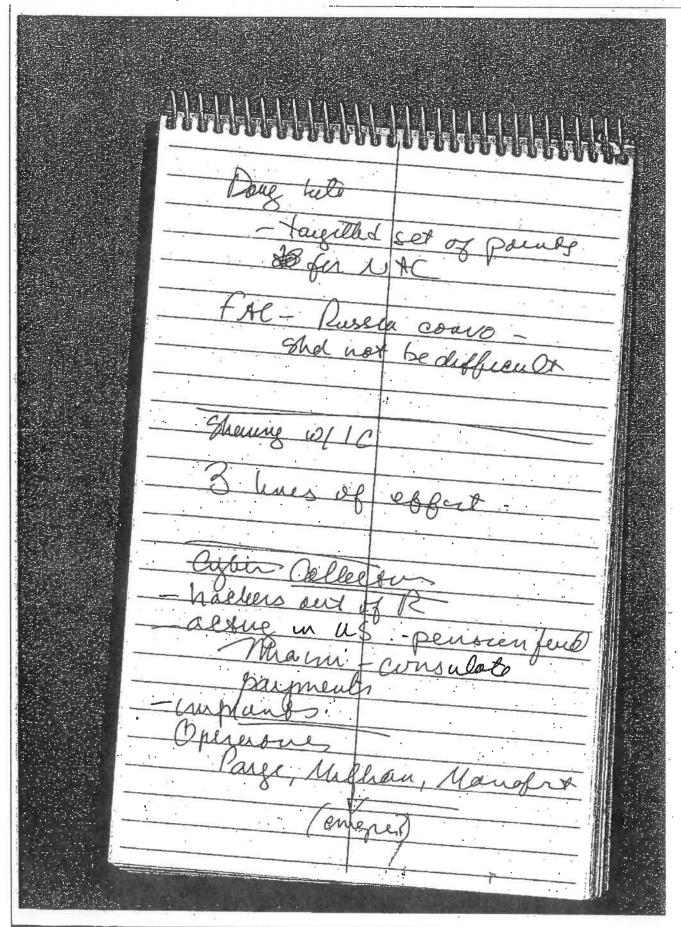
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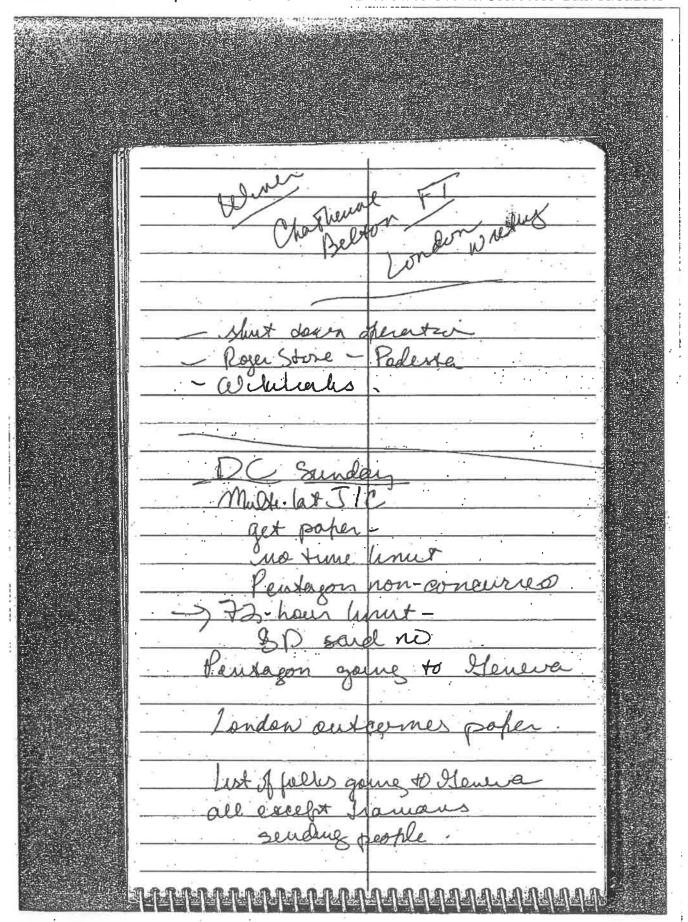
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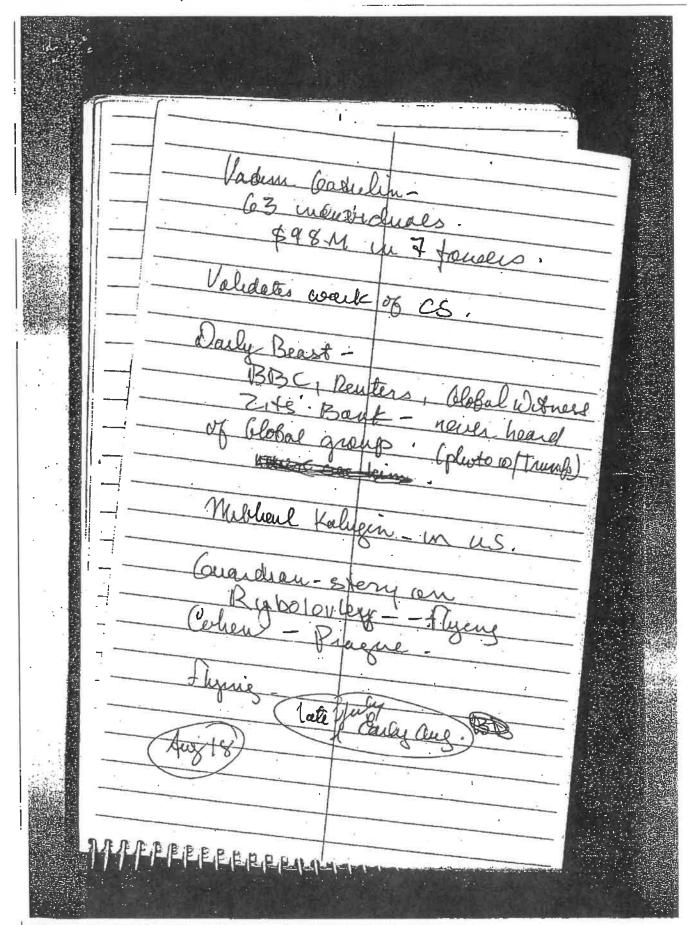
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