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Great to hear from you! I was kind of wondering where you are.

Interesting times, very hard to judge what will happen next. The US politics these days is a very unpredictable thing, and I would hold off on any judgement on Trump's chances. It is still a long way to go. Paul may be formally out, but it really depends on Trump whether he will follow the strategy and rely on the system built by Paul. If he does – it will show in the ratings and it will be a very close race, with chances determined by who mobilizes the votes better – him or her. Manafort has set the system in place and if they just let it work, there may be some surprises. If Trump interferes and does not follow the strategy and mixes the messages – then yes, he is fucked.

I am pretty sure Paul is not vulnerable on either black cash or Fara stuff. I know for fact that he did not even know about the black cash existence – he never focused on such things, and could not have possibly taken large amounts of cash across three borders. It was always a different arrangement – payments were in wire transfers to his companies, which is not a violation (sort of SuperPAC scheme), and then he took his personal fee and fully paid his taxes etc. So he is OK on all stuff. I have some questions about this black cash stuff, because those published records do not make sense. The timeframe does not match anything related to payments made to Manafort. Maybe they recorded some internal settlements between PofR funders, but I can not really explain it. It does not match my records. All fees Manafort got were wires, not cash.

On Ukraine – fully agree with your point, nobody will do anything for Ukraine other than Ukrainians. Of course the West will not completely dump Ukraine, but the help will really depend on how fast Ukrainians get their act together. So far the country is plunging deeper and deeper into a mess, with no functioning administration, IMF out, economy in the state of clinical death, no peace and growing tension in the east. And what's worse – elite, which is very angry at the President and which is very far from the people and from each other. So, really no center around which the country can come together and stop fighting each other. My forecast is that things will get out of control by fall, with mass protest actions against the tariffs and the government, and it will be vacuum with everyone trying to grab power. If someone agrees on compromise – good. If not – we will have two Ukraines instead of one in an optimistic scenario. A less optimistic scenario is bloodbath, violence and Russian troops "enforcing peace". Wish I could see something brighter, but at this point I do not.

Regarding the articles – also several points.

First, it is definitely HRC and her HQ who launched this shitstorm trying to use construction of "Putin=very bad, Putin=Manafort, Manafort=Trump, therefore Trump=Putin=very bad". If you Google Ken Vogel who wrote the original BS piece – it turns out he is the same journalist who created a controversy a month or so ago by clearing his stories with the DNC prior to submission. http://www.breitbart.com/big-journalism/2016/07/22/ken-vogel-politico-dnc-emails/.