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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.

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Steele indicated they are tracking these Russian lines of effort:

- 1. Contacts between Trump -- via Manafort -- and the Kremlin that go back to about 2013, about the time he took Miss Universe to Moscow.** Steele stressed that while Trump was filmed engaged in compromising activities with prostitutes in the Ritz Carlton, the Russians have not needed to use that "kompromat" on him as he was already interested in cooperation. (Steele said he is persuaded the story about the prostitutes is accurate because they had their source speak with hotel contacts who confirmed 1) that the FSB was in the hotel while Trump was there and 2) Trump regularly availed himself of prostitutes while in Moscow.) Steele indicated that this operation is run by the Kremlin -- former Kremlin COS Sergey Ivanov, Dmitriy Peskov and President Putin -- and not the FSB. Presidential Advisor Vladislav Surkov and Vyacheslav Trubnikov (former head of Russian External Intelligence Service -- SVR) are also involved. Manafort has been the go-between with the campaign. Ivanov persuaded Putin it was possible to use the hacked information and run an operation without being detected, while others argued against it. Ivanov was demoted after the hacking became known and no there is "buyer's remorse."

[Redacted] there is panic in the Kremlin about the operation. There was speculation that Lavrov might be targeted as another fall person. Peter Aven of Alfa Bank has been the conduit for secret communications between the Kremlin and Manafort; messages are encrypted via TOR software and run between a hidden server

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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 \$4B 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. [REDACTED])

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[REDACTED] **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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