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Case ID #: 72-WF-3124352 (U) Congressional Criminal Referral re
Nellie Ohr
105-HQ-C3100617- (U) Dissemination related to Field
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Synopsis: (U// [REDACTED] Request for Special Counsel's Office (SCO) material
to the Washington Field Office in support of captioned investigation.

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Reference: 72-WF-3124352 Serial 9

Administrative Notes: (U// [REDACTED] Referenced serial, dated 6/5/2019, is a
request for material derived from FBI & Special Counsel investigations to
be authorized for dissemination to WFO. During the week of 8/19/2019, WFO
CI A/SAC Mark Levett advised Writer that The Post Special Counsel's
Office required further explanation as to the relevancy of the requested
material. This serial serves to provide additional information regarding
the potential relevance of requested material and to request access to
D5-POST SCO TEAM material.

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Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. [REDACTED] Nellie Ohr/Fusion GPS I2 Link Chart

Details:

On May 3, 2019, Washington Field Office's Federal Public Corruption squad, CR-15, was charged with review of a Congressional criminal referral that alleged Nellie Ohr violated 18 USC § 1001 during Congressional testimony

(U) Nellie Ohr Provided False Testimony

(U// [REDACTED]) Initial investigation of the allegations contained in the criminal referral established the fact that Nellie Ohr provided demonstrably false information in two aspects of her testimony and that she may have provided false testimony in other regards. Whether this false testimony might lead to a viable 1001 charge is for DOJ's Public Integrity Section (PIN) to determine.

(U// [REDACTED]) Captioned assessment serves to aid in the determination of whether the FBI should open an investigation arising from these allegations and to prepare for an adequately informed brief of DOJ PIN. Basic due diligence requires WFO CR-15 not present its findings (both exculpatory and inculpatory) to DOJ PIN until relevant information in FBI holdings has been reviewed by investigators charged with this responsibility.

(U) Post Special Counsel Team Access Restrictions

(U// [REDACTED]) On May 3, 2019, relevant FBI/DOJ information related to this assessment was inaccessible to FBI investigators given that the Trump/Russia-collusion investigations were in FBI systems under

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"Prohibited Access" status which, unlike "Restricted Access" status, precludes investigators from detecting the existence of potentially relevant serials. In other words, when search terms that exist in the Prohibited Access-status cases are searched in Sentinel, the particular search will receive a false-negative Sentinel search response.

(U// [REDACTED]) On May 30, 2019, FBIHQ's D5-POST SCO TEAM obtained DOJ concurrence and released to WFO CR-15 thirteen (13) redacted FD-302s documenting the FBI interviews of Bruce Ohr. At that time, Writer requested un-redacted versions of these FD-302s from the "Prohibited Access" Special Counsel holdings.

(U// [REDACTED]) On May 31, 2019, D5-POST SCO TEAM advised that some but not all of the cases related to Trump/Russian-collusion had been migrated from Prohibited status to Restricted Access status so that investigators might have the opportunity to identify potentially relevant Restricted Access serials via Sentinel searches and request access to those particular serials via the D5-POST SCO TEAM. At that time, FBI investigators were not granted access to these Restricted Access cases but could, through running Sentinel searches, see that particular search terms were found in non-viewable serials. Obviously, investigators would (and do) remain incapable of identifying potentially relevant serials in those cases that remained in "Prohibited Access" status.

(U// [REDACTED]) Given the number of relevant search terms WFO CR-15 required run against the Russian-collusion cases pursuant to this assessment, and given that D5-POST SCO TEAM had confirmed the impossibility of WFO identifying all potentially relevant serials due to some Russia-collusion cases remaining in "Prohibited Access" status, WFO CR-15 provided a TDY analyst to the D5-POST SCO TEAM to assist in running the requested search terms against the Russia-collusion investigations.

(U// [REDACTED]) Commencing June 24, 2019, a WFO CR-15 analyst worked in D5-

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POST SCO TEAM space seeking to facilitate the obtain DOJ concurrence for dissemination of un-redacted serials containing said search terms. Pursuant to WFO's request, serials were compiled in the weeks that followed but a vast majority of the requested material/serials were never disseminated to WFO. Reportedly, a D5-POST SCO TEAM official declined to provide the requested serials based upon his determination that the requested serials were not relevant to this assessment.

(U) **Scope of Dissemination Request:** *Any and All Serials Containing WFO Requested Search Terms In Any and All 372B and 105H Prohibited Access And Restricted Access Cases.*

- (U// [REDACTED] WFO CR-15 recognizes that it is unavoidable that some of the requested serials, when received by WFO, will be determined to be not relevant to this assessment. This is because D5-POST SCO TEAM restrictions preclude direct access to FBI material germane to WFO investigations. As is the case, investigators can only submit terms likely to generate relevant serials and, when in receipt of said serials, WFO investigators actively working the inquiry will make a relevancy determination.

- (U// [REDACTED] WFO investigators must determine the relevancy of particular serials due to the impossibility of HQ officials being capable of recognizing the relevancy of particular details as would investigators actively working a case. For example, Writer is in talks with investigators/prosecutors from the inquiry being directed by United States Attorney John Durham about engaging in a joint interview of Nellie Ohr's mid-level Fusion GPS boss, Jacob "Jake" Berkowitz. Nellie Ohr testified Berkowitz tasked her with her research projects such as her work on Carter Page.
 - (U// [REDACTED] Berkowitz has the ability to speak to multiple lines of investigation within this inquiry to include but not limited to indicia of deception regarding authorship/contribution; indicia of deception regarding Nellie's dissemination of Fusion GPS research; and indicia of deception regarding knowledge of ongoing DOJ/FBI investigations.

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◦ [REDACTED] Despite WFO's 6/05/19 request for serials containing the name Berkowitz (there are **70 serials** in the Restricted Access 372B cases and possibly more in the Prohibited Access cases), the D5-POST SCO TEAM has thus far not provided any serials containing the search term "Berkowitz." The WFO CR-15 analyst who was TDY'd to the D5-POST SCO TEAM advised Writer that some of these serials do contain information pertaining to Nellie Ohr's Fusion GPS boss, Jacob "Jake" Berkowitz.

(U) **Background**

(U// [REDACTED] Nellie Ohr, DOB: 08/09/1962, educated at Harvard University (Russian History & Literature) and Stanford University (Ph.D. in Russian History), has been identified in public-source (& transcripts of congressional testimony) as having been employed for approximately six years as a CIA contract open-source analyst.

(U// [REDACTED] Ohr was/is married to Bruce Ohr, a former Department of Justice (DOJ) Associate Deputy Attorney General who obtained significant experience investigating Russian/Ukrainian organized crime figures and Russian oligarchs via the positions he has held at the DOJ Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force Section (OCDETF). Although twice demoted from this position due to his personal conduct related to the Trump/Russia-collusion investigation, Bruce remains employed at DOJ.

(U// [REDACTED] During the 2016 presidential election, Nellie Ohr worked for Fusion GPS – a firm hired by the campaign of the Democrat Party nominee Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Committee to perform political opposition research – on a project seeking to connect Donald Trump and his campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, to Russian organized crime.

(U// [REDACTED] On October 19, 2018, in the District of Columbia, Nellie Ohr

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testified to the House Committee on the Judiciary and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Ohr testified before Congress that "I worked on a project looking into the relationship of Donald Trump with organized crime, a [sic] Russian organized crime." Ohr testified that this project included:

- Fusion GPS providing Nellie with materials related to Manafort's travels, to include a list of Manafort's flights
- Fusion GPS employee Jacob ("Jake") Berkowitz directing Nellie to research Carter Page because he was an advisor to Trump
- Nellie's research determined that Carter Page spoke at a Moscow university
- Fusion GPS directed Nellie to research Michael Flynn regarding the relationship he might have with Russia

(U// [REDACTED]) A Judicial Watch Freedom of Information Act lawsuit revealed 339 pages of redacted DOJ emails showing communications between Nellie Ohr's private email account and DOJ email accounts, to include the email accounts of three DOJ OCDETF officials she neglected to mention sharing her research with during her testimony. In response to concerns raised by these emails that appear to suggest contradictions with Nellie Ohr's testimony before Congress, Congressman Mark Meadows filed a criminal referral with the Justice Department, suggesting that Nellie Ohr knowingly provided false testimony to the committees, in violation of 18 U.S. Code § 1001:

During her transcribed interview, Ms. Ohr testified she 'would not have any knowledge of what [was] going on in an ongoing investigation' at DOJ and would not 'have any knowledge of the Department of Justice's investigations on Russia.' Ms. Ohr also denied she shared her research on Russian organized crime and Donald Trump with individuals outside of Fusion GPS (her employer); her husband, DOJ attorney Bruce Ohr, and Christopher Steele.

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However, documents reviewed by our committees raise concerns Ms. Ohr not only had knowledge of an ongoing DOJ investigation, but that she shared information and research on Russian organized crime to assist DOJ, in direct contradiction with her testimony.

(U// [REDACTED] At the outset of her Congressional testimony, Nellie Ohr advised she understood that witnesses who knowingly provide false testimony can be subject to criminal prosecution for perjury or false statements:

Mr. Somers. Witnesses who knowingly provide false testimony could be subject to criminal prosecution for perjury or for making false statements. Do you understand this?

Ms. Ohr. Yes.

Mr. Somers. Is there any reason you're unable to provide truthful answers to today's questions?

Ms. Ohr. No.

(U) **Elements of 18 U.S. Code § 1001**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willfully—

(1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact;

(2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or

(3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry; shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years or...

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(U) WFO CR-15 Nellie Ohr Assessment Organized In Five Lines of Inquiry

(U// [REDACTED] This assessment investigates whether Nellie Ohr knowingly and willfully made false statements to the House Committed on the Judiciary and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in an effort to minimize, conceal, and cover up the true nature of her Fusion GPS work in furtherance of a coordinated effort to establish an illicit nexus between Donald Trump, his associates and the Russian Government.

(U// [REDACTED] This assessment reviews Nellie Ohr's potential violation(s) of 1001 in five lines of inquiry. The potential relevancy of WFO CR-15's requested search terms are explained within their respective section of the assessment that follows (Parts 1 through 5):

(U// [REDACTED] **PART 1.** Contrary to her testimony, did Nellie Ohr possess "knowledge of the Department of Justice's investigations on Russia"? [Developed in subsections (1A-1E)]

• **SEARCH TERMS REQUESTED FROM SECTION 1:**

- **Berkowitz**
 - "Fusion GPS"
 - "Manafort Chronology"
 - "WhosWho19Sept2016"
 - "Glenn Simpson"
- **Steele**
 - "Nellie Ohr"
 - neohr@aol.com
 - "National Rifle Association"
 - kukuts@hotmail.com
 - "Ohr" and "Manafort"
 - "Ohr" and "Flynn"
 - "Ohr" and "steele"
 - "Ohr" and "Carter Page"
 - "Ohr" and "Trump"

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"Ohr" and "DeriPaska"

(U// [REDACTED] **PART 2.** Contrary to her testimony, did Nellie Ohr knowingly contribute to the creation of the "Steele" dossier?

- **SEARCH TERMS REQUESTED FROM SECTION 2:**
 - "FSB Report"
 - Winer
 - Stainer
 - Shearer
 - "David Kramer"
 - kompromat
 - "Directorate K"
 - "counter intelligence in financial services"
 - "Interim Report November 23 2015"

(U// [REDACTED] **PART 3.** In direct contradiction of her testimony, Nellie Ohr disseminated her Fusion GPS research to DOJ prosecutors beyond those she identified in her testimony.

- **SEARCH TERMS REQUESTED FROM SECTION 3:**
 - Holtyn
 - Nizich
 - Wheatley
 - "Stefan Bress"
 - OCDETF
 - "Blood Money"
 - "Reported Trove of documents on Ukrainian Party of Regions' Black Cashbox"

(U// [REDACTED] **PART 4.** In direct contradiction to her testimony, Nellie Ohr took six "ham radio" classes and an exam during the time she was employed by Fusion GPS.

- **SEARCH TERMS REQUESTED FROM SECTION 4:**
 - "Ham Radio"
 - KM4UDZ

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- **"Amateur Radio"**

(U// [REDACTED] **PART 5.** Did Nellie Ohr knowingly and willfully concealed a material fact that she contributed not only to the creation of the "Steele" dossier but to another dossier containing false allegations suggesting Trump/Russia-collusion?

- **SEARCH TERMS REQUESTED FROM SECTION 5:**

- **LetterOne**
- **"Mikhail Fridman"**
- **Sussman**

(U) **Contextual Note 1:** Ohrs' Unique SME Status/Relationship Highly Relevant To Context:

(U// [REDACTED] The five lines of inquiry that follow must be considered within the context of the unique nature of the relationship of Bruce Ohr and Nellie Ohr, made so in part by their mutual Russian OCDETF SME status.

(U// [REDACTED] Both Bruce and Nellie Ohr claimed marital privilege in their respective Congressional testimony. The "Spousal Communication Privilege" holds that the contents of confidential communications between spouses is protected from compelled testimonial disclosure. Of course, investigators cannot conclude that, independent of other facts, the invocation of marital privilege is evidence of deception. This privilege, however, in no way precludes investigators from incorporating the fact that the privilege was invoked into investigative theories and analysis.

(U// [REDACTED] Although the Ohrs refused to testify as to the conversations they shared regarding matters involving their respective Russia-collusion activity that prompted their Congressional testimony, it is logical to

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conclude that the couple privately discussed these matters.

(U// [REDACTED]) There seems to have been little distinction between Bruce Ohr's professional and personal life. Nellie Ohr routinely traveled with her husband on overseas trips, attending functions with foreign governmental officials as well as members of the USIC. While working for Fusion GPS, she corresponded and associated with Bruce's coworkers and professional associates about Russian OCDETF matters, not just in the DOJ but in the FBI and even with foreign officials. Through her husband's professional relationships, Nellie Ohr appears remarkably well connected. For example, while Nellie was employed by Fusion GPS, she even associated with the supervisor of Writer's FBI federal corruption squad, CR-15 (SSA until October 2018). This SSA spent time with the Ohrs when he traveled with Nellie and Bruce to a February 2016 conference in the Czech Republic. He and Bruce were two of the four featured speakers.

(U// [REDACTED]) Nellie's Russia-based academic concentration and former work as an open-source CIA analyst (contractor) focused on Russian/Ukrainian organized crime/oligarchs. This aligned perfectly with Bruce Ohr's professional history & area of concentration, Russian/Ukrainian OCDETF. It is easy to understand how policy and even laws regarding information sharing might increasingly be disregarded in a marital relationship comprised of two Russian OCDETF subject matter experts sharing a social network comprised of Bruce Ohr's professional associates.

(U// [REDACTED]) The analysis that follows suggests there is a basis to conclude that there is probable cause to believe that Bruce and Nellie did communicate with each other about their respective activity in furtherance of the Russia-collusion investigations and/or narrative.

(U) **Contextual Note 2:** Contemporaneous Media Reporting Relevant

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[REDACTED] The "Steele" dossier was not the only Fusion GPS dossier to serve as predication for FBI Russia-collusion investigations. There were two Russia-collusion dossiers, both being initially received by the FBI on September 19, 2016. Part 5 of this EC and the attached I2 chart explain why there is probable cause to believe that the "Alfa dossier" was also a Fusion GPS work product. Four days after then-FBI General Counsel James Baker, in the office of a Perkins Coie attorney (the law firm of Hillary Clinton Campaign and the DNC that hired and paid Fusion GPS to create the "Steele" dossier) was handed the Alfa dossier (by a Perkins Coie attorney), FBI Chicago opened a FI predicated upon the allegations of the Alfa dossier.

[REDACTED] In efforts to determine authorship of the Alfa dossier, Writer spoke with the Chicago case agent. The Chicago case agent advised that she felt much stress in attempting to work this investigation due to the fact that the Alfa dossier was leaked to the media on the heels of FBI Chicago opening its investigation.

(U// [REDACTED] Similarly and also in September 2016, from the offices of the Hillary Clinton Campaign's law firm (Perkins Coie), Fusion GPS representatives Glenn Simpson and Christopher Steele reportedly briefed Russia-collusion allegations to major media outlets.

(U// [REDACTED] Nellie Ohr is a former CIA analyst, a Harvard-educated open source researcher and PhD specializing in Russian OCDETF who stated that her sole Fusion GPS responsibility for the relevant time period was to conduct public-source opposition research linking Trump and his associates to nefarious Russia actors. In light of who Nellie Ohr is, her association with persons linked to the Russia-collusion investigation, and in consideration of the conversations she was privy to such as that of the Mayflower meeting, there is probable cause to believe that she was aware of the source of the contemporaneous media reports.

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(U// [REDACTED]) Independent of other facts, this does not demonstrate knowledge of ongoing investigations but is provided for context to be utilized in reviewing Nellie Ohr communications and other detail such as the emails she sent to her husband, intended for passage to the FBI, that contained her Fusion GPS research.

(U) **THE FIVE LINES OF INQUIRY:**

(U// [REDACTED]) **PART 1:** *Nellie Ohr's "knowledge of the Department of Justice's investigations on Russia"*

(U// [REDACTED]) During her transcribed Congressional testimony, Ms. Ohr testified she *'would not have any knowledge of what [was] going on in an ongoing investigation'* at DOJ and would not *'have any knowledge of the Department of Justice's investigations on Russia.'* Ms. Ohr also denied she shared her research on Russian organized crime and Donald Trump with individuals outside of Fusion GPS (her employer); her husband, DOJ attorney Bruce Ohr, and Christopher Steele even though her emails reveal she shared her research with DOJ OCDETF prosecutors Lisa Holtyn, Ivana Nizich, and Joseph Wheatley. The contents of the Nellie Ohr emails obtained by Judicial Watch tracked corruption developments in Russia and Ukraine, including intelligence affecting Russian figures she told Congress she had tried to connect to Trump or Manafort. Ohr testified that *"I worked on a project looking into the relationship of Donald Trump with organized crime, a [sic] Russian organized crime."* Ohr testified that this project included:

- Fusion GPS providing her with materials related to Manafort's travels (to include a list of Manafort's flights--Fusion GPS reportedly received this flight information from a Ukrainian source.
- Fusion GPS employee Jake Berkowitz asking Ohr to research Carter Page because he was an advisor to Trump and that she found that Carter Page spoke at a Moscow university; and
- Fusion GPS asking Ohr to research Michael Flynn regarding the

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relationship he might have with Russia.

(U// [REDACTED] **1A. NELLIE OHR PROVIDED A THUMB DRIVE CONTAINING ALL HER FUSION GPS RESEARCH TO BRUCE OHR SO THAT HE MIGHT GIVE IT TO THE FBI**

- a. WHY DO THIS IF SHE DID NOT KNOW HER RESEARCH FIT THE CROSSFIRE HURRICANE NARRATIVE?
- b. BRUCE TESTIFIED TO CONGRESS SHE DID THIS BECAUSE "**IT RELATED TO THE FBI'S RUSSIA INVESTIGATION**"

(U// [REDACTED] Bruce Ohr testified that his wife gave him a memory stick containing Nellie Ohr's Fusion GPS research on various Russian figures to provide to the FBI during the 2016 election. "**And the reason she provided that information to me is, my understanding was, it related to some of the same, it related to the FBI's Russia investigation, and she gave me that stick to give to the FBI.**" In response to this statement, when asked whether she had any reason to question he husband's veracity regarding this statement he made under oath, Ohr replied "**I do not.**"

(U// [REDACTED] When questioned about whether Ohr gave the FBI her research, Ohr replied "**I did not directly give the FBI my research.**" Ohr's attorney objected on the basis of the marital relationship, directing that she not answer whether she asked anyone else to give the FBI her research.

(U// [REDACTED] **Agent Note:** A plain reading of above highlighted language leads to the inference that Nellie Ohr was aware of the FBI's Russia investigation and gave her Fusion GPS information because "it related to the FBI's Russia investigation".

(U// [REDACTED] **1B. NELLIE OHR'S EMAILS BETRAY KNOWLEDGE OF ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS**

(U// [REDACTED] **Example 1:** Providing Russian-Collusion Reports To Husband

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Apparently In Way of Preparation for Husband's Russia-Collusion Meeting with FBI.

December 05, 2016:

(U// [REDACTED] Bruce Ohr was interviewed by the FBI at FBIHQ pursuant to matters related to the Russian-collusion investigation.

- In this interview, Bruce Ohr provided the interviewing agent with a report on Paul Manafort titled "**Manafort Chronology**," composed by Nellie Ohr.
- Bruce advised that Glenn Simpson directed Christopher Steele to speak to the press **as that was what Simpson was paying Christopher Steele to do.**
- Bruce did not know if Steele going to Mother Jones was Simpson's idea or not.
- Simpson hired Nellie Ohr to conduct research. Bruce will voluntarily provide his wife's research to the FBI.

(U// [REDACTED] **Same Day @ 10:28 AM:** Nellie Ohr sends Bruce Ohr an email, Subject: Stuff sent on AOL:

Hi Honey, You probably have a lot on your mind, but let me know if there's anything I can do to help you access the stuff I sent the other day via AOL (resend in smaller chunks or something)

(U// [REDACTED] **Same Day @ 15:47 EST:** Nellie Ohr sends Bruce Ohr an email with Subject: **Manafort Chronology** updated 16 August 2016.docx; ATT00001.txt. The attached files include the identical Paul Manafort report Bruce Ohr provided to the FBI during his interview on that day.

(U// [REDACTED] **Same Day @ 15:47:51 EST:** Nellie Ohr sends Bruce Ohr an email with no subject or content other than the following attachments: ATT00001.txt, WhosWho19Sept2016.xlsx The attachments include a spreadsheet detailing ostensible nexus between persons affiliated with Trump and Russian oligarchs/criminals.

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(U// [REDACTED] **Same Day @ 19:22 EST**: Nellie Ohr sends Bruce Ohr an email, Subject: "chunks 3 to 5" that included attachments that contain her Fusion GPS research: Arif Sept 24 pp 54 to 76.docx; Arif Sept 24 pp 76 to 100.docx; Arif Sept 24 pp 100 to 119.docx; Arif Sept 24 pp 119 to 137.docx.

(U// [REDACTED] These emails demonstrate that Nellie had attempted to share her Fusion GPS research with Bruce previously but the file size was too large. Nellie's Fusion GPS research related to numerous persons central to the Russia-collusion narrative/investigation. There is reason to believe that Nellie's sharing of this information is indicative of her knowledge of ongoing investigations and possibly of the fact that Bruce Ohr was being interviewed by the FBI on that particular day and that she was seeking to provide the files for passage to the FBI at that time.

(U// [REDACTED] It is noteworthy that Bruce only passed the Manafort Chronology to the FBI on that day. The remainder of Nellie's Fusion GPS research was passed to the FBI on December 20, 2016 when Bruce Ohr provided the same FBI special agent a thumb drive Nellie had provided to Bruce for passage to the FBI.

(U// [REDACTED] **Example 2**: Nellie Emails Russia-Collusion Research (Torshin/Millian/NRA) To Bruce Days Before He Passes It to FBI.

December 19, 2016:

(U// [REDACTED] Bruce Ohr was interviewed by the FBI at FBIHQ regarding his December 10th meeting with Glenn Simpson.

- Ohr advised that Simpson identified Michael Cohen as having many

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Russian clients in NY. Bruce advised that Simpson had claimed that Cohen was the go-between Russia and Trump Campaign and replaced Manafort and Carter Page and that Cohen may have attended a meeting in Prague regarding the Trump Campaign and the Russians.

- Also discussed, a Russian senator named Torshin and a famous Spanish case that shows direct linkages between Russian Organized Crime, Torshin, and the Russian Government. Torshin may have funneled Russian money to the National Rifle Association to use in support of Trump. An NRA Lawyer, Cleta Mitchell, found out about the money pipeline and was very upset, but the election was over by the time she learned of it. According to Bruce Ohr, Simpson stated that there are pictures of Torshin with Trump. Simpson provided Bruce Ohr with an article on the NRA and Torshin.

(U// [REDACTED] **Agent Note:** Eight days earlier, on **December 11, 2016**, Nellie Ohr emailed Bruce Ohr her Fusion GPS analysis of Torshin. Also, on **September 5, 2016**, Nellie Ohr emailed DOJ OCDETF prosecutor Lisa Holtyn the following article "**Misquoted on Torshin, says Spanish law enforcement source**" and Lisa Holtyn forwarded this email to herself on her [Lisa Holtyn's] OCDETF email account.

- (U// [REDACTED] Also during the December 19, 2016 FBI interview, Bruce Ohr advised **Some of Simpson's staff believe the NRA spent an abnormally large amount of money during the election...**" The FD-302 doesn't provide detail on which members of Simpson's staff but one inference to be drawn is that Nellie Ohr might be a Fusion GPS staff member who advised Bruce Ohr and/or Glenn Simpson of this opinion.
- [REDACTED] During the same FBI interview, Bruce Ohr advised that Glenn Simpson still thinks Sergei Millian is a key figure connecting Trump to Russia. Looking at Millian led Simpson's company to Cohen. Simpson would be surprised if Millian was still in the US. Millian may have overseen many financial transfers from Russia to assist the Trump campaign.
 - (U// [REDACTED] Nellie Ohr conducted significant Fusion GPS research on Sergei Millian. She saved her Millian reporting on June 25, 2016, September 19, 2016, and September 22, 2016.
 - (U) Washington Post articles indicate that Millian was the

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source of the "Golden Showers" narrative.

- (U// [REDACTED]) There is a significant amount of Nellie Ohr Fusion GPS research on Millian on the thumb drive she provided Bruce to give to the FBI. Below is merely a representative example of this research.
- (U// [REDACTED]) Attached to a December 5, 2016 email Nellie sent to Bruce Ohr is a spreadsheet titled "**WhosWho19Sept2016**" that provides the following detail on Sergey Millian (what follows is verbatim):
 - **Linked With: Trump**
Who/What: *Claimed to have exclusive rights to promote Trump Organization and Related Group development projects in the CIS; claimed a President Trump would improve relations with Russia. Real estate broker. President, Russian-American Chamber of Commerce in the US; International Business Development Center; VP, NestSeekers International; Millian Group; Interchallenge translation company; Pedry Mining Development Corporation;*
Contact Info:
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 110 Wall Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3817; 970 Sidney Marcus Blvd. Suite 1112 (elsewhere Suite 1504) Atlanta, GA 30324, [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] mobile [REDACTED]; Belarus mobile [REDACTED];
<https://www.facebook.com/RACC.in.the.USA/>
[;http://russianamericanchamber.com](http://russianamericanchamber.com); milliangroup.com; interchallenge.com;
- (U// [REDACTED]) On page 17 and 18 of the December 5, 2016 email's attachment containing Nellie Ohr's research, Nellie provides a summary of her future research requirements involving Millian (what follows is verbatim):
 - **Sergei Millian loose ends**
 - *Any connection with Mellian Management, which supposedly took over BRSM Nafta, which Bayrock in Ukraine had co-owned?*
 - *Did he attend the Presidential Management academy in Belarus or in Russia?*

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- *Looking at the address he gave on his cv from the early 2000s, 843551 Buford Hwy NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 Apt 2, I don't see his name but I see a D. Simanenka and a YSmirnou85*
- *Both of those are Belarusian names. Might have to follow them up....*
- *Coincidence that Millian's dad, Milediy Kukuts, was born in the same year as Tofik Arifov. Could they have known each other through the military?*
- *Education?*
- *Alla Bereshkova (Berezhkova?)-- Russian American Foundation*
- *Julia Gladish [Gladys], head of Russian School under Russian American Foundation, fellow Belarus and worked in Kursk.*
- *CHILDREN'S HOMES CHARITY, INC: set up 1/1/2015, North Port, FL,*
- *President- Millian Sergei M, Chairman, F, O - Petrovets Paul, Secretary -Kukuts Zoya*
- *Kamaz Express Corp, Tabakov Ivan, registered 6 Sept 2012.*
- *Slavic Republican Club of Florida, includes Bazalev, Morgulis, Bistrevsky86*
- *Slavic Conservative Club of Florida, same people.*
- *Pedry Mining Development Corporation*

(U// [REDACTED]) 1C. THE FOCUS OF NELLIE OHR'S FUSION GPS RESEARCH ALIGNS WITH THAT OF FBI/DOJ/SCO RUSSIA-COLLUSION INVESTIGATIONS

(U// [REDACTED]) The contents of the Ohr emails obtained by Judicial Watch tracked corruption developments in Russia and Ukraine, including intelligence affecting Russian figures she told Congress she had tried to connect to Trump or Manafort. Ohr testified that "I worked on a project looking into the relationship of Donald Trump with organized crime, a [sic] Russian organized crime." If it is true that Nellie Ohr did not have any knowledge of the Department of Justice's investigations related to Russia/collusion, why and how is it that Nellie Ohr repeatedly sent emails to DOJ officials that were seemingly on point with the Russia-

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collusion investigations?

(U// [REDACTED]) Ohr testified that her Fusion GPS project included:

- Fusion GPS providing Nellie with materials related to Manafort's travels, to include a list of Manafort's flights
- Fusion GPS employee Jacob ("Jake") Berkowitz directed Ohr to research Carter Page because he was an advisor to Trump. Nellie's research determined that Carter Page spoke at a Moscow university
- Fusion GPS directed Nellie to research Michael Flynn regarding the relationship he might have with Russia

(U// [REDACTED]) Other examples include a July 6, 2016 email addressed to her husband, in which Nellie Ohr included research on an oligarch named Rinat Akhmetov, a Ukrainian that Ohr told Congress she was researching for Fusion GPS for possible ties to Trump. ***"Rinat Akhmetov is someone who also was associated with Manafort. Now, he's Ukrainian, and right now, I can't remember whether people explicitly, you know, pointed to particular organized crime activity that he's suspected of."***

(U// [REDACTED]) In this same July 6, 2016 email, Ohr emailed the following to her husband. *"Hi Honey, if you ever get a moment you might find the penultimate article interesting – especially the summary in the final paragraph."* The article and paragraph she flagged suggested that Trump was potentially a Putin pawn, bolding the sentence for apparent emphasis: ***"If Putin wanted to concoct the ideal candidate to service his purposes, his laboratory creation would look like Donald Trump."***

(U// [REDACTED]) Other emails that Ohr forwarded to her husband and the other DOJ officials contained links to open-source information, such as news articles and academic research to include information pertaining to:

- then - Russian ambassador to Washington Sergey Kislyak who attended an April 2016 foreign policy speech by Trump. Former Attorney General Jeff Sessions eventually recused himself from the Russia

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investigation as attorney general in part because he met Kislyak at that speech;

- then - Trump campaign adviser Carter Page gave a July 2016 speech in Moscow. Ohr bolded a passage in the article noting Page's company "continues to work with Russian investments."

(U// [REDACTED]) **1D. OHR PARTICIPATION IN MAYFLOWER MEETING AS INDICIA OF KNOWLEDGE**

(U// [REDACTED]) Both Ohrs met in Washington with [REDACTED] FGI [REDACTED] Christopher Steele. Ohr testified that she had known Steele from past encounters and learned at that July 30, 2016, meeting at the Mayflower Hotel that Steele, like herself, was working for Fusion GPS on Trump-Russia research. She said she learned that Steele had concerns that he hoped the DOJ or FBI would investigate, with help from her husband.

(U// [REDACTED]) Nellie Ohr testified that she was included in the Mayflower meeting "*Because I'm interested in Russia.*" Nellie Ohr stated that this was the third in-person meeting she had with Steele. Nellie Ohr testified that at this meeting, Steele spoke of "*His suspicions that Russian Government figures were supporting the candidacy of Donald Trump.*" Ohr testified that she saw part of the Steele dossier at this meeting.

(U// [REDACTED]) Bruce Ohr separately testified that, at this meeting they discussed the Trump campaign and fall election because the Carter Page information was significant due to the connection between Page and the Trump campaign and because of Russian intelligence reportedly having information on Trump. As previously noted, Nellie Ohr testified she researched Carter Page's activities in Russia.

(U// [REDACTED]) At the Mayflower meeting, Steele advised Bruce Ohr that he

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had provided a particular FBI special agent two reports while Glenn Simpson had four reports on the following matters:

- Carter Page had met with high level officials in Russia. Page met with Sechin and one other person. The media had already documented Page's trip to Moscow at that time.
- The FSB had Trump over a barrel.
- Oleg Deripaska was furious at Paul Manafort and was making a case against him.

(U// [REDACTED] **Agent Note 1:** Christopher Steele was hired by Glenn Simpson/Fusion GPS sometime in June 2016. Per Glenn Simpson's testimony, on June 20, 2016 Christopher Steele proposed taking some of Fusion GPS' research about Trump to FBI. The Mayflower meeting occurred approximately five weeks later. One logical inference that might be drawn from this is that the four Glenn Simpson reports Steele mentioned included the work product of Nellie Ohr. This is based both on the fact that she researched the listed topics and given the small number of employees working at Fusion GPS.

[REDACTED] **Agent Note 2:** On December 1, 2014, the first of 26 source reporting entries into Christopher Steele's FBI Delta file was entered. Steele was hired by Fusion GPS in June 2016 and, per Glenn Simpson's testimony, on June 20, 2016, Steele proposed taking some of Fusion GPS' research about Trump to FBI. At the time of the Mayflower meeting, Steele was both an open FBI CHS and an employee of Fusion GPS who had every opportunity to provide reporting to his handling FBI special agent. Two considerations:

1. (U// [REDACTED] Given that Fusion GPS was paid a significant sum by Perkins Coie (the DNC/Hillary Clinton Campaign law firm) to generate the information Steele sought to pass to the DOJ/FBI at the Mayflower meeting, it is logical to speculate that Steele didn't pass the information via his role as a FBI CHS due to his

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- interest in advancing the financial interests of Fusion GPS.
2. (U// [REDACTED]) Nellie Ohr provided Fusion GPS unbelievable access to the highest levels of DOJ/FBI. It is logical to speculate that Simpson & Steele sought to exploit Bruce Ohr's direct access to such persons as Andrew McCabe through Nellie Ohr:
 - a. Following this meeting, Bruce called Andrew McCabe directly and set up a meeting with Bruce, Andy McCabe, and Lisa Page.
 - b. Per Nellie Ohr: "*Chris Steele was hoping that Bruce would put in a word with the FBI to follow up on the information in some way.*"
 3. (U// [REDACTED]) As is the case, Nellie Ohr's Fusion GPS role was not merely a public source researcher. She held an elevated role that involved significant contributions to Fusion GPS objectives outside of her analytical work. As such, her inclusion in the Mayflower meeting might be viewed as indicia of knowledge of ongoing investigations.

(U// [REDACTED]) **1E. BRUCE OHR/KAVELEC EMAILS OBTAINED FROM JUDICIAL WATCH SUIT REVEAL FUSION GPS PITCHING SUBJECT OF NELLIE'S RESEARCH TO STATE DEPARTMENT**

(U// [REDACTED]) On 05/16/2019, Judicial Watch released four pages of documents from the U.S. Department of Justice showing a conversation between former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Kathleen Kavalec, and former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr. In the November 21, 2016, email exchange Kavalec thanks Bruce Ohr for "coming by" to discuss the work of the OCDETF. Kavalec provides Ohr with links to Mother Jones and Open Secrets articles that suggest a Russian oil magnate gave money to Trump's campaign. Bruce Ohr responded, "***I really hope we can get something going here.... We will take another look at this.***" Kavalec then replied to Ohr, saying that she had just reviewed the notes from her October 2016 meeting with Steele stating, "*I see Chris [Steele] said [Simon] Kukes has [sic]*

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some connection to Serge Millian." Millian is a Russian businessman who was an alleged source for the dossier. He ostensibly developed a relationship with Trump campaign aide George Papadopoulos in 2016. As noted previously, Nellie Ohr conducted significant research on Millian. Regarding Nellie Ohr's Fusion GPS research on Millian, Bruce Ohr testified:

*I think -- I don't know the specifics. The fact that my wife was looking at some of the same figures, like Sergei Millian, suggests that that was one way **they** were trying to vet the information. So when I provided it to the FBI, I tried to be clear that this is source information. I don't know how reliable it is. You're going to have to check it out and be aware. These guys were hired by somebody relating to -- who's related to the Clinton campaign, and be aware --*

(U// [REDACTED] **1F. NELLIE OHR CONFIRMED TO BRUCE OHR THAT SHE DELETED EMAILS IN CONTACT WITH DOJ RUSSIA-FOCUSED OCDETF PROSECUTORS.**

- (U) Evidence of deception/concealment as potential indicia of knowledge of ongoing investigations.

(U// [REDACTED] From Nellie Ohr's testimony:

Mr. Jordan. Earlier you mentioned that had -- that you communicated your work with emails to Fusion, your employer. Do you still have those emails if we needed to get access to those and see those? Do you still have those records?

Ms. Ohr. I have them.

(U// [REDACTED] A May 16, 2019 Judicial Watch release included a March-April 2016 Nellie Ohr email thread. In this email thread, there was a

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discussion of meeting to include DOJ's Joe Wheatley and Ivana Nizich and a 7 pm dinner at the Ohr residence. The correspondence is between the Ohrs, Lisa Holtyn, and Stefan Bress, a first secretary at the German Embassy.

(U) **Agent Note:** There may be no correlation between this email thread and the following: CBP records indicate that on 06/24/16 @ 16:30, George Papadopoulos departed Chicago OHare for Munich, Germany.

(U// [REDACTED] Nellie Ohr concludes this email thread by sending her husband an email writing: "Thanks! I'm deleting these emails now."

Nellie Ohr

From: Nellie Ohr
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 12:49 PM
To: Ohr, Bruce (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Analyst Russian Organized Crime - April 2016

Thanks! I'm deleting these emails now

(U// [REDACTED] **PART 2:** Did Nellie Ohr knowingly contribute to the creation of the "Steele" dossier in contradiction to her testimony?

- (U// [REDACTED] If Nellie's Russia-collusion research wasn't being

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incorporated into the "Steele" dossier (and possibly the "Alfa" dossier--see PART 5 for detail on the Alfa dossier), what was her \$55/hour open-source research being used for?

(U// [REDACTED] A review of the contents of Nellie's open-source research is necessary to understand the nature of her work. Her work might be characterized as "foundational" insofar as she collects random details about individuals' travel, private and professional associations, significant dates, etc. that might be used by herself or others, drawing from these random facts, to create scenarios.

Ms. Ohr. I worked on a project looking into the relationship of Donald Trump with organized crime, a Russian organized crime.

Mr. Jordan. Okay. And was that work at all related to the now famous dossier?

Ms. Ohr. No.

Mr. Jordan. What was it related to then -- walk me through what that work entailed?

Ms. Ohr. What it entailed in what sense?

Mr. Jordan. Describe what you were doing and what the objective was?

Ms. Ohr. Yeah, I would write occasional reports based on the open source research that I described about Donald Trump's relationships with various people in Russia.

Mr. Ratcliffe. Okay. In that moment when you realized that at the breakfast, did it cross your mind that maybe the work that you were doing for Fusion GPS, as it pertained to Donald Trump in your reports, had been communicated to Christopher Steele?

Ms. Ohr. I probably didn't think that through. I mean, I didn't think about it.

Mr. Ratcliffe. At some point in time, based on your husband's prior testimony, did it dawn on you that the work that you had been doing maybe

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had been part of the information upon which Mr. Steele was relying or using in preparation of the dossier?

Ms. Ohr. Judging from the content of the dossier, it seems to be quite separate, but I don't know for sure.

(U// [REDACTED] **2A. BRUCE OHR TESTIMONY & NELLIE'S ANALYTICAL ROLE IN DOSSIER CREATION BY SMALL OPPOSITION RESEARCH COMPANY**

(U// [REDACTED] Bruce & Nellie Ohr's testimony distinguishes between the Fusion GPS work of Nellie Ohr and that of Christopher Steele and Glenn Simpson even though both Ohrs acknowledge Nellie was researching some of the same persons/subject matter as that which ultimately comprised the "Steele" dossier, a work product Fusion GPS was paid for creating. It is noteworthy that Fusion GPS was an opposition research firm with few employees.

Mr. Gowdy. So Fusion GPS were looking at potential Russian contacts with the Trump campaign.

Mr. Ohr. Yes.

Mr. Gowdy. And that's what your wife was working on?

Mr. Ohr. Yes. At some point, I became aware that some of the people she was **invest** -- she was researching were some of the same people that I had heard about from Chris Steele and Glenn Simpson.

(U// [REDACTED] **Agent Note:** Here, Bruce Ohr appears to have begun to make a misstatement where he suggests that Nellie was investigating (as opposed to researching) some of the same people he heard about from Steele (her Fusion GPS peer) and Simpson (her Fusion GPS boss). Although Bruce Ohr testified that his wife's Fusion GPS research was not incorporated into the "Steele" dossier, he later acknowledged that he did not actually know

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if this assertion is true and that he wasn't certain as to whether his wife worked on the dossier. See Bruce Ohr Transcript 200-202.

(U// [REDACTED]) Bruce Ohr testified that he was aware that there was a dossier but could not recall how he knew about the dossier. When Glenn Simpson handed him the thumb drive, Bruce somehow assumed it contained the dossier. (See Bruce Ohr Testimony 103, 179, 181). This seemingly implausible Bruce Ohr testimony might be interpreted to point to Nellie having provided false testimony regarding her role in creation of the dossier. This suggests that Bruce knew about the dossier and assumed the thumb drive contained the dossier due to his prior knowledge of Nellie Ohr's work on the dossier.

(U// [REDACTED]) Bruce further testified that even though Nellie did not know the goal of the Fusion GPS project, she was able to surmise the purpose as the individuals she was researching were close to Trump. This distinction is one without meaning---knowing the "purpose" but not knowing the goal" of her research. The purpose and goal of her Fusion GPS research were identical. Bruce Ohr admitted to the FBI that he knew that Glenn Simpson was hired by a lawyer who does opposition research. Bruce Ohr admitted that he knew [Christopher Steele's] reporting on Trump's ties to Russia were going to the Clinton Campaign, John Winer at the U.S. State Department and the FBI. Bruce Ohr admitted he was aware that Simpson was passing Christopher Steele's information to many individuals or entities and at times Christopher Steele would attend meetings with Simpson. Bruce Ohr admitted he knew that the FBI must handle the "Steele" dossier as potentially tainted with bias both due to the prejudices of Christopher Steele and its nexus to the Hillary Clinton Campaign. If Bruce Ohr knew these things, given the totality of the circumstances, it seems implausible that Nellie Ohr was not also aware of them. If she was aware of these facts, she was aware that her Fusion GPS research was incorporated into what became the "Steele" dossier.

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(U// [REDACTED]) On June 24, 2017, Glenn Simpson's wife Mary Jacoby noted on social media that Nellie Ohr's boss ought to be credited with the creation of the dossier and not Steele, referring to Steele as a supporting actor in the creation of the dossier. One investigative theory holds that, contrary to the testimony of both Ohrs, the few employees employed by Fusion GPS to include Steele, Nellie Ohr, Jake Berkowitz, and others knowingly collaborated under Simpson's direction to create the "Steele" dossier.



(U// [REDACTED]) **2B. NELLIE OHR ANALYTICAL ERROR IDENTICAL WITH THAT MADE IN "STEELE" DOSSIER REPORT REGARDING RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE STRUCTURES**

(U// [REDACTED]) **Example:** Nellie Incorrectly Assumes Remit Translation Speaks To Directorate K Activity As Did Unknown Steele Dossier Author

(U// [REDACTED]) In January 2017, public source criticism of demonstrable errors in the Russia-Trump intelligence dossier emerged on the Internet. For example, see Newsweek, *"Thirteen Things That Don't Add Up In The*

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Russia-Trump Intelligence Dossier." Among the criticisms, it was suggested that the author(s) of the dossier falsely attributed the FSB Directorate K with developing "kompromat" on Hillary Clinton. According to the public-source criticism, the FSB Directorate K has nothing to do with gathering intelligence on foreign leaders. Reportedly, the FSB Directorate K is among the most controversial of Russia's security elite due to such activities as the 2009 murder of Sergei Magnitsky. If kompromat were collected on Hillary Clinton, it would have been done by the Russian SVR and FAPSI.

(U// [REDACTED] This is noteworthy because the FSB's Directorate K's official remit translates [reportedly at odds with the reality of its true operative focus/authority] as "counter intelligence in financial services." In below email exchange, Nellie defends the integrity of the Steele dossier FSB Directorate K attribution based purely on her translation of the FSB Directorate K remit:

(U// [REDACTED] 01/25/2017 @ 11:59 AM, Nellie Ohr, utilizing neohr@aol.com, sent an email titled "Re: Big arrests" to Bruce Ohr, utilizing bruce.g.ohr@usdoj.gov. In this email, Nellie Ohr provides her notes compiled from reading Russia/FSB-related articles. In this email, Nellie advises that she is thinking that Vrublevskiy being prosecuted in Russia "**was all tied with the 'yellow rain dossier'.**" She further notes that days after the publication of the "**Yellow showers**" dossier, particular arrests occurred in Spain and Italy. Regarding another article, Nellie writes:

However, they do summarize an article by a man close to the security services who is very involved in IT and cybersecurity policy in Russia. However, one of his critiques may be wrong. He and Soldatov (a widely respected expert on Russian special services) think the dossier mixes up Department K of the MVD and

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Department K of the Fsb. *However, as I understand it, Department K of the FSB is responsible for counterintelligence in the financial industry, and therefore would be a pretty good candidate for listening in on Hillary.* Whereas MVD Department K does cybercrime, but they're not investigating Hillary for cybercrime.

(U// [REDACTED] **2C. DELETED "FSB REPORT" RECOVERED FROM GLENN SIMPSON'S THUMB DRIVE**

(U// [REDACTED] On 12/12/2016, Glenn Simpson provided a thumb drive to Bruce Ohr who provided it to the FBI. This thumb drive contained the complete "Steele" dossier.

(U// [REDACTED] In reviewing the contents of this thumb drive, Writer recovered deleted files from Simpson's thumb drive. The deleted files included a Trump/Russia-collusion report titled "FSB Report"; an art appraisal prepared for a person named Jacoby (the same surname of Glenn Simpson's wife) and one Word document that has metadata indicating its author is Christopher Steele associate Sam Stainer.

(U// [REDACTED] At the top of the Sam Stainer Word document, which is a Trump/Russia-Collusion document, is a title line which indicates the document needed to be passed to David Kramer. Public source indicates that Kramer pitched the "Steele" dossier to approximately a dozen media outlets.

[REDACTED] The deleted "FSB Report" was not included as part of the Steele dossier provided to the FBI by Bruce Ohr. Even so, Crossfire Hurricane documented the FSB Report as being part of the "Steele" dossier on its "CROWN report tracking Matrix" with the indication that it was received from Christopher Steele. Titled "Winer," the FSB Report was

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dated 10/19/2016 and was also received by the FBI on 10/19/2016.

(U// [REDACTED] The "FSB Report" is obviously fictitious. Unlike authentic intel/CHS reports, the FSB Report is full of smoking guns and derogatory information sufficient to predicate any investigative interest. For example, the report claims that Donald Trump received an illegal \$10 million payment from the Russians while his daughter received a \$30 million payment. It claims that there are two movies in circulation (held by Israel, Bulgaria, and Russia) in which President Trump is actually on film engaging in sexual conduct. The report suggests direct communication with a current FSB official and this FSB official allegedly claims that the FSB's "Donald Trump operation" is "widely known" and an "open secret" within Russia.

(U// [REDACTED] The metadata on the FSB Report recovered from Glenn Simpson's thumb drive indicates that it was created on 10/18/2016 at 07:49:26 and last modified (deleted) on 10/18/2016 at 07:53:22. The short duration of time from creation to final modification likely indicates the user of the thumb drive copied files to the thumb drive and opted to delete this particular file four minutes after copying it onto the thumb drive.

(U// [REDACTED] Nellie Ohr conducted research and wrote reports on the persons/places/entities mentioned in this fictitious "FSB report" in her somewhat lengthy "**Interim Report November 23 2015**" and "**Report Part 2**" dated 14 December 2015. An investigator might suspect but cannot deduce that she is the author or even a contributor to this report simply because she researched the subjects of the report; she worked for the very small company that was the source of such reports; and because it was discovered in the possession of her boss, Glenn Simpson, who deleted it from his thumb drive prior to passing that thumb drive to the FBI via Nellie Ohr's husband, Bruce Ohr.

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[REDACTED] Crossfire Hurricane indicates that their version of this FSB Report was ultimately received from State Department official Jon Winer, who gave it to Steele, who provided it to the FBI. Christopher Steele advised during his 09/18/2017 interview that the FSB Report was created by Cody Shearer, an associate of Sydney Blumenthal (former senior advisor to President Clinton and longtime confidant of Hillary Clinton).

(U// [REDACTED] By recovering the deleted FSB Report file from Glenn Simpson's thumb drive, the FBI established that a thumb drive Glenn Simpson utilized was used to handle this report the day prior to its being passed to the FBI by Steele. This appears to further establish that Christopher Steele was not running rogue passing random Cody Shearer writings to the FBI but that this was a coordinated Fusion GPS effort. It also demonstrates another example of subject matter researched by Nellie Ohr in furtherance of her Fusion GPS position being found in a Fusion GPS document provided to the FBI with the intent of predicated investigative activity.

(U// [REDACTED] **PART 3:** In direct contradiction to her testimony, Nellie Ohr disseminated her Fusion GPS research to DOJ prosecutors beyond those she identified in her testimony.

(U// [REDACTED] When asked by House lawyers during her deposition, Ohr testified that she did not discuss her Fusion GPS research before fall 2016 with anyone except possibly her husband (which she refused to speak about, citing marital privilege) Steele, and an UNSUB male employee of Steele at the Mayflower Hotel meeting. "At any point prior to fall of 2016, did you discuss your research on organized crime and Donald Trump with individuals outside of Fusion GPS, outside of this Mayflower breakfast meeting?" Ohr was asked during her congressional testimony last fall. "No," she testified.

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(U// [REDACTED] Ohr's emails, however, reveal that she frequently forwarded open-source research on Russian organized crime figures, Trump, Manafort and developments in Ukraine with implications for the Trump campaign. Ohr sent open-source intelligence not only to her husband Bruce Ohr, the Associate Deputy Attorney General, but on multiple occasions communicated with three DOJ Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force Section (OCDETF) prosecutors: Lisa Holtyn, Ivana Nizich and Joseph Wheatley.

(U// [REDACTED] The Judicial Watch-obtained evidence of Ohr's email communications with the three (Russia/Ukraine-focused) OCDETF prosecutors appears to contradict statements made in her October 2018 testimony. Obviously, a determination as to what role, if any, these Russia-focused OCDETF attorneys played in any investigative or analytical or human source efforts related any/all Trump/Russia collusion investigations.

(U// [REDACTED] **Agent Note:** Bruce Ohr repeatedly asserted to Congress that he played no role in the Russia-collusion investigations despite the existence of 15 Bruce Ohr FD-302s in the Russia-collusion case file(s); he called Andrew McCabe directly after his Mayflower Hotel meeting with Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele; he met with Andrew McCabe, Peter Strzok, and Lisa Page; on that same day Bruce met with Kathleen Kavalec, Deputy Assistant Secretary to discuss Russia-collusion related information; he passed his wife's FUSION GPS research to the FBI on two instances; he separately passed the "Steele" dossier to the FBI (the FBI checked it into evidence calling it "**Glenn Simpson**" thumb drive; Bruce acted as the intermediary between Steele and the FBI subsequent to Steele's CHS relationship being terminated; Bruce held private meetings with both Glenn Simpson and Christopher Steele, and he was demoted due to his activities in furtherance of these efforts.

- (U// [REDACTED] Clearly, Bruce Ohr played a significant role in the Russia-collusion investigations but repeatedly suggested otherwise due to his technically not being assigned an official role. As is the case,

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the question is what role, if any, did these three OCDETF attorneys truly have in the Russia-collusion investigation(s) regardless of what their official responsibilities entailed?

(U// [REDACTED] An example of Nellie Ohr providing her Fusion GPS research to OCDETF prosecutors includes when Ohr directly alerted her husband and two DOJ prosecutors specializing in Russian/Ukrainian international crime on May 30, 2016, to the discovery of "black ledger" documents in Ukraine. *"Reported Trove of documents on Ukrainian Party of Regions' Black Cashbox ,"* Ohr wrote her husband, Holtyn and Wheatley, attaching a news article on the announcement of the Ukrainian release of the documents.

- (U// [REDACTED] Public source indicates that reporting relating to the black ledger documents led Manafort to resign from the Trump campaign and face criminal prosecution by the Special Counsel for improper foreign lobbying.

(U// [REDACTED] Two months earlier, in March 2016, Holtyn asked Bruce Ohr for permission for Wheatley and another DOJ prosecutor to speak to Ohr. *"Do you think she would be comfortable with talking to them, and would it present any conflict of interest issues for her or for you?"* Holtyn wrote. Bruce Ohr forwarded the request to his wife: *"Hi honey! I trust you are okay with this? Love, B."* She wrote back two consecutive emails with the words "Sure!" and "Cool." There is no indication in the emails about what the three discussed. It is noteworthy, however, that Holtyn and Wheatley were among those who received some of Nellie Ohr's Russia/Ukraine research. Holtyn sent a second email suggesting Nellie Ohr had "impressive knowledge" on a topic that was redacted from the released email chain and could be "of assistance" to the DOJ. The topic was Russian oligarchs. *"Thanks so much Nellie. I'm back in country and will touch base soon on the email you sent us yesterday,"* Wheatley wrote on May 4, 2016, after Nellie Ohr forwarded information on a Spanish arrest warrant against Russian crime figures.

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(U// [REDACTED]) On more than one occasion, Ohr forwarded articles about Oleg Deripaska, the Russian aluminum magnate and former Manafort business partner. She testified that Deripaska was one of the focal points of her research. According to public source articles, during the 2016 campaign, Bruce Ohr and Christopher Steele repeatedly discussed approaching Deripaska about delivering incriminating information on Manafort.

(U// [REDACTED]) Some other examples (not comprehensive):

April 11, 2016: Nellie Ohr sends an email to Lisa Holtyn thanking her for putting Nellie in touch with DOJ OCDETF prosecutors Joseph Wheatley and Ivana Nizich. "I enjoyed talking with them and am thinking about potential future conversations." She proceeds to provide analysis on an individual named Belkovskiy.

April 20, 2016: Nellie Ohr advises Bruce Ohr she is deleting emails. In an email thread, there was a discussion of meeting to include DOJ prosecutors Joe Wheatley and Ivana Nizich and a 7 pm dinner at the Ohr residence. The correspondence is between the Ohrs, Lisa Holtyn, and Stefan Bress, a first secretary at the German Embassy. In this email thread, Ohr concludes the thread by sending her husband an email writing: "Thanks! I'm deleting these emails now."

May 3, 2016: Nellie Ohr sends email to DOJ OCDETF prosecutors Joseph Wheatley, Ivana Nizich, Lisa Holtyn, and to Bruce Ohr. Title: "Magisterial Roundup Of Obshchack-like Money Laundering Pool Held By Russia's Elite, Compromat War, Etc." Lisa Holtyn forwarded this email to FBI CID Karen A. Greenaway.

May 4, 2016: Nellie Ohr sends email to DOJ OCDETF prosecutors Joseph Wheatley, Ivana Nizich, and to Bruce Ohr regarding whether an individual

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named Zubkov has an arrest warrant pending.

May 6, 2016: Nellie Ohr sends an email to DOJ OCDETF prosecutors Joseph Wheatley, Ivana Nizich, and Lisa Holtyn regarding "Blood Money," a video about a corrupt Ukrainian oligarch. Nellie notes that although the video doesn't give a name for the corrupt individual, she believes it is Kolomoyskiy.

May 9, 2016: FBI CID's Karen Greenaway corresponds with Lisa Holtyn about a video about a corrupt Ukrainian oligarch that Holtyn forwarded to her. Holtyn received the email from Nellie Ohr on May 6, 2016 (pertaining to Kolomoyskiy).

May 11, 2016: Nellie Ohr sends an email to DOJ OCDETF prosecutors Joseph Wheatley, Ivana Nizich, and Lisa Holtyn inviting them to a May 17, 2016 Hudson Institute event titled "Kleptocracy Archive Launch" that includes Glenn Simpson as one of four panelists.

(U) **PART FOUR**: In direct contradiction to her testimony, Nellie Ohr took six "ham radio" classes and an exam during the time she was employed by Fusion GPS

- (U) NELLIE OHR UNQUESTIONABLY PROVIDED FALSE TESTIMONY REGARDING HER HAM RADIO

(U) **Agent Note: "Materiality" of False Information in Testimony:** Per the opinion of one DOJ PIN attorney, the finding of "materiality" in a 1001 investigation has a very low bar. False information provided in sworn testimony need not be relevant to the subject matter of the inquiry. Rather, the question is whether, if the false testimony were answered truthfully, would those persons asking the questions be prompted to ask

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additional questions. Clearly, had Nellie Ohr answered questions concerning her Ham Radio correctly, additional questions would have been asked.

(U) Nellie Ohr testified that she purchased a Ham radio to use for "Emergency communication in case of a storm, that sort of thing. If the cell towers go out, uh-huh." She was concrete about having taken the Ham radio classes and obtaining the radio well before her Fusion GPS employment began.

Well, I bought it shortly after I got my Ham license and I got -- yeah, I -- I -- I am guessing it is 2015, but I don't remember exactly. It was -- you know, in 2014, I was underemployed, and I had some time, and I took a citizens emergency -- community emergency response team training. And, you know, it was just something sponsored by the DHS and the local fire department, you know, taught these courses and then they said, hey, if you are going to be helping with community response in case of an emergency, why don't we have -- you know, some people take Ham radio lessons in case the communications towers go out. And so I took the Ham radio class. I passed the test.

(U) Ohr states in the following exchange that she obtained the Ham radio well before her employment at Fusion GPS (**Fusion GPS employment: October 2015 to September 2016**):

Q So your obtaining of a radio, and your taking the class, and your sitting for the exam and ultimately passing and receiving the license, it had nothing to do with your employment at Fusion GPS?

A **It was well before.**

Q Well before?

A **Yeah.**

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Q And it was -- you had time on your hands, something to do -- was this something you were always interested in doing and this is an opportunity that you had to pursue it?

A **I saw an ad for the community emergency response training, and I thought, now is a good time for me to do it since I have a little bit of time.**

(U) Evidence of False Statement

1) All six of Ohr's ham radio training classes (given in Fairfax, Virginia) and her ham radio exam occurred during her Fusion GPS employment.

58B-WF-C236956-RestrictedAccess Serial 5 documents Fairfax Fire and Rescue Department CERT training records which indicate that from March 31, 2016 to May 12, 2016, Ohr attended six ham radio training classes titled "HAM 1B Amateur Radio Class for Fairfax F&RD and CERT Ham1B". These records further indicate that on May 14, 2016, Ohr took the requisite examination to obtain a FCC ham radio license.

2) FCC records demonstrate Ohr obtained her ham radio license during her Fusion GPS employment.

Public records from the FCC website that demonstrate that Ohr obtained her ham radio license on May 23, 2016. 58B-WF-C236956-RestrictedAccess Serial 4 is an interview of a ham radio subject matter expert who advised the public-source FCC website database provides a comprehensive listing of all ham radio licenses issued within the last twenty years, to include expired licenses that have been subsequently renewed. If the FCC website does not have a ham radio license listed for a person during a particular period within the last twenty years, that person did not have a ham radio license during that particular period of time.

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(U// [REDACTED] **PART 5:** Did Nellie Conceal Role in Creation of "Alfa Dossier"?

[REDACTED] While investigating Nellie Ohr's nexus to the "Steele" dossier, Writer became aware of a second Russia-collusion dossier (the "Alfa dossier") used to predicate a Chicago FI that there is probable cause to believe is a Fusion GPS work product.

[REDACTED] Writer provided a copy of the "Alfa" dossier to the handling agent of the FBI CHS who ostensibly collected the "intelligence" that predicated over 80% of the "Steele" dossier. This CHS worked with Christopher Steele (then a FBI CHS himself) prior to Steele being hired by Glenn Simpson's Fusion GPS in June 2016. The handling agent advised Writer that the source did not actually write any of the reports found in the "Steele" dossier. The handling agent advised that he presumed that Steele wrote these reports but that he did not know who wrote the reports. Given Christopher Steele's **FGI** [REDACTED] bonafides, Steele acted as a front-man or pitch-man for Fusion GPS while utilizing the collection services of the CHS to create reports. The CHS, who advised he/she has never been in Fusion GPS space or associated with Fusion GPS employees, denied having any knowledge of the Alfa dossier. According to this source, in every instance the source provided Steele reporting, the source **ALWAYS** provided the caveat that the reporting was "**rumor**" and that the source "**can't confirm any of this.**" See also Crossfire Hurricane serial dated 02/09/17, documenting the FBI interview of the source on 01/24/17 as this serial demonstrates a significant disparity in detail between the reporting provided by this source to Steele and what ultimately became the "Steele" dossier reports.

A. (U// [REDACTED] Basis that the "Alfa dossier" is a Fusion GPS work product that Nellie Ohr may have contributed to:

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- (U// [REDACTED] Testimony secured by the House Judiciary and Government Oversight committees revealed that weeks before the 2016 presidential election, James Baker met with Perkins Coie, the Democratic National Committee's private law firm (and the firm that hired Fusion GPS to compile the "Steele" dossier).
 - James Baker reportedly met with Perkins Coie attorney Michael Sussman (former DOJ), and said the firm gave him documents and a thumb drive related to Russian interference in the election, hacking and possible Trump connections.
- [REDACTED] On September 19, 2016 @ 2:30 pm, former FBI General Counsel James Baker is on a FBI evidence chain of custody as having accepted (2) PNY 16 GB thumb drives. (1) Red; (1) Blue. The contents of these thumb drives prompted the opening a full investigation [REDACTED] four days later.
 - [REDACTED] What follows is the actual and inaccurate opening of the Chicago full field investigation:
 - *FBI received a referral of information from the US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, detailing an unusually configured email server in Pennsylvania belonging to the TRUMP ORGANIZATION. In that referral, the DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE provided the FBI with a whitepaper that was produced by an anonymous third party. According to the whitepaper, a U.S.-based server that is owned by the TRUMP ORGANIZATION has been communicating with the Russian-based ALFA BANK organization in Moscow, Russia...*
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was closed in four months after the investigation determined the Alfa dossier's allegations were without merit.
- (U// [REDACTED] Similarities-Commonalities of The Two Dossiers:
 - A review of Nellie's Fusion GPS research provided to the FBI by Bruce Ohr includes much research relating to Alfa Bank, Richard Burt, LetterOne, Mikhail Fridman and numerous other persons/entities mentioned in the "Alfa dossier".
 - The "Steele" dossier, "Company Intelligence Report 2016/112" is titled "Russia/US Presidential Election: Kremlin-Alpha Group Co-Operation." As does the "Alfa" dossier, this particular "Steele" dossier report speaks to the roles that Mikhail Fridman and Peter (Pyotr) Aven play in this nexus.

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· In certain ways, the analytical portion of the Alfa dossier/whitepaper's format resembles the format/style of the "Steele" dossier.

· An article cited on the first page of the open-source section of the whitepaper (Putin's Kleptocracy...) that Writer searched against the FOIA Nellie Ohr Judicial Watch email returns revealed that the same article was emailed to Nellie by the Hudson Institute on May 11, 2016.

• **[REDACTED] 09/19/2016: Date of FBI's First Receipt of Steele & Alfa Dossiers.**

· (U// [REDACTED] Like the Steele dossier, the Alfa dossier has a direct nexus to the Hillary Clinton Campaign and Fusion GPS.

◦ (U// [REDACTED] Writer additionally communicated with the case agent of the Chicago investigation. She advised that she could provide no information on the authorship of the dossier as no one at her level knew the source of the Alfa dossier and that she understood that this information was deemed outside the scope of her need to know. She further noted that she was under pressure as case agent because the source of this whitepaper also provided the document to the media in the same time period as it was provided to the FBI (similar to how the "Steele Dossier" was disseminated).

◦ [REDACTED] On 12/14/2016, the FBI memorized a "report tracking matrix" that documented when the FBI received the various reports that comprise the "Steele" dossier. Similar to the "Alfa" dossier where James Baker was the initial FBI recipient of the dossier, James Baker was also the initial FBI recipient of four of the "Steele" dossier reports (on 7/30/16, 8/22/16, and 9/14/16). Unlike the receipt of the Alfa dossier where Baker received the thumb drives from the DNC's law firm, in these instances he received them from Mother Jones journalist David Corn, reportedly among the first to publicly break the Trump/Russia-collusion story.

◦ [REDACTED] The remainder of the Steele dossier reports were initially provided to the FBI by either Christopher Steele or Glenn Simpson, via Bruce Ohr.

- (U// [REDACTED] Public source indicates that Christopher Steele had a 10-11-2016 meeting with the State Department's Kathleen Kavalec to specifically speak about the "Alfa" dossier (not his only Russia-collusion meeting with her). Steele provided her with the Alfa dossier and she in turn passed it on to the FBI's Steven Laycock. A

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logical inference to be drawn from this meeting might be that Steele
was pitching the Alfa dossier it because it was the work product of
his employer.

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