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FYI. In case you hadn't seen it. Thanks.

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Accompanied by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzō Abe, Donald Trump attended the extravagant 70th birthday party of long-time friend [Steve Schwarzman in Palm Beach, Florida on Saturday night](#). According to [reports](#), Schwarzman, who is the CEO of global private equity firm The Blackstone Group, is committed to serving as a key advisor to Trump with the intention of meeting “frequently” on issues of strategy and policy. Schwarzman made headlines recently for [having traveled with Trump on Air Force One](#), and after his [family housekeeper was pushed in front of a subway car](#) and killed in Times Square back in November.

In recent days, a great deal of media attention has been paid to Trump’s National Security Advisor General Michael Flynn for his possibly illegal discussions with the Kremlin prior to Inauguration Day in which he may have projected the Trump administration’s intention to lift sanctions on Russia once Trump assumed office. However, the real story here may in fact be Schwarzman.

After weeks of sifting through financial disclosures and filing records, a group of concerned citizens investigating Trump’s ties to Russia has uncovered evidence to suggest that the two companies involved in the Rosneft deal have ties to the Koch Brothers and Donald Trump himself. Indeed, Schwarzman’s Blackstone Group may now hold a stake in [Rosneft](#), Russia’s government-owned oil company that famously sold 19.5% of its stock to two investors this past December: the first was Glencore, to which evidence suggests the Koch Brothers are connected, and the second, a mysterious Qatar-based nest doll of shell corporations, which evidence suggests is ultimately owned by Schwarzman.

Schwarzman’s possible connection to Rosneft puts Mr. Trump dangerously close to allegations brought forth in the [controversial Russian dossier](#) that suggested he was offered a 19 percent stake in the oil company in exchange for lifting American sanctions against Russia. If Donald Trump was involved with the Rosneft deal it would constitute a high crime of treason worthy of impeachment and have deeper ramifications about Trump’s knowledge with regards to cyber interference in the presidential election.

The Money Trail

The Panama Papers, which leaked in 2016, revealed Russian President Vladimir Putin's penchant for [pilfering assets into off-shore shell companies](#).

On Sunday, December 11, 2016, [Reuters reported](#) that Russia signed a deal with [Glencore](#), a commodities trader based out of London, and the [Qatar Investment Authority \(QIA\)](#), Qatar's government-owned holding company that conducts foreign investments, to sell a 19.5 percent stake in oil major Rosneft. The privatization deal was called the "largest in Russia's history" by Rosneft Chief Executive Igor Sechin.

Right off the bat, it should be noted that none other than the [Koch Brothers](#) have an [investment with Glencore](#).

On January 10, according to a [Russian news publication known as RBC](#), 19.5 percent of Rosneft shares were moved to a Singapore-based company known as [QHG Shares Pte Ltd](#), which Rosneft confirms owns 19.5 percent of its shares as of February 1, 2017. This company represents a consortium of Glencore and QIA.

EXHIBIT E: 1/10/17: 19.5% shares of Rosneft quietly moved to Singapore-based QHG Shares Pte Ltd. #1: Russian news. #2: English Translate. pic.twitter.com/U6iCMgtvbU

— Alex Mohajer (@alexmohajer) [February 10, 2017](#)

This is where things get interesting: QHG Shares Pte. Ltd. is itself made up of a series of shell organizations and front companies.