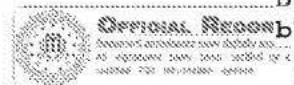


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## Electronic Communication

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Date: 07/31/2016

CC: JONATHAN C. MOFFA

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STRZOK PETER P II

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From: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

[b7E]

Contact: STRZOK PETER P II, [b7E]

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Approved By: STRZOK PETER P II

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Case ID #: [b3/b7E]

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FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT -  
RUSSIA;  
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Synopsis: Opens and assigns investigation

~~Reason: 1.4(b)  
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Full Investigation Initiated: 07/31/2016

Details:

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ An investigation is being opened based on information received from Legat [b7E] on 07/29/2016. The text of that email follows:

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Legat **b7E** information from **b6** Deputy Chief of Mission

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b6 per DOS

Synopsis:

(U//~~FOUO~~) Legat **b7E** received information from the **b6** **b6** Deputy Chief of Mission related to the hacking of the Democratic National Committee's website/server.

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b6 per DOS

Details:

(U) ~~(S//REL TO USA)~~ **b7E** On Wednesday, July 27, 2016, Legal Attaché (Legat) **b6/b7C** was summoned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) for the **b6** who will be leaving **b6** post Saturday, July 30, 2016 and set to soon thereafter retire from government service, advised **b6** was called by

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**b7D/b7E** **b7D** about an urgent matter requiring an in person meeting with the U.S. Ambassador. [Note: **b7D/b7E**

**b7D/b7E** The **b6** **b6/b7E** was scheduled to be away from post until mid-August, therefore **b6** attended the meeting.

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b6 per DOS

(U) ~~(S//REL TO USA)~~ **b7E** **b7D** advised that **b7D/b7E** government had been seeking prominent members of the Donald Trump campaign in which to engage to prepare for potential post-election relations should Trump be elected U.S. President. One of the people identified was George Papadopolous (although public media sources provide a spelling of Papadopoulos), who was believed to be one of Donald Trump's foreign policy advisers. Mr. Papadopolous was located in **b7D/b7E** so the

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**b7D/b7E** met with him on several occasions, with **b7D** attending at least one of the meetings.

(U) ~~(S//REL TO USA)~~ **b7E** **b7D** recalled **b7D** of the meetings between Mr. Papadopolous and **b7D** concerning statements Mr. Papadopolous made about suggestions from the Russians that they (the Russians) could assist the Trump campaign with the anonymous release of information during the campaign that would be

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damaging to Hillary Clinton. **b6** provided a copy of the reporting that was provided to **b6** from **b7D** to Legat **b6/b7C**. The text is exactly as follows:

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(U) ~~(S)~~ **b7E** 5. Mr Papadopolous **b7D**

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**b7D** also suggested the Trump team had received some kind of suggestion from Russia that it could assist this process with the anonymous release of information during the campaign that would be damaging to Mrs Clinton (and President Obama). It was unclear whether he or the Russians were referring to material acquired publicly of through other means. It was also unclear how Mr Trump's team reacted to the offer. We note the Trump team's reaction could, in the end, have little bearing of what Russia decides to do, with or without Mr Trump's cooperation.

[End Text]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ **b7E** Legat requests that further action on this information should consider the sensitivity that this information was provided through informal diplomatic channels from **b7D/b7E** to the U.S. Embassy's DCM. It was clear from the conversation Legat **b6/b7C** had with DCM that **b7D** knew follow-up by the U.S. government would be necessary, but extraordinary efforts should be made to protect the source of this information until such a time that a request from our organization can be made to **b7D/b7E** to obtain this information through formal channels.

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(U) ~~(S//OC/NF)~~ Based on the information provided by Legat **b7E** this investigation is being opened to determine whether individual(s)

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associated with the Trump campaign are witting of and/or coordinating activities with the Government of Russia.

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