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THE ROAD TO A SHAM IMPEACHMENT

MARCH 2016

MARCH 21, 2016:

CARTER PAGE JOINS THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN AS A FOREIGN POLICY 161 IN JANUARY 2013. PAGE REPORTEDLY HELPED THE FBI WITH AN INVESTIGATION INTO RUSSIAN SPIES, I

MARCH 2016:

PAUL MANAFORT JOINS THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT
DELEGATES FROM CHOOSING ANOTHER NOMINEE AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN JULY. MANAFORT WAS A WELL-KNOWN REPUBLICAN OPERATIVE IN DC. WHO HAD BUSINESS DEALINGS IN UKRAINE.

MARCH 21. 2016:

28-YEAR-OLD GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS JOINS THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN AS AN UNPAID FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR. [C)

MARCH 29, 2016:

FBI INTERVIEWS CARTER PAGE, TU THE TOPIC AND REASONS ARE UNKNOWN. WAS IT BECAUSE OF HIM JOINING THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN? TO SEE IF HE WAS STILL A RUSSIAN $\,$ RECRUITMENT TARGET STEMMING FROM THE 2013 FBI INVESTIGATION? TO GATHER INFORMATION TO POSSIBLY BRIEF THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN ON HIS PAST HISTORY?

APRIL 2016

APRIL, 2016:

ALEXANDRA CHALUPA, A UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN AND DNC CONSULTANT. STARTS COLLECTING INFORMATION ON MANAFORT'S DEALINGS IN THE UKRAINE. SHE REPORTEDLY MEETS WITH OFFICIALS IN THE UKRAINIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO GATHER DIRT ON THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN.

APRIL 26 , 2016:

PAPADOPOULOS MEETS WITH A MALTESE ACADEMIC, JOSEPH MIFSUD, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE DIRT ON HILLARY CLINTON. PAPADOPOULOS COMMUNICATES THE INFORMATION TO THE TRUMP THE MUELLER REPORT DIDN'T FIND MIFSUD WAS A RUSSIAN AGENT, AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT MIFSUD TOLD PAPADOPOULOS ANYTHING ABOUT

APRIL, 2016:

AN ATTORNEY FOR HILLARY CLINTON'S CAMPAIGN AND THE DNC HIRES OPPOSITION RESEARCH FIRM FUSION GPS. LED BY GLENN SIMPSON, TO INVESTIGATE DONALD TRUMP.

HACKED EMAILS.

MAY 2016

MAY, 2016:

DNC BECOMES AWARE ITS EMAIL SYSTEM HAS BEEN COMPROMISED. IN THE AUTUMN OF 2015, THE FBI KNEW THAT THE DNC SERVERS HAD LIKELY BEEN HACKED AND RUSSIAN OPERATIVES WERE THE CULPRIT. THOUGH THE DNC WAS SLOW TO REACT AND PROJECT THEIR SYSTEMS (THEY INITIALLY HIRED CROWDSTRIKE TO INVESTIGATE THE HACKING, RATHER THAN INVOLVING THE FBI).

CROWDSTRIKE IS A DEEPLY DEMOCRATIC FIRM, THEN-PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA APPOINTED THE FIRM'S GENERAL COUNSEL TO HIS COMMISSION ON ENHANCING NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY. VICTOR PINCHUK, A UKRAINIAN BILLIONAIRE AND CLINTON FOUNDATION DONOR (WHO ULTIMATELY LEAKED INFO ON MANAFORT, LEADING TO HIS DOWNFALL) IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRM.

LATE SPRING 2016:

FBI'S THEN-DIRECTOR JAMES COMEY BRIEFS THE PRINCIPALS OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL SECURITY COUCIL ON "THE REGULAR ATTENDEES INCLUDED VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN. NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR SUSAN RICE, AND NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR JAMES CLAPPER.

MAY 6. 2016:

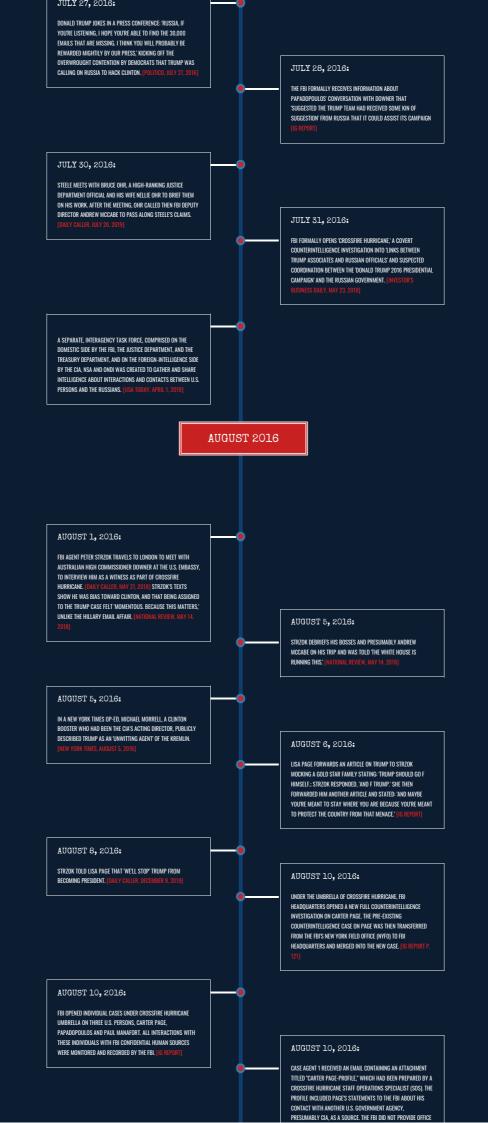
IN LONDON, PAPADOPOULOS MEETS WITH AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER DOWNER AND REPORTEDLY TELLS HIM HE HEARD ABOUT THE RUSSIANS HAD INFORMATION ABOUT CLINTON THAT COLL D PROVE DAMAGING

MAY 19, 2016:

PAUL MANAFORT IS PROMOTED TO CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN, [CNN. MAY

MAY 2016:

FUSION GPS HIRES NELLIE OHR, A RUSSIA SCHOLAR, CIA CONTRACTOR, AND HILLARY CLINTON SUPPORTER. SHE'S ALSO MARRIED TO BRUCE OHR, A HIGH-RANKING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL BRUCE OHR FAILS TO MENTION HIS WIFE'S FUSION WORK OR INCOME ON HIS JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSURE. JUNE 2016 JUNE 2016: FUSION GPS HIRES CRISTOPHER STEELE, A FORMER HEAD OF THE $\,$ RUSSIA DESK FOR BRITISH INTELLIGENCE (MIG). TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE CONTAINING ALLEGATIONS BETWEEN DONALD TRUMP'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN AND RUSSIA JUNE 12. 2016: JULIAN ASSANGE GIVES AN INTERVIEW TO THE BRITISH TV NETWORK ITV. IN IT. HE ANNOUNCES WIKILEAKS HAD UPCOMING LEAKES IN RELATION TO HILLARY CLINTON, WITH EMAILS PENDING PUBLICATION. JUNE 14, 2016: CROWDSTRIKE ANNOUNCES PUBLICLY THE DNC HAS BEEN JUNE 20, 2016: STEELE SENDS THE FIRST OF HIS MEMS TO FUSION GPS, BASED ON ANONYMOUS FOREIGN SOURCES, INCLUDING THOSE IN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE. (NATIONAL REVIEW, DECEMBER 23, 2017) STEELE STATED THAT HE FOUND TROUBLING INFORMATION INDICATING CONNECTION JUNE 22, 2016: BETWEEN TRUMP AND THE RUSSIA GOVERNMENT. WIKILEAKS REACHES OUT TO HACKING PERSONA GUCCIFER 2.0 16] ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, STEELE DECIDES TO ALSO ASKING FOR "NEW MATERIAL" [AP. JULY 14,2018 Transfers emails to wikileaks on July PASS THE INFORMATION TO BRITISH AND AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THE FINDINGS WERE A MATTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. JULY 2016 JULY 5, 2016: STEELE CALLS FBI AGENT MICHAEL GAETA, WHO WAS STATIONED IN ROME, AND ASKS HIM TO COME TO LONDON SO HE COULD BRIEF HIM ON HIS DOSSIER. GAETA REQUESTED AND WAS GRANTED APPROVAL FOR THE TRIP FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR JULY 7, 2016: EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN AFFAIRS, ON JULY 5, GAETA ARRIVES IN LONDON AND MEETS WITH STEELE. ALARMED BY WHAT HE READ, CARTER PAGE DELIVERS A COMMENCEMENT SPEECH AT THE NEW GAETA REMARKS, " I HAVE TO REPORT THIS TO ECONOMIC SCHOOL IN MOSCOW, [AP. JULY S HEADOUARTERS." JULY 7, 2016: DON TRUMP JR. MEETS WITH RUSSIAN LAWYER NATALIA VESELNITSKAYA IN TRUMP TOWER. NOTHING CAME OUT OF IT. THE MUELLER REPORT STATED THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE JULY 10, 2016: TO CONCLUDE THEN - CANDIDATE DONALD TRUMP WAS INFORMED OF THE MEETING. CARTER PAGE IS INVITED TO ATTEND A HALPER/DEARLOVE SEMINAR IN CAMBRIDGE, HOSTED BY FBI INFORMANT STEFAN HALPER. [DAILY CALLER. AUGUST 1, 2019] HALPER'S GROUP PAID PAGE'S AIRFARE, WHERE HE TRAVELED DIRECTLY FROM MOSCOW. HALPER AND PAGE BEGAN A FRIENDSHIP, WHERE PAGE INTRODUCED HIM TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN. (WASHINGTON POST. JUNE JULY 19, 2016: STEELE ALLEGES IN HIS REPORT PAGE ENGAGED IN CORRUPT MEETINGS DURING HIS MOSCOW TRIP, WHERE STEELE REPORTS PAGE SAID TO RUSSIAN OFFICIALS, IF ELECTED, TRUMP WOULD DROP SANCTIONS IN RETURN FOR MONEY. PAGE HAS DENIED THESE MFFTINGS. 181 THE MUFILER REPORT PRESENTED NO EVIDENCE THESE MEETINGS EVER TOOK PLACE JULY 22, 2016: WIKILEAKS DISSEMINATED HACKED DNC EMAILS TO THE MEDIA FROM GUCCIFER 2.0. [NEV JULY 24, 2016; HILLARY CLINTON'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER ROBBY MOOK TOLD NEWS OUTLETS THAT 'EXPERTS ARE TELLING US THAT RUSSIAN STATE ACTORS BROKE INTO THE DNC, STOLE THESE EMAILS, [A EJ RELEASING THESE EMAILS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING DONALD TRUMP! THUS, SETS THE OFFICIAL MEDIA NARRATIVE. JULY 26, 2016: AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER DOWNER CONTACTED THE U.S. EMBASSY IN LONDON TO CONVEY INFORMATION THAT PAPADOPOULOS MAY KNOW MORE ABOUT HACKED FMAILS. THE EMBASSY SENT THE INFORMATION TO THE FBI.



OF INTELLIGENCE WITH THIS INFORMATION. [IG R EARLY TO MID AUGUST: CROSSFIRE HURRICANE TEAM BEGINS PLANNING FOR CONFIDENTIAL HUMAN SOURCE (CHS) OPERATIONS TARGETING CARTER PAGE AND GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS. ALSO AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, THE CASE AGENT ASSIGNED TO THE CARTER PAGE INVESTIGATION, CASE AGENT 1, CONTACTED FBI'S OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL (OGC) ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SEEKING FISA AUTHORITY TARGETING CARTER PAGE TO CONDUCT ELECTRONIC EARLY/MID AUGUST: SURVEILLANCE. FBI MONITORS MEETING WITH CARTER PAGE WHO STATES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT HE HAD "LITERALLY NEVER MET" OR "SAID ONE WORD TO" PAUL MANAFORT, AND THAT MANAFORT HAD NOT RESPONDED TO ANY OF PAGE'S EMAILS. PAGE MADE OTHER STATEMENTS THAT DID NOT ADD SUPPORT TO THE NOTION THAT PAGE WAS CONSPIRING WITH RUSSIA. [] AUGUST 14, 2016: NEW YORK TIMES DETAILS MANAFORT'S BUSINESS DEALINGS IN THE UKRAINE, WHICH SPECIAL COUNSEL BOB MUELLER WOULD USE TO CONVICT MANAFORT FOR TAX, MONEY LAUNDERING AND UNREGISTERED FOREIGN-AGENT OFFENSES. 'SECRET LEDGER IN UKRAINE LISTS CASH FOR DONALD TRUMP'S CAMPAIGN CHIEF AUGUST 15, 2016: CASE AGENT 1 EMAILED A WRITTEN SUMMARY ON CARTER PAGE TO THE OGC UNIT CHIEF, STATING THAT HE THOUGHT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED "A PRETTY SOLID BASIS" FOR REQUESTING FISA AUTHORITY. COMEY RECEIVES HIS FIRST FORMAL BRIEFING ON CROSSFIRE HURRICANE OPERATIONS, HE WAS THEN UPDATED ON THE INVESTIGATION EVERY TWO TO FOUR WEEKS. [IG REPORT AUGUST 15, 2016: AFTER A MEETING WITH ANDREW MCCABE AND A NUMBER OF FBI OFFICIALS, INCLUDING STRZOK, STRZOK TEXTED COLLEAGUE LISA PAGE OF THEIR INVESTIGATION: 'IT'S LIKE AN INSURANCE POLICY IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT YOU DIE BEFORE YOU'RE 40.' [GNN, AUGUST 16, 2016: FBI OPENED A FOURTH INDIVIDUAL CASE UNDER CROSSFIRE HURRICANE ON MICHAEL FLYNN AUGUST 17, 2016: FBI WAS INVITED BY ONDI TO PROVIDE A BASELINE SECURITY BRIEFING TO THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN, BECAUSE FLYNN WAS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FIRST BRIEFING, THE FBI VIEWED THAT BRIEFING AS A POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLECT INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE CROSSFIRE HURRICANE INVESTIGATION AND THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO FLYNN. TRUMP CAMPAIGN WAS UNAWARE AT THE TIME THAT EITHER OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS AUGUST 17, 2016: WFRF ONGOING FBI WAS TOLD BY ANOTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT CARTER PAGE WAS AN APPROVED AS AN OPERATIONAL CONTACT FROM 2008-2013 TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE RUSSIANS. THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT PROVIDED TO FBI ATTORNEYS OR INCLUDED IN ANY OF THE FISA APPLICATIONS. AUGUST 19, 2016: PAUL MANAFORT RESIGNS FROM THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN. AUGUST 22, 2016: FBI CASE AGENT 1 HAD BEEN TOLD THAT HE HAD NOT YET PRESENTED ENOUGH INFORMATION TO SUPPORT A FISA APPLICATION TARGETING CARTER PAGE. CASE AGENT 1'S HANDWRITTEN NOTES DATED AUGUST 22, 2016 STATE 'NOT THERE YET: OI [OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE]' BELOW A REFERENCE TO A FISA REQUEST TARGETING CARTER PAGE AUGUST 22, 2016: GLENN SIMPSON MEETS WITH BRUCE OHR PROVIDING THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WITH MORE DETAILS ON STEELE'S AUGUST 25, 2016: REPORTING. [1 CIA'S THEN-DIRECTOR JOHN BRENNAN BRIEFED THEN-SENATE MINORITY LEADER HARRY REID WITH ALLEGATIONS THAT TRUMP'S CAMPAIGN WAS TIED TO THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT. AUGUST 27, 2016: REID THEN WRITES A LETTER TO THEN-FBI DIRECTOR JAMES COMEY URGING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN. THE EVIDENCE OF A DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT AND DONALD TRUMP'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TO MOUNT.' WROTE MR. REID. INSISTING THAT THE FBI USE EVERY RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER. THE REID LETTER MARKED THE FIRST OFFICIAL BLAST OF THE COLLUSION NARRATIVE INTO THE PUBLIC.'I LATE AUGUST 2016: FUSION GPS FOLLOWED UP BY BRIEFING ITS MEDIA ALLIES ABOUT THE STEELE DOSSIER IT HAD DROPPED OFF AT THE FBI. B1 JANE MAYER HAS DESCRIBED HOW, IN "LATE SUMMER, FUSION SET UP A SERIES OF MEETINGS, AT

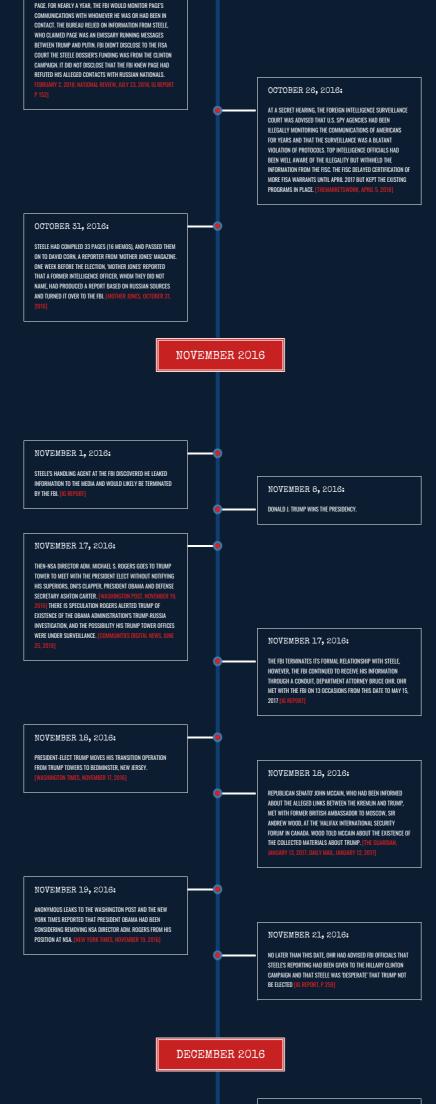
THE TABARD INN, IN WASHINGTON, BETWEEN STEELE AND A

RUSSIANS' ROLE IN THE ELECTION." MAYER ATTENDED ONE OF THE MEETINGS. NO NEWS ORGANIZATIONS RAN ANY STORIES ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS AT THAT TIME BECAUSE THE INFORMATION IN THE DOSSIER WAS UNVERIFIABLE. AUGUST 2016: CROSSFIRE HURRICANE TRIES TO GET FISA ORDER FOR PAGE WHICH WAS DECLINED BY EITHER THE OGC, OI OR BOTH, BECAUSE MORE INFORMATION WAS NEEDED TO SUPPORT A PROBABILITY CAUSE FINDING THAT PAGE WAS AN AGENT OF A FOREIGN POWER AUGUST 2016: OBAMA'S WHITE HOUSE WAS BRIEFED BY COMEY ON CROSSFIRE SEPTEMBER 2016 LATE AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER: FBI ASKED STEELE FOR ALL INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION AND FOR HIM TO EXPLAIN HOW THE MATERIAL HAD BEEN GATHERED AND TO IDENTIFY HIS SOURCES. THE FORMER SPY FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU SEVERAL MEMOS -- SOME OF WHICH REFERRED TO MEMBERS OF TRUMP'S INNER CIRCLE. AFTER THAT POINT, HE CONTINUED TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE FBI. STEELE DISCLOSED TO THE FBI HE HAD BEEN HIRED BY FUSION GPS AND FUSION GPS HAD BEEN RETAINED BY A LAW FIRM. LATE AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER: THE FBI MADE THE DECISION NOT TO INFORM CONGRESS, OR EVEN THE 'GANG OF EIGHT' IN CONGRESS ON ITS OPENING OF CROSSFIRE HURRICANE IN THEIR QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS 'BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THE MATTER' COMEY LATER TESTIFIED. BRENNAN, HOWEVER. WAS ALREADY BRIEFING POLITICAL ALLIES (REID, SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN AND CONGRESSMAN ADAM SCHIFF, ALL DEMOCRATS). BRENNAN TESTIFIED HE BRIEFED THE FULL GANG OF 8, BUT REP. NUNES CLAIMS HE AND REP. RYAN WERE NOT BRIEFED. SEPTEMBER 2, 2016: FBI INFORMANT STEFAN HALPER SENDS PAPADOPOULOS AN UNSOLICITED EMAIL OFFERING HIM A \$3,000 HONORARIUM TO WRITE A POLICY PAPER ON A MEDITERRANEAN NATURAL-GAS PROJECT. HALPER OFFERED TO FLY HIM TO LONDON AND TO LODGE HIM. PAPADOPOULOS ACCEPTED. SEPTEMBER 15, 2016: PAPADOPOULOS MEFTS WITH A FRIEND OF HAI PER'S, ANOTHER FBI INFORMANT AZRA TURK, WHILE IN LONDON. SHE ASKS IF THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN IS WORKING WITH RUSSIA. PAPADOPOULOS HAD NOTHING TO OFFER HER. HALPER TRIES AGAIN IN THE PROCEEDING DAYS. AGAIN NOTHING. PAPADOPOULOS SAID HE WAS LIVID AT HALPER'S INSINUATIONS, SAYING I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE HELL YOU ARE TALKING SEPTEMBER 19, 2016: CROSSFIRE HURRICANE TEAM FORMALLY RECEIVED THE FIRST SET OF REPORTS IN THE STEELE DOSSIER, AND REIGNITED THEIR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A FISA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY ON CARTER PAGE, BASING NEW EVIDENCE ENTIRELY ON STEELE'S DOCUMENT. SEPTEMBER 21, 2016; FBI GENERAL COUNSEL UNIT CHIEF CONTACTS THE NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION OI UNIT CHIEF TO ADVISE THAT THE FBI BELIEVED IT WAS READY TO SUBMIT A FORMAL FISA REQUEST. [IG SEPTEMBER 21, 2016: FBI GENERAL COUNSEL UNIT CHIEF SAYS STEELE DOSSIER 'PUSHED IT OVER THE LINE' IN TERMS OF ESTABLISHING PROBABLE CAUSE TO OBTAIN A FISA WARRANT. SEPTEMBER 22, 2016: FRI GENERAL COLINSEL SLIBMITS FISA REQUIEST FORM. THE FISA REQUEST FORM DREW ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM STEELE'S REPORTING TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE, INCLUDING STEELE'S WELL DEVELOPED CONSPIRACY ALLEGING CARTER PAGE WAS THE INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE KREMLIN AND PAUL MANAFORT, THEN CAMPAIGN MANAGER. THE ONLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CITED IN THE FISA REQUEST WAS (1) A STATEMENT THAT PAGE WAS A SENIOR FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR FOR THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN AND HAD EXTENSIVE TIES TO VARIOUS STATE-OWNED OR AFFILIATED ENTITIES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, (2) PAPADOPOULOS'S STATEMENT TO THE FRIENDLY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT MAY 2016, AND (3) OPEN SOURCE ARTICLES DISCUSSING TRUMP CAMPAIGN POLICY POSITIONS SYMPATHETIC TO RUSSIA. THE FBI

DID NOT INCLUDE INFORMATION IT OBTAINED IN THE MEETING IN AUGUST, WHEN CARTER PAGE STATED, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

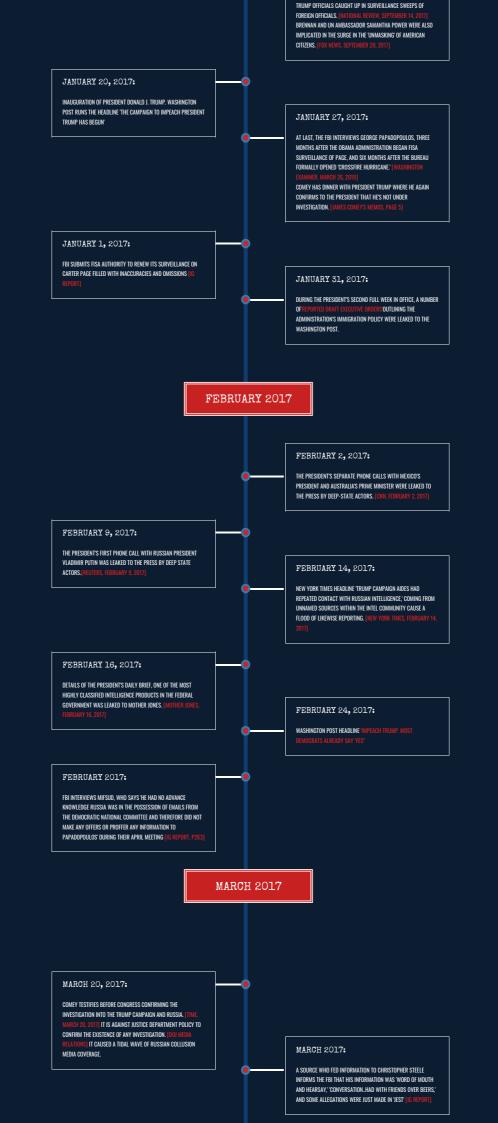
HANDFUL OF NATIONAL-SECURITY REPORTERS.... DESPITE STEELE'S GENERALLY COOL MANNER, HE SEEMED DISTRAUGHT ABOUT THE





DECEMBER 6, 2016:

OBAMA ORDERS BRENNAN TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF RUSSIA'S ACTIVITIES IN THE 2016 ELECTIONS AND COMPOSE A NON-CLASSIFIED SUMMARY FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION 1 DECEMBER 9, 2016: STEELE HAD AGREED WITH FUSION GPS TO DELIVER A HARD COPY OF ALL 16 MEMOS TO MCCAIN, WHICH MCCAIN RECEIVED IN EARLY DECEMBER: ON DECEMBER 9, MCCAIN MET PERSONALLY WITH COMEY TO PASS ON THE INFORMATION. DECEMBER 1, 2016: MCCAIN AIDE DAVID KRAMER, A FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT RUSSIA EXPERT, STARTED DISCUSSING THE STEELE DOSSIER WITH A SERIES OF JOURNALISTS, DAVID CORN, ABC NEWS PRODUCER MATT MOSK AND CORRESPONDENT BRIAN ROSS, AND THE WASHINGTON POST'S TOM HAMBURGER AND ROSALIND HELDERMAN. HE PROVIDED COPIES TO MCCLATHY'S PETER STONE AND GREG GORDON AND FRED HIATT OF THE WASHINGTON POST'S EDITORIAL BOARD. HE MET WITH THE WALL STREET JOURNAL'S ALAN CULLISON, NPR'S BOB LITTLE, AND CNN'S CARL BERNSTEIN DEC. 28, 2016: BASED ON BRENNAN'S RUSSIA ASSESSMENT, OBAMA SIGNS AN EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE THE NEXT DAY ANNOUNCING 'ADDITIONAL STEPS TO ADDRESS THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT MALICIOUS CYBER-ENABLED ACTIVITIES' BY RUSSIA, ELEVATING THE ISSUE TO A NATIONAL EMERGENCY. DEC. 29, 2016: KRAMER MEETS WITH BUZZFEED'S KEN BENSINGER AT STEELES URGING, AT THE MCCAIN INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON AND GAVE HIM JANUARY 2017 JAN. 5, 2017: OBAMA CONVENES A MEETING WITH NATIONAL SECURITY AIDES, ALONG WITH BIDEN AND SUSAN RICE TO DISCUSS RUSSIA MEDDLING. ACCORDING TO RICE'S MEMO OF THE CONVERSATION, OBAMA INVITED COMEY AND DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL SALLY YATES TO JOIN THE MEETING. AS THEY WERE THE ONLY TWO WHO WOULD BE STAYING ON DUTY FOR THE TRUMP TRANSITION. JANUARY 6, 2017: COMEY MEETS WITH HIS FBI LEADERSHIP TEAM OF ADVISERS AND DISCUSSED THE PLAN TO TELL TRUMP HE WAS NOT A SUSPECT IN THEIR INVESTIGATION, AFTER ALL HE WASN'T NAMED IN THE FISA WARRANT, AND THEY WERE LOOKING INTO COORDINATION BETWEEN THE CAMPAIGN AND RUSSIA.
AT TRUMP TOWER, TRUMP WAS INFORMED OF THE RUSSIAN ELECTION INTERFERENCE BY COMEY AND THEN-DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE JAMES CLAPPER, AFTER THIS MEETING. COMEY STAYED BEHIND AND SPOKE PRIVATELY WITH TRUMP, INFORMING HIM OF THE DOSSIER AND SOME OF ITS UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS. JAN. 6, 2017: OBAMA'S INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT ON RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE WAS PUBLICLY RELEASED.[JAN. 6. 2017: CLAPPER DISCUSSED THE STEELE DOSSIER WITH CNN'S JAKE TAPPER, ACCORDING TO HIS OWN TESTIMONY. [THE HILL, APP JANUARY 10, 2017: CNN REPORTED ON DNI AND FBI BRIEFINGS TO TRUMP AND OBAMA THAT RUSSIAN OPERATIVES HAD "COMPROMISING PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION" ON TRUMP, BASED OFF THE STEELE $\,$ DOSSIER. CNN DIDN'T PUBLISH THE STEELE DOSSIER IN ITS ENTIRETY BECAUSE IT COULDN'T CORROBORATE THE SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS. FOLLOWING THE CNN REPORT, BUZZFEED PUBLISHED THE STEELE DOSSIER, WHICH IT SAID WAS THE BASIS FOR THE CLASSIFIED BRIEFING. KRAMER MET IN WASHINGTON WITH THE GUARDIAN'S JULIAN BORGER ABOUT STEELE'S ANTI-TRUMP DOSSIER. JANUARY 11, 2017: BY THIS DATE, THE FBI UNDERSTOOD FUSION GPS HAD BEEN HIRED BY THE DNC AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED ENTITY TO RESEARCH JAN 10-20, 2017: CANDIDATE TRUMP'S TIES TO RUSSIA THERE WAS A STREAM OF CLASSIFIED LEAKS TO THE PRESS ON THE RUSSIA COLLUSION NARRATIVE. SUSAN RICE LATER ADMITTED IN TESTIMONY THAT SHE UNMASKED THE IDENTITIES OF SENIOR



MARCH 30, 2017: TRUMP ASKS COMEY TO HELP 'LIFT THE CLOUD' OVER HIS PRESIDENCY, IN A REFERENCE TO THE RUSSIA COLLUSION NARRATIVE THAT COMEY HELPED CREATE. TRUMP URGED HIM TO GO PUBLIC WITH THE FACT HE PERSONALLY WASN'T UNDER INVESTIGATION. COMEY WOULDN'T. COMEY PRIVATELY ASSURED HIM HE WAS NOT A SUSPECT BUT INSINUATED OTHERWISE IN PUBLIC. APRIL 2017 APRIL 10, 2017: ADAM SCHIFF TOOK A CALL FROM ANDRIY PARUBIY. THE SPEAKER OF THE RADA, THE UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT. PARUBIY SAID HE HAD SOME POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE INFORMATION ABOUT TRUMP'S VISIT TO MOSCOW FOR THE MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT IN 2013. SCHIFF TOLD HIM HED PASS THE INFORMATION TO THE FBI. THE CALL WASN'T FROM PARUBIY, IT WAS FROM TWO RUSSIAN PRANKSTERS AND ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON IT WAS MADE UP. APRIL 1, 2017: CARTER PAGE DOES MULTIPLE MEDIA INTERVIEWS DENYING HE HAD COLLECTED INTELLIGENCE FOR THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT AND ASSERTING INSTEAD HE WAS WORKING FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS AN INTELLIGENCE ASSET. [IG APRIL 1, 2017: NONE-THE-LESS, THE FBI SUBMITS FISA AUTHORITY TO RENEW ITS SURVEILLANCE ON CARTER PAGE FILLED WITH INACCURACIES AND U SAUISSIMU MAY 2017 MAY 3, 2017: AT A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING, WHEN POINTEDLY ASKED WHETHER THE FBI HAD RULED OUT ANYONE CONNECTED TO THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT, FROM POTENTIAL CRIMINAL CHARGES, COMEY DECLINED TO ANSWER, AGAIN RAISING MAY 9, 2017: PUBLIC SUSPICIONS. [N COMEY IS FIRED. MAY 16, 2017: NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS 'COMEY MEMO SAYS TRUMP ASKED HIM TO END FLYNN INVESTIGATION,' BASED ON MEMOS COMEY LEAKED TO THE PAPER ABOUT HIS INTERACTIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT. 171 COMFY LATER TESTIFIED THAT HE HOPED THE MEMOS WOULD SPARK A SPECIAL COUNSEL INVESTIGATION. [CMM, JUNE 8, 2017] BOB MUELLER INTERVIEWS WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP FOR FBI DIRECTOR POSITION, WAS NOT GIVEN THE JOB. [C MAY 17, 2017: A SPECIAL COUNSEL IS APPOINTED. [DOJ PRESS RELEASE, MAY 1 2017] CROSSFIRE HURRICANE'S WORK IS TRANSFERRED TO THE SPECIAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE. MUELLER IS TAPPED AS THE SPECIAL JUNE 2017 JUNE 8, 2017: COMEY TESTIFIES IN FRONT OF CONGRESS, ADMITS THAT THE MOST NOTORIOUS ALLEGATIONS IN THE STEELE DOSSIER WERE 'SALACIOUS AND UNVERIFIED.' I JUNE 19, 2017: FBI LAWYER ALTERS AN EMAIL IN REGARD TO CARTER PAGE, WHERE HE SAID PAGE WAS 'NOT A SOURCE' FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CONFIRMED HE WAS



JUSTICE,

