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STEELE advised that this was his "favorite" report, involving MICHAEL COHEN, WEBZILLA, and ALEXEJ GUBAREV. The information on MICHAEL COHEN was obtained by the primary subsource's direct communication with [REDACTED]

Company Intelligence Report 2016/086, dated 26 July 2015

First, STEELE was asked about the date of this report, specifically the year. Upon reflection, STEELE said that he believes this is a typo, and that the year was actually 2016 versus 2015.

STEELE advised that this cyber-related report in the dossier had been tasked by the FBI. It had been tasked by [REDACTED] and was passed to the FBI.

Company Note, dated 19 October 2016

This is the CODY SHEARER and JON WINER report. STEELE advised that this was not an ORBIS report. STEELE received this report from JON WINER. The report pre-dates the dossier, and was produced circa April 2016. STEELE advised that SHEARER was an associate of SIDNEY BLUMENTHAL. SHEARER is also friends with a Turkish-American businessman with the last name of KHAN (NFI). KHAN was in touch with RUSLAN MANSIMOV, aka ASLAN TURAN, aka ASLAN TURANCI. According to STEELE, MANSIMOV was a "Southern Caucasus mongrel" -- Armenian/Azeri/Russian -- and worked in Turkey and Rome. KHAN brokered contact between SHEARER and MANSIMOV in New York and Istanbul. MANSIMOV worked for the FSB -- STEELE said that MANSIMOV's affiliation with the FSB was not a secret.

STEELE advised that this SHEARER/WINER report was not related to the dossier and was based on long-standing relationships among the identified individuals. STEELE said that the report had pluses and minuses. The "plus" of the reporting was that it chimed with the Miss Universe reporting, the Ritz-Carlton reporting, and the AGALAROVs. The "minus" of the reporting was the fact that MANSIMOV was, according to STEELE, neither the most sophisticated nor impressive person. MANSIMOV's Russian language skills were not that great, as it was not his first language. STEELE opined that MANSIMOV's first language may be Azeri.

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After the dossier was published, MANSIMOV was not an active contact. MANSIMOV had claimed to be part of a faction in Russia, along with some other FSB officials, who were shocked at the attacks on the US election. MANSIMOV thought that the "crazies" (NFI) were out of control, and that it would blow up in their faces (NFI).

Recently, MANSIMOV has recontacted KHAN and was offering to provide tapes of President TRUMP. At least one of those tapes was related to the Miss Universe event and involved urine. KHAN brokered contact between SHEARER and MANSIMOV. SHEARER and MANSIMOV were actively discussing a deal for the tapes. MANSIMOV wanted money and "good standing" (NFI). MANSIMOV also claimed that an FSB technical officer with the rank of colonel was interested in defecting and wished to speak to them. The FSB officer had difficulty traveling; therefore, it was suggested that they meet in Kazakhstan.

SHEARER and MANSIMOV met in Istanbul and are considering an upcoming meeting in Spain within the coming weeks.

STEELE advised that he wished to keep this interaction "at an arm's length," as he does not want to fall into a trap. STEELE opined that this could be genuine, or a fabrication, or a set-up -- suggesting that it could involve a faction of the Democratic Party and he feared a possible FCPA violation. STEELE advised that WINER was aware of the situation, and was the one who informed STEELE about it. STEELE opined that SHEARER was not acting discreetly. STEELE said that the media was "sniffing" around MANSIMOV.

Additionally, STEELE advised he believed it was doubtful that IVANKA TRUMP was collecting large amounts of money. STEELE was complimentary of IVANKA TRUMP and considered her a good friend. STEELE further advised that his colleagues believed he was being naive about this, but he was surprised by the reporting on IVANKA. STEELE said he was skeptical about the IVANKA part of the reporting, but he could believe the rest of the report.

STEELE advised that there was a rumor that a video existed of President TRUMP "roughing up" his wife, MELANIA TRUMP, in an elevator. The rumor further insinuated that the Russians had purchased this tape.

STEELE said that another rumor had also surfaced that an unidentified American who had witnessed an argument about prostitutes at a hotel involved in the earlier-mentioned Miss Universe incident. The desk

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