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(U/ [REDACTED]) On February 11, 2017, JOSEPH MIFSUD, date of birth (DOB) [REDACTED], Director, London Academy of Diplomacy, mobile telephone number [REDACTED], email address [REDACTED] was interviewed in the lobby of the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, MIFSUD provided the following information:

(U/ [REDACTED]) MIFSUD lives in London and is the Director of the London Academy of Diplomacy, however, he is also an adviser at the London Centre of International Law Practice (LCILP). After reviewing a photograph provided by the interviewing agents, MIFSUD immediately identified the individual as GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS. PAPADOPOULOS is also a member of LCILP, however, MIFSUD first met him in Rome when PAPADOPOULOS traveled with his boss, NAGI IDRIS, to the Link Campus University in Rome approximately 8 months ago. The meeting had approximately 8 participants and was an informational exchange focused on organizing policy seminars and building a relationship between the University and LCILP.

(U/ [REDACTED]) Approximately two months later, MIFSUD met PAPADOPOULOS for the second time when the two had coffee in the UK during the period when PAPADOPOULOS was transitioning from LCILP to a position with the DONALD TRUMP campaign. In addition to MIFSUD and PAPADOPOULOS, OLGA POLENSKAYA, an MBA student from Link Campus University, was at the meeting. POLENSKAYA was in town to meet with IDRIS and MISFUD. There were no other persons, including foreign officials, present. MIFSUD did not believe POLENSKAYA was related to VLADIMIR PUTIN or any other Russian government officials. MIFSUD stated PAPADOPOULOS was interested in foreign policy ideas, TRUMP's recent speech, Israel, migration, Russia, and other geo political subjects. PAPADOPOULOS did not ask MIFSUD to join the TRUMP campaign during this conversation. MIFSUD described the meeting as happenstance. He was at LCILP and saw PAPADOPOULOS there, so they had lunch in the cafeteria,

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followed by coffee at the hotel across from LCILP. During lunch POLENSKAYA and MARTIN Last Name Unknown were also present.

(U [REDACTED]) MIFSUD stated he had no advance knowledge Russia was in possession of emails from the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and, therefore, did not make any offers or proffer any information to PAPADOPOULOS. They spoke about cyber security and hacking as a larger issue. PAPADOPOULOS must have misunderstood their conversation.

(U [REDACTED]) MIFSUD believed PAPADOPOULOS and POLENSKAYA may have had a social engagement after the meeting. He also introduced PAPADOPOULOS to IVAN TIMOFEEV, who works at the Russian International Affairs Council, via email.

(U [REDACTED]) MIFSUD has not seen PAPADOPOULOS since the UK meeting. He emailed PAPADOPOULOS in December about meeting while MIFSUD was in the US, but he did not meet with him. On or about the same time, MIFSUD received an email from PAPADOPOULOS stating he had left the TRUMP campaign.

(U [REDACTED]) After the meeting, MIFSUD emailed one of the interviewing agents with additional information. The email, as well as the photo displayed to MIFSUD, are attached to this communication as a 1A.

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