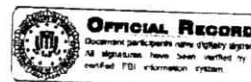


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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Electronic Communication**

Title: ~~(S//NF)~~ Defensive Brief to David Kendall.

Date: 10/22/2015

CC: Charles F. McGonigal

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From: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

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Contact: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Approved By: David W Archey

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED];

SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER (SIM)

Synopsis: ~~(S//NF)~~ To document defensive briefing to David E. Kendall and his associate Katherine Turner, both of Williams & Connolly LLP, personal attorneys to Hillary Clinton.

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Full Investigation Initiated: 11/25/2014

Details:

~~(S//NF)~~ On Thursday, 15 October, SC David W. Archey and [REDACTED], met at FBIHQ, Room 5885, with David E. Kendall and

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Title: (S//NF) Defensive Brief to David Kendall.  
Re: [REDACTED], 10/22/2015

Katherine Turner, both partners at Williams & Connolly LLP, located at 725 12th Street, N.W., Washington, DC. Kendall and Turner are personal attorneys for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Kendall and Turner both hold security clearances. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a classified defensive briefing for Mrs. Clinton's presidential campaign, as summarized below:

(S//NF//OC) Kendall and Turner were advised the FBI has information that the [REDACTED] is attempting to influence Hillary Clinton through lobbying efforts and campaign contributions. The campaign contributions may come in a form outside established parameters for such contributions.

(U//FOUO) Kendall and Turner were advised the FBI was providing them with this briefing for awareness and so Ms. Clinton could take appropriate action to protect herself. They were also told the FBI was seeking their assistance to identify other appropriate recipients of the brief, if any.

(S//NF//OC) Kendall and Turner were asked to advise the FBI, Section Chief Archey, if Ms. Clinton is approached by anyone connected to or acting at the direction of the [REDACTED].

(U//FOUO) As examples of issues that were known to be potentially important to the [REDACTED], Kendall and Turner were advised of the following:

- a) [REDACTED]
- b) [REDACTED];
- c) [REDACTED];
- d) [REDACTED];
- e) [REDACTED].

(S//NF//OC) As a take away from the meeting, SC Archey offered that the campaign should increase its vigilance of contributions related to any of the matters discussed above.

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Re: ██████████, 10/22/2015

(S//NF) Kendall and Turner were advised the FBI has an ongoing investigation and does not have further information at this time. SC Archey stated the FBI felt the information was sufficiently reliable and serious that the FBI had a duty to warn.

(S//NF) Kendall asked if that was all the information that could be shared, and SC Archey responded in the affirmative. Kendall advised he would reflect on the information and advise if he thought further defensive briefings were warranted. He mentioned the possibility, the legal counsel for the campaign, as well as the campaign financial manager might be appropriate persons to receive the brief. Kendall and Turner did not provide the names of these persons.

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DEFENSIVE BRIEFINGS RELATED TO

Foreign Government POLITICAL INFLUENCE CAMPAIGN

- [REDACTED] If defensive briefings are to occur, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] request Sensitive Information [REDACTED] prior to the defensive briefs. Sensitive Information [REDACTED] to the defensive brief will help us understand the totality of the activity and any potential shift in that activity.
- [REDACTED] Defensive briefings should not be specific to identify the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] subjects.
- [REDACTED] The briefings should occur concurrently or as close to concurrently as possible. This strategy ensures that the FBI remains apolitical throughout this process.
- [REDACTED] Specific details of the brief to include individuals in attendance and what, if any, additional information was provided to the political candidate and/or elected official should be provided to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] after the fact.
- [REDACTED] If the candidate/politician asks whether anyone else has received such a briefing, we can note that this briefing was provided to this person because of information specific to them. We won't be sharing this information with anyone else, so as to protect him/her from unfair scrutiny. As such, we likewise won't share any information about other briefing recipients with the candidate/politician.
- [REDACTED] If the candidate/politician asks for additional information, we will advise the candidate that we cannot provide any further information due to the singularity of the sourcing.

WHAT WILL BE BRIEFED

- [REDACTED] We have information that the Foreign Government [REDACTED] is attempting to influence you through lobbying efforts and campaign contributions. These campaign contributions may come in a form outside established parameters for such donations.
- [REDACTED] We are providing you with this briefing so you and your staff are aware of such attempts to negatively influence our political process and you can take appropriate action.
- [REDACTED] If approached by an individual that you believe may be connected to or acting at the direction of the Foreign Government [REDACTED], we ask that you provide the nature of the contact to the FBI.

• [REDACTED] Sensitive Information [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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• [REDACTED] Sensitive Information [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2015 2:07 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: 2016 election announcement --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED],  
During our SVTC last week, [REDACTED] indicated to [REDACTED] he was going to relay the info to CD EM.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2015 1:53 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2016 election announcement --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED],  
WSJ is reporting that Hillary Clinton plans to formally announce her 2016 Presidential candidacy in April 2015.

To me, this underscores the need for us to push this FISA. By the time we get it signed and go up, we would only be up a few weeks before she announces, at best. On the other hand, if we wait for the events to unfold which we discussed on the SVTC, her announcement may occur in advance of us

getting the FISA coverage. That puts us even further behind the curve on the intel necessary for this operation.

I spoke with Employee [redacted] of OI. Sensitive Information [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] To me, this is merely an administrative matter and is no big deal. We should be able to do the updates rather quickly and painlessly and move it back through the process.

[redacted] did mention his concern about making sure that OI/AG and FBIHQ are on the same page. I think his concern is that, from his end, it looks like FBI didn't want to pursue this FISA because we didn't send it over to the AAG with the Director's Certification. He wants to make sure that his office and FBIHQ communicate and that his folks know that we really want this FISA. I'm not sure how FBIHQ is going to manage that, because if we explain the reason we held it up, that probably won't sit well.

[redacted] position remains consistent, and we believe additional urgency now exists because the candidate is poised to declare fairly shortly. [redacted] would request that the new FISA package be approved and sent to the AAG for approval rather than wait for the events previously discussed on the SVTC.

Thanks,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 06, 2015 4:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (FBI)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Clinton Defensive Brief --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN/FISA~~

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Good afternoon/evening,

I hope all is well up in [REDACTED] Field Office.

I know I am asking this on Friday afternoon, right before rush hour (something I don't miss from the [REDACTED]), but my Unit [REDACTED] down here was asked today by DAD Jones to provide a defensive brief to Hillary Clinton regarding possible foreign aid money that might be contributed to her campaign should/when she announce her run for POTUS.

The DAD would like for us (the FBI) to provide a brief sooner than later ("a week or so"). We think that Clinton maintains her own set of offices at 120 West 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2700, in addition to the Clinton Foundations offices. We went online to Hillary Clinton's website at hillaryclintonoffice.com, as well as the Clinton Foundation's website, but neither website has telephone contact information.

The current thought from my front office is that we will provide to [REDACTED] Field Office the briefing material, if [REDACTED] would be able to send out a couple of appropriate individuals to conduct the brief (as well as set it up). Right now, the direction we have been given is that it should be Hillary Clinton or someone within her office. An alternate person could be Nick Merrill, who appears to function as her spokesman.

Though the information we [REDACTED] Field Office received is currently specific to [REDACTED] Foreign Government wanting to give money to Clinton and the, thus far, unknown republican candidate, we would like this to be a general defensive brief. However, I've attached a baseball card with all the information.

Please let me know if [REDACTED] concurs with the general plan, and what we can do to help. I'll reach out on Monday if one of you has the opportunity to discuss this.

Thanks, and hope you all have a great weekend!

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 11:28 AM  
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED] DIGUISEPPI, JANEEN (CID)(FBI)  
Subject: [REDACTED] case --- ~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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Good morning, everyone.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED],  
I'm writing about [REDACTED], the Field Office case regarding the Foreign Government and their plans to offer funds to Mrs. Clinton. [REDACTED]. News reports are pointing towards this announcement happening either this month or in April.

CD Executive Management is considering providing Mrs. Clinton and/or someone in her office a defensive brief. CD EM would like for us to have a meeting about this and discuss pros and cons, the legal aspects, criminal aspects, etc.

Please let me know when you are available this week to conduct this meeting. We in [REDACTED] are available for this meeting Mon, Tue, or Wed. CD EM needs the information before Friday, 3/13.

[REDACTED], NSLB needs to be present. I don't know anyone on the OGC criminal side that handles these matters but I'm sure you do. Someone there also needs to be present.

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[REDACTED] front office wanted to insure you were aware of this.

Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2015 10:58 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Chronology of [REDACTED] Foreign Government ---  
[REDACTED]

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Attached is the Chronology of [REDACTED]

Sensitive Information  
[REDACTED]

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2015 10:19 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: [REDACTED] Foreign Government --- [REDACTED]  
**Importance:** High

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[REDACTED]



Please see me on the below.

Thanks,

**From:** ARCHEY, DAVID W. (CD)(FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2015 9:16 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: [REDACTED] - Foreign Government --- ~~SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN/PISA~~

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED],

Please see below. Please coordinate Section's response to the below. Most of this is contained in White paper that [REDACTED] completed last night. Please make a priority for today. Thank you.

**From:** COLEMAN, RANDALL C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2015 7:30 AM  
**To:** ARCHEY, DAVID W. (CD)(FBI)  
**Cc:** JONES, ROBERT ALLAN (CD)(FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: [REDACTED] - Foreign Government --- ~~SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN/PISA~~

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[REDACTED]

Dave, please prepare a response to SAC [REDACTED] email regarding this matter. Also, speak with Dina about the briefing and add some information to the response concerning the fact the brief for the Director was not going to contain any case specific information (as I understand)

The response should include:

1. Sensitive Information [REDACTED]

2. Sensitive Information [REDACTED]
3. Sensitive Information [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED] makes reference to "not being allowed to use one of the only tools available against a target Sensitive Information [REDACTED]
5. Sensitive Information [REDACTED]
6. Is there any investigative tool that [REDACTED] should/could have right now that they don't?
7. CD SC has conducted multiple SVTC with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to discuss and implement strategy going forward
8. [REDACTED] cites translation issues? What is the problem? Is there a problem?

[REDACTED] advised that she and I have spoken about this case several times???? I have not talked to her one time about this case. I think she is confusing me with Bob Jones. I asked John Giacalone if she had spoken to him about it and he said no.

I don't understand what [REDACTED] point is. What investigative action are they not allowed to do against their targets? Why are they advising they are unclear about the strategy going forward?

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2015 3:31 PM  
**To:** COLEMAN, RANDALL C. (CD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: [REDACTED] - Foreign Government --- ~~SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN/FISA~~

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**From:** COMEY, JAMES B. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2015 1:15 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** VOGT, STEPHEN E. (BA) (FBI); GIULIANO, MARK F (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] - Foreign Government --- ~~SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN/FISA~~

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Thanks [REDACTED]. Don't know anything about this but will get smarter.

With respect to the most time-sensitive part: Do you know why this is not included in the briefing for tomorrow? I finished the read-ahead, which includes a variety of stuff about Foreign Government efforts in the U.S., but didn't see a mention of this. Why is that? Is the DI team coming tomorrow aware of the matter?

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2015 3:07 PM  
**To:** COMEY, JAMES B. (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** VOGT, STEPHEN E. (BA) (FBI); GIULIANO, MARK F (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] - Foreign Government --- ~~SECRET//ORCON/NOFORN/PISA~~

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Director Comey -

[REDACTED] I hope I am not overstepping in this matter, but I learned earlier today that you will be receiving a briefing on [REDACTED] on Wednesday, 4/15/15, which is what prompted me to contact you. Based upon what we have been able to ascertain, it does not appear that you will be briefed on [REDACTED] pending investigation involving the [REDACTED], code named [REDACTED], with a companion investigation in [REDACTED]. This information came to us through Sensitive Information [REDACTED]. In short, [REDACTED] has identified attempts by the [REDACTED] to influence the U.S. presidential election, U.S. presidential candidates, and U.S. politicians through illegal campaign contributions

Sensitive Information [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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Sensitive Information [REDACTED]  
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Sensitive Information [redacted] Division submitted a FISA application requesting coverage Sensitive Information [redacted]; on 12/15/14, OI sent the Certification Copy of the FISA application to the FBI for final approval. The FISA application has remained in limbo for the last four months, even though subsequent investigative activity by [redacted] provided additional probable cause for the FISA application. [redacted] is still uncertain as to why the application has not been sent to DOJ for final approval, although several reasons have been put forth by CD, most recently that the decision to put the application on hold originated "on the seventh floor."

[redacted] While [redacted] has pursued the matter through other avenues, Sensitive Information [redacted] and we have received no feedback from CD on the proposed neutralization strategy.

[redacted] I discussed this matter with DD Giuliano when this information initially came to our attention, and more recently with AD Coleman, but have not received a clear answer as to why we are not being allowed to use one of the only tools available against a target Sensitive Information [redacted] - in spite of clear legal justification. While superficially connected to political candidates, the investigation targets a NONUSPER involved in illegal activity; it does not target the candidate(s), and there is no evidence the candidate is even aware of the potential targeting.

[redacted] I would like to either see this investigation move forward, or at least get an understanding of why we are not being allowed to move forward. My team has put a lot of time and effort into this matter, and they don't understand why they are not being allowed to vigorously investigate this case. At this point, I don't have any answers for them. I would be happy to discuss further, or provide more information if needed. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

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SAC, [redacted]  
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