

# **EXHIBIT A**

FBI Brief for DHS

- Focus on Russians
  - FBI sees a variety of overseas (some USPs) and continue to evaluate.
- focus on H. 1st.
- after election, scrambled to change direction.
- Intel Community → agreement re unclass report.
  - long term highly noted sources
- FBI ending effort on Russians
  - focus of influence + these cases are the ones that have shaken out
- Secops Note of Report - Does not include ongoing investigations.
  - report on Russians, but not details as to how.

Popodopoulos -

- May 2016 <sup>11:00am</sup> that Popodopoulos said
- friendly ~~person~~ - Trump campaign could release info harmful to H.
- make a report + file it.

↳ then see release of DNC Hack  
+ Trump comment about Russia release more

Foreign Service remembers conversation + reaches out to FBI

- Crossfire American → umbrella investigation
  - offer?
  - to whom?
  - follow thru?

- 4 cases ← Pop  
Phase  
Manufact  
Flynn } out of  
umbrella invest

Flynn → did not fit characteristics.

were going to close at time to close when Kistjak calls,  
↳ essentially done.

• FARA  
letter  
Turkey.

waiting for a few NSLs to come back.

talk to DOJ about next steps - crim exposure

Q → Impact of cell phone: has shown that  
although know, does drive change in  
behavior.

statements; cover Russian officials →  
broader than Kistjak.

Manufact →

CID + CRM (Kleptocracy) → already being investigated

• CRM case - since OTR / Bruce Swartz → discussion  
of Kleptocracy + Russian of. crime.

↳ re-energize CRM case.

• opened parallel Canadian intel case.

→ Crown Reporting → Convention

• CRM + NATO - soften stance for  
exchange of Russian energy stocks:

↳ Investigate, but not.

FARA letter → out to Manufact

Page

- SVR connections prior to this.

NY contacts w/ SVR.

gave him defensive briefing → and advised SVR  
about the FBI contact.

Spring  
2010

Trump - named as one of the foreign policy  
advisors.

- Background SUR
- Allegation
- Crown source reporting



Oct 21 - FISA

- 4 facilities - 2 email
- cell
- skype

reviewed in Jan.  
working on next renewal  
now.

- Loyal
- Page → contacts w/ Russian leadership + Putin leadership  
↳ trying to shop around the contacts.  
trying to broker contacts.

Do not have contacts overseas, just page's  
recount of it.

~~classical government surveillance~~

MID -  
Jan.

Recent comm → Bannon telling him not to go  
+ speak publicly. Page says wants to  
defend himself. Here "cease + Resist letter"

- has been pushed away from the campaign
- focus to understand his Russian contacts  
+ Russia's efforts.

LEAK → around October  
→ that FISA being denied



→ Russia target regardless of ~~intelligence~~  
influence in investigation.

Pop

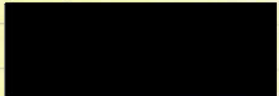
- Friday - briefed - 4 interviews
- 3 recorded stmts
- contacts w/ MSHM → Jan/feb said much - that was told that Russia had emails that would dirty up H.C.
- admitted met w/ Fomin but did not that he told them
- not forthcoming
- 4th contact - said has attorney and no longer wants to talk

- Pop → worked w/ Israeli - Enegy
- said phone from Israeli govt + would give to FBI.
- etc → ~~Huber~~ also said worked Israeli

- may have been paid by Trump Campaign, but not reported.
- Email w/ Pop + date reference to Russian
- ↳ Pop said told no one - so think not being truthful.

Do not see direct contact w/ 104 Players.  
↳ only paysheny.

\* Do not see recent coms b/w Pop/Pop



<sup>Phony</sup>  
would ~~be~~ - Early team.  
↳ contacts w/ Egypt.

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- working on a FISA application.
- would do defensive briefing if needed.

- Press re "contacts"

↳ CIA reporting re ambassador - numerous contacts  
in his role as Ambassador. Could be construed  
as "constant contacts."

- Press calls him an intel officer, FBI is Ambassador. <sup>not intel</sup> intel officer

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• Saturday Tweet -

FBI Review what is behind it.

- B.B. article from FBIHQ - "Known" activity

- refers to rumor that FSIit deny it denied in July + successful of "FIS" coverage in October.

→ Nothing in July

→ Oct → Cover Page.

- "Server" - late summer, FBI got info

NYT ~~NYT~~

- Computer server connected to "Alpha Bank" that is a Russian Bank.

- Made Freedman - Russian Oligarch connected to Putin

server of Trump "Organization" (Hotel)

"attorney" brought to FBI on behalf of his client.

↳ also advised others in media. NYT.

Trump Org. sent solicitation to Alpha Bank + Bank looking at domains.

FBI investigated - noted w/ 2 private agencies

Trump Hotel brows FL. co. to domain

PA Company housed the server

(late of last year?)

told no info read server.

+ PA didn't turn off + was not

communicated w/ Cabinet + lost of table

- Companies looking up Server?
- Build Alpha Bank
- Did not seek historical case of server.
- Interaction → background noise of Indevt

FBI own analysis

• maybe some variant of this is behind B/B story?

2:35 - call to MARY from J.L.  
group - article then with trying to find  
"FRS."

Friday - Discussion of requests from Hill

weekend tweets -

Congressional leadership - FBI recommendations  
↳ Intel Committee  
↳ Gang of 8

• Talking Points in Draft.

• HRSC + SSCU → Staff requests.

- Level Set - Expectations  
- Electronic surveillance accusations.

FBI → leadership / closed / classified sessions  
Dir. → Please do as soon as possible.