From: dagon Subject: fyi

Date: January 29, 2017 at 12:50 PM

To: Manos Antonakakis

The Russians are killing spies with knowledge of the dossier materials:

http://www.inquisitr.com/3930099/former-kgb-chief-who-allegedly-helped-to-compile-golden-shower-dossier-on-donald-trump-founddead/

Oh, and Trump purged the National Security Council (removing General Dunford) and put Steve Bannon (his PR guy) on the NSC:

http://www.politico.com/story/2017/01/mccain-bannon-nsc-234329

My guess: The purged NSC will now say that Russia has given us great intel on ISIS, and that we should lift sanctions now that Russia is helping. (The public will have no way to judget this.)

All this to protect Trump from the dossier materials.

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Subject: Re: fyi
Date: January 29, 2017 at 1:08 PM
To: Manos Antonakakis

On Sun, Jan 29, 2017 at 12:55:02PM -0500, Manos Antonakakis wrote:
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While bitcoin is huge in VE and there's tons of malware, this might not affect our work every much. I'm expecting bitcoin laundering to be mostly used by criminal gangs, while VE corrupt officials use Wall Street/Scaramucci.

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Yea, but it looks like simple kleptocracy, just from the VE food programs (now that their currency is junk). Normally, this would be a major news issue, but there are so many other issues right now. I'm just guessing this doesn't affect us (VE gov hates bitcoin), but keep an eye out for VE traffic/botnets. Some day, however, Scarmucci will be noted for having profited from starvation, rest assured.

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Silly, yes. Don't worry; this is temporary. I've actually seen worse in the 1970s. The 2018 elections will be an earthquake.

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