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INTERVIEW OF: ROBERT GOLDSTONE

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1                                   P R O C E E D I N G S

2           MR. DAVIS: Good morning. This is the  
3 transcribed interview of Robert Goldstone.

4                   On October 18, 2017, Chairman Grassley  
5 sent Mr. Goldstone a letter, stating that the  
6 Judiciary Committee was seeking information  
7 related to a meeting held on June 9th, 2016, at  
8 Trump Tower, as well as related matters. The  
9 letter requested an interview and certain  
10 categories of documents.

11                   In response, Mr. Goldstone has, through  
12 his counsel, agreed to this voluntary interview  
13 and provided roughly 200 pages of documents.

14                   Would the witness please state your name  
15 for the record?

16           MR. GOLDSTONE: Robert Ian Goldstone.

17           MR. DAVIS: On behalf of the chairman, I  
18 want to thank Mr. Goldstone for appearing here  
19 today. My name is Patrick Davis, and I am the  
20 deputy chief investigative counsel with the  
21 committee's majority staff.

22                   I will ask everyone else from the  
23 committee who is here to introduce themselves as  
24 well. We will get to Mr. Goldstone's counsel in  
25 just a few moments.

1 MR. FOSTER: Jason Foster, chief  
2 investigative counsel for Chairman Grassley.

3 MR. HOLMES: Lee Holmes, chief counsel to  
4 Lindsey Graham.

5 MS. DUCK: Jennifer Duck, staff director for  
6 Senator Feinstein.

7 MS. SAWYER: Heather Sawyer, general  
8 counsel, Senator Feinstein.

9 MS. QUINT: Lara Quint with Senator  
10 Whitehouse.

11 MS. CLAFLIN: Molly Claflin, counsel for  
12 Senator Feinstein.

13 MR. PRIVOR: Brian Privor, senior counsel to  
14 Senator Feinstein.

15 MR. DAVIS: The Federal Rules of Civil  
16 Procedure do not apply to any of the committee's  
17 investigative activities, including transcribed  
18 interviews. There are some guidelines we follow,  
19 and I will go over those now.

20 Our questioning will proceed in rounds.  
21 The majority staff will ask questions first for 1  
22 hour. Then the minority staff will have the  
23 opportunity to ask questions for an equal amount  
24 of time. We will go back and forth until there  
25 are no more questions, and the interview is over.

1           We typically take a short break at the  
2 end of each hour, but should you need to take a  
3 break at any other time, please just let us know.  
4 We can discuss taking a break for lunch whenever  
5 you are ready to do that.

6           We have an official reporter taking down  
7 everything we say to make a written record, so we  
8 ask that you give verbal responses to all  
9 questions.

10           Do you understand?

11           MR. GOLDSTONE: I do.

12           MR. DAVIS: So that the court reporter can  
13 take down a clear record, we will do our best to  
14 limit the number of people directing questions to  
15 you during any given hour to those whose turn it  
16 is. It is also important that we do not talk over  
17 one another or interrupt each other, if we can  
18 help it. That goes for everybody present at  
19 today's interview.

20           While Senators on the committee may  
21 observe, the chairman and ranking member have  
22 agreed that only staff will ask questions. We  
23 encourage witnesses who appear before the  
24 committee to consult freely with counsel, if they  
25 so choose.

1           You are appearing here today with  
2 counsel. Counsel, please state your name for the  
3 record.

4           MR. GAGE: Robert Gage.

5           MR. OZAROWSKI: Bernard Ozarowski.

6           MR. DAVIS: We want you to answer our  
7 questions in the most complete and truthful manner  
8 possible, so we will take our time. If you have  
9 any questions or if you do not understand any of  
10 our questions, please let us know.

11           If you honestly don't know the answer to  
12 a question or don't remember, it's best not to  
13 guess. Just give us your best recollection. It's  
14 okay to tell us if you learned some information  
15 from someone else, if you indicate how you came to  
16 know that information. If there are things that  
17 you don't know or can't remember, we ask that you  
18 inform us to the best of your knowledge who might  
19 be able to provide a more complete answer to the  
20 question.

21           It is this committee's practice to honor  
22 valid common-law privilege claims as an  
23 accommodation to a witness or party when those  
24 claims are made in good faith and accompanied by  
25 sufficient explanation, so that the committee can

1 evaluate the claim. When deciding whether to  
2 honor the privilege, the committee weighs its need  
3 for the information against any legitimate basis  
4 for withholding it. The committee typically does  
5 not honor contractual confidentiality agreements.

6           You should understand that, although the  
7 interview is not under oath, by law, you are  
8 required to answer questions from Congress  
9 truthfully.

10           Do you understand that?

11           MR. GOLDSTONE: I do.

12           MR. DAVIS: Specifically, 18 U.S.C. Section  
13 1001 makes it a crime to make any materially  
14 false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or  
15 representation in the course of a congressional  
16 investigation. That statute applies to your  
17 statements in this interview.

18           Do you understand that?

19           MR. GOLDSTONE: I do.

20           MR. DAVIS: Witnesses who knowingly provide  
21 false statements could be subject to criminal  
22 prosecution and imprisonment for up to 5 years.

23           Do you understand this?

24           MR. GOLDSTONE: I do.

25           MR. DAVIS: Is there any reason you are

1 unable to provide truthful answers to today's  
2 questions?

3 MR. GOLDSTONE: No.

4 MR. DAVIS: Finally, we ask that you not  
5 speak about what we discuss in this interview with  
6 anyone else outside of who is here in the room  
7 today in order to preserve the integrity of our  
8 investigation. We also ask that you not remove  
9 any exhibits or other committee documents from the  
10 interview.

11 Is there anything else that my colleagues  
12 from the minority want to add?

13 MS. SAWYER: No, thank you, Patrick.

14 We just appreciate that you are here  
15 today.

16 MR. DAVIS: The time is now 9:44. We will  
17 get started with the first hour of questions.

18 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE MAJORITY

19 BY MR. DAVIS:

20 Q. Could you please state your full name  
21 again for the record?

22 A. Robert Ian -- that's I-a-n -- Goldstone.

23 Q. Where did you reside in June of 2016?

24 A. In Hoboken, New Jersey.

25 Q. Where do you currently reside?

1           A. I -- well, my official address is still  
2 in Hoboken, New Jersey, but I am residing in  
3 Bangkok in Thailand.

4           Q. Where are you from originally?

5           A. Manchester, England.

6           Q. Are you a citizen of the United Kingdom?

7           A. I am.

8           Q. Are you a dual citizen of any other  
9 country?

10          A. The United States.

11          Q. When did you become an American citizen?

12          A. Approximately 2005.

13          Q. What is your educational background?

14          A. I -- my -- I have junior and high school  
15 education in England, and I left school to pursue  
16 a career in journalism at the age of 16.

17          Q. Could you describe your professional  
18 background?

19          A. I, as I mentioned, left school to pursue  
20 a career in journalism. I was a trainee  
21 journalist for some years, during which time, I  
22 went to college to study journalism. I received a  
23 diploma in practical journalism from Richmond  
24 College in Sheffield in England.

25                 I was a journalist on weekly and daily

1 newspapers in the United Kingdom for some years.  
2 And then I transferred to Sydney, Australia, where  
3 I worked for the Australian version of the  
4 Associated Press for approximately 3 years.

5           After that, I switched professions to  
6 become a publicist, first in Australia, and then,  
7 through one of my clients, I was relocated to New  
8 York and to live in the United States in 1991.  
9 And I have resided there ever since.

10           And from 1997 until now, have owned and  
11 operated my own small, independent, boutique  
12 public relations, music management, and marketing  
13 and events company. It is called Oui 2  
14 Entertainment. The spelling of the "oui" is the  
15 French, O-U-I.

16           Q. I would like to get some more information  
17 about your work with Emin Agalarov. When did you  
18 first meet him?

19           A. I met him in -- at the very end of 2011,  
20 the beginning of 2012.

21           Q. What is the nature of your relationship  
22 with him?

23           A. Initially, I was his music publicist in  
24 the United States. Then after approximately 12 to  
25 15 months, I was invited to be his international

1 music manager.

2 Q. So how long have you worked for him in  
3 total?

4 A. I worked for him, I do not currently work  
5 for him, I worked for him for approximately 4 and  
6 a half years.

7 Q. And what did your professional  
8 responsibilities in that capacity entail?

9 A. My initial responsibilities were purely  
10 as his public relations representative, pitching  
11 him for stories to media, coming up with press  
12 plans, taking him to those media interviews,  
13 working on a strategy to help break his musical  
14 and entertainment career outside of his native  
15 Russia.

16 Q. Did any of your other employees or  
17 associates assist in your work for Emin?

18 A. They didn't assist directly, but my  
19 cofounder, David Wilson, definitely took him to  
20 some interviews, set up a couple music interviews  
21 for him. He is the director of publicity. And  
22 once I became Emin's international music manager,  
23 David certainly helped facilitate and take him to  
24 some of these interviews. But primarily, I was  
25 the point of contact 24/7 for Emin.

1 Q. What is your understanding of Emin's ties  
2 to the Russian Government, if any?

3 A. I have no idea.

4 Q. When did you first meet Aras Agalarov?

5 A. I believe it was in 2012. I was in  
6 London with Emin, and we were due to fly to New  
7 York, and we were due to take a commercial flight.  
8 And at the last moment, he said to me, oh, I need  
9 your passport. I need to send some details  
10 because my father is flying from Moscow, and I  
11 asked him to pick us up in London, and he will fly  
12 us.

13 And it was on that occasion that I met  
14 Aras on the plane.

15 Q. What is the nature of your relationship  
16 with him?

17 A. I had a very cordial relationship with  
18 him, based on the fact that I was his son's music  
19 manager and responsible for his entertainment  
20 career outside of Russia.

21 Q. Have you ever worked for Aras Agalarov?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Have you ever been paid by him?

24 A. No. To my knowledge, no. I mean, I  
25 received a fee every month through Emin. I don't

1 know what the chain of command and how that was  
2 paid. But no would be the simple answer.

3 Q. What is your understanding of Aras' ties  
4 to the Russian Government, if any?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Have you ever worked for the Crocus  
7 Group?

8 A. Not directly.

9 Q. Could you describe your indirect work  
10 with them?

11 A. Many of the events and things that I set  
12 up or attended for Emin were hosted by Crocus,  
13 took place at Crocus.

14 I was also, as I am sure you are aware,  
15 involved with the Miss Universe contest in 2013,  
16 which was not only hosted by Crocus Group but took  
17 place within the Crocus confines.

18 Q. So have you ever received payments from  
19 the Crocus Group?

20 A. Again, because I do not know the chain of  
21 command in terms of my fee, I will say no.

22 Q. Have you ever worked for or on behalf of  
23 the Russian Government?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did you help arrange the June 9th, 2016,

1 meeting at Trump Tower as part of your role  
2 working for Emin Agalarov or for some other  
3 entity? In what capacity were you performing  
4 those tasks?

5 A. In the capacity as Emin's U.S.-based  
6 music manager.

7 Q. Offhand, the meeting does not appear to  
8 have had any relevance to entertainment work for  
9 Emin. Did you typically provide these types of  
10 services, ones unrelated to the entertainment  
11 industry, for him?

12 A. Emin had become my sole client, based on  
13 the need and the irregularity of the hours and the  
14 locations, so I decided to divest my other clients  
15 to work with him.

16 As a result, I was often asked to do  
17 things which don't necessarily fall under a very  
18 strict entertainment guideline, and this was just  
19 another of those requests, to me.

20 Q. I'll ask you to take a look at the  
21 document Bates stamped RG 000061.

22 MR. DAVIS: This will be Exhibit 1.  
23 [Goldstone Exhibit 1 was marked for  
24 identification.]

25 BY MR. DAVIS:

1           Q. This is an email exchange between you and  
2 Donald Trump Jr. that was provided by your  
3 counsel. The first email chronologically is from  
4 you to Trump Jr. at 10:36 a.m. on June 3rd, 2016.

5           In it, you write, "Emin just called and  
6 asked me to contact you with something very  
7 interesting."

8           To the best of your recollection, did  
9 Emin call you on the morning of June 3rd, 2016,  
10 prior to your email to Trump Jr.?

11          A. He did.

12          Q. Was that call the first you heard about  
13 possibly setting up a meeting between Natalia  
14 Veselnitskaya and Donald Trump Jr.?

15          A. It was.

16          Q. Can you please describe that call in as  
17 much detail as you remember?

18          A. I received -- I received the call from  
19 Emin that morning, and he asked me if I could  
20 contact the Trumps with something interesting and  
21 said that a well-connected Russian attorney had  
22 met with his father that morning in his father's  
23 office and had told him that they had some  
24 interesting information that could potentially be  
25 damaging regarding funding by Russians to the

1 Democrats and to its candidate, Hillary Clinton.

2 Q. Does the content of your email match the  
3 content of that call, in your opinion?

4 A. If I can expand on the call, I said at  
5 the time that I didn't quite understand what he  
6 was asking and asked for more information. I  
7 asked if he could tell me a bit more about the  
8 attorney, as I felt I might be asked that. And he  
9 said that the attorney was well-connected. I  
10 asked again, connected, what does that mean? And  
11 he said, well-connected.

12 I made a flip remark. I said, connected  
13 like as into the power grid? Like connected to  
14 what? And he said, connected.

15 I then moved on to ask about the content.  
16 I said I believed I would be asked more about it  
17 if I sent the email. Could they expand? And  
18 could he expand? And Emin simply said that all he  
19 knew was that there was some potentially damaging  
20 information re: Hillary, which could be of  
21 interest to the Trumps. The words he used were,  
22 "the Trumps."

23 Q. Did you understand Emin's use of the word  
24 "connected" in reference to Ms. Veselnitskaya to  
25 refer to ties that she might have with Russian

1 intelligence or the Russian Government?

2 A. I didn't at that time.

3 Q. How did you interpret his statement?

4 A. I interpreted it as she -- I'm not sure I  
5 even knew it was a she, just to be clear, at that  
6 point. He kept referring to an attorney. But  
7 that the attorney was well-connected.

8 It took me a few minutes after I had hung  
9 up to decide that well-connected potentially could  
10 only be connected, if you are talking about  
11 politics, perhaps to the government.

12 Q. At the time of Emin's call, did you  
13 believe setting up this meeting was a good idea?

14 A. I said, in the call at the end, that I  
15 believed it was a bad idea and that we shouldn't  
16 do it. And I gave the reason for that being that  
17 I am a music publicist. Politics, I knew nothing  
18 about. And I said, neither do you and neither  
19 does your father. And the answer was simply, I'm  
20 only asking you to get a meeting.

21 Q. Did Emin describe any reluctance to set  
22 up the meeting during that call?

23 A. Not reluctance. Hesitance, perhaps, but  
24 not reluctance.

25 Q. And what is the distinction between the

1 two, in your mind?

2 A. It was the fact that there was no  
3 elaboration on any of the content or of who this  
4 was. It was kind of, please, just set up the  
5 meeting.

6 Q. Returning to the email, in it, you wrote,  
7 "This is obviously very high-level and sensitive  
8 information but is part of Russia and its  
9 government's support for Mr. Trump helped along by  
10 Aras and Emin."

11 What was the basis for your assertion  
12 that the Russian Government supported Mr. Trump?

13 A. What I meant in that was that I had been,  
14 at that time, probably 12 or 13 times to Russia,  
15 including I had been in Russia with Mr. Trump  
16 during the Miss Universe Organization pageant. I  
17 had seen and heard firsthand people of all levels,  
18 whether it was business people, whether it was  
19 friends of Emin, friends of his father, talk in  
20 very glowing terms about Mr. Trump.

21 I had also seen on television in Russia  
22 many, many reports in which government officials,  
23 including the President, Mr. Putin, had praised  
24 Mr. Trump, who, in turn, I had seen on CNN had  
25 praised Mr. Putin.

1           So what I was trying to say there was,  
2 look, here, Emin may have this information. This  
3 is yet another example of Russian support for you  
4 and your father.

5           And that's why I put, "Helped along by  
6 Aras and Emin." They don't work for or they're  
7 not members of the Russian Government.

8           Q. So at the time you sent this email, did  
9 you have any reason to believe that the Russian  
10 Government was making efforts to interfere in the  
11 U.S. 2016 presidential election?

12          A. No.

13          Q. Prior to this email, had you ever had  
14 communications with Mr. Trump Jr. about Russian  
15 Government support for his father?

16          A. I believe not.

17          Q. Had you ever had such communication with  
18 anyone from the Trump Organization or campaign  
19 prior to this?

20          A. I believe not.

21          Q. Your email also states, "What do you  
22 think is the best way to handle this information?  
23 And would you be able to speak to Emin about it  
24 directly? I can also send this info to your  
25 father via Rhona, but it is ultrasensitive, so

1 wanted to send to you first."

2           Were you referencing Rhona Graff, an  
3 executive vice president at the Trump Organization  
4 and assistant to Donald Trump Sr.?

5           A. I was.

6           Q. When you expressed this reluctance to  
7 send this ultrasensitive information to Trump Sr.  
8 via Ms. Graff, was that a reluctance to share the  
9 information with Trump Sr. himself or a reluctance  
10 to use Ms. Graff as an intermediary to share it?  
11 Can you explain what you meant?

12          A. I can, indeed. I didn't know what to do  
13 with this information. As I've said before, you  
14 know, I'm a music publicist. That's my world.

15           And so when Emin said, contact the  
16 Trumps, I wasn't sure if the right way to do it  
17 would've been through Rhona Graff or through Don  
18 Jr., and I made the call that he was the lesser  
19 level, and that I would run this past him first,  
20 rather than send it down a more official routing.

21           However, because of my concern that I had  
22 pushed Emin on, that I didn't know what I was  
23 really even talking about, because I had asked it  
24 to be elaborated on, I was very specific in  
25 saying, what do you think the best way -- would

1 you be able to speak to Emin about it directly?

2           My reason for putting that there was  
3 partly selfish, that they would then speak about  
4 it, and I would be no longer a part of it. And  
5 also, it was to leave a little bit of an open  
6 question, I think you should probably speak to  
7 Emin about this.

8           Q. What was your understanding of the nature  
9 of the documents and information being offered?  
10 Did you have any understanding of where they had  
11 originated or who created them?

12          A. I did not.

13          Q. And what about their nature, in general?  
14 Did you understand what they were?

15          A. I did not.

16          Q. According to the email exchange, Mr.  
17 Trump Jr. replied to you at 10:53 on June 3rd,  
18 2016, stating, "Thanks, Rob. I appreciate that.  
19 I am on the road at the moment, but perhaps I will  
20 just speak to Emin first. It seems we have some  
21 time. And if it is what you say, I love it,  
22 especially later in the summer. Could we do a  
23 call first thing next week when I am back?"

24               Do you know where Mr. Trump was at that  
25 time?



1 BY MR. DAVIS:

2 Q. These appear to be emails between you and  
3 Mr. Trump Jr. on June 6th, 2016, in which you ask  
4 him at 12:40 p.m. when he will be free to talk  
5 with Emin by phone. He responds at 3:03 p.m.,  
6 asking if they can speak then. You respond that  
7 you will track down Emin in Moscow. And then you  
8 get Mr. Trump Jr.'s number.

9 And then at 3:43 p.m., you email Trump  
10 Jr. to say that Emin is on stage but should be off  
11 in 20 minutes.

12 Between your initial email to Trump Jr.  
13 on Friday, June 3rd, and the time you arranged a  
14 call for Emin and Mr. Trump Jr. around 4 p.m. on  
15 Monday, as reflected in these emails on Monday,  
16 June 6th, did you communicate with Emin using  
17 means other than email to discuss the attempt to  
18 arrange the meeting or call with Trump Jr.?

19 A. I don't believe so. We often spoke quite  
20 a lot by phone, but I don't believe we spoke about  
21 this, no.

22 Q. How did you track down Emin in Moscow?

23 A. I called his band manager, who is a man  
24 by the name of Pavel Klychko, K-L-Y-C-H-K-O.

25 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did Emin

1 and Trump Jr. actually speak by phone on Monday,  
2 June 6th, 2016?

3 A. I don't know.

4 MR. DAVIS: Next, please take a look at the  
5 email exchange Bates stamped RG000068. This will  
6 be Exhibit 4.

7 [Goldstone Exhibit 4 was marked for  
8 identification.]

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q. The first email in this chain  
11 chronologically is from you to Trump Jr. at 4:20  
12 p.m. on June 7th, 2016, the day after you were  
13 trying to arrange the call between Emin and Trump  
14 Jr.

15 And you wrote, in part, "Emin asked that  
16 I schedule a meeting with you and the Russian  
17 Government attorney who is flying over from Moscow  
18 for this Thursday. I believe you are aware of the  
19 meeting."

20 When did Emin ask you to schedule that  
21 meeting?

22 A. I believe -- well, usually, I would email  
23 any requests for Emin for anything within 10 to 15  
24 minutes of hanging up a call. That's because Emin  
25 was very short on patience. So I would imagine it

1 would've been at least within an hour of that.

2 Q. Okay. So was that conversation by phone,  
3 to the best of your recollection?

4 A. To the best of my recollection, it would  
5 have been.

6 Q. Can you describe that conversation in as  
7 much detail as you remember?

8 A. I really don't recall it at all. The  
9 only thing that I note here myself is that I put,  
10 "I believe you are aware of the meeting." Now,  
11 obviously, Don knew there was a meeting request,  
12 because I had made it. The "aware" here implies  
13 that you are aware of what the meeting is about.

14 Q. Trump Jr. responds, proposing a meeting  
15 at 3 p.m. at his offices.

16 Taking a look at Bates number --  
17 actually, I don't think we have that one. We will  
18 get back to that later.

19 Did you ever send over the names of who  
20 was going to attend the meeting to the Trump  
21 Organization?

22 A. I'm not sure.

23 Q. Had you visited Trump Tower prior to that  
24 meeting?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. On your previous visits, did you  
2 typically have to submit names beforehand?

3 A. To Rhona.

4 Q. Between the time you sent your initial  
5 10:36 a.m. email to Trump Jr. on June 3rd, 2016,  
6 the one starting all this off, and the June 9th  
7 meeting itself, did you communicate with anyone  
8 else in the Trump Organization or the Trump  
9 campaign besides Trump Jr.?

10 A. I believe not. I am hesitating because  
11 there may have been an interaction about VK and  
12 something, and I'm not sure the date of it,  
13 because I don't have it in front of me. But about  
14 this meeting, no.

15 Q. Between the time you sent your 10:36 a.m.  
16 email on June 3rd, 2016, and the June 9th meeting  
17 itself, did you communicate with Trump Jr. using  
18 means other than email, such as phone calls,  
19 texts, or messaging apps?

20 A. I believe not.

21 Q. Do the emails you provided account for  
22 all of your communications with Trump Jr., the  
23 Trump Organization, and the Trump campaign during  
24 that period, June 3rd to June 9th, 2016?

25 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

1 Q. Do you know Roman Beniaminov?

2 A. I do.

3 Q. How long have you known him?

4 A. I've known him ever since I've worked for  
5 Emin, so currently, over 5 years.

6 Q. What do you understand his business to  
7 be?

8 A. I understand -- I've always known him to  
9 be Emin's assistant, first in Moscow and then in -  
10 - well, in the U.S., in New Jersey, he is based,  
11 but in the U.S.

12 Q. What role, if any, did he play in  
13 arranging the June 9th meeting?

14 A. He played no role in arranging it.

15 Q. Did you describe the proposed meeting to  
16 him before it happened?

17 A. Probably.

18 Q. How did you describe its purpose to him  
19 and who would be attending?

20 A. I don't recall.

21 Q. I'd like to turn now to your prior  
22 interactions with the people you brought to the  
23 meeting. Prior to arranging the June 9th meeting,  
24 did you know Natalia Veselnitskaya?

25 A. I did not.

1 Q. When did you first have communication  
2 with her?

3 A. I believe there was a communication that  
4 I was either copied on or that was sent to me that  
5 had an email address, that I have subsequently  
6 learned was her email address, merely confirming  
7 the time of it. So within a few days prior to the  
8 meeting.

9 Q. To the best of your knowledge, is Ms.  
10 Veselnitskaya an attorney for the Russian  
11 Government?

12 A. I have no idea.

13 Q. Do you know if she ever has been?

14 A. I have no idea.

15 Q. When you first interacted with Ms.  
16 Veselnitskaya, what did you understand her  
17 business to be?

18 A. I've never interacted with her.

19 Q. Even at the meeting itself?

20 A. Well, I don't know how you define  
21 interaction. I was introduced to her, and I said  
22 hello.

23 Q. Okay. What is your understanding of Ms.  
24 Veselnitskaya's relationship with Emin and Aras  
25 Agalarov?

1 A. I don't know.

2 Q. Of her relationship with Prevezon  
3 Holdings?

4 A. I have no idea.

5 Q. With Denis and Pyotr Katsyv?

6 A. No idea.

7 Q. And with Yuri Chaika?

8 A. No idea.

9 Q. Okay. Has Ms. Veselnitskaya ever paid  
10 you for any services?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Prior to arranging the June 9th meeting,  
13 did you know Anatoli Samochornov?

14 A. No.

15 Q. When did you first meet him?

16 A. Well, first of all, I have no idea who  
17 that is.

18 Q. Okay. To the best of your recollection,  
19 did Ms. Veselnitskaya bring a translator with her?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Had you met her translator prior to the  
22 meeting?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Prior to arranging the June 9th meeting,  
25 did you know Rinat Akhmetshin?

1 A. No.

2 Q. So when did you first meet him?

3 A. I met all of the group when I was  
4 introduced to them in the lobby of Trump Tower by  
5 Irakly Kaveladze, Ike Kaveladze.

6 Q. At the time you met Mr. Akhmetshin, what  
7 did you understand his business to be?

8 A. I didn't.

9 Q. Did you have any reason to believe that  
10 Mr. Akhmetshin has ties to the Russian Government?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Prior to the June 9th meeting, did you  
13 know Ike Kaveladze?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How long have you known him?

16 A. Again, since about the same time as I  
17 started working for Emin.

18 Q. And what do you understand Mr.  
19 Kaveladze's business to be?

20 A. I don't know.

21 Q. Do you know if he works for Emin or Aras  
22 Agalarov?

23 A. Only in as much as I have worked with him  
24 on a project for them, which was the Miss Universe  
25 pageant, so yes.

1 Q. Do you know if he has been employed by  
2 the Crocus Group?

3 A. I don't know the terms of who employs  
4 him.

5 Q. Do you have any reason to believe Mr.  
6 Kaveladze has ties to the Russian Government?

7 A. I don't know.

8 Q. Prior to the meeting on June 9th, 2016,  
9 who did you tell about the meeting?

10 A. I mean, I would've probably told friends.  
11 I certainly believe I would've talked it over  
12 with Roman Beniaminov. He and I spent a lot of  
13 time together. We did a lot of projects for Emin.  
14 That would be the extent of it.

15 Q. Were you keeping the meeting secret?

16 A. Well, I checked in for it on Facebook, so  
17 not really.

18 Q. Okay.

19 MR. DAVIS: I would like you to take a  
20 look at an email Bates stamped RG000070. This  
21 will be Exhibit 5.

22 [Goldstone Exhibit 5 was marked for  
23 identification.]

24 BY MR. DAVIS:

25 Q. This is an email from you to Emin

1 Agalarov and two other email addresses. Can you  
2 confirm the identities of the people behind those  
3 two email addresses?

4 A. The [REDACTED] is definitely Irakly "Ike"  
5 Kaveladze. The other one I had no idea, but I  
6 have subsequently learned is actually Ms.  
7 Veselnitskaya.

8 MR. DAVIS: And I would like you to take a  
9 look at another email chain. This doesn't have  
10 any Bates stamps. We will label it Exhibit 6.  
11 [Goldstone Exhibit 6 was marked for  
12 identification.]

13 BY MR. DAVIS:

14 Q. This is an email exchange between you and  
15 Ms. Veselnitskaya. On June 9th, 2016, at 9:24  
16 a.m., she emails you asking to bring Rinat  
17 Akhmetshin to the meeting and also mentioning Mr.  
18 Samochnov.

19 You replied at 9:55, writing, "I would  
20 suggest you bring whoever you need in order to  
21 make the meeting successful. Please bring them  
22 with you and Ike for your meeting at 4 p.m.  
23 today."

24 Did you inform Trump Jr. or anyone else  
25 at the Trump Organization before the meeting that

1 these additional people would be attending?

2 A. I believe I did not.

3 Q. Okay.

4 MR. DAVIS: Now let's take a look at the  
5 email exchange Bates stamped RG000077. This will  
6 be Exhibit 7. This is actually 77 and 78.

7 [Goldstone Exhibit 7 was marked for  
8 identification.]

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q. This is an email exchange between you and  
11 Mr. Kaveladze. It appears that you agree to meet  
12 at 3:30 p.m. before your 4 p.m. meeting on June  
13 9th, 2016.

14 Is that correct?

15 A. As per the email, yes.

16 Q. On June 9th, 2016, did you meet with any  
17 of the meeting attendees prior to the meeting  
18 itself?

19 A. No, except in the lobby to meet.

20 Q. Can you walk us through your itinerary on  
21 June 9th, 2016, prior to the meeting with Trump  
22 Jr.?

23 A. I had a meeting set up at Sony Music with  
24 Danny Strick, who is the president of Sony Music  
25 publishing. Emin is published by Sony. And as it





1 Rhona Graff, Donald Trump's assistant, from July  
2 2015. The first email chronologically is from you  
3 to Ms. Graff on July 22nd, 2015, and states, in  
4 part, "Emin has an email invite for Mr. Trump to  
5 attend his father's 60th birthday in Moscow on  
6 November 8th."

7 Ms. Graff responded back on July 24th,  
8 2015, stating, in part, "I will certainly make Mr.  
9 Trump aware of this invitation, and I know he will  
10 be honored that Emin thought of him. However,  
11 given his presidential campaign, it is highly  
12 unlikely that he would have time on his calendar  
13 to go to Moscow in November."

14 You replied on that same day, stating, in  
15 part, "I totally understand re: Moscow, unless  
16 maybe he would welcome meeting with President  
17 Putin, which Emin would set up."

18 Why did you believe Emin could arrange a  
19 meeting between Trump Sr. and Putin?

20 A. I believe that when you ask me questions  
21 about the Miss Universe pageant and Mr. Trump's  
22 visit, my answers would put this in context, so I  
23 shall answer it without you having that context,  
24 if that's okay.

25 During that trip, there was a lot of talk

1 about whether Mr. Trump would meet with Mr. Putin,  
2 whether Mr. Putin would attend the pageant. It  
3 was a very big deal both for Russia and for the  
4 Miss Universe Organization.

5           It came down to the wire, and on the day  
6 of the contest, we still didn't know whether there  
7 would be a meeting or whether there would be a  
8 call. It transpired, in the end, that there would  
9 be neither, but that Mr. Putin's spokesman, Dmitry  
10 Peskov, called through Aras to speak to Mr. Trump  
11 and gave his apologies that, due to the tardiness  
12 of the King of Holland, he was unable to schedule  
13 a meeting for Mr. Trump. However -- and this was  
14 conveyed by Emin, who was translating for the  
15 room, in which I was present.

16           However, on his next visit, should he  
17 ever be in the same place again, Mr. Putin would  
18 do everything possible to accommodate a meeting.

19           In my mind, the next time he would be in  
20 Moscow, if he was to come, which it was blatantly  
21 obvious he wasn't, if he was to come, well, this  
22 was the next time. So I was pretty sure that  
23 somebody would follow up on that -- my point of  
24 contact is always Emin -- would follow up and see  
25 whether that meeting could finally happen.

1           Q. Other than this email chain and the  
2 circumstances leading up to the June 9th, 2016,  
3 meeting, were there any other instances in which  
4 you sought to arrange meetings between Russian  
5 Government officials and individuals associated  
6 with the Trump Organization or Trump campaign?

7           A. No.

8           Q. I would like to turn now to the meeting  
9 itself on June 9th, 2016. What was the process of  
10 getting from the building entrance to the room  
11 where the meeting was held?

12          A. They -- Mr. -- I was told that through --  
13 by actually Roman Beniaminov that Mr. Kaveladze  
14 would be bringing the people with him, and that I  
15 would meet them there. And obviously, I had some  
16 email exchange with Ike.

17                 So I kept looking down to see them. They  
18 actually were running late, and I believe Ike  
19 called me a couple times to say they were running  
20 late, which gave me a certain level of anxiety,  
21 because this was a meeting I had asked for  
22 specifically.

23                 I saw them at the door. Then there was  
24 very, very brief, hello, hello, and I was wanting  
25 to get them up. We went to security. I believe

1 security asked for me, and because my name was on,  
2 they didn't even bother with other people. We  
3 were shown into an elevator. We then went up to,  
4 I believe, it is the Trump board room. We were  
5 asked to wait.

6 Don Jr. came out, came to me first,  
7 because I was the only person, in fact, he knew  
8 out of that group. He shook my hand, said it was  
9 nice to see me. I introduced him to Ike and let  
10 Ike do the introductions to the others, at which  
11 point I said, I'm leaving, as I had always planned  
12 to do. And Don looked at me and just said, well,  
13 why don't you stay, because then you can take  
14 these people out again at the end? And I agreed.

15 Q. During the meeting, did anyone state that  
16 the Russian Government supported Donald Trump's  
17 presidential campaign?

18 A. To the best of my knowledge, no.

19 Q. Did anyone state that the Russian  
20 Government opposed Hillary Clinton's campaign?

21 A. To the best of my knowledge, no.

22 Q. Did anyone at the meeting offer to  
23 release hacked emails to aid the Trump campaign?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did anyone offer to manufacture and

1 distribute fake news to aid the Trump campaign?

2 A. Not that I heard, no.

3 Q. Did anyone offer to hack state voter  
4 registration systems to obtain voter data to aid  
5 the Trump campaign?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Was there any discussion of anything that  
8 might reasonably be considered collusion between  
9 the Trump campaign and the Russian Government?

10 A. I didn't pay a lot of attention, because  
11 I was merely acting as an escort at this point. I  
12 had brought them in, and I was to take them out.  
13 I was checking emails. I was half-listening. And  
14 to the best of my knowledge, no would be the  
15 answer.

16 Q. Who also attended the June 9th meeting in  
17 New York City at Trump Tower? Please list  
18 everyone who was present for any portion of the  
19 meeting itself, however brief, even if they did  
20 not attend the entire meeting.

21 A. Myself; Irakly "Ike" Kaveladze; Ms.  
22 Veselnitskaya; her translator, whose name  
23 apparently I have somewhere; her colleague, Mr.  
24 Akhmetov, I think his name is; Donald Trump Jr.;  
25 Paul Manafort; and Jared Kushner.

1 MR. HOLMES: Akhmetshin?

2 MR. GOLDSTONE: Is that his name?

3 MR. HOLMES: Yes.

4 MR. GOLDSTONE: Thank you.

5 BY MR. DAVIS:

6 Q. Were all of the attendees introduced?

7 A. Yes, I believe so.

8 Q. How was Ms. Veselnitskaya introduced to  
9 the group?

10 A. I believe that Don asked her to introduce  
11 herself.

12 Q. Did she say what type of business she was  
13 in or who she worked for?

14 A. She did not.

15 Q. Did she or any other attendee claim that  
16 she was working for or speaking on behalf of the  
17 Russian Government?

18 A. Not to my knowledge.

19 Q. Did it appear that anyone else in the  
20 meeting from the Trump campaign had ever  
21 previously interacted with Ms. Veselnitskaya?

22 A. It appeared not.

23 Q. How were you introduced?

24 A. To the best of my knowledge, Don said, I  
25 know Rob. He is Emin's music manager.

1           Something like that.

2           Q. Did you or any other attendee claim that  
3 you were working for or speaking on behalf of the  
4 Russian Government?

5           A. No.

6           Q. Prior to the meeting, had you ever  
7 interacted with Mr. Kushner or Mr. Manafort?

8           A. No.

9           Q. How was Mr. Kaveladze introduced?

10          A. I'm not sure.

11          Q. Do you recall if he said what type of  
12 business he was in or who he worked for?

13          A. I don't recall.

14          Q. Did he or any other attendee claim that  
15 he was working for or speaking on behalf of the  
16 Russian Government?

17          A. I believe not.

18          Q. Did it appear that anyone else in the  
19 meeting from the Trump campaign had ever  
20 previously interacted with him? Did anyone seem  
21 like they already knew him?

22          A. From the Trump campaign, you said?

23          Q. From the Trump campaign.

24          A. It appeared not.

25          Q. How was Rinat Akhmetshin introduced?

1 A. I don't know.

2 Q. And do you recall if he said what type of  
3 business he was in or who he worked for?

4 A. I don't recall.

5 Q. And did he or any other attendee claim  
6 that he was working for or speaking on behalf of  
7 the Russian Government?

8 A. Not that I heard.

9 Q. Had you ever communicated with him prior  
10 to that meeting?

11 A. Not to my knowledge.

12 Q. Did it appear that anyone else in the  
13 meeting from the Trump campaign had ever  
14 previously interacted with him?

15 A. It did not appear so.

16 Q. Did you have any reason to believe that  
17 he and Mr. Manafort knew each other?

18 A. I had no reason to believe that.

19 Q. Do you recall if or how Ms.  
20 Veselnitskaya's translator was introduced?

21 A. Other than as a translator, no.

22 Q. Moving beyond the introductions, can you  
23 recount for us, in as much detail as you remember,  
24 what happened at that meeting?

25 A. Sure. The meeting began, and Don Jr.

1 invited Ms. Veselnitskaya to present whatever it  
2 was she wanted to talk about. I, again, half  
3 listened, half didn't. I don't want to sound  
4 glib, but didn't care. It was not my meeting. I  
5 had done my part.

6           She talked about -- I heard her talk  
7 about names Browder, Ziff, and funding to the DNC.  
8 And I didn't know of Browder, know of Ziffs. I  
9 had obviously heard of the DNC.

10           So it didn't -- I was waiting, if there  
11 was some smoking gun, which is why I had been  
12 asked to do this, and I thought if there was,  
13 there would be a reaction from somebody around the  
14 table. So I was really paying no attention until  
15 maybe somebody reacted.

16           After a few minutes of this labored  
17 presentation, Jared Kushner, who is sitting next  
18 to me, appeared somewhat agitated by this and  
19 said, I really have no idea what you're talking  
20 about. Could you please focus a bit more and  
21 maybe just start again?

22           And I recall that she began the  
23 presentation exactly where she had begun it last  
24 time, almost word for word, which seemed, by his  
25 body language, to infuriate him even more.

1           And at this point, I was feeling sort of,  
2 I've set up this meeting, what -- anyway.

3           She then continued. Again, I paid  
4 virtually no attention to this.

5           And Don Jr. then said, I'm really not  
6 following this, what you're saying.

7           At which point, she said, what I would  
8 really like to speak about is the Magnitsky Act.

9           And I had never heard of the Magnitsky or  
10 an act, and I thought, okay, maybe here's the  
11 smoking gun or whatever it is that's coming. And  
12 then the next thing I start hearing about adoption  
13 and sanctions and the impact that that is having  
14 on adoption and Americans. And that is when I  
15 completely tuned out and was like we're having a  
16 meeting about adoption. I don't get this.

17           And then from then on, for about the next  
18 3 or 4 minutes, she talked about Magnitsky and how  
19 unfair it was and how unfair sanctions were and  
20 how, as a result, it was unfair that children who  
21 would otherwise have the opportunity to be adopted  
22 -- again, this adoption issue kept coming up. At  
23 which point, she said to Don, so I hope that, you  
24 know, you will look out for this.

25           And he stopped this in its tracks and

1 said, with respect, I suggest that you address  
2 your -- what seemed very valid concerns but to the  
3 Obama administration because they actually are in  
4 power. My father is a private citizen and, as  
5 such, it has no validity, of what you're saying.  
6 Thank you very much for coming. I appreciate all  
7 your time. You know, we have a very busy  
8 schedule, and thank you.

9           And the meeting ended.

10          Q. To the best of your recollection, did she  
11 or anyone else ask that Donald Trump Sr. take any  
12 action regarding the Magnitsky Act, if elected?

13          A. I don't think she was as specific as "if  
14 elected." The inference was there. It was more  
15 about bringing it to his attention.

16          Q. Did anyone mention the Justice  
17 Department's lawsuit against Prevezon Holdings?

18          A. Not that I heard.

19          Q. Did Ms. Veselnitskaya or any other  
20 attendee offer anything to the Trump campaign?

21          A. Can you be specific what that means?

22          Q. Assistance in the election?

23          A. Not to my knowledge.

24          Q. So what, if anything, did anyone at the  
25 meeting ask of the Trump campaign?

1           A. Well, to the best of my recollection, the  
2 only person to speak, apart from the interruptions  
3 from Jared and Don Jr., was, in fact, her. And  
4 whilst it didn't sound to me like a demand, it was  
5 certainly a request, which is that they could  
6 potentially pay attention to this.

7           And as I said, that was shut down almost  
8 immediately by him suggesting she speak with the  
9 Obama administration about it.

10          Q. Other than what we have already  
11 discussed, were any other topics discussed at the  
12 meeting?

13          A. No.

14          Q. Did anyone mention Donald Trump Sr.'s  
15 upcoming birthday?

16          A. At the meeting, not that I recall.

17          Q. Did anyone, at that time, mention the  
18 Agalarovs sending Mr. Trump a present for his  
19 birthday?

20          A. At that meeting, not that I recall.

21          Q. What role did Mr. Akhmetshin play during  
22 the meeting, if any?

23          A. I didn't observe him playing any role at  
24 all.

25          Q. What about Mr. Kaveladze?

1           A. The only time I saw him -- he played no  
2 role in it. He played a role when I believe I may  
3 have sent him a WhatsApp message or some sort of  
4 message saying, this is embarrassing. And I  
5 believe he kind of nodded at me.

6           But that's not a role within the meeting  
7 officially.

8           Q. When Ms. Veselnitskaya spoke, was she  
9 speaking through her translator?

10          A. I have thought about this long and hard,  
11 and to the best of my knowledge, because it  
12 appeared she was reading from something that had  
13 been written, I believe she spoke in English.

14          Q. And did you play any role during the  
15 meeting?

16          A. No.

17          MR. DAVIS: I would like you to take a look  
18 at a few documents relating to V Kontakte, VK.  
19 The first is the email Bates stamped RG000075 to  
20 6. That will be Exhibit 9, I believe.

21          MR. HOLMES: Ten.

22          MR. DAVIS: Ten, sorry.

23 [Goldstone Exhibit 10 was marked for  
24 identification.]

25 BY MR. DAVIS:



1 Konstantin Sidorkov. It was sent on June 29th,  
2 2016.

3           It states, in part, "Dan, I am following  
4 up an email a while back, something I had  
5 mentioned to Don and Paul Manafort during a  
6 meeting recently. There are believed to be around  
7 2 million Russian-American voters living in the  
8 USA, and more than 1.6 million of these use the  
9 Russian Facebook site V Kontakte, VK, as their  
10 preferred social media outlet. As I mentioned to  
11 you guys, through Emin and my contact at VK, they  
12 want to create a vote Trump 2016 promotion aimed  
13 directly at these users, people who will be voting  
14 in November. At the time, Paul had said he would  
15 welcome it, and so I had the VK folks mock up a  
16 basic sample page, which I am resending for your  
17 approval now."

18           Did you discuss this VK proposal during  
19 the June 9th, 2016, meeting?

20           A. Technically, not during the meeting. On  
21 the way out, Don Jr. kind of thanked me. And I  
22 said to him, I'm sorry. I'm really embarrassed by  
23 this meeting. I don't know what that was about.

24           Paul Manafort was in front of us. And I  
25 said, oh, by the way, I don't know if anyone saw,

1 but I'm friends with the marketing guy at VK in  
2 Russia, and they want to create a voting  
3 registration page or information page for Mr.  
4 Trump. Who should they send this to? I'm told  
5 Dan Scavino.

6 And I believe Paul Manafort said, yes,  
7 great, that's the right person.

8 That was the extent of it. So wasn't in  
9 the meeting, but it was in the room where the  
10 meeting was on our way out of the meeting.

11 Q. Is it correct that Mr. Manafort said he  
12 would welcome it?

13 A. He went, great, that's the correct  
14 person, which I took to mean -- he didn't say, no,  
15 it's an awful idea.

16 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did any of  
17 the other attendees overhear your conversation?

18 A. To the best of my knowledge, no. I think  
19 they were already out through the glass doors.

20 Q. Why did you pitch VK to the Trump  
21 campaign? Were you offered any payment by them,  
22 if you could get the Trump campaign to create an  
23 official VK page?

24 A. So I don't know VK as such, but a friend  
25 of mine, who I met at the Miss Universe press



1 referencing?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Looking at page 3, it appears you  
4 forwarded Mr. Sidorkov's email to Rhona Graff and  
5 Donald Trump Jr. on January 19th, 2016, to pass  
6 along Mr. Sidorkov's invitation for Trump Sr. to  
7 set up an official page on VK. And she then  
8 copied Dan Scavino, who she says was heading up  
9 social media for the campaigns.

10 Page 6 is an email from Mr. Scavino  
11 telling you to send whatever you had on this.

12 And page 7 is an email from Mr. Sidorkov  
13 to Mr. Scavino, Ms. Graff, and Trump Jr., sending  
14 them more info on VK.

15 To the best of your knowledge, did anyone  
16 from the Trump campaign, in response to this  
17 attempt in January 2016, take any action to  
18 establish an official VK page?

19 A. To the best of my knowledge, they did  
20 not.

21 Q. Both your January and June emails  
22 referenced meetings with VK personnel in Moscow.  
23 Did those meetings occur?

24 A. The only person I ever met connected with  
25 VK was Konstantin Sidorkov.



1 meeting now, was Mr. Kushner present for the  
2 entire meeting?

3 A. To the best of my knowledge, he was. He  
4 may have entered a minute or so after we all  
5 entered, but I believe he was. And the reason for  
6 that is because of the seating. They worked out  
7 who should sit where, and I sat next to Mr.  
8 Kushner. There was only he and I sat at this side  
9 of the table.

10 Q. What did Mr. Manafort do during the  
11 meeting?

12 A. He -- I remember this specifically. He  
13 did not look up from checking his phone from the  
14 moment we began until the moment we ended.

15 Q. Did he ask any questions --

16 A. No.

17 Q. -- or make any comments?

18 A. None.

19 Q. And was he present for the entire  
20 meeting?

21 A. He was.

22 Q. Beyond the comments you've already  
23 described, what did Mr. Trump Jr. do during the  
24 meeting, if anything?

25 A. Nothing beyond the comments I've

1 described.

2 Q. Did you take any notes at the meeting?

3 A. I did not.

4 Q. Did anyone else, as far as you could  
5 tell?

6 A. As far as I could tell, nobody did.

7 Q. Did any of the attendees bring any  
8 documents to the meeting?

9 A. I believe, as I mentioned, Ms.  
10 Veselnitskaya was reading from something that  
11 looked like it was either bullet points or notes  
12 or something, because she was glancing down at it.  
13 I didn't see anybody else with anything.

14 Q. Do you know if she left that document at  
15 the end of the meeting?

16 A. I have no idea.

17 Q. To the best of your knowledge, what time  
18 did the meeting begin and when did it end?

19 A. As I say, we were running slightly late,  
20 so the meeting would've begun somewhere around  
21 4:10, 4:15, and would've been over, at the most,  
22 within 20 minutes.

23 Q. And how was the meeting concluded?

24 A. As I said, by Don cutting off Ms.  
25 Veselnitskaya and saying these concerns should be

1 addressed to the Obama administration. And with  
2 that, thank you very much for your attendance,  
3 everybody.

4 And the inference was that they were very  
5 busy, and we should leave.

6 Q. Other than the meeting attendees, did you  
7 speak with anyone else from the Trump Organization  
8 on June 9th, 2016?

9 A. I believe not.

10 MR. DAVIS: Please take a look at this email  
11 exchange Bates stamped RG000082. This will be  
12 Exhibit 14.

13 [Goldstone Exhibit 14 was marked for  
14 identification.]

15 BY MR. DAVIS:

16 Q. This is an email exchange between you and  
17 Rhona Graff sent on June 10th, 2016, the day after  
18 the Trump Tower meeting.

19 You wrote, in part, "I have a delivery  
20 question. Emin and Aras have a fairly sizable  
21 birthday gift for Mr. Trump, and I would like to  
22 know exactly how and where we should deliver it to  
23 on Tuesday. I ran into Keith yesterday, and he  
24 mentioned everything now has to go to your TSA-  
25 style scanning and security at Trump Tower."

1           Is the Keith you referenced in this email  
2 Keith Schiller?

3           A. It is.

4           Q. And he was Mr. Trump Sr.'s bodyguard. Is  
5 that correct?

6           A. As I understood, or head of security or  
7 something like that.

8           Q. Did Mr. Schiller attend the meeting on  
9 June 9th?

10          A. He didn't. I ran into him by Starbucks.

11          Q. Okay. What did you discuss with him  
12 there?

13          A. Haven't seen you since Moscow. Hope  
14 everything is good. You must be busy. That kind  
15 of thing.

16                 And I asked, if there was -- if we had  
17 anything that had to be delivered, how did it now  
18 work? Did we have to send things as normal to  
19 Rhona, like messages or letters or anything,  
20 because there had been some congratulatory  
21 letters, I think, in the past, or how?

22                 And he just said, you know, everything  
23 now, it's like an airport-style TSA down there.

24          Q. And I assume not, but was Trump Sr. with  
25 him at the time?

1           A. No. I assume he was buying coffee or tea  
2 or something.

3           Q. After the meeting with Trump Jr., what  
4 did you do with the rest of that day?

5           A. I got in an Uber and went home to New  
6 Jersey.

7           Q. Did you discuss the meeting with any of  
8 the other attendees on that day?

9           A. No. They were grouped in the lobby.  
10 They were going, I believe, to also grab coffee or  
11 do something. I think I was invited, too, and I  
12 said, no, no, I have a car here. I'm leaving.  
13 Goodbye.

14          Q. Did you report back to Emin or Aras about  
15 the meeting?

16          A. Emin immediately.

17          Q. And how did you describe it to him?

18          A. I said, this was the most embarrassing  
19 thing you've ever asked me to do. I've just sat  
20 in a meeting about adoption.

21          Q. Did you speak with him by phone or some  
22 other --

23          A. Phone.

24          Q. Okay. And what was his reaction?

25          A. Adoption? And I said, you should

1 probably speak to Ike.

2 Q. Did you mention the meeting to anyone  
3 else between the time it occurred and when the  
4 media and lawyers began asking about it in the  
5 spring and summer of 2017?

6 A. I think I told anyone who would listen  
7 that I had been in some hideous meeting that was  
8 really embarrassing. I didn't necessarily go into  
9 the details of what it was. But I -- it would be  
10 fair to say that I'm sure I talked about it with  
11 friends at dinner, as it's something that I had a  
12 horrible experience setting up a meeting, yes.

13 MR. FOSTER: Specifically a meeting at Trump  
14 Tower with --

15 MR. GOLDSTONE: Yeah, probably specifically  
16 a meeting at Trump Tower, yes.

17 MR. DAVIS: I think we are at a good  
18 stopping point, so we will go off the record now.

19 [Recess 10:42 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.]

20 MR. PRIVOR: Let's go back on the record.  
21 It is 10:59.

22 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE MINORITY

23 BY MR. PRIVOR:

24 Q. Mr. Goldstone, thank you for coming in  
25 today. I am going to be retracing some of the

1 steps that Mr. Davis already went over, so I  
2 apologize in advance.

3 A. No problem.

4 Q. Some of it will sound repetitive. I'm  
5 really just trying to follow up and fill in some  
6 gaps where I had some other questions.

7 First, I just want to start with your  
8 background. Mr. Davis had asked you where you  
9 live. And I wondered, have you ever lived in  
10 Russia?

11 A. Lived in Russia? No, never.

12 Q. Okay. And do you have any other ties to  
13 Russia, other than doing work for the Agalarovs?

14 A. Well, I believe that my great-grandmother  
15 was from Minsk.

16 Q. In the present day, have you had any  
17 other business in Russia?

18 A. No.

19 Q. And you had mentioned that your present  
20 work from 1997 to the present is Ovi 2  
21 Entertainment, but you no longer work for Emin  
22 Agalarov. Is that right?

23 A. That is right.

24 Q. When did you stop working for him?

25 A. Approximately -- well, not approximately.

1 December 30th of 2016.

2 Q. What occasioned your no longer working  
3 for him?

4 A. The main reason was that, for some time,  
5 I wanted to take a gap year to write a book  
6 called, "Never Mind the Gap," to see if a 50-  
7 something-year-old could reenact what students do  
8 in terms of taking a gap year, and go and live  
9 somewhere exotic and be like a barista, and go to  
10 trekking in Nepal, and how different it would be  
11 when you are in your 50s and when you are at  
12 university.

13 And I decided that the timing was right,  
14 before I got even older than I am now, I should  
15 probably do it. And so I let Emin know in October  
16 of 2016 that I planned to do that.

17 It also coincided with him having hired a  
18 new head of A&R, which is artist and repertoire,  
19 in the U.K., who was also a manager. And I  
20 believed that I was leaving him in good hands,  
21 that this guy would ultimately, which he did, take  
22 over as manager.

23 Q. So what other than pursuing this gap year  
24 project, was there any other reason that you  
25 decided to stop working for Mr. Agalarov?

1           A. There was also a financial component,  
2 that because he had hired this new person, our fee  
3 was probably going to be reduced. We hadn't  
4 talked about specifics, but once that was  
5 suggested, I said, you know, we don't need to do  
6 any of that because I've wanted to do this gap  
7 year anyway, so it's a perfect time for me to take  
8 a year off.

9           Q. And were there any other reasons?

10          A. No.

11          Q. Was your departure from working for Mr.  
12 Agalarov in any way related to this June 9th  
13 meeting?

14          A. It was not.

15          Q. Or any fallout from the meeting?

16          A. It was not.

17          Q. How has your relationship with Mr.  
18 Agalarov been since that June 9th meeting? Has it  
19 remained the same? Has it soured at all?

20          A. You know, a few months after I left in  
21 March of 2017, I met with him in London. He was  
22 there. I was there. We had breakfast at the  
23 Dorchester Hotel. And he said, I want to take a  
24 picture. And he posted immediately, Rob and I are  
25 back in business together. And he goes, look,

1 you've made your point. Don't go and do this gap  
2 year.

3           And I actually said to him, you need to  
4 take that down, and he wouldn't. And I said fine,  
5 and I sent an email to him and everybody connected  
6 with it just to say, by the way, despite him being  
7 a bit funny and clever, we're not still working  
8 together. I'm still pursuing my year.

9           Since then, I saw him in May when he  
10 toured in the U.S., and I had dinner with him.  
11 And again, he said, you know, please come back. I  
12 know you're going to leave in June and go and live  
13 in Asia for 6 months. I didn't come back to work for Emin.

14           And we had very, very nice -- you know,  
15 Emin and I had a wonderful relationship, a  
16 wonderful working relationship. He's a great guy.  
17 He's fun to work with. And since then, since  
18 this has all broken, I've had a couple of emails,  
19 the most recent on my birthday, about 10 days ago,  
20 in which he said, I wish you well, and I miss our  
21 great times together.

22           Q. It sounds like you have a decent or a  
23 positive relationship, but my question was, has  
24 your relationship soured at all? Has your  
25 relationship diminished in any way with him since

1 the June 9th meeting?

2           A. It hadn't until news of this broke, which  
3 is in July of this year. When I sent a couple of  
4 messages, WhatsApp messages, that simply said, you  
5 know, I believe that this -- I think the words I  
6 used was this dumb meeting, which your father  
7 insisted on, has really damaged my reputation and  
8 my ability to do business, both of which it has.

9           Q. Okay. And in what way has your  
10 relationship diminished with him?

11          A. I don't know that I would want to work in  
12 the same capacity for him in the future. And at  
13 the time I left, there was an open-ended that I  
14 possibly would come back after that. And part of  
15 that, if not all of that, would be due to the  
16 position I believe I was put in.

17          Q. And you mentioned -- we are going to  
18 spend some more time on the public release of the  
19 statements related to the June 9th meeting, but  
20 you had mentioned you making statements about the  
21 June 9th meeting. Was Emin in any way angry with  
22 you or upset, based on statements you had made?

23          A. No, and to this day has never made any  
24 angry statements about it or criticism of what I  
25 have said.

1 Q. You also referenced communications via  
2 WhatsApp, and I think this morning you also  
3 mentioned some exchange you had during the June  
4 9th meeting to Ike Kaveladze via WhatsApp. The  
5 document production that you gave to us, does that  
6 include documents from WhatsApp?

7 A. There are documents from WhatsApp.  
8 Unfortunately, you know, I don't have the  
9 communication from Ike from that meeting. I  
10 couldn't find it. And I -- I will now make myself  
11 look completely stupid. I don't know any other  
12 way other than what we've done, we've done a  
13 thorough search, of being able to provide that.  
14 I'm not terribly technical.

15 Q. Fair enough. So just so we're clear,  
16 your search for records to produce in response to  
17 Senator Grassley's letter included a search of  
18 WhatsApp?

19 A. It did, yes.

20 Q. And did you search all of your social  
21 media platforms that you use?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. Okay. Very well. We've talked a bit  
24 about the work that you have done, mostly as a  
25 publicist and artist management. Have you ever

1 done any lobbying work yourself?

2 A. I have not.

3 Q. Have you ever done any work on behalf of  
4 the Russian Government?

5 A. I have not.

6 Q. Have you done any work related to U.S.  
7 sanctions?

8 A. I have not.

9 Q. Have you done any work related to the  
10 Magnitsky Act?

11 A. I have not.

12 Q. We discussed -- with Mr. Davis this  
13 morning, you discussed your relationship with both  
14 of the Agalarovs, and you stated that you didn't  
15 know of their relationship with the Russian  
16 Government. Do I have that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I'm curious, particularly with respect to  
19 Aras Agalarov. You've also testified that, during  
20 the Miss Universe pageant, you were trying to  
21 arrange a meeting with President Putin.

22 A. I wasn't trying to arrange, but it was  
23 being -- there was an effort to try to arrange it.

24 Q. Who was arranging? Who made that effort?

25 A. Aras.

1 Q. Okay. And you also mentioned that Mr.  
2 Peskov, his spokesperson, had reached out to Aras.  
3 Is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And so you knew that at the time  
6 in 2013?

7 A. Yes, because I was in the room at the  
8 time the call was made -- myself, Emin, Mr. Trump,  
9 probably Keith Schiller because he seemed to be  
10 with Mr. Trump all the time, Aras.

11 Q. And so based on that, do you have a view  
12 on whether or not Mr. Agalarov has a relationship  
13 with the Russian Government?

14 A. No, not really.

15 Q. You don't know what his relationship is?

16 A. I don't know what his relationship is.

17 Q. But do you know that he does have some  
18 relationship?

19 A. I don't.

20 Q. Well, sufficient enough for Mr. Peskov to  
21 call him on his personal phone?

22 A. Sufficient enough for that.

23 Q. And sufficient to arrange a meeting with  
24 the President, President Putin?

25 A. It was, in context, the meeting was being

1 requested because a very well-known VIP and co-  
2 owner of the pageant, which was being staged in  
3 the Russian capital, was there, who was high-  
4 profile enough for a request to be made. It was  
5 on that basis that I understood that the request  
6 would be made.

7 Q. Other than that 2013 effort to arrange a  
8 meeting between President Trump, then just a  
9 private citizen, and President Putin, we've seen a  
10 document this morning that Mr. Davis showed you  
11 where you had offered another opportunity, if Mr.  
12 Trump traveled to Moscow for Aras' 60th birthday,  
13 perhaps you could reach out to Emin, and Emin  
14 could arrange a meeting with Mr. Putin.

15 Other than those two instances, 2013 and  
16 then the 60th birthday event, if it occurred, do  
17 you know of any other times when the Agalarovs had  
18 made any offers to arrange a meeting between  
19 President Putin and now-President Trump?

20 A. I don't know of any other time.

21 Q. Do you know of any other instances in  
22 which anyone else has made an effort to arrange a  
23 meeting between President Putin and President  
24 Trump?

25 A. I don't.

1 Q. You were recounting your relationship  
2 with Emin Agalarov. When is the last time that  
3 you spoke to him?

4 A. Just for me, would you clarify, does  
5 spoke include -- do you mean physically spoke?

6 Q. I'm sorry. I should've -- when is the  
7 last time you communicated with him, whether it be  
8 by telephone or some other messaging?

9 A. [REDACTED] of this year was my  
10 birthday. He sent me a WhatsApp message for my  
11 birthday, which I believe we have produced. And I  
12 responded. He asked -- he said he hoped I was  
13 doing well, and I responded thanking him for the  
14 message, saying I was doing as well as I could  
15 under the circumstances.

16 Q. And what are those circumstances?

17 A. The fact that I have been at the center  
18 of a media blitz, apart from anything else, since  
19 July 9th or 10th.

20 Q. Did Mr. Agalarov respond to you, when you  
21 made that remark about your circumstances?

22 A. He did. He said he hoped that soon the  
23 clouds would pass and there would be sunshine.

24 Q. And has there been any further  
25 communication with him since he made that remark?

1           A. No.

2           Q. Did Mr. Agalarov know that you were  
3 coming in to speak to this committee?

4           A. Not that I know of.

5           Q. Have you spoken to any other  
6 congressional committees?

7           MR. GAGE: Well, do you really want to -- I  
8 don't have a problem with that. I don't know what  
9 the ground rules are for Congress. If that's a  
10 question that you all ask, I don't have any  
11 problem with Rob answering.

12          MR. PRIVOR: Go ahead.

13          MR. GAGE: So that is traditional? That is  
14 a question you ask.

15          MR. PRIVOR: I don't know if it is  
16 traditional. I'm just curious. Have you spoken  
17 to others?

18          MR. GAGE: I don't want to breach protocol,  
19 because when I first reached out to -- and I am  
20 glad to have him answer. Don't misunderstand me.  
21 But the protocol was there wasn't a lot of  
22 communication between committees. If I am wrong,  
23 if that is a question that others have been asked,  
24 if there is no problem with protocol, I have no  
25 problem with him answering.

1 MS. SAWYER: I'm not aware of any problem  
2 with protocol in asking that question as to who he  
3 may have testified before.

4 MR. GAGE: Fine. You understand why I  
5 wanted to check. I just wanted to be fair to  
6 everybody.

7 MS. SAWYER: Sure. Absolutely.

8 MR. FOSTER: I will say, we had spoken -- we  
9 have asked that question of other witnesses.

10 MR. GAGE: Certainly not trying -- go ahead.

11 MR. GOLDSTONE: Yesterday, I met with the  
12 Senate Intelligence Committee.

13 BY MR. PRIVOR:

14 Q. And any others besides that one?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you tell Emin Agalarov that you had  
17 spoken to another congressional committee?

18 A. I did not.

19 Q. Have you discussed your testimony here  
20 today with anyone other than your lawyers?

21 A. I have not.

22 MS. SAWYER: Can I ask a quick question  
23 about the WhatsApp?

24 BY MS. SAWYER

25 Q. You said you had searched and you

1 couldn't find the WhatsApp message that you  
2 believe you sent to Mr. Kaveladze during the  
3 meeting. Did you find other WhatsApp messages  
4 with Mr. Kaveladze at all?

5 A. Yes, there is one small chain that I did  
6 find, yes.

7 Q. Okay. So you know that you did use  
8 WhatsApp and you had messages. You just don't  
9 have that message?

10 A. No, I only have one small series of  
11 messages. I don't know for sure that I used  
12 WhatsApp, but most of the time I do. So that  
13 leads me to believe that is what I used.

14 BY MR. PRIVOR:

15 Q. You had mentioned Roman Beniaminov  
16 earlier this morning. You stated that you  
17 probably discussed this meeting with him and  
18 possibly others. What do you remember from your  
19 conversation with Mr. Beniaminov?

20 A. I was angry when I came out of the  
21 meeting, so Roman was a good venting post for me  
22 on many things. And we lived very -- in the same  
23 district. We often saw each other for coffee.

24 And, for sure, I would've said, you know,  
25 I was pissed. I thought I was organizing one

1 meeting. I didn't think I was staying. Here I am  
2 having to stay. All of that.

3 I don't know the detail of it, but I am  
4 sure I would've spoken to him about it.

5 Q. Okay, that's after the June 9th meeting.  
6 How about before the June 9th meeting? Did you  
7 also speak to Mr. Benjaminov?

8 A. I'm sure I would've done, yes.

9 Q. Do you recall what your conversation with  
10 him was?

11 A. I do not.

12 Q. Do you recall whether or not Mr.  
13 Benjaminov had expressed any concern about the  
14 meeting that you were working to arrange?

15 A. I don't believe he expressed concern, no.

16 Q. Not to you.

17 A. Not to me.

18 Q. Did you speak with anyone else about the  
19 June 9th meeting before it occurred?

20 A. Most likely would've told my business  
21 partner, David Wilson.

22 Q. Do you recall any of your conversation  
23 with Mr. Wilson?

24 A. I don't.

25 Q. Anyone else other than Mr. Wilson?

1 A. Not that I can recall.

2 Q. Okay, so the only two people you can  
3 recall are Mr. Wilson and Mr. Beniaminov?

4 A. I possibly would've spoken to Mr.  
5 Kaveladze about it, because of the logistics of it  
6 all.

7 Q. And other than logistics, can you recall  
8 any other conversation with him about the content  
9 or the substance of the meeting before it  
10 occurred?

11 A. I can't recall, no.

12 Q. You obviously spoke to Emin Agalarov, is  
13 that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And did you communicate with him  
16 by telephone or was it just --

17 A. Telephone usually.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. A mixture of telephone and WhatsApp,  
20 depending on what it was.

21 Q. And Mr. Agalarov, Emin Agalarov, he gave  
22 you some instruction on what the meeting would be  
23 about. Is that right?

24 A. Yes, he did.

25 Q. And he mentioned the well-connected

1 attorney.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Which you interpreted as someone who has  
4 some sort of political connection?

5 A. I interpreted it as that, yes.

6 Q. Did you ever ask him specifically who  
7 this attorney was?

8 A. Yes, many times. On that call, I kept  
9 pushing -- not many times, maybe three times.

10 The reason for that wasn't because I  
11 wanted to know. The reason is I believed I would  
12 be asked if I sent such an email. Well, who is  
13 it? What is it? That was my reason for it.

14 Q. Other than that call, did you ever follow  
15 up to ask who this person was?

16 A. I don't believe so.

17 Q. And how about after the June 9th meeting?  
18 Did you ever have a further conversation with  
19 Emin about who the lawyer was? Maybe this time he  
20 would tell you who she was.

21 A. I don't believe I did, no, except the one  
22 where I said I'm really embarrassed and mad about  
23 it. But that wasn't about who she was. It was  
24 about I believe I sat in some weird meeting about  
25 adoption.

1           Q. In the call that preceded the June 9th  
2 meeting with Emin, you stated that Emin described  
3 having damaging information concerning Hillary.

4           A. The lawyer having damaging, not Emin.

5           Q. I'm sorry. I misstated that. The lawyer  
6 would have damaging information. And you reacted  
7 by saying that you thought it was a bad idea and  
8 that you don't know anything about politics.

9           A. I reacted, initially, in asking him to  
10 elaborate, again, because I said I was sure I was  
11 going to be asked. And he said it doesn't matter.  
12 You just need to get the meeting.

13           And then I said I think this is a really  
14 bad idea.

15           Q. Why did you think it was a bad idea?

16           A. Because it's political. I'm a music  
17 manager. He's a musician and a businessman. And  
18 we'd never talked politics about anything. And  
19 why would he want to get involved in this? It was  
20 just my gut reaction to this request.

21           Q. I want to explore the bad idea a little  
22 bit, so pardon me if it sounds like I'm being  
23 repetitive.

24           But did you perceive it as a bad idea for  
25 you or for Mr. Agalarov or for both?

1           A. I believed -- I perceived it as you get  
2 very few, in my opinion, requests and favors of  
3 people at the level of a Donald Trump even in his  
4 private life, and obviously he was running in the  
5 political world. And you should use those  
6 sparingly.

7           So from a very selfish perspective, on  
8 their behalf, I wanted to be sure that it was  
9 worth using up one of these favors, and that it  
10 was worth it. And because no one appeared -- like  
11 Emin couldn't appear to tell me in any more detail  
12 what it was about, I believed it might've been a  
13 bad idea and a waste of a big favor to ask for a  
14 meeting at a very busy time.

15          Q. What understanding, if any, do you have  
16 as to the reason that Emin wanted to arrange this  
17 meeting to provide a link to a lawyer who may have  
18 damaging information on Hillary Clinton?

19          A. Only one, which is that -- how he opened  
20 the message, which was that the lawyer had met  
21 with his father that morning who had asked that we  
22 set up a meeting with the Trumps. So the  
23 implication to me was that it was his father that  
24 had asked him.

25          Q. And do you have any understanding of why

1 his father was so interested in acting as a  
2 conduit to provide information concerning Hillary  
3 Clinton?

4 A. I don't.

5 Q. And do you understand what Aras'  
6 relationship is with Mr. Trump?

7 A. Inasmuch as, technically, I am the person  
8 that introduced them the first time, his  
9 relationship was a very cordial business  
10 relationship of somebody who co-owned a pageant,  
11 as in Mr. Trump, and somebody who helped  
12 facilitate it being held in Moscow, as in Mr.  
13 Agalarov.

14 Q. Had you ever heard Aras Agalarov express  
15 any support for Donald Trump running for President  
16 --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- before this time?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And other than arranging or asking you to  
21 arrange this meeting via Emin, had he ever made  
22 any other efforts that you are aware of to help  
23 Donald Trump with regard to his election efforts?

24 A. Yes. And I believe we submitted this.  
25 He sent him, via me, via a letter to Rhona, via

1 via Roman, Roman Benjaminov, who delivered it, a  
2 copy of a book that he had written on economics  
3 and a note to Mr. Trump, in which he said he hoped  
4 he would read it, and it would give him great  
5 insight into possibly a way to run a country  
6 economically.

7 Q. And other than providing that book and  
8 trying to arrange this meeting, were there any  
9 other efforts that you are aware of where he was  
10 seeking to assist Donald Trump --

11 A. No.

12 Q. -- in his election?

13 A. No, there were not.

14 Q. How about Emin, were there any other  
15 efforts or other offers of assistance from Emin,  
16 other than the June 9th meeting?

17 A. Efforts and assistance, no.

18 Q. Were there ever any offers of assistance?

19 A. No. There were -- there were no offers  
20 of assistance at all.

21 Q. When Mr. Davis was having you look at the  
22 email that set up the meeting, the June 9th  
23 meeting, which I believe -- it's Exhibit 1. Do  
24 you have Exhibit 1 in front of you?

25 A. It's just not marked, but yes. Oh, it is

1 marked.

2 Q. Mr. Davis had asked you about Russia and  
3 its government's support for Mr. Trump, and you  
4 had described how you had been to Russia 12 or 13  
5 times, and people were generally glowing about Mr.  
6 Trump on television.

7 A. And in person.

8 Q. And in person. Other than what you had  
9 watched on television and what you had observed of  
10 just people about Russia, were there any other  
11 bases for which you thought there was Russian  
12 Government support for Mr. Trump?

13 A. Only that -- this would come at a time  
14 when Mr. Trump was in Russia. I had seen the  
15 interaction of business leaders who had met with  
16 him at a dinner, a cocktail party that had been  
17 arranged, and it was a lovefest. And really, that  
18 is what I was trying to convey, was that, hey,  
19 look, this is yet another example of Russians  
20 loving your dad type of thing, led by Emin and  
21 Aras, who love your dad.

22 Q. But in your email to Donald Trump Jr.,  
23 you refer not to just generally Russians. You  
24 specified government support. What made you think  
25 there was government support for Mr. Trump?

1           A. Probably -- oh, what made me think of it  
2 was that I had seen Mr. Trump praise President  
3 Putin on TV. I had seen President Putin praise  
4 Mr. Trump. And to me, that is the government, and  
5 that is the government mouthing its support for  
6 the candidate.

7           So it was part of my effort to schmooze -  
8 - it's only word I know how to use, and I'm happy  
9 to translate it -- with Don Jr. to get this  
10 meeting.

11          Q. Do you speak Russian?

12          A. I speak a few words. I can curse the  
13 traffic. I can say, "Hello, how are you? It's a  
14 nice day," because I spent 5 years there.

15          Q. Do you understand Russian when it is  
16 spoken to you?

17          A. I can understand the most simple -- if  
18 someone understands that I really don't, yes. But  
19 I couldn't -- I couldn't sit in a meeting and  
20 understand what was going on, no.

21          Q. If you were to watch Russian television,  
22 would you be able to follow what is being said?

23          A. No, but I would understand certain words.

24          Q. I see. Keeping with Exhibit 1 and your  
25 email to Donald Trump Jr., we had talked about the

1 official documents and information. Had you ever  
2 seen any official documents or information?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did Emin ever provide anything to you in  
5 advance of the meeting?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did you do anything to prepare for the  
8 meeting in advance? For instance, did you review  
9 any materials in advance?

10 A. I did not.

11 Q. You also described the information that  
12 you were providing as very high-level and  
13 sensitive. What gave you the impression that it  
14 was high-level and sensitive?

15 A. The fact that I had been told that it was  
16 potentially damaging information about the DNC and  
17 Hillary Clinton. I mean, it was my judgment call  
18 on the words, but to me, that is highly sensitive  
19 and confidential. I mean, it appeared so to me,  
20 even having no idea what it was.

21 Q. And the damaging information, is that a  
22 phrase that Emin had used?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And did you ask what he meant by damaging  
25 information?

1           A. Yes.

2           Q. What did he say?

3           A. It doesn't matter. All you have to do is  
4 get a meeting. Ike will coordinate. You don't  
5 even have to attend, which I also write somewhere  
6 in one of these emails. You just have to get the  
7 meeting.

8           Q. Did it give you pause that you were being  
9 asked to arrange a meeting to provide damaging  
10 information about a U.S. presidential candidate?

11          A. It didn't only give me pause, the  
12 thought, I specifically write, which I don't  
13 usually do in emails to people, you know, what do  
14 you think is the best way to handle this? And  
15 would you be able to speak to Emin about it  
16 directly?

17                 That is my way of saying to Don that is  
18 what you should do.

19          Q. Mr. Davis had asked you about the  
20 meeting, whether you treated the meeting as covert  
21 or made any effort to hide it, and you said no,  
22 because you even posted about attending on  
23 Facebook.

24          A. Yeah.

25          Q. But it sounds like you nevertheless felt

1 that the information that would be conveyed during  
2 the meeting was somehow sensitive and not  
3 something to be shared with the public. Do I have  
4 that right?

5 A. You do.

6 Q. And so how do you square those two things  
7 together? Did you think that the meeting was  
8 secret?

9 A. I didn't think that the meeting was  
10 secret.

11 Q. Did you think the content of the meeting  
12 was somehow secret?

13 A. Not secret.

14 Q. Was the content of the meeting, as you  
15 expected it before it occurred, was the content  
16 something that you shared with anyone else?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Why not?

19 A. Because other than -- first of all, I  
20 didn't have content. That was my whole thing. I  
21 had been asking and pushing if it could be  
22 elaborated on. What I had was basically basic,  
23 very basic information to set up a meeting, so it  
24 wasn't that I had information to say to somebody,  
25 oh, hey, look, there are these documents. I

1 didn't have anything. Even if I had wanted to, I  
2 didn't have anything to share.

3 Q. Before the meeting occurred, had you  
4 heard of the Magnitsky Act?

5 A. No.

6 Q. So that wasn't something that Emin had  
7 mentioned.

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did he ever mention sanctions to you?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did he ever mention the topic of  
12 adoptions?

13 A. No.

14 Q. And so when was the first time that you  
15 had heard about the Magnitsky Act? Was it at the  
16 June 9th meeting?

17 A. At the June 9th meeting.

18 Q. And likewise for adoptions?

19 A. Well, I've heard of adoptions.

20 Q. Sure.

21 A. But as it relates to this. And actually,  
22 probably after that, because I still didn't  
23 understand how -- because that was why, when I  
24 called Emin, I said, I just sat in a meeting about  
25 adoption. And he seemed as shocked as I was and

1 went, adoption?

2           So I didn't put two and two together  
3 until after that.

4           Q. When Emin told you that he had damaging -  
5 - or the lawyer would have damaging information,  
6 and you were pushing back to identify precisely  
7 what that content was, did you ever ask Emin why  
8 he was so interested in pursuing this meeting?

9           A. No. No.

10          Q. So he just said, essentially, shut up and  
11 attend, but never gave you any further  
12 information?

13          A. Essentially, he said shut up and don't attend.

14          Q. Don't attend.

15          A. Yeah, you don't have to attend. You just  
16 have to get the meeting. Ike will coordinate.  
17 You just have to get the meeting.

18          Q. And when he said that he would  
19 coordinate, what did he mean by that?

20          A. Ike would coordinate.

21          Q. I'm sorry. Ike. I misheard you.

22          A. Yeah.

23          Q. And did you ever speak to Ike before the  
24 June 9th meeting to discuss what the content of  
25 the meeting would be?

1           A. Not the content.

2           Q. Okay, so you had made arrangements to  
3 meet with him, we saw a document, at 3:30  
4 beforehand.

5           A. Yes.

6           Q. And you described your day beforehand  
7 with a few meetings at Sony Entertainment and then  
8 going to the Starbucks.

9           A. Yep.

10          Q. And before that Starbucks -- is Starbucks  
11 where you met Ike before going upstairs?

12          A. No, I saw him and the three people, Ms.  
13 Veselnitskaya and these two others, come in  
14 through the door of Trump Tower, and so I came  
15 down the escalator and met them as they were  
16 coming in.

17          Q. Okay. So before meeting them at the  
18 bottom of the escalator, had you had any  
19 conversation with those participants in the  
20 meeting about what the meeting would entail?

21          A. I had not.

22          Q. Did you speak to Ike Kaveladze on the  
23 phone before the meeting?

24          A. I believe that all the back-and-forth  
25 about the time -- but he did tell me they were

1 running late, so in order to do that, he would've  
2 called me, yes.

3 Q. Do you recall, was there any conversation  
4 about what the meeting would be about, or was it  
5 just logistics?

6 A. It was logistics. They were running  
7 late.

8 Q. And just so were clear, looking at  
9 Exhibit 1 --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- that's dated June 3rd, your  
12 communication. Was that the first communication  
13 you had with Donald Trump Jr. about arranging this  
14 meeting?

15 A. I believe so, yes.

16 Q. I think Mr. Davis asked you whether or  
17 not Mr. Trump had followed up by telephone with  
18 Emin. Did Mr. Trump also ever speak to you on the  
19 telephone? Or were your exchanges exclusively via  
20 email?

21 A. Exclusively via email.

22 Q. And other than the emails that Mr. Davis  
23 has shown you already this morning, including  
24 Exhibit 1, were there any other communications  
25 that you can recall with Mr. Trump about the June

1 9th meeting before it occurred?

2 A. Not that I recall, no.

3 Q. For instance, over WhatsApp?

4 A. Yeah, not that I recall.

5 Q. Okay. And do you use, for instance,  
6 Facebook Messenger or any other social media  
7 platform to communicate?

8 A. I do with friends, yes.

9 Q. Do you use that to communicate with  
10 Donald Trump Jr.?

11 A. I don't believe so.

12 Q. Just so we are clear, what are all the  
13 means by which you have communicated with Donald  
14 Trump Jr., that you can recall?

15 A. I have definitely messaged him on his  
16 cell phone, and I have used email.

17 Q. And obviously spoken to him on the  
18 telephone?

19 A. I don't know the answer to that.

20 Q. You're not sure -- have you ever spoken  
21 with him on the telephone?

22 A. I'm not sure if I've ever spoken with him  
23 on the telephone.

24 Q. And you've met him in person?

25 A. I have met him in person, yes.

1           Q. Before the June 9th meeting occurred, and  
2 you saw him at the meeting, in the days leading up  
3 to that meeting, from June 3rd when you first  
4 planned it until the meeting occurred, had you had  
5 any personal encounter with Donald Trump Jr.?

6           A. I had not.

7           Q. How about with anyone else from the Trump  
8 Organization?

9           A. I'm not sure if I had -- the VK emails  
10 that were referred to, I'm not sure if because  
11 Rhona or somebody may have been copied on that, if  
12 that counts as that. But outside of that, no.

13          Q. And Mr. Schiller, did you see him at all  
14 before the meeting? You mentioned seeing him  
15 after the meeting.

16          A. No, no. I saw him before the meeting in  
17 Starbucks, when I was sitting having my coffee,  
18 waiting for these people. He came by also, I  
19 believe to get coffee or do something. And I said  
20 to him, hi, I don't know if you remember me from  
21 Moscow.

22          Q. I was going to ask you, how did you know  
23 him? The last you saw him was from 3 years ago, 3  
24 years before that?

25          A. Yeah, I think we also saw him -- Emin

1 played at one of -- at Trump Doral, Doral, however  
2 you say it, PGA golf classic. Emin performed, and  
3 I believe Keith was there at that time.

4           And let's see, yeah, that's when I saw  
5 him. So it had been a couple years, a few years,  
6 whatever it was. He's quite recognizable.

7           Q. Have you ever communicated with Keith  
8 other than running into him in person at these  
9 couple of events? Have you ever communicated with  
10 him at any other time?

11          A. I believe I may have asked him -- again,  
12 I may have followed up this about what was the  
13 protocol on delivery for things, as well as Rhona.  
14 I could be wrong, but I believe I may have asked  
15 him on email. I don't believe he answered me, if  
16 --

17          Q. But you do have his personal email  
18 address?

19          A. I had his personal -- well, not personal.  
20 I had his Trump.org.

21          Q. And other than that possible  
22 communication about delivering something to Trump  
23 Tower --

24          A. Yep.

25          Q. Can you recall any other times that you

1 have communicated with him via email?

2 A. Since when?

3 Q. At any time.

4 A. Definitely during the Miss Universe

5 contest, yes, because that was our point of

6 contact kind of for, as I used to call it, all

7 things Trump. Where is he? What time? Where

8 will we find him? Where do we deliver him to?

9 All of that. Outside of that, no.

10 Q. Do you have any social relationship with

11 Mr. Schiller?

12 A. None at all.

13 Q. You had mentioned arranging a delivery of

14 an item after the June 9th meeting. Was that a

15 painting?

16 A. It was a painting.

17 Q. Was there anything else with that

18 painting?

19 A. There was a note, I believe.

20 Q. Did you ever see the note?

21 A. No, because I also didn't deliver it

22 myself. I was -- I think I was away. I was

23 heading to Montreal or somewhere, and so I passed

24 it on to Roman Benjaminov in his role as Emin's

25 assistant to take care of it.

1           Q. So other than the note and the painting,  
2 do you know if there was anything else included in  
3 the materials that were delivered to Trump Tower?

4           A. I have no idea.

5           Q. Did you ever talk to Roman Benjaminov  
6 about it?

7           A. Yes.

8           Q. And did you ever have any discussion  
9 about what was going to be delivered by him?

10          A. Well, both he and I both knew what was  
11 going to be delivered, because we had seen images  
12 of this thing. And other than that, no.

13                 All the discussions were about logistics  
14 and what time this TSA-type thing closed. And I  
15 think he missed the deadline the first time and  
16 had to go back. That was what the discussion was  
17 about.

18          Q. And so as far as you know, it was just a  
19 painting --

20          A. And a note.

21          Q. -- and a note?

22          A. And a birthday note. It was a birthday  
23 gift.

24          Q. Returning to Exhibit 1 for a moment, the  
25 email toward the end of your June 3rd email refers

1 to government support for Mr. Trump helped along  
2 by Aras and Emin.

3           Do you know what was meant by "helped  
4 along"? What did you intend by that?

5           A. Hindsight is wonderful, and what I  
6 should've said was Russian support helped by, but  
7 I say here, Russian and its government support  
8 helped by.

9           So, you know, what I meant was, there are  
10 people in Russia who support your dad, look, the  
11 Russian Government, it is Russia helped by Emin  
12 and Aras, who also support your dad. It is a sort  
13 of bad clause.

14          Q. And other than arranging the June 9th  
15 meeting, what form of help did this take?

16          A. Emin had posted on his social media: My  
17 friend Mr. Trump, vote Mr. Trump, he's done well.  
18 He has won in wherever he won.

19           I may also add that we're very  
20 nonpartisan. A few months before that, we had an  
21 idea that Emin had a song called, "Woman," and we  
22 put it to images of Hillary, and I had thought it  
23 would be a great thing to suggest to the Clinton  
24 campaign, because it was a great song that summed  
25 it up. And Emin posted that on his social media

1 as well.

2           So this was another of those things.

3 It's just he knew Mr. Trump personally. He didn't  
4 know Hillary.

5           Q. Did the Agalarovs ever provide any  
6 financial support to the Trump campaign that you  
7 are aware of?

8           A. Not that I am aware of.

9           Q. Did they ever try to make any donations  
10 to the Trump campaign?

11          A. I have no idea.

12          Q. Did you ever make any donations to the  
13 Trump campaign yourself?

14          A. I did not.

15          Q. Did you make any donations on behalf of  
16 anyone else?

17          A. I did not.

18          Q. Did you ever facilitate any campaign  
19 contributions on behalf of anyone else?

20          A. No.

21          Q. And how about to the Clinton campaign?

22          A. No.

23          Q. Let's move forward to the meeting itself.

24          MS. SAWYER: Can I ask a quick question?

25          MR. PRIVOR: Sure.

1 BY MS. SAWYER:

2 Q. So you have indicated that you kept  
3 pressing back to try to get more information about  
4 the Russian lawyer --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- because you felt that Don Jr. would  
7 ask for more.

8 A. I thought that somebody would ask. In my  
9 professional opinion, if somebody had asked me to  
10 meet, I would want to know a bit more about it --

11 Q. And did he ever ask?

12 A. -- to legitimize it.

13 Q. Did he ever ask?

14 A. He didn't.

15 BY MR. PRIVOR:

16 Q. In arranging the meeting, did Emin ever  
17 give you any indication as to who should attend  
18 the meeting?

19 A. No.

20 Q. And other than wanting you to reach out  
21 to the Trump Organization, did he specify to whom  
22 you should reach out to at the Trump Organization?

23 A. His actual words were to reach out to the  
24 Trumps, which is why, at the end of this, I say,  
25 you know, I could send this to Rhona, but I wanted

1 to run it past you.

2 I didn't know, because I really was a bit  
3 naive in politics. I didn't know whether this  
4 should go to Rhona for Mr. Trump or it should go  
5 to Don Jr. and let him decide where it should go.  
6 So I went with the latter. I thought it was the  
7 lesser of two evils.

8 Q. In terms of the persons who attended on  
9 behalf of the -- I will call them the Russians,  
10 although you are obviously not a Russian, did Emin  
11 specify who would or should attend that meeting on  
12 his part?

13 A. No, he merely said that Ike would  
14 coordinate.

15 Q. And you've identified the participants in  
16 the meeting. Was there anyone else that you were  
17 expecting to attend who did not attend?

18 A. Well, initially, I was just expecting the  
19 lawyer, Ms. Veselnitskaya, and Ike.

20 Q. Was there anyone else invited who didn't  
21 show up?

22 A. No, but on the day of the meeting, I  
23 think it was already referred to before, an email  
24 was sent to me just saying that she wanted to  
25 bring along two other people, one of which was a

1 translator and one of which was a colleague.

2 Q. And did you make any effort to reach out  
3 to those people before the meeting?

4 A. No. I simply said to her, bring whoever  
5 you want. Make sure they have ID.

6 Q. And did you have any communications with  
7 those people before you met them at the bottom of  
8 the escalator in Trump Tower right before the  
9 meeting?

10 A. I didn't.

11 Q. Okay, we are going to mark our next  
12 exhibit, which is Exhibit 16.

13 MS. SAWYER: Why don't we off the record  
14 just for a second to find this?

15 MR. PRIVOR: Sure.

16 [Off the Record]

17 MR. PRIVOR: Back on the record.

18 I'm handing you what has been marked as  
19 Exhibit 15, which is a multipage document,  
20 RG000236. I think it goes through 245 -- 240.  
21 [Goldstone Exhibit 15 was marked for  
22 identification.]

23 BY MR. PRIVOR:

24 Q. Take a moment to look that over. I would  
25 like to turn your attention to the Bates page 240.

1 You can see in the bottom right-hand corner there  
2 are little serial numbers.

3 MR. FOSTER: Can we go off the record for a  
4 second?

5 [Off the Record]

6 MR. PRIVOR: Back on. Okay.

7 BY MR. PRIVOR:

8 Q. I'd like you to take a look at Bates page  
9 240 of Exhibit 15. The first question is, do you  
10 recognize this document.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What is this?

13 A. I believe it's a WhatsApp interaction  
14 between myself and Emin Agalarov.

15 Q. Okay. Very well. You can see at the top  
16 of the page, it looks like Emin writing to you,  
17 Rob, what email is everyone talking about? Was  
18 there an email?

19 And then your response is, at 1602, do  
20 you see that?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And you said, after you and I spoke about  
23 the lawyer and the meeting, I emailed that request  
24 to Don. In order for him to consider meeting her,  
25 he wanted to know who she was and what she wanted

1 to talk about.

2 Do you recall making that statement to --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- Mr. Agalarov?

5 It sounds, from your description then, in  
6 order for Donald Trump Jr. to meet with somebody,  
7 he wanted to know who she was. Is that right?

8 A. Well, that's what it sounds like, it's  
9 right, yes.

10 Q. And so had you, in fact, spoken with  
11 Donald Trump Jr. about the meeting in advance?

12 A. No. What I'm saying here actually is --  
13 I am answering him about what the email is about  
14 and why -- I don't know why Emin would imagine  
15 that I wouldn't have emailed Trump. Maybe he  
16 thought I'd picked up the phone and call Don Trump  
17 to get the meeting. I have no idea what he  
18 thought. But it's me explaining why there was an  
19 email, which had now become one of the most talked  
20 about emails.

21 Q. Well, your description to Emin refers to  
22 what Donald Trump Jr. wanted. How did you know  
23 what he wanted?

24 A. I didn't.

25 Q. So why did you say that here?

1           A. To give a reason as to why I'd written an  
2 email.

3           Q. And so what Donald Trump Jr. wanted, that  
4 was simply something that you surmised?

5           A. I pushed Emin so many times because I  
6 said I probably would be asked, that I just  
7 thought I needed to give Emin a reason as to why  
8 there had been an email, but not just an email but  
9 a very controversial email as it stood now. And  
10 my reasoning was, you know, in order for him to  
11 consider meeting her -- I should've said I knew  
12 he'd want to know who she was and what she was,  
13 and that's why I pushed you, but I didn't say  
14 that.

15           That's what I said. But that's what I  
16 meant.

17 BY MS. SAWYER:

18           Q. So was the reality that he asked you or  
19 was the reality that he didn't, and you made that  
20 up?

21           A. That Don asked me something? Yeah, Don  
22 didn't ask me.

23           Q. So this was untrue?

24           A. Looking at it now, yes.

25           MR. PRIVOR: When you were testifying --

1 MS. SAWYER: And when I say "this," I am  
2 saying the comment that you said, he wanted to  
3 know who she was and what she wanted to talk  
4 about. That's untrue?

5 MR. GOLDSTONE: It is untrue in the context  
6 of this, yes.

7 BY MR. PRIVOR:

8 Q. This morning you had testified about the  
9 June 9th meeting and your actual participation  
10 during the meeting. You said that you were  
11 awaiting a smoking gun at the meeting, and you  
12 were waiting to see if there were to be any  
13 reaction to that?

14 A. Yes, the smoking gun. I mean, I just  
15 sent somebody an email that says I'm setting up a  
16 meeting for someone that is going to bring you  
17 damaging information about somebody who was  
18 running to become the President of the United  
19 States. I thought that was worthy of the words  
20 smoking gun, yes.

21 Q. So the smoking gun refers to damaging  
22 information?

23 A. Well, yes. I mean, that's the basis on  
24 which I requested the meeting. So I thought there  
25 might be some -- smoking gun might be a bit of a

1 PR ridiculous word to use, but what I was saying  
2 was, I expected there to be something that would  
3 make people react, and, therefore, there was a  
4 reason to have made this request.

5 Q. So your expectation of going into the  
6 meeting was that there would be a smoking gun?

7 A. Based on what I had requested, I believed  
8 there would be some "damaging information," which  
9 is why I had been asked to set up the meeting in  
10 the first place.

11 Q. Throughout the course of the entire  
12 meeting, did you ever hear any damaging  
13 information?

14 A. Well, again, I don't know what would be  
15 deemed damaging, but I didn't hear anything that I  
16 would deem to be damaging. And I didn't see  
17 anybody react in a way that I believed people  
18 would react if they heard damaging information.

19 Q. Mr. Davis had asked you whether there was  
20 anything that you would reasonably perceive as  
21 being evidence of collusion of any sort.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. And I think you said you didn't hear  
24 anything like that. Is that right?

25 A. Yes. I mean, I didn't, to the best of my

1 knowledge, I didn't hear anything that could be  
2 thought of as collusion.

3 Q. What would you have thought would  
4 constitute collusion?

5 MR. GAGE: That's a bit speculative.

6 MS. SAWYER: Well, your client has given his  
7 opinion that he didn't think there was any  
8 collusion, so I think it is fair to ask him what  
9 constitutes collusion.

10 MR. GOLDSTONE: I think I actually said I  
11 didn't think I heard anything that might have been  
12 perceived by me as collusion. I mean, maybe  
13 that's a long-winded way of saying exactly what  
14 you just said.

15 MS. SAWYER: Sure. So what, in your mind,  
16 could you have heard that would constitute  
17 collusion?

18 MR. GAGE: I'll let you ask. It's just the  
19 speculative nature of it. But if you can answer.

20 BY MS. SAWYER:

21 Q. So is it fair to say that you don't know  
22 what --

23 A. Would constitute collusion?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. In its specifics, that is correct, yes.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. If I heard the word, dah, dah, dah,  
3 colluded with Russia, then I would expect that  
4 that was collusion. But it would -- I didn't hear  
5 anything like that.

6 Q. So anything short of hearing the words  
7 collusion or colluded with Russia would not  
8 constitute collusion in your mind?

9 A. Correct.

10 BY MR. PRIVOR:

11 Q. Mr. Davis had run through a litany of  
12 various topics that were discussed. I want to ask  
13 you a little bit more detail on some of those.

14 A. Yes, sure.

15 Q. So you don't recall that there was any  
16 information on Hillary Clinton, damaging  
17 information, offered on her? Do I have that  
18 right?

19 A. During the meeting?

20 Q. During the meeting.

21 A. There were -- there was a -- the lady did  
22 begin by talking about funding to the DNC by  
23 certain people that was benefiting Hillary  
24 Clinton. So the name Hillary Clinton did come up.

25 Q. And you had mentioned the Ziff brothers.

1           A. The Ziff brothers' name came up, only  
2 because I was listening for words that either  
3 jolted me -- I heard names. Browder I heard, and  
4 Ziff.

5           Q. Did you know anything about the Ziff  
6 brothers before this meeting?

7           A. I did not.

8           Q. How about Browder?

9           A. I did not.

10          Q. Why did those names stick out to you as  
11 significant? Why do you recall them?

12          A. Because outside of that, there weren't  
13 really any names used. And so I heard Hillary  
14 Clinton, DNC, this name Ziff, and this name  
15 Browder.

16                 Outside of that, I couldn't actually  
17 recall much, if anything at all, of what was said.

18          Q. You mentioned the DNC. Was the RNC ever  
19 mentioned?

20          A. Not to my knowledge.

21          Q. How about hacking of emails. I think Mr.  
22 Davis asked you about that. Do you recall  
23 anything about hacking of emails?

24          A. I don't recall that being mentioned.

25          Q. Was there ever any discussion about

1 obtaining information from the DNC, by hacking or  
2 otherwise?

3 A. Not that I recall, no.

4 Q. Did you ever hear the name John Podesta  
5 come up the meeting?

6 A. I did not.

7 Q. Was there ever any discussion of hacking  
8 Hillary Clinton's emails?

9 A. Not to my knowledge.

10 Q. Was there ever any discussion of securing  
11 or obtaining emails that belonged to Hillary  
12 Clinton from whatever their source?

13 A. Not to my knowledge.

14 Q. Was there ever any discussion of any  
15 hacking organizations? So, for instance,  
16 Wikileaks?

17 A. I don't recall hearing that name.

18 Q. DCLeaks?

19 A. I don't recall hearing that name.

20 Q. Guccifer or Guccifer 2.0?

21 A. I don't recall hearing that.

22 Q. Do you recall any discussion of any news  
23 leak organizations?

24 A. No.

25 BY MS. SAWYER:

1 Q. And more broadly, was there any  
2 discussion of Hillary Clinton's emails?

3 A. No, not that I recall, at all.

4 Q. Any discussion of her use of a personal  
5 email server?

6 A. No.

7 BY MR. PRIVOR:

8 Q. You had discussed, toward the end of this  
9 morning's session, VK.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Essentially, the Russian Facebook.

12 A. Russian version of Facebook, yes.

13 Q. Okay. So I want you to take a look at  
14 Exhibits 10 and 11, if you have those in front of  
15 you.

16 So if you take a look, we will start with  
17 Exhibit 11, which is the June 29th, 2016, email to  
18 Dan Scavino from you. And you state that you are  
19 following back up on the mention of VK to Don and  
20 Paul Manafort.

21 A. Mm-hmm.

22 Q. And in sort of the middle of your  
23 discussion, you suggest that you could have the VK  
24 folks mock up a basic sample page. Do you see  
25 that?

1 A. Mm-hmm.

2 Q. And you, in fact, did attach a sample  
3 page. It is the attachment, which is part of the  
4 exhibit, and you can see that page.

5 And if you also compare that to Exhibit  
6 10 now, you will see that one also has a mockup  
7 sample page, and it appears to be the exact same  
8 page, if you were to compare them side-by-side.

9 So I'm curious, on Exhibit 11, when you  
10 say that you had the VK folks mock up a basic  
11 sample page, was it already done back on June 8th?  
12 You're not newly doing it on June 29th?

13 A. No, I'm not, no. I'm not doing it. By  
14 the way, just to be clear, no matter what, I'm not  
15 actually doing anything. But I am being asked to  
16 do this by Konstantin, and I'm asking him to send  
17 it. But, yes.

18 Q. So Konstantin is the one --

19 A. Yes, yes.

20 Q. that actually coordinated the mockups.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. But in terms of the timing of the mockup  
23 having been prepared, it was actually prepared  
24 earlier?

25 A. Yeah, it looks like that, yeah, sure.

1 Q. Okay, and you -- Mr. Davis went through  
2 different instances --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- in which you had communicated with the  
5 Trumps about VK --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- in January, again in June --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- and again in November with Dan  
10 Scavino, who is their social media director.

11 Did you ever get any response from them  
12 at all --

13 A. I believe --

14 Q. -- with regard to setting up VK?

15 A. Well, I believe Mr. Scavino did answer  
16 one of these, somewhere. I don't know if it's in  
17 this one or if it's in a -- but there is an email.  
18 Certainly, I think we provided -- where he does  
19 answer it.

20 They don't actually do it, but he does  
21 answer it. And, again, Konstantin then emails him  
22 again and copies me on it.

23 Q. Okay, and that would be Exhibit 13 where  
24 Konstantin had copied you on November 5th.

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. Did you ever get any response --

2 MR. GAGE: Just a second to give him 13.

3 MR. GOLDSTONE: Thank you.

4 BY MR. PRIVOR:

5 Q. Did you ever get any further response  
6 from the Trump campaign where they expressed  
7 interest in actually pursuing this?

8 A. No.

9 Q. So we know from your testimony earlier,  
10 you said you don't think this ever happened, that  
11 the --

12 A. I don't believe it did.

13 Q. But were there ever any other efforts  
14 after November the 5th, as reflected in Exhibit 15  
15 -- I'm sorry. Exhibit 13. Were there any efforts  
16 after that November 5th email that you can recall  
17 where the Trump Organization tried to actually  
18 follow through on setting up the VK page?

19 A. Not that I know about.

20 Q. During the meeting, was there ever any --

21 MS. SAWYER: Can I just ask?

22 MR. PRIVOR: Go ahead.

23 BY MS. SAWYER:

24 Q. Do you have Exhibit 11 there?

25 A. Yes.

1           Q. In about the third paragraph down, there  
2 is a sentence that says, at the time, Paul had  
3 said he would welcome it, and so I had the VK  
4 folks mock up a basic sample page.

5           And you've already explained it is the  
6 same page that you had already as of June 8th. So  
7 did you have a conversation with Mr. Manafort  
8 before June 8th about the VK page?

9           A. I did not.

10          Q. So what is the reference there to him  
11 welcoming it and then you directing VK to mock up  
12 a page?

13          A. So it's -- the reference to Paul Manafort  
14 is simply, as I stated before, that on my way out  
15 of the meeting, because I'd never met this man  
16 before, but I did know he was the campaign  
17 chairman, I thought he would be a pretty good  
18 person to ask, you know, I have a friend at VK  
19 that has this information, blah, blah, blah. And  
20 at the time, I said, you know, we can mock up  
21 something, and here it is.

22          There was only ever this thing mocked up,  
23 as far as I know. I didn't make any request of  
24 VK. I just had a very eager friend in Moscow that  
25 was desperate to make a little bit of a name for

1 himself by saying, I have a friend that can get me  
2 to the Trumps, and, look, there it is, they've  
3 made a page.

4           So I just kept on and on with his  
5 requests. But again, it was of no real interest  
6 to me. I was just trying to help out a friend.

7           And so, that is the reference to Paul  
8 Manafort. It was the only time I ever mentioned  
9 it.

10          Q. So you didn't have the VK folks mock up  
11 this?

12          A. No, I absolutely didn't. I had -- well,  
13 inasmuch as we had it already. Konstantin had  
14 already done this. And anything that was done  
15 from VK was just stuff that either he sent  
16 directly to them or he copied me on.

17 BY MR. PRIVOR:

18          Q. Back to the June 9th meeting itself, Mr.  
19 Davis had asked you whether Ms. Veselnitskaya had  
20 brought any documents with her, and you mentioned  
21 that she had a statement from which she was  
22 reading. Was there anything else that you recall  
23 her bringing with her, other than that statement?

24          A. I mean, she had her purse. I think as  
25 well as that, she had another bag. No.

1 Q. Do you recall her carrying a plastic  
2 folder of any kind with documents in it?

3 A. Not specifically, but she definitely, as  
4 I say, was reading from a document. Whether that  
5 was contained in a plastic folder, I'm not  
6 certain.

7 Q. Did you see if anyone else brought any  
8 documents with them?

9 A. I didn't. I don't recall anybody having  
10 any, but I didn't -- I couldn't be 100 percent  
11 certain.

12 Q. In your original email setting up the  
13 meeting, which is Exhibit 1, when you referred to  
14 the documents, or documents and information that  
15 would incriminate Hillary, did anyone at the  
16 meeting ever ask anything along the lines of, you  
17 know, hey, Rob, you sent an email that promised us  
18 documents and information. Where is it?

19 A. They did not.

20 Q. Okay. So you never got any pushback from  
21 Donald Trump Jr. asking, where is the information  
22 that you promised?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And how about anyone else other than Don  
25 Jr.?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Not Mr. Manafort?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Mr. Kushner?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Did they ask any questions? Start with  
7 Donald Trump Jr.

8 A. They didn't ask questions. They  
9 interrupted.

10 Q. And did they ever ask for any assistance?  
11 Did Donald Trump Jr. ever ask for any assistance  
12 from Ms. Veselnitskaya?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did he ask for any assistance from the  
15 Russian Government?

16 A. Not that I heard.

17 Q. Or from any other Russians?

18 A. Not that I heard.

19 Q. Same question as to Mr. Manafort. Did he  
20 make any -- did he ask any questions?

21 A. No.

22 Q. And how about Mr. Kushner? Did he ask  
23 any questions, other than you mentioned he asked -  
24 -

25 A. No.

1 Q. -- Ms. Veselnitskaya to start over?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Other than that, he didn't ask for  
4 anything?

5 A. Not that I recall here.

6 Q. Was there any discussion about any  
7 possible information that might be provided in the  
8 future?

9 A. I didn't hear that.

10 Q. Was there any discussion about setting up  
11 a second meeting in the future?

12 A. At the time of that meeting, you're  
13 asking me?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. There was not.

16 Q. You stated, when you left the meeting,  
17 that you were speaking to Donald Trump Jr., and  
18 Paul Manafort was right next to you. Is that  
19 right?

20 A. He was in front of us.

21 Q. In front of you. Did you have any  
22 conversation with Mr. Manafort at that time?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What did Mr. Manafort say?

25 A. He -- well, he didn't. I simply said,

1 oh, by the way, I have a friend who works in  
2 marketing in VK in Russia who wants to set up a  
3 page for Mr. Trump. Would that be interesting?  
4 And who would he speak to? And he goes, yes, he  
5 should speak to Dan Scavino.

6 Q. And other than the discussion of VK, was  
7 there any further discussion with Mr. Manafort?

8 A. There was not.

9 Q. How about with Donald Trump Jr.? Was  
10 there any further discussion beyond the VK  
11 discussion?

12 A. Yes. I said to him, Don, I really want  
13 to apologize. This was hugely embarrassing. I  
14 have no idea what this meeting was actually about.

15 And he said, don't worry. You know, we  
16 have so many meetings, and we go from one to the  
17 other. And I appreciate your friendship, and  
18 whatever he said. Thank -- I don't know if he  
19 said thank you or goodbye. It was that kind of  
20 thing.

21 Q. You mentioned after the meeting having a  
22 call with Emin --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- Agalarov. Did you also speak to Ike  
25 Kaveladze by telephone after the meeting?

1 A. Probably.

2 Q. Do you recall what your conversation was?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did you have any other conversation with  
5 him after the meeting, in the immediate time after  
6 the meeting, that day?

7 A. I -- I believe I would've spoken to him  
8 by phone later that day, in a sort of angered  
9 state.

10 Q. Do you recall anything from that  
11 conversation?

12 A. I don't.

13 Q. Okay.

14 MR. PRIVOR: I think our time is up, and  
15 we will go off the record at 11:59.

16 [Recess 11:59 a.m. to 12:09 p.m.]

17 MR. DAVIS: We'll go back on the record  
18 at 12:09.

19 Mr. Goldstone, I would like to take a  
20 look at an email exchange that is Bates stamped  
21 RG000085, along with a document Bates stamped SJC-  
22 KAV00027. These will collectively be Exhibit 16.

23 [Goldstone Exhibit 16 was marked for  
24 identification.]

25 BY MR. DAVIS:

1           Q. The first is an email exchange between  
2 you and Mr. Kaveladze. That exchange has an image  
3 file that is not shown. The second document is  
4 the image file from that email exchange, as  
5 produced by Mr. Kaveladze's attorneys.

6           On June 14th, 2016, you wrote to Mr.  
7 Kaveladze, stating, "Top story right now seems  
8 eerily weird, based on our Trump meeting last week  
9 with the Russian lawyers, et cetera," including an  
10 image of a CNN story that is titled, "Russian  
11 hackers stole Dems' Trump files, firm says."

12           Kaveladze replied, "Very interesting."

13           What about the hacking story seemed  
14 eerily weird in light of the June 9th meeting?

15           A. I was watching CNN, and up flashed a  
16 headline that basically had the words Russian and  
17 DNC in it. That's what interested me. And what I  
18 found eerily weird was that I had set up a meeting  
19 with Don Jr. about, allegedly, Russians and  
20 information and damaging information and the DNC.

21           So it wasn't specifically about hacking.  
22 It was the fact that it was about Russians and  
23 Democrats. That is what I found eerily weird.

24           Q. Did you also discuss this news with Emin?

25           A. I believe I did.

1 Q. Do you recall the content of that  
2 conversation?

3 A. No.

4 Q. I would like to ask you about your  
5 efforts to arrange a second meeting with Ms.  
6 Veselnitskaya and Trump associates after the  
7 election in November 2016. Who initiated this  
8 request for another meeting?

9 A. I believe it was Mr. Kaveladze.

10 Q. And what was your involvement?

11 A. I was asked once again if I would contact  
12 -- I don't know if, at that time, it was the Trump  
13 campaign or the transition team. I can't remember  
14 the timing of it. Because the same Russian  
15 attorney was going to be in New York and had  
16 something she wanted to present or discuss with  
17 them.

18 MR. DAVIS: Let's take a look at the email  
19 Bates stamped RG000182, along with its attachment,  
20 which is stamped 183 through 185. These  
21 collectively will be Exhibit 17.

22 [Goldstone Exhibit 17 was marked for  
23 identification.]

24 MR. DAVIS: We will look over a few emails  
25 before I ask you some questions, but in this





1 Q. Setting aside the July 27th email change  
2 that is at the top of this one, did Ms. Graff  
3 otherwise respond to your email?

4 A. I believe not.

5 MR. DAVIS: Okay, I would like to now  
6 have you review the exchange that is Bates stamped  
7 RG000195 through 196, which will be Exhibit 21.  
8 These are messages in November between you and Mr.  
9 Kaveladze.

10 [Goldstone Exhibit 21 was marked for  
11 identification.]

12 BY MR. DAVIS:

13 Q. And just to clarify, is it correct that  
14 these are messages in November 2016 between you  
15 and Mr. Kaveladze?

16 A. It does appear so, yes.

17 Q. And what program was this? What  
18 messaging program?

19 A. Yeah, I'm looking. Oh, it's AIM, which  
20 it's something -- I don't know, something  
21 messenger, it stands for.

22 Q. According to the document, on November  
23 27th, 2016, Kaveladze messaged to you, stating,  
24 "The lawyer woman called again asking about the  
25 meeting with T people. I believe that meeting on

1 lawyer or assistant level will be sufficient.

2 Sorry to bother you with this on Sunday."

3           You responded, also on November 27th,

4 2016, "I forwarded it last week but no response.

5 If I'm being honest, I doubt they will meet her,

6 as it's exactly the same as they met last time and

7 didn't find it particularly interesting or useful,

8 according to Don Jr. at the time. Also, she needs

9 to understand that they are in transition mode and

10 so have a million things on their minds, and I

11 feel this won't be one of them. But let's wait

12 and see if they react."

13           So in your November 27th message to Mr.

14 Kaveladze, you said you forwarded the information

15 last week. The last email was an email sent on

16 November 28th, the day after this message with

17 Kaveladze, forwarding the document to Ms. Graff.

18           Had you, in fact, forwarded the document

19 the week before your November 27th message with

20 Kaveladze?

21           A. I don't recall, but because I know

22 myself, and I know how I write, I would imagine

23 that the minute he reminded me of it in here, I

24 forwarded it to Rhona, probably the next day. So

25 I don't recall one before then, no.

1 Q. All right. Prior to sending that email  
2 to Ms. Graff on November 28th, 2016, did you speak  
3 with Ms. Graff or any other Trump associates about  
4 a second meeting with Veselnitskaya?

5 A. I don't believe so.

6 Q. Back to the exhibit, in a message you  
7 sent to Mr. Kaveladze on November 28th, 2016, you  
8 wrote, "I left Rhona another message but heard  
9 nothing. I don't think we will."

10 How many times did you contact or attempt  
11 to contact Ms. Graff about this?

12 A. I believe none.

13 Q. You said you believe none, is that right?

14 A. Except for the email exchange that you  
15 have.

16 Q. Okay. Do you recall speaking with her on  
17 the phone or leaving her any voicemails?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay. Why did you give the impression to  
20 Mr. Kaveladze that you were pursuing the second  
21 meeting more vigorously than it appears you  
22 actually were?

23 A. Because I was hoping that he would be  
24 smart enough to realize my view on asking for a  
25 second meeting.

1 Q. And what was your view?

2 A. That it was a ridiculous request and one  
3 that I would fight everything in me not to have to  
4 request.

5 Q. As far as you know, did Ms. Veselnitskaya  
6 ever speak with anyone on the Trump transition  
7 team after the election?

8 A. I have no idea.

9 Q. Do you know if she ever spoke with anyone  
10 from the Trump Organization after the election?

11 A. I don't know.

12 Q. With anyone in the Trump administration?

13 A. I don't know.

14 MR. DAVIS: Now I would like to move on to  
15 what happened when the June 9th, 2016, meeting  
16 became a topic of interest in 2017. Let's take a  
17 look at the document Bates stamped RG000227, which  
18 will be Exhibit 22.

19 [Goldstone Exhibit 22 was marked for  
20 identification.]

21 BY MR. DAVIS:

22 Q. This is a series of messages between you  
23 and Mr. Kaveladze, is that correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. According to this document, on June 3rd,

1 2017, you messaged Mr. Kaveladze, stating, in  
2 part, "When you get a minute, can you please call  
3 me? I just had an interesting call re: that  
4 meeting we attended at Trump Tower last year."

5           With whom did you have that call?

6           A. I believe it was a voicemail I received  
7 from a man named Alan Garten.

8           Q. And is it correct that he is an attorney  
9 with the Trump Organization?

10          A. I understand that to be correct.

11          Q. Can you please describe the contents of  
12 that conversation or voicemail in as much detail  
13 as you remember?

14          A. As I remember, it was just, could I give  
15 him a call to discuss a meeting that was held at  
16 Trump Tower?

17          Q. Okay. Eleven minutes after your message,  
18 Kaveladze responds, "Natalia Veselnitskaya, I  
19 believe that was her name."

20                 Did you have a call with Mr. Kaveladze  
21 between your message asking him to call you and  
22 his message stating Ms. Veselnitskaya's name?

23          A. I don't recall the call, but I -- when I  
24 looked at this, it seems to be the obvious answer,  
25 because I couldn't remember her name.

1 Q. Okay. Did you ask him what her name was?

2 A. I definitely asked him at some point what  
3 her name was, yes.

4 Q. Okay, I would like to have you look at a  
5 series of exhibits, and then ask you a few  
6 questions.

7 A. Sure.

8 MR. DAVIS: The first will be an email  
9 Bates stamped RG000090, which will be Exhibit 23.  
10 [Goldstone Exhibit 23 was marked for  
11 identification.]

12 MR. DAVIS: This is an email sent on June  
13 26th, 2017, from Alan Garten to you. As we  
14 stated, he is an attorney for the Trump  
15 Organization. And he writes, "Hey, Rob. Hope all  
16 is well. Was wondering if you were free to talk  
17 tomorrow. Let me know what works for you. Best,  
18 Alan."

19 Now I would like to look at the exchange  
20 Bates stamped RG000091, which will be Exhibit 24.  
21 [Goldstone Exhibit 24 was marked for  
22 identification.]

23 MR. DAVIS: The first email chronologically  
24 is from you to Alan Garten on June 27th, 2017,  
25 which states, in part, "Here is the contact



1 situation with Federal attorneys investigating, et  
2 cetera."

3 BY MR. DAVIS:

4 Q. You mentioned a meeting in October. Was  
5 that -- what was that in reference to?

6 A. The fact that I'm now 57 and demented. I  
7 mean the June meeting.

8 Q. All right.

9 A. With respect.

10 Q. When you wrote that you had been  
11 interviewed by attorneys that day for the second  
12 time about it, was that a reference to interviews  
13 with Trump Jr. or Trump Organization attorneys?

14 A. Alan Garten, and then Alan Garten and  
15 Alan Futerfas, I believe, was on the second call.

16 Q. Okay. Can you please describe the calls  
17 you had with those individuals?

18 A. They called and asked me if I could help  
19 them understand my recollection of the meeting,  
20 which I did.

21 Q. And were both calls related to your  
22 recollection of the meeting?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. How did you describe the meeting  
25 to them in those calls?



1           But let's please look at page 228 to  
2 begin.

3           A. 228, yeah.

4           Q. You write to Emin, "I made sure I kept  
5 you and your father out of the story and they just  
6 used my word 'acquaintance.' The lawyers accepted  
7 we were just acquaintances but tell me the media  
8 is keen to know who set up the meeting."

9           Which lawyers are you referencing in that  
10 comment?

11          A. I believe, again, it's a misuse of a  
12 word, and it means either the writers or the media  
13 accepted we were just acquaintances. There were  
14 no lawyers at that point.

15          Q. Okay. Do you recall when this message  
16 exchange occurred?

17          A. I believe it was July 9 or July 10, and  
18 I'm sure we can probably confirm that for you.

19          Q. We would appreciate that.

20                 Why did you keep Emin and Aras out of the  
21 story?

22          A. They hadn't been mentioned to me at that  
23 stage. This was, I believe, after I had been  
24 contacted by a journalist, and I just felt I was  
25 doing the right thing in trying to protect my

1 clients. I naively maybe thought that might be  
2 the end of it, there might be some -- but I didn't  
3 realize it would blow up into the type of story it  
4 did.

5 Q. When you spoke with the Trump attorneys,  
6 did you describe Emin and Aras' involvement --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- in setting up the meeting? Okay.

9 To the best of your knowledge, when you  
10 spoke with the Trump attorneys, did they have a  
11 copy of your email to Trump Jr. setting up the  
12 meeting, which referenced Aras and Emin's  
13 involvement?

14 A. I don't know.

15 Q. They didn't ask you about the email at  
16 that time?

17 A. They asked primarily about the meeting.

18 Q. Did they ask at all about the email?

19 A. I don't know, but it seems likely they  
20 would've. I don't know is the answer.

21 Q. Now if you could please turn to RG000231  
22 in this exhibit, it appears that you messaged  
23 Emin, "Just got off phone with Trump lawyers and  
24 they would like us to have a blanket 'no comment'  
25 for now. Washington Post was leaked information

1 that I organized meeting and has run the piece, so  
2 now every media outlet is calling."

3           Just for clarity, which Trump attorneys,  
4 which Trump lawyers --

5           A. I believe it was Alan -- it was still  
6 Alan Garten at this stage.

7           Q. And what was the content of that call, to  
8 the best of your memory?

9           A. I don't know if he called me or I called  
10 him, but at that point, I didn't have any  
11 attorneys or anywhere to turn. So probably, I put  
12 in a call to him to ask what was going on, as he's  
13 the only person that I'd spoken to in the past  
14 about this possibly being leaked, or story. And  
15 he just said at the time that he'd prefer if I had  
16 a "no comment" to all these calls that I was  
17 getting.

18           Q. Do you recall when that conversation  
19 occurred, the date? I don't know if it shows.

20           A. I may, if I look in order. I believe it  
21 was July 10th.

22           Q. And did you -- did he explain his  
23 reasoning why they wanted to blanket "no comment"  
24 policy from you?

25           A. I'm not sure, but if he did, I didn't



1 what they had put out, the style, the type. This  
2 -- this area was really alien to me. I'm a music  
3 publicist. We talk about egos and nonsense. I'm  
4 not used to this kind of structured world.

5 Q. All right. Mr. Garten responded,  
6 including the statement that Mr. Trump Jr. had put  
7 out, which, among other things, claims that he had  
8 not been told the name of the woman he would be  
9 meeting prior to the meeting itself and that there  
10 was no further contact or follow-up of any kind.  
11 That email also adds Mr. Alan Futerfas.

12 You responded, stating, "Thank you.  
13 Washington Post called yesterday and said they  
14 were running with information that I had set up  
15 the meeting and had incorrect spin on it, which I  
16 tried briefly to correct. I said only that the  
17 meeting appeared to have been about adoption  
18 issues and was quickly terminated. I did not  
19 reveal who had requested the meeting or any other  
20 details. They are only ones I've spoken with, but  
21 I do think a generic statement may be needed from  
22 me or Emin at some point, as I had mentioned last  
23 week."

24 Had Mr. Trump Jr.'s attorneys asked you  
25 not to reveal who had requested the meeting?



1 But if you feel comfortable with this statement  
2 and are comfortable saying nothing more, at least  
3 for the time being, that would be our preference.  
4 Again, any statement should be accurate as to  
5 your very best recollection."

6           Then the message has the draft statement  
7 itself, which reads, "As the person who arranged  
8 the meeting, I can definitely state that the  
9 statements I have read by Donald Trump Jr. are 100  
10 percent accurate. The meeting was a complete  
11 waste of time, and Don was never told Ms.  
12 Veselnitskaya's name prior to the meeting. Ms.  
13 Veselnitskaya mostly talked about the Magnitsky  
14 Act and Russian adoption laws, and the meeting  
15 lasted 20 to 30 minutes at most. There was never  
16 any follow-up, and nothing ever came of the  
17 meeting. Signed, Robert Goldstone."

18           Did you ever release that statement?

19           A. No.

20           Q. Why not?

21           A. I thought it was ludicrous.

22           Q. How so?

23           A. It was -- it just seemed like a -- it  
24 seemed like something I would never write. It  
25 didn't sound like my voice. And it just sounded

1 like an across-the-board endorsement of Mr. Trump  
2 Jr., as opposed to stating facts.

3 Q. Did you believe that the statement  
4 contained inaccuracies?

5 A. Not necessarily.

6 Q. The statement says there was never any  
7 follow-up, but you did contact Ms. Graff after the  
8 election, forwarding Ms. Veselnitskaya's letter  
9 and attempting to set up another meeting for her.  
10 Did you tell Mr. Trump Jr.'s attorneys about that  
11 follow-up when you spoke with them?

12 A. I'm not sure that I did.

13 Q. Okay. And as part of that attempt in  
14 November, refresh my memory, did you reach out to  
15 Mr. Trump Jr.?

16 A. I don't believe I did.

17 Q. Okay. After reviewing the draft message,  
18 did you inform Mr. Trump's lawyers of the follow-  
19 up in November?

20 A. I don't believe I did.

21 Q. Okay.

22 MR. FOSTER: Why not?

23 MR. GOLDSTONE: Because I'm not sure that --  
24 I can't remember when I realized that that was  
25 also connected to this, that I should look at the

1 follow-up. It wasn't something that immediately  
2 came to my mind as, oh, yes, there had been a  
3 follow-up. I was very much in the moment of what  
4 was happening with this. So it didn't even strike  
5 me as important for a follow-up.

6 BY MR. DAVIS:

7 Q. And did you consider the later VK emails  
8 to not be a follow-up to that meeting? I think  
9 you stated before you considered --

10 A. I did.

11 Q. -- that conversation as an aside.

12 A. As an aside, yes.

13 MR. GAGE: Just to be clear, when you say,  
14 "I did," you did not consider it to be a follow-  
15 up.

16 MR. GOLDSTONE: I did not consider it to be  
17 a follow-up.

18 MR. GAGE: So the record is clear.

19 MR. DAVIS: Thank you for the clarification.

20 MR. GAGE: Yes.

21 BY MR. DAVIS:

22 Q. So the Trump Jr. attorneys sent you a  
23 draft statement on July 10th, 2017. Let's return  
24 to Exhibit 26, to page 232.

25 This is an exchange between you and Emin,

1 and you mentioned to Emin, "Trump's lawyers  
2 drafted a small statement they would like me to  
3 put out. I emailed it to you."

4           Was that a reference to the statement we  
5 just went over?

6           A. I believe so.

7           Q. Okay. That exchange shows an audio file.  
8 I would like to play one of the audio messages  
9 your attorneys disclosed. I believe this  
10 corresponds to that audio file, but I would like  
11 you to verify that.

12           This audio file has the Bates file name  
13 RG000251, but since it is an audio file, I won't  
14 introduce it as a physical exhibit. Technology  
15 permitting, we will listen to it now.

16           [Begin audio recording.]

17           MR. EMIN AGALAROV: Rob, I understand your  
18 frustration and in no way I'm trying to downsize  
19 what's happening. But as you know, as the meeting  
20 happened through Ike and my dad, I was not  
21 involved, and I was also against all  
22 possibilities. The same way right now, any  
23 comments should go through them. Just figure out  
24 with Ike what the strategy should be. I don't  
25 mind you commenting anything. And there's no

1 problem from my side, as you understand.

2 [End audio recording.]

3 BY MR. DAVIS:

4 Q. Was it your understanding --

5 MS. SAWYER: Patrick, can I just ask a  
6 clarifying question?

7 MR. DAVIS: Sure.

8 MS. SAWYER: The document here indicates  
9 1606.

10 MR. DAVIS: Yes, I believe that's the  
11 timestamp. The time on the left I believe is the  
12 length of the message, 44. And the file I believe  
13 we have is a 1-second difference. But if you look  
14 at the subject matter, I believe it corresponds,  
15 but we can verify with the witness to make sure I  
16 have it right.

17 MS. SAWYER: Thank you.

18 MR. DAVIS: You're welcome.

19 BY MR. DAVIS:

20 Q. Is it your recollection that that audio  
21 file does correspond to this message?

22 A. I'm just checking something. I believe  
23 it does.

24 Q. So to summarize, you sent Emin the draft  
25 statement, and it sounded like he said that you

1 should coordinate with Ike about any draft  
2 statements. And then you respond that Ike is  
3 fine, but you will speak with him when he lands --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- if I have it right. That's why we  
6 assumed this was that message.

7 Now was it your understanding that Emin  
8 in this audio message was expressing that he had  
9 been against setting up the June 9th meeting?

10 A. It was my impression that he was agreeing  
11 with my initial concerns that I made to him about  
12 setting up the meeting, yes.

13 Q. And when you expressed those initial  
14 concerns, did he at that time echo those concerns?

15 A. He did not.

16 Q. What did you understand Emin to mean when  
17 he says, "I was against all possibilities"? Did  
18 you take that as a reference to possible  
19 assistance from the Russian Government to the  
20 Trump campaign? Possible coordination between the  
21 two? How did you interpret that?

22 A. The possibility of the meeting taking  
23 place.

24 Q. Okay. Turning to pages 236 through 239  
25 of that exhibit, it appears that you and Emin

1 exchange your own draft statements. And then on  
2 the bottom of page 239, dated July 11th, you  
3 wrote, "I need to retain an attorney as soon as  
4 possible. This is getting out of control. Should  
5 I speak to Ike about your lawyers?"

6 Did you retain an attorney at the time?

7 A. I spoke to Ike and asked him how they  
8 would like to retain lawyers for me.

9 Q. Okay. And when did you retain a lawyer  
10 in connection with this matter?

11 MR. GAGE: Let me get you the exact date.

12 MR. GOLDSTONE: I don't know the answer.  
13 Very soon afterwards.

14 MR. DAVIS: Very soon?

15 MR. GAGE: Very soon, yeah.

16 MR. DAVIS: Okay, it also looks like you  
17 later emailed your own draft statement to Emin  
18 Kaveladze on July 11th, 2017.

19 Let's look at an email exchange Bates  
20 stamped SJC-KAV00144 and 145. That will be  
21 Exhibit 29.

22 [Goldstone Exhibit 29 was marked for  
23 identification.]

24 BY MR. DAVIS:

25 Q. Your draft statement here does not claim

1 that you never told Trump Jr. Ms. Veselnitskaya's  
2 name, nor does it claim that there was no follow-  
3 up. Is that correct?

4 A. Can you just tell me where we are reading  
5 from? We are reading from the bottom of it first,  
6 right? Yes, I'm just a bit confused.

7 MR. GAGE: Just give us a minute, so he can  
8 digest it.

9 MR. DAVIS: Take your time.

10 MR. GOLDSTONE: Okay. I'm sorry, your  
11 question was?

12 BY MR. DAVIS:

13 Q. Sure. Unlike the previous statement, in  
14 this statement, you don't claim that you ever --  
15 I'm sorry. You don't claim that you never told  
16 Trump Jr. Ms. Veselnitskaya's name beforehand, nor  
17 do you claim that there wasn't any follow-up to  
18 the June 9th meeting.

19 Was that an intentional change from  
20 previous drafts? Were those issues on your mind  
21 in drafting this?

22 I should clarify. Did you feel that the  
23 inclusion of those statements in the previous  
24 versions were inaccurate and you didn't want to  
25 include them in your own?

1           A. No, I wanted to give my version of what I  
2 believed as a publicist of over 20 years standing  
3 would help stop false media speculation.

4           Q. And in your draft statement, you state,  
5 referring to your email on June 3rd, 2016, to Mr.  
6 Trump, which set up the meeting, you state, "I,  
7 therefore, used the strongest hyperbolic language  
8 in order to secure this request from Donald Trump  
9 Jr. based on the bare facts I was given."

10           Mr. Goldstone, in your capacity as a  
11 music publicist, have you at times used hyperbolic  
12 language or exaggeration or hype as part of your  
13 pitch?

14           A. At most times, yes.

15           Q. So if I understand your statement right,  
16 you were saying that your email on June 3rd to Mr.  
17 Trump was an example of this hyperbolic  
18 exaggeration type --

19           A. It was an example of, I was given very  
20 limited information, and my job was to get a  
21 meeting, and so I used my professional use of  
22 words to emphasize what my client had only given  
23 bare-bones information about, in order to get the  
24 attention of Mr. Trump Jr.

25           Q. When did you eventually issue a public

1 statement?

2 A. To the best of my knowledge, I did not  
3 issue a public statement.

4 MR. DAVIS: Now I would like to take a look  
5 at an email Bates stamped RG000247, which will be  
6 Exhibit 30.

7 [Goldstone Exhibit 30 was marked for  
8 identification.]

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q. This is from Anthony Scaramucci to you on  
11 July 23rd, 2017. He writes, "I don't officially  
12 start until the 15th, Rob, but I just wanted to  
13 drop you a line to say, if you ever need to pick  
14 my brains, then my door is always open.  
15 Obviously, there is still pressure on all sides,  
16 but if we remain consistent and united, I don't  
17 envisage any issues we can't ride out."

18 MR. GAGE: I would add, it is purportedly  
19 from Anthony Scaramucci.

20 MR. GOLDSTONE: I was about to say the same  
21 thing.

22 MR. DAVIS: Purportedly.

23 BY MR. DAVIS:

24 Q. Do you know -- have you verified whether  
25 this is his actual email address?

1           A. I sent this letter immediately to my  
2 attorney, this email.

3           Q. Do you know Mr. Scaramucci?

4           A. I do not.

5           Q. Did you respond to this email?

6           A. I did not.

7           Q. Okay. And you did never verify whether  
8 this was or was not actually Mr. Scaramucci's  
9 email?

10          A. I didn't feel it was for me to verify, so  
11 I sent it to my attorney.

12          Q. Okay.

13          MR. FOSTER: Did you ever learn whether that  
14 is his email address?

15          MR. GAGE: Well --

16          MR. FOSTER: I'm not asking how he learned  
17 it.

18          MR. GAGE: Yeah, I'm not -- if there were a  
19 privilege log, which we haven't yet had time to  
20 do, the To/From you've got, but let me think about  
21 that question over the lunch break.

22                 I just don't want -- or we can take a  
23 short break now. We can come back to it.

24          MR. DAVIS: Yeah.

25          MR. GAGE: If you want reserve 2 minutes. I

1 mean, I'm not trying to --

2 MR. FOSTER: That's fine.

3 MR. GAGE: I just need to make sure -- yeah.

4 MR. DAVIS: I'm going to move on to a  
5 different topic then.

6 BY MR. DAVIS:

7 Q. Mr. Goldstone, we discussed briefly your  
8 interactions with Mr. Trump when he was in Russia  
9 for the 2013 Miss Universe Competition. You  
10 mentioned him interacting with various Russian  
11 people and government officials. Do you recall  
12 which government officials, if any, that you saw  
13 him interact with on that trip?

14 A. I don't believe I said government  
15 officials as such, but I definitely saw him  
16 interact with high-level business officials.

17 Q. And I believe you mentioned a call with  
18 Mr. Peskov. Is that correct?

19 A. That is correct.

20 Q. He is a government official. Is that  
21 correct?

22 A. He is the spokesman for Vladimir Putin.

23 Q. Okay. So other than him, do you recall  
24 any other interactions with government officials,  
25 Russian Government officials, by Mr. Trump?

1           A. I do not.

2           Q. Okay. There have been news reports  
3 alleging that someone from Emin's entourage  
4 attempted to send women up to Mr. Trump's hotel  
5 room while he was in Moscow for this trip. Later,  
6 the Steele dossier contains some salacious  
7 allegations, alleging that they had gone up there  
8 and various misdeeds occurred.

9           Do you have any knowledge of Mr. Trump  
10 engaging with prostitutes while on that trip?

11          A. I do not.

12          Q. Did you have any involvement in the  
13 attempts between the Trump Organization and the  
14 Crocus Group to conduct a real estate project in  
15 Russia?

16          A. I was present when the idea was floated  
17 of a potential Trump Tower, but I had no  
18 involvement.

19          Q. Did you have any knowledge on the  
20 progress of the project?

21          A. Again, I was present when Emin told me  
22 that, due to the downturn in the economy, the  
23 residential projects had been put on hold, and  
24 that would include Trump Tower.

25          Q. Mr. Goldstone, did Mr. Trump, his

1 associates, or his attorneys ever ask you to lie  
2 about anything related to the June 9th, 2016,  
3 meeting?

4 A. They did not.

5 Q. Aside from media reports, do you have any  
6 reason to believe that President Trump or any of  
7 his associates colluded, conspired, or cooperated  
8 with the Russian Government to affect or attempt  
9 to affect the 2016 U.S. presidential election?

10 A. I have no knowledge of that, no.

11 Q. Have you spoken to the FBI about the June  
12 9th, 2016, meeting?

13 A. I have not.

14 Q. Have you spoken with anybody from Special  
15 Counsel Mueller's group?

16 MR. GAGE: I don't mind Rob answering the  
17 question. I just want everyone in the room, I'm  
18 looking at -- if that is a question being asked to  
19 others, and in the view of the majority and the  
20 minority, that is an appropriate question, I will  
21 let him answer. I don't know what the -- as long  
22 as everybody in the room, majority and minority,  
23 is comfortable that that is an appropriate  
24 question, I'm not going to instruct the witness  
25 not to answer. Okay.

1 MR. GOLDSTONE: Can now you just repeat the  
2 question?

3 MR. GAGE: No, no.

4 MR. DAVIS: We're fine with it.

5 MR. GAGE: Okay.

6 MS. SAWYER: Yes.

7 MR. GAGE: If you could repeat the question.  
8 I'm sorry to interrupt. I just want to respect  
9 everybody's respective interests.

10 MR. DAVIS: Sure.

11 BY MR. DAVIS:

12 Q. Have you had any contact with Special  
13 Counsel Mueller's group?

14 A. Meaning have I met with them or had any  
15 contact?

16 Q. Any contact.

17 A. I have been approached by them.

18 MR. GAGE: Well, I think the answer is, as  
19 you know, no, but okay.

20 Well, you can assume -- I'm just --  
21 contact would go through a counsel.

22 MR. DAVIS: Sure.

23 MR. GAGE: And if it's important to  
24 everybody in the room, we can talk about that off  
25 the record or as appropriate. But that's why I'm

1 stopping the witness at this point.

2 MR. FOSTER: But you haven't done an  
3 interview with them?

4 MR. GAGE: No, he has not.

5 MR. GOLDSTONE: I have not.

6 BY MR. DAVIS:

7 Q. Have you given testimony about the June  
8 9th, 2016, meeting to a grand jury proceeding?

9 A. I have not.

10 Q. Other than the follow-up about the email  
11 purporting to be from Mr. Scaramucci, that is the  
12 end of my questions for now.

13 A. Thank you.

14 MR. DAVIS: So we will go off the record at  
15 12:52.

16 [Recess 12:52 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.]

17 MR. PRIVOR: We are back on the record. It  
18 is 1:40 p.m.

19 BY MR. PRIVOR:

20 Q. Mr. Goldstone, thank you again. We are  
21 going to pick up -- again, as I stated this  
22 morning, a lot of what I am going to be asking  
23 about is follow-up to questions Mr. Davis has  
24 already asked.

25 A. No problem.

1 Q. So I hope you don't mind indulging us.

2 A. No.

3 Q. I would like to turn your attention to  
4 Exhibit 17, which you had discussed before the  
5 break. This is a document that concerns the  
6 efforts to arrange a second meeting, which I  
7 understand from your testimony, as far as you  
8 know, never occurred.

9 So with regard to Exhibit 17, I just want  
10 to first ask a couple questions about the  
11 document, on its face. It says Ms. Natalia wants  
12 to discuss with T people, and this is an email  
13 from Ike Kaveladze to you.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Ms. Natalia, is that the lawyer who was  
16 at the --

17 A. I would take that to be Natalia  
18 Veselnitskaya.

19 Q. And the T people, would that be the Trump  
20 Organization?

21 A. To the best of my understanding.

22 Q. And to your knowledge, this meeting, any  
23 effort to establish a meeting in November or  
24 thereabouts did not occur; is that right?

25 A. To -- that's my understanding, yes.

1 Q. And do you know who requested that there  
2 be a second meeting?

3 A. Well, in subsequent texts between Mr.  
4 Kaveladze and myself, he refers to Mr. A. When he  
5 talks about Mr. A, that refers to Aras Agalarov.

6 Q. And do you know why the Agalarovs were  
7 interested in trying to arrange a meeting again?

8 A. I don't.

9 Q. Now, you've testified already that you  
10 felt that the meeting didn't really go well.  
11 You've described it as awful or terrible in a text  
12 message.

13 Do you know whether the Agalarovs shared  
14 your view of the first meeting?

15 A. I never got feedback from them.

16 Q. Did you share your view with them,  
17 though?

18 A. I did, with Emin Agalarov.

19 Q. And notwithstanding your having shared  
20 your views with Emin, the Agalarovs still  
21 requested a second meeting?

22 A. They did.

23 Q. Did you give any pushback to the  
24 Agalarovs the way that you did for the original  
25 June meeting?

1           A. I tried to convey in emails my lack of  
2 interest in it. And I think, as emails go on, you  
3 see that I say, it's Thanksgiving, it's things  
4 going on, dah, dah, dah. And I do everything, I  
5 believe, other than say no to try and give Ike,  
6 who he and I had worked together for quite a long  
7 time, the impression as to what I felt.

8           Q. Do you have any sense of why it was so  
9 important to the Agalarovs to arrange a second  
10 meeting?

11          A. I don't.

12          Q. You had testified earlier, in response to  
13 a question from Mr. Davis, that you didn't know if  
14 Natalia Veselnitskaya had spoken to any of the  
15 Trumps after the original meeting. Do you know if  
16 anyone else from that meeting had spoken to the  
17 Trumps in regard to the June 9th meeting?

18                 So starting with Ike Kaveladze, do you  
19 know if he ever had any follow-up?

20          A. I don't know if he did.

21          Q. How about Rinat Akhmetshin?

22          A. Not to my knowledge.

23          Q. And how about the translator, Mr.  
24 Samochornov?

25          A. I have -- I have no idea.

1 Q. Do you know if there was anyone else who  
2 represented any of those persons who spoke to the  
3 Trumps with regard to the June 9th meeting?

4 A. I don't know.

5 Q. And when I say the Trumps, I mean broadly  
6 the Trump Organization.

7 A. I understand.

8 Q. And also the Trump campaign, do you know  
9 if anyone from that group had reached out to the  
10 Trump campaign?

11 A. I don't know if they did, no.

12 Q. Very well.

13 Let's take a look at Exhibit 21 again,  
14 which is in front of you.

15 MR. PRIVOR: We are going to mark, actually,  
16 our next exhibit. Mr. Davis, we, obviously, use  
17 slightly different collections of documents each  
18 time.

19 So I'm going to show you a new exhibit,  
20 Exhibit 31. Okay, so we are showing you a new  
21 exhibit, Exhibit 31, which is Bates marked  
22 RG000191 through 194. And this, you will note, is  
23 a continuation of the document that had been  
24 already marked as Exhibit 21. It's just some  
25 pages preceding it.

1 [Goldstone Exhibit 31 was marked for  
2 identification.]

3 BY MR. PRIVOR:

4 Q. Take a minute to look that one over and  
5 let me know if you recognize that document.

6 A. Yep.

7 Q. All right, turning your attention to the  
8 first page of the exhibit, at Bates page 191, what  
9 is this exchange? Is this between you and Ike  
10 Kaveladze?

11 A. It is.

12 Q. That is the Ike identified --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- in the margin?

15 A. Yes. Yeah.

16 Q. Okay. On the top of the page, there is  
17 an entry dated May 17th, 2016.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. It looks like the third entry there. And  
20 it says, sending you the Forbes article.

21 And that is your message to Ike. Is that  
22 right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you recall, looking back at the date,  
25 May 17th, 2016, what the Forbes article was

1 regarding Russia that is referenced there?

2           A. I believe there was an article in which  
3 Forbes interviewed both Emin and Aras together  
4 about their relationship with the Trumps. I  
5 believe that's what it was.

6           Q. Do you have a distinct memory that that's  
7 what it was?

8           A. No. I didn't set that up. This, I think  
9 -- oh, it's Forbes Russia. Yes, this would have  
10 been set up by Emin or Aras' public relations team  
11 in Russia. I vaguely recall that possibly my  
12 colleague, who, as I mentioned, was the director  
13 of publicity for our company, may have asked to  
14 see that also. We always like to keep on file  
15 major pieces, and Forbes Russia would be quite  
16 major.

17           Q. Do you recall whether you've ever sent an  
18 article to Ike from Forbes concerning the founder  
19 of Russian Facebook?

20           A. The -- when you say the founder of  
21 Russian Facebook, we're talking about V Kontakte?

22           Q. VK, V Kontakte.

23           A. Well, I don't recall it specifically, but  
24 I may have done.

25           Q. Okay. And how about, do you recall ever

1 sending an article, a Forbes article, to Ike  
2 around that time concerning Rosatom, the Russian  
3 energy company?

4 A. That I don't recall.

5 Q. A couple lines further down, you will  
6 note, on November 12th, 2016, there is an email or  
7 a text from Ike to you: Hi, Rob. I'm back to the  
8 U.S. Should I Western Union \$600 to you?

9 Do you recall what the purpose of the --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- of that was? What is that?

12 A. Emin's band manager, whose name I  
13 mentioned before is Pavel Klychko, has three young  
14 children. He uses Amazon. He sends everything to  
15 my house for his kids. And when I or somebody  
16 travels to Russia, we take it, and usually he  
17 pays. Because I wasn't making a trip to Russia, I  
18 had sent the goods, I believe, with Ike. And  
19 Pavel Klychko had given him the \$600 to give back  
20 to me. Ike lives on the West Coast. I live on  
21 the East Coast, so I believe he Western Union'ed  
22 it.

23 Q. I see. Could I have you turn to the next  
24 page of the exhibit at Bates page 192? You will  
25 note, about a third of the way down, Ike is

1 writing to you again about a transfer of money.  
2 He says: Hello, \$19,826 went in your direction  
3 today.

4 Do you recall the purpose of that --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- transfer?

7 A. So Ike and/or his company was the entity  
8 that always paid our fees, ever since I've worked  
9 for Emin. And so what he's letting me know is  
10 that there was a \$15,000 -- I mean, I will just  
11 tell you what's broken down. There was a \$15,000  
12 fee, because that's what the fee was, and then  
13 \$4,000 and whatever the rest of it would've been  
14 expenses. So he's letting me know that it has  
15 been sent.

16 Q. And the money that was sent is for your  
17 work as a publicist?

18 A. And manager. Our company is both public  
19 relations and management services.

20 Q. But it's related to Emin's music career?

21 A. Emin's music career, yes.

22 Q. Was the payment for any other purpose?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Let's turn your attention to Exhibit 20,  
25 which is another one in front of you from earlier

1 today.

2 A. Twenty, yes.

3 Q. So this is an email, Mr. Davis had asked  
4 you about the email forwarded on November 28th --  
5 not forwarded -- sent to Rhona Graff on November  
6 28th. And we see on this page that it also was  
7 forwarded to Rhona Graff on July 15th of 2017.

8 A. To me from Rhona Graff.

9 Q. I'm sorry. From Rhona to you on July  
10 15th.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you recall what prompted her to send  
13 that document back to you on July 15th?

14 A. I don't.

15 Q. Do you think it had anything to do with  
16 the public statements about the June 9th meeting  
17 that were being discussed a few days before that?

18 A. I don't know. It just seems random.

19 Q. Do you recall whether you ever solicited  
20 from her that she send that back to you?

21 A. I do not.

22 Q. She notes in her email, attached to  
23 doctor received November 28th.

24 Do you know what she means by "doctor"?

25 A. I don't.

1 Q. Is that mistyped for document?

2 A. I assumed it was either document or  
3 document Trump or something like that. I don't  
4 know.

5 Q. Do you recall whether or not you  
6 responded to this email?

7 A. I did not.

8 Q. Around the time of this email on July  
9 15th, do you recall whether Ms. Graff had sent you  
10 any other documents?

11 A. I don't believe I received anything from  
12 her.

13 Q. Did you ever ask any questions or revert  
14 to her on this email with any question of, why are  
15 you sending this to me?

16 A. I didn't.

17 Q. And you're certain you did not?

18 A. I'm -- I hate saying the word certain.  
19 I'm certain, in this case, I did not.

20 Q. We can see on this page that -- actually,  
21 on the Rhona Graff piece of it again, Ms. Graff is  
22 Donald Trump's assistant. Is that right?

23 A. As I understand, yes.

24 Q. And do you recall ever having any other  
25 communication with Mr. Trump himself that would

1 have prompted Rhona Graff to send this document to  
2 you?

3 A. Mr. Trump Sr. or Junior?

4 Q. My understanding is she is Mr. Trump, the  
5 President's assistant.

6 A. Yeah. No.

7 Q. You did not have any communications with  
8 Mr. Trump?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Do you know if anyone else did that  
11 would've prompted her to send this?

12 A. I do not, no.

13 Q. Can you think of any reason that Ms.  
14 Graff would've sent this document back to you?

15 A. An error perhaps.

16 Q. Any other reason?

17 A. No.

18 Q. We note on the top third or so of the  
19 page that it's blank and states redacted attorney-  
20 client communication. Do you know what the basis  
21 is for redacting this?

22 MR. GAGE: Probably a better question for  
23 me. So, again, if it was a privilege log, it  
24 would say from Rob. I am the recipient.

25 MR. PRIVOR: Okay, very well.

1 MR. GAGE: It was forwarded to me.

2 BY MS. SAWYER:

3 Q. So before we leave this, you had  
4 indicated that you didn't have a conversation with  
5 Mr. Trump Sr. about anything related to this  
6 email. Is that accurate?

7 A. I -- the conversations I -- well, no. In  
8 order to communicate with Mr. Trump Sr., I  
9 communicated through Rhona Graff.

10 Q. So have you ever spoken with Mr. Trump  
11 Sr. directly?

12 A. Yes, in person.

13 Q. Okay. And when was the most recent time  
14 that happened?

15 A. Approximately 6 weeks before he made his  
16 announcement to run for President of the United  
17 States.

18 Q. So May of 2015 was the last time you  
19 spoke directly with him? What was the topic of  
20 that conversation?

21 A. Emin Agalarov was in New York and had  
22 asked whether I could request that we do a swing  
23 by in Trump Tower and say hello. We had done a  
24 couple of previous ones. I made a request through  
25 Rhona Graff.

1           And we went and had about 10 minutes with  
2 Mr. Trump. Emin said hello, posed for a  
3 photograph. Mr. Trump at the time was listening  
4 to very loud rap music when we walked in, because  
5 he knew I was in music said, look, I've been  
6 presented with a platinum disk for a song called,  
7 "Donald Trump," to which I -- that's how I  
8 remember this incident. I cautioned him that he  
9 should perhaps look at the words to the song  
10 before he enjoyed it so much.

11           And afterward, he said to us, you know, I  
12 am going to announce my nomination. And Emin  
13 said, great, good luck, and I need to take a  
14 picture.

15           And as they took the -- I took the  
16 picture of them, he said, so maybe next time, I'll  
17 be hosting you guys in the White House.

18           And that's the last we spoke.

19           Q. Okay. And then with regard to this  
20 document that we were discussing, this Exhibit 20,  
21 you didn't talk with Mr. Trump Sr. Did you talk  
22 with Donald Trump Jr. about it at all?

23           A. I don't believe I did, no.

24           Q. Anyone else at the Trump Organization?

25           A. No.

1 Q. Mr. Garten? Did you mentioned to Mr.  
2 Garten that there had been a synopsis or a  
3 document sent previously to the Trump Organization  
4 about meetings with --

5 A. Not to my knowledge, no.

6 Q. -- Russian lawyers?

7 Did you mention it to Mr. Kaveladze?

8 A. I'm just trying to look, because it may  
9 be that Mr. Kaveladze sent it to me originally.  
10 So yes, the original, I believe, was from Mr.  
11 Kaveladze to me with the synopsis.

12 Q. And when was that sent to you, date-wise?

13 A. Twenty-three. One second, I'm looking  
14 for it. Yeah, November 23rd, 2016.

15 Q. Can you recall if you spoke to Mr.  
16 Kaveladze about that document around July 15th or  
17 anytime in July of 2017?

18 A. To the best of my knowledge, I did not.

19 Q. Do you remember if you ever talked to him  
20 about it after getting it from him on November  
21 23rd of 2016?

22 A. Not specifically about the document, but  
23 as you will see from text, we did talk about the  
24 logistics of having a meeting or not.

25 BY MR. PRIVOR:

1 Q. With regard to that same exhibit, yes,  
2 with the forwarding of the synopsis --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- to Rhona Graff. It was --

5 A. Twenty.

6 Q. Twenty. You forwarded it, obviously, to  
7 Rhona Graff at the time. Do you recall if you  
8 forwarded it to anyone else?

9 A. I believe I did not, because it had been  
10 forwarded to me from Mr. Kaveladze, and I  
11 forwarded it to Rhona. I don't believe I  
12 forwarded it to anyone else.

13 Q. Did you ask any questions as to why Mr.  
14 Kaveladze wanted you to share it with the Trumps?

15 A. Again, I believe, in subsequent emails,  
16 where the logistics come into it, I pushed back a  
17 number of times and say quite clearly, isn't this  
18 the exact same thing that was presented, with very  
19 lukewarm response.

20 Q. Let's turn your attention back now to the  
21 press reporting around July of 2017 about the June  
22 9th meeting. I would like you to take a look at  
23 Exhibit 22, which we had earlier this afternoon.

24 So you will recall that this was the  
25 document where you referred to having received an

1 interesting call regarding the meeting at Trump  
2 Tower last year. And you testified earlier today  
3 that this was a call from Alan Garten.

4 A. I believe it was from Alan Garten, yes.

5 Q. And Mr. Garten asked for your  
6 recollection of the June 9th meeting; is that  
7 right?

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. Did Mr. Garten ask you about anyone  
10 else's recollection of the meeting during that  
11 call?

12 A. I don't believe he asked me about their  
13 recollections, no.

14 Q. At any time, did he ask about any other  
15 person's recollection of the meeting?

16 A. Not recollections, no.

17 Q. Did he ask anything to do with other  
18 people's accounts of the meeting?

19 A. Not their accounts.

20 Q. What did he ask about other people?

21 A. If I knew the name of the Russian  
22 attorney and also if I knew the name of the  
23 Agalarov's representative.

24 Q. And what did you say in response to those  
25 questions?

1           A. That I would -- I did know the name of  
2 the representative, and I would send that to him,  
3 and I would find out the name of the Russian  
4 attorney. I actually couldn't even remember the  
5 name of the Russian attorney.

6           Q. And you did eventually share that name,  
7 Ms. Veselnitskaya?

8           A. I believe so, yes.

9           Q. Who was the representative you are  
10 referring to?

11          A. Ike Kaveladze.

12          Q. And you referred to him as a  
13 representative. Why do you use that term?

14          A. Because I don't know exactly what he  
15 does, and in this instance, I saw him as a  
16 representative of the Agalarovs.

17          Q. And what was the precise question, as  
18 best you can recall, from Mr. Garten when he asked  
19 about the representative?

20          A. I don't recall the exact question, to be  
21 honest. But I know there was a question of, could  
22 I remember the name of the Russian attorney for  
23 sure? And then I think -- I think he just asked  
24 me as simple as, what was the name of the  
25 Agalarov's representative? I think the word

1 "representative" was what was used.

2 Q. Can you recall anything else from that  
3 conversation? So far, he has asked you for your  
4 recollection of the meeting, and he has asked you  
5 the identity of two persons.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Is there anything else you can recall  
8 from that conversation?

9 A. Not that I can recall, no.

10 Q. Is that the totality of the conversation  
11 that you can remember?

12 A. That I can remember, yes.

13 Q. How long did the call last? Do you  
14 recall?

15 A. I don't.

16 BY MS. SAWYER:

17 Q. So you describe it as an interesting  
18 call. Why was it interesting to you?

19 A. It's possibly my -- I don't want to use  
20 sarcasm because it's not sarcastic. It's to -- I  
21 don't mean interesting as in necessarily the  
22 content. I mean interesting as in out of the  
23 blue, out of the ordinary, and I'm trying to imply  
24 that it's -- I'm now using these horrible air  
25 quotes -- that it's interesting. It's something

1 you should pay attention to.

2 Q. You described it as out of the blue. Did  
3 Mr. Garten explain to you why he was asking you  
4 about that meeting?

5 A. He said, at the time, that there had been  
6 some leaks.

7 Q. Did you ask him leaks of what?

8 A. I did say that. That is exactly what I  
9 said, leaks of what? And he said of emails to do  
10 with this June 9th meeting.

11 Q. Did he explain who the leaks had been to?

12 A. To the media.

13 Q. And he was explaining this to you on June  
14 3rd?

15 A. He was explaining that to me -- he  
16 explained it to me, whether it was on June 3rd or  
17 whether it was in our follow-up conversation that  
18 happened I think a week later, a few days later, I  
19 can't be sure. But over the course of those  
20 conversations, that is what was explained to me by  
21 him.

22 Q. And did he explain what email he was  
23 talking about? You said he had said there had  
24 been leaks of an email, the email?

25 A. At the time, he said an email.

1 Q. And did you ask him what email he was  
2 talking about?

3 A. I did, and he said the email that I had  
4 sent to Mr. Trump Jr. regarding a meeting at Trump  
5 Tower.

6 Q. Did you remember the email?

7 A. I remembered sending the email. I didn't  
8 remember or recall the detail of the email at the  
9 time.

10 Q. Did you then go back and look at the  
11 email?

12 A. I did not.

13 Q. So when you were speaking with him, you  
14 didn't have the email in front of you?

15 A. I didn't.

16 Q. Did he ask you anything about that email?

17 A. No, I don't believe so, initially, no.  
18 He asked me about the meeting.

19 Q. Did you ask him to see the email?

20 A. I didn't.

21 Q. Why didn't you?

22 A. Because he had said it was an email that  
23 I had sent, so by default, I knew that I could  
24 look for it at some later point.

25 Q. And do you recall when you actually did

1 then go back and look for it?

2 A. No, I don't. I really don't recall the  
3 time frame.

4 Q. You didn't go back and look for it before  
5 you sent this message to Ike?

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. And in talking to you about the meeting -  
8 -

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. -- did he indicate to you at all what  
11 other people had said about what happened at the  
12 meeting?

13 A. He did not.

14 Q. Okay.

15 BY MR. PRIVOR:

16 Q. That conversation over the text took  
17 place on June 3rd. Do you recall whether you met  
18 in person with Ike Kaveladze at any time after  
19 that, near in time?

20 MR. GAGE: I just have a comment about the  
21 date. I'm not certain that that date is tied  
22 necessarily to these texts.

23 MR. PRIVOR: We'll ask that as a question  
24 then.

25 BY MR. PRIVOR:

1 Q. Do you know the date of the text message  
2 that refers to the interesting call that you  
3 received from Alan Garten?

4 A. Only based on what I'm seeing here.

5 Q. And to the best of your recollection, was  
6 it on or about June 3rd?

7 A. I don't know the answer to that.

8 Q. Do you have reason to believe it was  
9 sometime after June 3rd?

10 A. Not necessarily, no.

11 Q. What's your best memory of when that  
12 conversation over text actually took place?

13 A. Well, the only memory I have of it is  
14 seeing this. So to that end, this is what I'm  
15 currently accepting.

16 Q. Did there come a time when you met with  
17 Ike Kaveladze in person in June of 2017?

18 A. I had -- oh, I didn't have. I attended a  
19 lunch that he was having in New York sometime  
20 before I left to go overseas at the end of June,  
21 but I don't know the date of it.

22 Q. Do you recall meeting with Roman  
23 Benjaminov around the same time?

24 A. The lunch was, in fact, with Roman  
25 Benjaminov and Jason Tropea.

1 Q. What was discussed -- as well as Ike  
2 Kaveladze?

3 A. As well as Ike Kaveladze.

4 Q. So the participants were you, Mr. Tropea,  
5 Mr. Beniaminov, and Mr. Kaveladze.

6 A. They had lunch. I was doing something  
7 else and stopped by at the very end just to say  
8 hello.

9 Q. Do you know what the purpose of their  
10 lunch was?

11 A. I don't.

12 Q. When you arrived at the lunch to stop by,  
13 did you have a conversation with them?

14 A. I was basically doing a kind of goodbye  
15 because I was leaving for 7 or 8 months to go to  
16 Asia. So I knew that Mr. Kaveladze was in town,  
17 and it was a chance to kind of say goodbye to him.  
18 And with the other two, I saw them quite a lot,  
19 but, again, this would probably be the last or one  
20 of the last times I would see them until 2018.

21 Q. Was there any discussion at the lunch  
22 about the June 9th meeting?

23 A. Not the part that I attended.

24 Q. Right, just focusing on your personal  
25 knowledge of while you were in attendance.

1 A. Not while I was in attendance.

2 Q. Did you ever come to learn that they did  
3 talk about the June 9th meeting outside of your  
4 presence?

5 A. I haven't learned that.

6 Q. Did you ever come to learn what was  
7 discussed at the lunch when you weren't there?

8 A. No.

9 Q. So focusing just on your time at the  
10 luncheon, was there any discussion about the  
11 Trumps?

12 A. Not that I can recall. I was there for a  
13 very, very short time, maybe 15, 20 minutes at the  
14 most.

15 Q. Was there any discussion about the  
16 election of 2016, the presidential election?

17 A. Not that I can recall, no.

18 Q. Is there anything that you can recall  
19 from the conversation that was not simply a  
20 personal discussion related to the fact that you  
21 were leaving the country soon?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Let's take a look at --

24 MS. SAWYER: Can I just ask a question about  
25 the exhibit we were talking about, that Exhibit

1 22?

2 BY MS. SAWYER:

3 Q. So up at the top, it does have that date,  
4 June 3rd, 2017. But your lawyer has indicated  
5 that might not be the date.

6 MR. GAGE: You know, just to advance the  
7 process --

8 MS. SAWYER: Yes.

9 MR. GAGE: I may have made a mistake. Give  
10 me just 2 minutes to speak to Rob.

11 MS. SAWYER: Sure.

12 MR. GAGE: We talked about taking a break.  
13 In the interest of clarity and accuracy.

14 MS. SAWYER: Absolutely. We can go off the  
15 record.

16 MR. PRIVOR: We will go off the record at  
17 2:09.

18 [Off the record 2:09 p.m. to 2:11 p.m.]

19 MR. PRIVOR: Back on the record at 2:11.

20 MS. SAWYER: Great.

21 BY MS. SAWYER:

22 Q. So just going back to Exhibit 22, you  
23 were just checking to clarify whether or not the  
24 date on that document, June 3rd, was the correct  
25 date.

1           A. It does appear to be the correct date.

2           Q. Okay, great.

3           There's just a note up there at the top:  
4 Messages to this chat and calls are now secured  
5 with end-to-end encryption. Tap for more info.

6           Can you explain again, which application  
7 were you using?

8           A. WhatsApp.

9           Q. WhatsApp. And was that something that  
10 you had just selected at that point in time to  
11 start encrypting? Why would that message appear  
12 at that point in time?

13          A. I have no idea. I don't believe I  
14 selected anything or had changed anything at all.

15          Q. Okay, so that just automatically appeared  
16 on that particular day.

17          A. I have no idea. Well, it seems to be  
18 there, so yes would be the answer.

19          Q. And do you know whether or not the  
20 messages were encrypted before this date?

21          A. We may have some that I can refer to. I  
22 don't know. Maybe there are some other ones.

23                I'm actually just trying to find one that  
24 has the date the same way as this, and so far, I  
25 don't see one.

1           None of these have the start of it there  
2 as a date. So I have to say, based on just having  
3 these to refer to, I don't know.

4           Q. But it wasn't something that you recall  
5 specifically selecting.

6           A. It wasn't something I recall selecting at  
7 all.

8           Q. Okay.

9 BY MR. PRIVOR:

10          Q. Okay, let's turn your attention to  
11 Exhibit 23, which you also have in front of you.  
12 This was an email from Alan Garten to you on June  
13 26th, asking for a call the next today.

14           I just wanted to know, I noticed that he,  
15 Alan, writes to you, "Hey, Rob," as if he is very  
16 familiar with you. What was your, before this  
17 email, what was your experience interacting with  
18 him?

19          A. I had had one or I think two calls with  
20 him. Outside of that, I'd never heard of him.

21          Q. What was the purpose of your prior calls?

22          A. He had left me a message to call him, and  
23 then he called me and asked if I could have a call  
24 with him and Alan Futerfas.

25          Q. So were both of those prior calls with

1 regard to the June 9th meeting?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And did you have any substantive  
4 conversation with him in those two prior calls?

5 A. Did you say substantive conversation?

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. No. And the "Rob," I mean, that's my  
8 name.

9 Q. Do you recall when those two prior calls  
10 occurred?

11 A. I believe one of them would've occurred  
12 prior to the June 3rd text, and I believe that I'm  
13 referring to Ike, when I said I had an interesting  
14 call, that it's from him. I don't recall when the  
15 second one would've been.

16 Q. When you refer to the text, you are  
17 talking about Exhibit 22?

18 A. I am, yes.

19 Q. Just so the record is clear.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Thank you.

22 Do you know what, other than the June 3rd  
23 text and that call, do you recall whether the  
24 second call was before or after that one?

25 A. I don't recall.

1 Q. Do you recall what prompted Mr. Garten to  
2 call you?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Do you know if anyone asked him to call  
5 you?

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. Let's turn to Exhibit 24.

8 A. For some reason, mine are out of order.

9 Q. So Exhibit 24 is now June 27th. You  
10 writing to Alan Garten is sort of the lower half  
11 of the page.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And that is regarding the call, which  
14 seems to be a reference to the prior Exhibit 23  
15 that we were just looking at.

16 You were sending Alan Garten contact  
17 information for Ike Kaveladze.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you recall why you were sending Ike's  
20 contact information?

21 A. Because he had asked me if I had contact  
22 information for the representative of the  
23 Agalarovs who was at the meeting.

24 Q. So you were now providing the contact  
25 information.

1           A. I was.

2           Q. Do you recall any substantive discussion  
3 about Ike's participation in the June 9th meeting?

4           A. I don't recall any.

5           Q. Do you recall if he asked you anything  
6 about Ike's participation in the meeting?

7           A. I don't recall him asking.

8           Q. Do you know if Mr. Garten, in fact, spoke  
9 to Ike Kaveladze?

10          A. I don't know.

11          Q. You didn't have any further conversation  
12 with Ike about his call with Mr. Garten?

13          A. I don't believe I did, no.

14          Q. Did you alert Mr. Kaveladze that you had  
15 shared his contact information?

16          A. I'm not sure I did.

17          Q. Would it be common practice to share his  
18 contact information with another lawyer without  
19 telling him?

20          A. I was -- I believed I was sharing just  
21 his contact, nothing more than that. He had been  
22 a participant in the meeting.

23          Q. Let's take a look at Exhibit 25.

24          MR. GAGE: I tried.

25          MR. GOLDSTONE: I know. I don't know why I

1 can't make the numbers work.

2 MR. GAGE: Here you go. I'm just trying to  
3 get them back in order. Okay.

4 BY MR. PRIVOR:

5 Q. Okay. Mr. Davis has gone through several  
6 parts of this email, so I just want to clarify a  
7 few points on it.

8 So on June 27th, you were writing to Emin  
9 Agalarov that you set up a meeting in October,  
10 which you testified earlier was just --

11 A. It's an error.

12 Q. -- a mistake. It was actually in June.

13 You had been interviewed by attorneys for  
14 the second time. You stated that was Mr. Garten  
15 and probably Mr. Futerfas.

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And you said, I did say at the time this  
18 was an awful idea and a terrible meeting.

19 Do you recall to whom you made that  
20 comment?

21 A. Emin.

22 Q. And to anyone else other than Emin?

23 A. Ike.

24 Q. And anyone else other than Emin and Ike?

25 A. No.

1           Q. I think we've talked about your  
2 conversation with Emin, but with regard to Ike,  
3 when you expressed that it was an awful idea and a  
4 terrible meeting, what can you recall from that  
5 conversation?

6           A. Simply that it was a request from Mr. A.  
7 He often referred -- in fact, almost always  
8 referred to Aras Agalarov as Mr. A.

9           Q. How long did that conversation last?

10          A. I have no idea.

11          Q. A little bit further down --

12 BY MS. SAWYER:

13          Q. And do you recall what his response was?

14          A. To?

15          Q. To you saying that it was a --

16          A. Awful and terrible. I don't know if I  
17 used the exact same words to him, but that it was  
18 a request from Mr. A.

19          Q. That was his response?

20          A. That was his response. It was a request  
21 from Mr. A.

22          Q. And did he agree or disagree with you in  
23 any way?

24          A. I don't think he himself gave an opinion.  
25 Yeah, it was obvious to me from his response.

1 Q. What was obvious?

2 A. That the request had come from his boss -  
3 - I don't know how you do that word. His -- the  
4 person that he works for.

5 Q. Right. But did you take that to mean he  
6 didn't agree with it? Or he was just expressing  
7 no opinion on --

8 A. Expressing no opinion on it.

9 Q. And what did you explain to him? Did he  
10 ask you why you thought it was a bad idea, a  
11 terrible idea? An awful idea and a terrible  
12 meeting.

13 A. Yeah. I don't believe he did. I think  
14 he just ended it with, it's a request from Mr. A.

15 MS. SAWYER: Okay.

16 BY MR. PRIVOR:

17 Q. Near the bottom of that long paragraph,  
18 you state, I don't even know for sure who these  
19 Russian people were, but hopefully Ike can answer  
20 for them.

21 What did you have in mind when you  
22 thought that Ike could answer for them?

23 A. That because he had coordinated the  
24 meeting, the situation was always that I would ask  
25 and hopefully get the meeting, and then Ike would

1 coordinate the meeting. That I had no idea,  
2 outside of this Russian attorney, really who these  
3 other two people were. I knew one was probably  
4 the translator, from what I had been told. But I  
5 still wasn't sure who this other person was. So  
6 what I was saying was that Ike could probably  
7 provide that information.

8 Q. You just said other than the Russian  
9 attorney. Did you know anything about her before  
10 the June 9th meeting took place?

11 A. No, but I knew she was at least a Russian  
12 attorney, based on what had been said.

13 Q. Did you know anything about what type of  
14 attorney she was, whether she worked for the  
15 government or not, for instance?

16 A. No. I believed she did, based on my  
17 email, but I didn't know that she did.

18 Q. The last line of this large paragraph  
19 says that you are not happy being put in this  
20 situation with Federal attorneys investigating.  
21 Who were the Federal attorneys that you had in  
22 mind?

23 A. Well, I actually was referring to people  
24 like Garten, Futerfas. I don't know if they were  
25 Federal or not. It's just a word. I wanted it to

1 sound serious, so I put Federal attorneys. But I  
2 was referring to now we have these people  
3 investigating the meeting and goodness knows who  
4 else.

5           So it's my way of saying this is really  
6 serious.

7           Q. At the time you wrote this email in June  
8 of 2017, were you aware that there were, in fact,  
9 Federal investigations going on both at Congress  
10 and Robert Mueller on behalf of the Department of  
11 Justice?

12          A. I don't know if, on this particular date,  
13 I was aware of it. I mean, obviously I am aware  
14 of it. I don't know when I became aware of that.

15          Q. We spoke earlier of the FBI having  
16 possibly contacted your attorney. Were you aware  
17 at this time that the FBI was investigating?

18          A. I don't believe I was.

19          Q. Is it possible, when you refer to Federal  
20 attorneys, that you are referring to actual  
21 Federal Government lawyers?

22          A. I mean, it is possible, in very generic  
23 and general terms. But I'm trying to say it's  
24 important, pay attention.

25          Q. And that was your way of getting the

1 attention of Emin? Is that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 BY MS. SAWYER:

4 Q. A little earlier in that email, it says,  
5 "They are concerned because it links Don Jr. to  
6 officials from Russia -- which he has always  
7 denied meeting."

8 Who is the "they"?

9 A. The -- Garten, Futerfas.

10 Q. And had they said that to you? Had they  
11 expressed that concern to you?

12 A. They had mentioned that, you know, had I  
13 seen in the press, there had been some random  
14 comment about had I seen reports about Russia and  
15 something about not the meeting as such, but I  
16 think they said something about -- they definitely  
17 said something about Don and about Russia, yes.

18 And my words in there, which is always  
19 denied meeting, I think is just from stuff I had  
20 seen in the press.

21 Q. Did they say to you that they were  
22 concerned because it links Don Jr. to officials  
23 from Russia?

24 A. I don't recall. I really don't recall.

25 Q. Do you know if that's how they explained

1 to you why they were calling you, that they wanted  
2 to ask you about the reports about Don Jr. and a  
3 meeting with Russian officials?

4 A. I believe they called initially to just  
5 ask me about my participation in the meeting and  
6 as the person who had sent an email that set it  
7 up. In the course of that, I don't know if they  
8 said that specifically.

9 Q. At what point in time -- you sent this on  
10 June 27th -- did you become aware that they were  
11 concerned about the meeting for that reason?

12 A. Well, I had started to see a lot of press  
13 reports about Russia and Trump and all of that, so  
14 some of this may be a mixture of my supposition  
15 again, mixed in with the fact.

16 Q. So at the time that you are considering  
17 what statements to make about the meeting, you are  
18 aware that there is a concern that it links Don  
19 Jr. to officials from Russia?

20 A. Potentially, yes.

21 Q. Did you keep that in mind when you were  
22 making your statements?

23 A. My own statement?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. I wrote my statement as I believed was

1 the truth.

2 Q. And you were aware that there had been a  
3 concern among the lawyers that represented Mr.  
4 Trump that it links Don Jr. to officials from  
5 Russia at that time?

6 A. Was I aware of that?

7 Q. Yes.

8 A. I would have been aware of that.

9 BY MR. PRIVOR:

10 Q. Do you recall what prompted you to  
11 prepare a statement initially?

12 A. Yes. I was being inundated with media  
13 requests. I also was overseas at the time, and it  
14 was very difficult to deal with. And I also work  
15 in the media, so many of the people who were  
16 calling me were people that I have, for many  
17 years, worked with. And it was proving very  
18 difficult just to avoid them. A lot of my friends  
19 were in the media, a lot of the people I was  
20 friends with were in the media.

21 And this story was obviously becoming  
22 very serious. I felt I needed to prepare a  
23 statement of my own and of my own writing that  
24 told the truth the way I recalled it.

25 Q. Had you already spoken to the press

1 before you prepared a statement?

2           A. I had. I was in Athens when I received a  
3 call out of the blue from the Washington Post.

4           Q. What did you discuss with the Washington  
5 Post?

6           A. They called me and said, I'm not sure if  
7 you saw a report in the New York Times yesterday -  
8 - which I hadn't -- that there had been some leaks  
9 of emails from, I believe, Mr. Trump Jr. regarding  
10 a meeting at Trump Tower. And she said, we have  
11 reason to believe that you sent those emails. Did  
12 you send those emails?

13          Q. What did you tell her?

14          A. Yes.

15          Q. Did you tell her that you were sending  
16 the email on the behalf of someone else?

17          A. I believe, at that time, I just said that  
18 I sent the emails on behalf of a client, but I  
19 don't believe I named the client at the time.

20          Q. Were you trying to hide the identity of  
21 your client?

22          A. I was trying to protect the identity of  
23 my client at that time, until I could find out  
24 more about any of this. I had just got off a  
25 cruise ship and had been on -- I mean, I hadn't

1 been on land for 10 days, so I had no idea,  
2 really, what was even going on.

3 Q. What was it that you were trying to  
4 protect? I mean, why were you trying to withhold  
5 the name of your client?

6 A. I was trying to, having just been told  
7 this, I was just trying to get some time to see  
8 what it was. I hadn't read the New York Times. I  
9 had no idea what she was talking about in the  
10 report. So before I said anything about anybody,  
11 I thought it would be prudent to perhaps just read  
12 something first, investigate, see what I could  
13 find out.

14 Q. Did you reach out to Emin at that point,  
15 to ask him if he wanted his name revealed?

16 A. I didn't reach out to ask him that, no.

17 Q. Did you have any discussion with him  
18 about whether or not his identity should be  
19 disclosed?

20 A. I did not. I told him I hadn't disclosed  
21 his identity.

22 Q. Did you have any conversations with  
23 either Mr. Garten or Mr. Futerfas about whether or  
24 not you should disclose who originated the request  
25 for the June 9th meaning?



1           A. Yes.

2           Q. -- that I had been the one requesting Don  
3 meet with her and would not comment on who  
4 originated the request in Moscow.

5           Did the reporter push back to ask you who  
6 the identity of the person who originated the  
7 request was?

8           A. I believe she did ask if it was Emin  
9 Agalarov.

10          Q. Do you recall what you responded?

11          A. I don't.

12          Q. But did you disclose Emin's name at the  
13 time?

14          A. I did not.

15          Q. You state at the bottom of that paragraph  
16 that the FBI may be investigating this meeting and  
17 ask for further thoughts.

18          A. Yes.

19          Q. How did you know the FBI may be  
20 investigating?

21          A. Well, I think it says they also say FBI  
22 may be investigating, and I am talking previously  
23 about Trump lawyers. So I assume, and I know it's  
24 bad to assume, that in a conversation I had, based  
25 on what I'm writing here, they must've said that

1 to me.

2 Q. So the they in that --

3 A. Would be the Trump lawyers.

4 Q. -- refers to Mr. Garten and Mr. Futerfas?

5 A. Yes, it appears so, yes.

6 Q. You state just before that, Trump lawyers  
7 are also in a statement apparently saying the  
8 reason for the meeting was "misrepresented" by us  
9 and that her agenda was Magnitsky Act and  
10 adoption.

11 What's your understanding of why it was  
12 misrepresented? Were you aware that the Trump  
13 lawyers had issued a statement suggesting that the  
14 reason for the meeting was misrepresented?

15 A. Well, I believe I'm saying -- and again,  
16 I'm writing this from a sort of phone in Greece at  
17 the time -- that, apparently, they're saying the  
18 reason was that the meeting was misrepresented by  
19 us. So I don't really think I know at this stage  
20 what they're saying, but I'm saying, apparently,  
21 that's what they're saying.

22 Q. What gave you the impression that they  
23 had said it was misrepresented?

24 A. I believe I may have had a statement or  
25 suggestion of a statement from them at that stage

1 as to something that we could potentially put out.

2 Q. You also state -- I think this is a  
3 further reference to their statement -- that her  
4 agenda -- do you know who the "her" is that is  
5 referred to? Is that Ms. Veselnitskaya?

6 A. Probably. But I will just look. One  
7 second. Her agenda, yes, Ms. Veselnitskaya.

8 Q. And so her agenda was Magnitsky Act and  
9 adoption. Was that an accurate summation of what  
10 you understood the meeting to be about?

11 A. So I understand it, you are asking me if  
12 that's an accurate representation of what I feel  
13 or what I understand the meeting I attended to be  
14 about.

15 Q. That's correct.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So you believe that's an accurate  
18 description.

19 A. Of what it turned out to be about, yes.

20 Q. You suggest or ask the question here,  
21 should we prepare a statement? Emin responds,  
22 sure, let's prep a statement.

23 And then at the top of the page, you've  
24 now provided, what about this as a statement?

25 You state, it should come from, I think,

1 either Aras, you, or me, or maybe from Crocus  
2 Group as a whole.

3           And then you have a statement, the  
4 meeting that took place in June 2016 between Ms. X  
5 and representatives of the Trump campaign was the  
6 result of a personal request by us and in no way  
7 connected with the Russian Government or any of  
8 its officials.

9           Was that statement an accurate summary of  
10 what you understood the meeting to be about?

11          A. It was an accurate representation of my  
12 horror at that moment in time of having arrived on  
13 dry land to be told by the Washington Post that  
14 emails that I had sent referring to this had been  
15 leaked.

16          Q. What was the horror that you referenced?

17          A. That I was being bombarded by journalists  
18 asking about my connections with Russia and  
19 meetings and Don Jr. and the Trumps and the  
20 President. I found it quite anxiety-inducing and  
21 quite disturbing.

22          Q. Apart from the anxiety-producing aspect  
23 of it, was your statement that you suggested here,  
24 was that an accurate representation of what you  
25 understood had taken place at the June 9th

1 meeting?

2           A. It was a personal request by us. Yes. I  
3 believe it wasn't a request from the Russian  
4 Government. It was a request from us. The  
5 request had come from Emin to me.

6           MR. GAGE: I think the focus is on the  
7 request, not the substance of the meeting itself.

8           MR. GOLDSTONE: The request, yes.

9 BY MR. PRIVOR:

10           Q. That request, though, as you described it  
11 in Exhibit 1, which you will recall is the  
12 original email to Donald Trump Jr., you described  
13 it there as related to the Russian Government. So  
14 what changed with this statement? Why are you  
15 describing it as just a personal request?

16           A. Because the request itself was a personal  
17 request.

18           Q. Did you have any understanding at the  
19 time, though, whether or not the Agalarovs were  
20 seeking the request either on behalf of or at the  
21 behest of the Russian Government?

22           A. I did not.

23           Q. And that's something you don't know one  
24 way or the other? Is that right?

25           A. That is correct.

1 Q. You don't have any personal knowledge of  
2 whether the Agalarovs were, in fact, seeking a  
3 meeting on behalf of the government?

4 A. That is correct.

5 BY MS. SAWYER:

6 Q. And why was that point the point that you  
7 decided to make in this statement, that it wasn't  
8 a meeting connected with the Russian Government or  
9 any of its officials? Why did you focus on that?

10 A. Because I was scared, because I didn't  
11 understand all of the implications, but I knew  
12 that this was very serious. And because I had sat  
13 in that meeting and seen that this lady, to me,  
14 wanted to discuss the Magnitsky Act and wanted to  
15 talk about adoption, I felt that was something I  
16 had to get across, that it was a personal request,  
17 and it didn't appear to come from anything to do  
18 with the Russian Government.

19 Q. That isn't exactly what your statement  
20 says. It says very declaratively: in no way  
21 connected with the Russian Government or any of  
22 its officials.

23 A. Well, it's also not a statement I put  
24 out. It's a suggestion. So it's kind of up for  
25 discussion now as to what anybody wanted to do

1 with it. But this is what I wanted to put.

2 I wanted to deflect the idea, having sat  
3 in that meeting and heard what it was about, that  
4 anybody would think, going forward, that there was  
5 some Russian Government involvement, because even  
6 if there had been, it wasn't anything I had any  
7 knowledge of.

8 Q. And by this time, you've had the  
9 conversation with the Trump Organization lawyers  
10 where they have expressed to you a concern about  
11 the meeting, because it links Don Jr. to meeting  
12 with Russian officials?

13 A. Yes.

14 BY MR. PRIVOR:

15 Q. Let's have you turn your attention to  
16 Exhibit 27. You will recall this is the email  
17 that originated with you asking Alan Garten for  
18 the statement that they put out on behalf of  
19 Donald Trump Jr.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you can see on Bates page 132, Donald  
22 Trump Jr.'s statement is there on the bottom third  
23 of the page.

24 Earlier, you had testified, and I'm not  
25 certain it's with respect to this exhibit, I just

1 want to be clear, you had said that you didn't  
2 adopt what his statement said because you found it  
3 ludicrous.

4 A. It was a different statement.

5 Q. It was a different one. Okay.

6 So let's talk about this one then. Were  
7 you ever asked to comment on this particular  
8 statement? You said you hadn't seen it before.  
9 Were you ever asked for any input on the  
10 statement?

11 A. I was not.

12 Q. Were you ever consulted on any of the  
13 details that are contained in this statement?

14 A. I was not.

15 Q. Okay. Let's go to the beginning of  
16 Donald Trump Jr.'s statement, where he states, or  
17 whoever wrote it states, I was asked to have a  
18 meeting by an acquaintance I knew from the 2013  
19 Miss Universe pageant.

20 Would that acquaintance be you? Is that  
21 a reference to you?

22 A. I assume it's me. I mean, both myself  
23 and Emin were both acquaintances that he knew from  
24 there, but in this instance, I assume it's me.

25 Q. Would you describe yourself as an

1 acquaintance of Donald Trump Jr. or something  
2 more?

3 A. Not more but at best an acquaintance.

4 Q. At the end of this statement, it states,  
5 my father knew nothing of the meeting or these  
6 events.

7 Do you have any idea whether or not  
8 Donald Trump Jr.'s father, who is now the  
9 President, was ever made aware of the June 9th  
10 meeting?

11 A. I don't know.

12 Q. Did you ever have any discussion with him  
13 yourself about the June 9th meeting?

14 A. I did not.

15 Q. Have you ever reached out to any  
16 representative who can communicate for him, such  
17 as Rhona Graff, about the June 9th meeting?

18 A. I believe not.

19 Q. In the middle of the page, you thanked  
20 Alan Garten for sending this, and you refer to the  
21 Washington Post call. And then you say, I did not  
22 reveal who had requested the meeting or any other  
23 details. Was there a reason that you did not want  
24 to reveal who had requested the meeting?

25 A. Can you just repeat that last part of it

1 again?

2 Q. Was there any reason that you did not  
3 want to reveal who had requested the meeting or  
4 any other details?

5 A. Yes. As I said, I wanted to protect my  
6 client.

7 Q. Did anyone ask you to not reveal the  
8 identity of your client?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Did anyone suggest to you not to reveal  
11 the identity of your client?

12 A. No.

13 Q. So that was entirely your decision?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. I am going to have you take a look at --

16 BY MS. SAWYER:

17 Q. In that message, you say that when you  
18 were contacted, the Washington Post had "incorrect  
19 spin on it." What did that mean?

20 A. It means -- I don't know the specifics,  
21 because I don't have the story in front of me, but  
22 that they had details or facts or something -- I  
23 mean, spin is just a word -- I'm sure you know the  
24 word -- the angle or whatever they took on it that  
25 I believed to be -- what do I say? I don't know,

1 incorrect or not quite right.

2 Q. And do you recall what you felt was  
3 incorrect about it?

4 A. I don't, unfortunately.

5 Q. And it doesn't actually sound like she  
6 has a story. She said running with information  
7 that I had set up the meeting and had incorrect  
8 spin on it.

9 But you don't recall what her spin on  
10 your setting up of the meeting was?

11 A. No, I don't.

12 Q. Could I have you take a look at Exhibit  
13 26?

14 A. Yes.

15 MR. PRIVOR: We will go off the record, when  
16 she can come back in and take us off the record.

17 We are going to go off the record. It is  
18 2:42.

19 [Recess 2:42 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.]

20 MR. PRIVOR: We are back on the record at  
21 2:50 p.m.

22 BY MR. PRIVOR:

23 Q. I would like you to take a look at  
24 Exhibit 26, which I think you have in front of  
25 you. I just have a few questions about this

1 document.

2           So sticking with the first page of the  
3 document, Bates page 228, Mr. Davis had asked you  
4 about the second text box that refers to the  
5 lawyers accepting we were just acquaintances. And  
6 you thought that that might have been --

7           A. Media, journalists. I see two boxes.

8           Q. Later, you say, but tell me the media is  
9 keen to know who set up the meeting.

10           Is that Emin writing to you?

11           A. No.

12           Q. That is you writing to Emin.

13           A. Let me just read this. Yes, it's the  
14 same thing. It's -- we can use the word media or  
15 journalists, whichever fit. But it is that the  
16 media -- let's just use that -- accept we are  
17 acquaintances, but tell me the media is also keen  
18 to know who set up the meeting. That's not going  
19 away is what I'm trying to tell him.

20           Q. So you have media in the second instance  
21 --

22           A. Yeah.

23           Q. -- where you said lawyers --

24           A. So this should be journalists then. So  
25 the journalists accepted we are just

1 acquaintances, awesome -- but they tell me the  
2 media is also keen to know who set up the meeting.

3           My meaning there is it's not going away.  
4 They want to know who set up the meeting.

5           Q. Okay. So you are certain that the first  
6 instance where you said lawyers, you meant media  
7 or journalists.

8           A. Yes, because at that stage, there weren't  
9 any other lawyers.

10          Q. Do you know what the date is of this? Or  
11 do you have a best guess of when this was sent?

12          A. Yes, best guess would be, you know, I was  
13 called July 9th -- so hold on a sec. It's July 9  
14 or 10, but I am 8 hours ahead in Athens, so I  
15 would say it is probably July 10.

16          Q. Let's skip ahead two pages to Bates page  
17 230, the middle of the page: They all asked about  
18 you.

19                Is that "they" a reference to the  
20 journalists again?

21          A. I'll just look. Yes, "they" is media.

22          Q. But I have said request was from me.

23          A. Yes.

24          Q. Meaning you were trying not to disclose  
25 your client's name again?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Is that right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. The very next box: Let's see if that  
5 holds.

6 What did you mean by that?

7 A. Let's see if -- let's see if that holds  
8 or if they end up finding out that it was you and,  
9 therefore -- without me even telling them.

10 Q. Why were you so intent on making that  
11 hold?

12 A. I was quite protective of my clients.  
13 And until I was really -- until I felt I was  
14 really pushed with no alternative, I didn't want  
15 him to go through the same hateful media barrage  
16 that I was going through. I was buying some time,  
17 perhaps, for him.

18 Q. The next text box, you state that the  
19 Post said that the FBI is investigating, which  
20 we've discussed. You say why this meeting was  
21 asked and if Duma was involved.

22 A. Yep.

23 Q. Did you have any knowledge as to whether  
24 or not the Duma was involved?

25 A. I had no knowledge of that, no.

1 Q. Let's have you turn --

2 BY MS. SAWYER:

3 Q. Just before we leave that page, the  
4 bottom text: I hope this favor was worth it for  
5 your dad -- it could blow up.

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Was that the end of that text?

8 A. I don't know. I was just looking to see  
9 if there was another little bit, but there doesn't  
10 appear to be, so I will say yes.

11 Q. Do you know if Emin responded?

12 A. If he did, we don't have it. But, I  
13 mean, we provided what was there, so I don't know.

14 Q. Do you know if you ever had a  
15 conversation with him or anyone else about that  
16 point you were making, this could blow up for Aras  
17 Agalarov?

18 A. Well, just to put in context, what I was  
19 saying about it could blow up, I was meaning it  
20 could blow up meaning that both you and your  
21 father will actually be named. That is where I  
22 was trying to go with that.

23 Q. In the media?

24 A. In the media. Well, and actually,  
25 outside of the media as well. I mean, prior to

1 that, I say the FBI, you know, the Washington Post  
2 says the FBI is investigating. It could blow up,  
3 you know, if the FBI is investigating. And it has  
4 blown up. So that is what I was trying to say.

5 Q. So it could have legal implications for  
6 them?

7 A. I was saying -- no. I was saying it  
8 could blow up, meaning you may be named and, by  
9 default, your father.

10 Q. I'll have you turn to page 232. Mr.  
11 Davis had played an audio clip --

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. -- related to that page.

14 And in the audio clip, Emin had referred  
15 to a strategy in the audio. Did I hear that  
16 correctly?

17 A. I think he talks about a statement or  
18 something. I don't know. Could we hear it again,  
19 perhaps?

20 MR. PRIVOR: Are we able to replay that  
21 again?

22 [Begin audio recording.]

23 MR. EMIN AGALAROV: Rob, I understand your  
24 frustration and in no way I'm trying to downsize  
25 what's happening. But as you know, as the meeting

1 happened through Ike and my dad, I was not  
2 involved, and I was also against all  
3 possibilities. The same way right now, any  
4 comments should go through them. Just figure out  
5 with Ike what the strategy should be. I don't  
6 mind you commenting anything. And there's no  
7 problem from my side, as you understand.

8 [End audio recording.]

9 MR. GOLDSTONE: I understand.

10 BY MR. PRIVOR:

11 Q. So it sounds like --

12 A. I did --

13 Q. It sounds like Emin referred to speaking  
14 to Ike to determine what the strategy is.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you have an understanding of what he  
17 meant by the strategy?

18 A. I took it to mean the strategy of the  
19 statement, when it should be put out, if it should  
20 be put out, what should be put out.

21 Q. Did the strategy have anything to do with  
22 whether or not, for instance, to identify who your  
23 client was, who had requested the meeting?

24 A. I don't know what he meant, but I took it  
25 to be those three things I just stated.

1 Q. May I have you turn to page --

2 BY MS. SAWYER:

3 Q. So did you understand him to be  
4 encouraging you to coordinate your statement with  
5 Mr. Kaveladze?

6 A. No, I understood him to be saying that,  
7 in his words, as the meeting was coordinated by  
8 Aras and Ike Kaveladze, that they should decide  
9 whether a statement should be put out and, hence,  
10 the strategy, what should be done with it, not me  
11 and not Emin.

12 Q. Okay. And so you understood the  
13 coordinate as to what the strategy is just to be  
14 referring to the putting out of a statement?

15 A. Yes, and if there should be one, when  
16 there should be one, who drafts it.

17 Q. Did anyone ever ask you to speak with Mr.  
18 Kaveladze to make sure that you understood what he  
19 was saying about the meeting?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did anyone ever ask you to speak with  
22 anybody at all to find out what their version of  
23 the meeting was?

24 A. They did not.

25 BY MR. PRIVOR:

1 Q. May I have you turn your attention to  
2 Bates page 236? You state: I, myself, will be  
3 putting out the following statement shortly.

4 A. Yep.

5 Q. My ideal statement would be: I was asked  
6 by my client in Moscow, Emin Agalarov, to request  
7 a meeting between Russian attorney and Donald  
8 Trump Jr.

9 In this instance, your ideal statement is  
10 to identify your client. What changed?

11 A. It became crazier and crazier, and  
12 everybody was asking me, the media, is your client  
13 Emin Agalarov?

14 Now, again, maybe I don't need to offer  
15 this, but I will, I only had one client at that  
16 stage, so it wouldn't take a genius.

17 Q. Did you view your client exclusively as  
18 Emin or did it also include Aras?

19 A. Emin.

20 Q. Exclusively?

21 A. Exclusively.

22 Q. The next sentence states: The lawyer had  
23 apparently stated she had some interesting  
24 information regarding funding to the DNC from  
25 Russia, which the Trump team might find

1 interesting.

2           You also considered this to be part of  
3 your ideal statement?

4           A. I did.

5           Q. So you felt it was important to disclose  
6 the part about -- you describe it as interesting  
7 information. Before you had described it as  
8 damaging information.

9           Why the change of description?

10          A. Because having been in the meeting, I  
11 realized that maybe some of the language that I  
12 used in order to get the meeting didn't actually  
13 match up to it, so I chose to use the word  
14 interesting information.

15          Q. But this morning when you testified, you  
16 said what prompted the meeting was the potential  
17 of damaging information.

18          A. Yes, for sure.

19          Q. So the lawyer stated she had some -- you  
20 describe it here as interesting information,  
21 whereas this morning you testified that your  
22 understanding was the lawyer was offering damaging  
23 information.

24          A. Okay. So I think -- maybe I'm saying it  
25 two different ways or maybe it is being understood

1 -- what you're asking me now is I'm saying what my  
2 ideal statement would be, and my ideal statement  
3 is that I would use the words interesting  
4 information. That's my ideal statement on July  
5 whatever day it is.

6           What I was told in the initial request,  
7 that it was damaging information. I just didn't  
8 believe that my ideal statement should include the  
9 word damaging.

10          Q. If you skip ahead two more pages to 238 -  
11 -

12          A. Yes.

13          Q. -- you can see again you stated what your  
14 ideal statement would be. You can see the first  
15 sentence matches the same as Bates page 236 --

16          A. Yeah.

17          Q. -- where you have identified Emin  
18 Agalarov as your client.

19                The part about what the lawyer stated  
20 about interesting information is no longer part of  
21 your "ideal statement." Why is that?

22          A. Well, I just need to just confirm whether  
23 this is -- can I just read through this?

24          Q. Yes, please. Take your time.

25          A. So although it doesn't clarify it, I

1 believe that this is Emin's ideal statement, and  
2 that's why it is slightly different to mine. And  
3 I believe we also provided an audio file in which  
4 he says, I believe you're giving a little too much  
5 information that you don't need to, and I would do  
6 it as this.

7           So I believe that having sent my ideal  
8 statement, Emin now responds with what his ideal  
9 statement would be.

10          Q. Okay, so if I'm understanding you  
11 correctly -- I just want to make sure --

12          A. Yes.

13          Q. -- the record is clear. The description  
14 that is on Bates page 236, those are your words?

15          A. They are, indeed.

16          Q. And when we turn to 238, this is now  
17 Emin's version of your ideal statement.

18          A. Which is slightly toned down.

19          Q. Okay, so it is Emin who has removed the  
20 part about what the lawyer had stated about having  
21 some "interesting information."

22          A. Yes.

23          Q. Okay.

24 BY MS. SAWYER:

25          Q. And in your ideal statement, you

1 mentioned the DNC, but you say nothing about  
2 Hillary Clinton. Why was that?

3 A. Because I had since -- I had since been  
4 in that meeting, and there was nothing about  
5 Hillary Clinton.

6 Q. So when you say the lawyer had apparently  
7 stated --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- you are talking about during the  
10 meeting? Or when are you talking about?

11 A. I will just look again. I'm talking  
12 about at the beginning. I've removed Hillary's  
13 name from there.

14 I mean Hillary Clinton. It's not like  
15 she's my friend, calling her Hillary.

16 But I removed her name from there.

17 Q. On page 236.

18 A. On page 236, yes.

19 Q. You removed it. Was it in there at some  
20 point?

21 A. No, no. I mean, I remove it when I  
22 suggest my ideal statement. I remove her name.

23 Q. And I think you mentioned this earlier.  
24 Her name never came up during that meeting?

25 A. No, her name, I believe, did come up

1 during that meeting, but in a very generic way,  
2 not in a way that seemed to relate in any way to  
3 what had been stated to me by Emin.

4 I will make that easy to understand.

5 They talked about donations to the DNC  
6 and support for its candidate, Hillary Clinton.  
7 That is the time her name came up that I heard  
8 during the meeting. So it was as an almost as a,  
9 would you call it an attachment? It was almost as  
10 a, and its candidate, Hillary Clinton.

11 MS. SAWYER: Okay.

12 BY MR. PRIVOR:

13 Q. So focusing you back on Bates page 238.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. We are just continuing with the  
16 statement.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. The next sentence is: I reached out to  
19 Donald Trump Jr., and he agreed to squeeze us into  
20 a very tight schedule.

21 Why did you describe it as a very tight  
22 schedule?

23 A. Again, with respect, I believe this is  
24 Emin suggesting to me what he would change this  
25 to.

1 Q. Okay. And if we look at 236,  
2 unfortunately, we have the start of that sentence.  
3 We don't know if there is a remark about the very  
4 tight schedule.

5 A. Oh, it looks like he had agreed to --  
6 yes, it looks like I also wrote that. So -- wait.  
7 I'm sorry, so what are you -- what was your  
8 question?

9 Q. Why are you describing it as a very tight  
10 schedule?

11 A. Oh, because on the way out, Don said,  
12 don't worry, we have hundreds of meetings. And,  
13 you know, I assumed at the time that was, in the  
14 campaign and everything that was going on, it was  
15 a very tight schedule.

16 Q. When you initially set up the meeting --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- going back to June 3rd of 2016, which  
19 is Exhibit 1, if you need to reference it, your  
20 initial exchange with Donald Trump Jr. proposed a  
21 meeting at 4 p.m. Do you recall that? Why don't  
22 we take a look at Exhibit 1?

23 A. Yes, can we?

24 MR. GAGE: Give us a second to reorganize.

25 MR. PRIVOR: Sure.



1 offices.

2 A. Yep.

3 Q. I appreciate your help setting it up.

4 And then on page 11895, the first page of  
5 the exhibit, now on Wednesday, June 8th, you've  
6 informed Mr. Trump that there is a conflict. The  
7 Russian attorney is in court until 3 and asks if  
8 you can move it until 4.

9 A. Mm-hmm.

10 Q. And then Mr. Trump responds on June 8th,  
11 at 11:15: Yes, Rob. I could do that, unless they  
12 wanted to do 3 today instead. Just let me know,  
13 and I'll lock it in either way.

14 A. Mm-hmm.

15 Q. So it sounds like, reading this email,  
16 Donald Trump Jr. is offering to do it at another  
17 time, 4 o'clock instead of 3 o'clock, or he is  
18 even willing to do it a different day altogether.

19 A. Mm-hmm.

20 Q. Was that your understanding of it being a  
21 tight schedule?

22 A. Yes, and that the meeting would be fairly  
23 short, which it was. And that we were -- I always  
24 got the impression that we would be squeezed in,  
25 in some way.

1           Q. Okay. So notwithstanding his flexibility  
2 in when he could do it, your understanding of it  
3 being a tight schedule is that it would be a short  
4 meeting?

5           A. And that it would be slipped into  
6 whatever else they had going on.

7           Q. And how did he communicate to you that it  
8 was going to be a short meeting?

9           A. He didn't.

10          Q. So what gave you that impression?

11          A. That -- I suppose logic that, if you just  
12 look at when it was we asked for this and the time  
13 of it and the time frame, I believed that we were  
14 being squeezed in.

15                 I'm not saying that's correct. I'm just  
16 saying I believed that we were being squeezed in.  
17 When we asked, whether it was 3 or 4, we would  
18 probably be a very short meeting, squeezed between  
19 other meetings.

20          Q. So that was just your own inference.

21          A. It was my own inference.

22          Q. It wasn't based on anything that --

23          A. No.

24          Q. -- someone else that said to you?

25          A. No.

1 Q. Continuing with our Exhibit 26, which is  
2 the text messages, the next sentence, the Russian  
3 attorney presented a few general remarks about  
4 campaign funding and quickly turned the topic to  
5 the Magnitsky Act and adoption, which carries over  
6 to the next page on 239.

7 A. Yep.

8 Q. Adoption of Russian children, at which  
9 point the meeting was halted by Don Jr. and we  
10 left. Nothing came of that meeting, and there was  
11 no follow-up between the parties.

12 In fact, there was some follow-up. Is  
13 that right? Was there an effort to arrange a  
14 meeting in November 2016?

15 MR. GAGE: Well, two different questions, I  
16 have to say. It's the definition of follow-up,  
17 but go ahead.

18 MR. PRIVOR: Okay.

19 BY MR. PRIVOR:

20 Q. Well, give me your understanding of  
21 whether or not there was follow-up.

22 A. Well, to me, there was no follow-up  
23 between the parties, because the only follow-up  
24 was Ike Kaveladze asking me on behalf of Aras to  
25 set up another meeting.

1 Q. Okay, and as I think you testified  
2 earlier today, you don't consider that to be  
3 follow-up?

4 A. I don't. Again, I may not be correct,  
5 but I don't consider it like that, between the  
6 parties. I do consider it to be follow-up, but  
7 from Ike or Emin or Aras, not from these Russians,  
8 which is what I interpreted it as.

9 Q. Let's take a look at Exhibit 29. Okay,  
10 so in Exhibit 29, the sort of bottom third of the  
11 first page of that exhibit at Bates page 144,  
12 you're making the statement: in hope of  
13 clarifying and correcting misconceptions.

14 Do you see where I am?

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. Two more paragraphs down, you said, I,  
17 therefore, used the strongest hyperbolic language  
18 in order to secure this request from Donald Trump  
19 Jr. based on the bare facts I was given.

20 What did you mean by hyperbolic language?

21 A. That I had puffed it and used some  
22 keywords that I thought would attract Don Jr.'s  
23 attention.

24 Q. And in your colloquy with Mr. Davis  
25 earlier, I think he referred to it as sort of the

1 work of a publicist.

2 A. I mean, publicist puff is how they get  
3 meetings.

4 Q. What were the bare facts that you had in  
5 mind from which you drew your hyperbolic language?

6 A. The conversation I had with Emin that  
7 morning.

8 Q. Did you have any concern that, by using  
9 hyperbolic language, as you did, you would damage  
10 your reputation if you couldn't deliver on what  
11 was in that initial email requesting the meeting?

12 A. No. No.

13 Q. Your email, which is in Exhibit 1, refers  
14 to providing incriminating information. Did you  
15 think that Donald Trump Jr. would be disappointed  
16 if you didn't deliver on that promise of  
17 information?

18 A. I didn't think it at the time I wrote the  
19 email.

20 Q. And you also referred to Russian  
21 Government support. Was that part of what was  
22 hyperbolic about your statement?

23 A. Yes. It was using a little artistic  
24 license.

25 Q. And you referred to high-level, sensitive

1 information. Was that also what you consider to  
2 be hyperbolic?

3 A. No. I considered that, if somebody is  
4 telling me they have damaging information about  
5 someone who is a presidential candidate and the  
6 DNC, which kind of operates that presidential  
7 candidate and a lot more besides, that, to me, is  
8 highly sensitive and confidential, whatever it is.

9 Q. And did you have any concern that any of  
10 those descriptions would cause grief for you if  
11 you couldn't deliver on what was described in that  
12 hyperbolic email?

13 A. I did not when I sent it, no.

14 Q. A couple paragraphs down, you refer to  
15 the Crown prosecutor. And you explain here that  
16 you are using this language from your U.K.  
17 background, in which you refer to all former or  
18 current Federal prosecutors as Crown prosecutors.

19 A. Mm-hmm.

20 Q. How did you know that Ms. Veselnitskaya  
21 was a Federal prosecutor?

22 A. Emin had said that she was a prosecutor.  
23 I didn't know she was Federal, but I had been  
24 told she was well-connected. And as I said, I  
25 made that glib remark, well, she's not connected

1 to the power grid, so what's she connected to?

2           And still, I didn't get an answer, so I  
3 took that to mean she was probably connected to  
4 the government.

5           I grew up in England, and when I studied  
6 journalism, we had to study a piece of law, a very  
7 small piece, but we were taught that all the  
8 equivalents of Federal prosecutors in this country  
9 were Crown prosecutors. I've always called them  
10 Crown. Russia hasn't had a crown since 1917.

11          Q. So your understanding from the outset was  
12 that she was some sort of Federal prosecutor?

13          A. That was my understanding, former or  
14 current.

15          Q. Okay. And let's go to the next  
16 paragraph. The other important fact I wish to  
17 make very clear is when I refer to Russian support  
18 for Mr. Trump, and the support of Emin and his  
19 father, Aras, this was based on having spent time  
20 with Mr. Trump and then during the Miss Universe  
21 in Moscow.

22                 That phrasing, "And then during the Miss  
23 Universe," suggests that you knew Mr. Trump before  
24 then. What was the time that you had spent with  
25 Mr. Trump before then?

1           A. It's, I mean, it's just a badly written  
2 email, but it's spent time with Mr. Trump during  
3 Miss Universe in Moscow.

4           Q. Okay. So the first time you had met Mr.  
5 Trump was in connection with the Miss Universe  
6 pageant?

7           A. I had met him on two previous occasions  
8 in a professional capacity regarding a couple  
9 clients of mine. As I mentioned before, I  
10 represent the Friars Club, and I handled their  
11 roasts, and Mr. Trump had attended some of those  
12 as a guest. And I had organized the red carpet  
13 for those, so I had met him at a couple of those.

14           And I also had, in 2010, I believe, had a  
15 client who was in the Celebrity Apprentice. And  
16 during one of her many breakdowns, I had gone and  
17 I had seen Mr. Trump with her there.

18           But the first time I met him properly was  
19 in connection with the Miss Universe contest.

20           Q. You had testified earlier today about  
21 your time in Russia and having seen high-level  
22 business officials who interacted with or had  
23 expressed support for Mr. Trump. Do you recall  
24 who those high-level business officials were?

25           A. Specifically, the instance I was talking

1 about was during the time Mr. Trump was in Moscow  
2 for Miss Universe, and Aras Agalarov had organized  
3 a kind of welcome meet and greet for some high-  
4 level business officials.

5           The only name I recall is Herman Gref,  
6 who was the chairman, maybe still is, the chairman  
7 of Sberbank in Russia.

8           And there were about 20, maybe 25, people  
9 at Nobu in Moscow. Emin is a co-owner of Nobu, so  
10 it was held there. And I witnessed firsthand  
11 their adoration of him.

12          Q. Were you at that dinner at Nobu for the  
13 duration, the whole dinner?

14          A. Yes. It wasn't a dinner, but it was a --  
15 it was kind of like a meet and greet, ask some  
16 questions, shake hands, photo, leave.

17          Q. Did you interact with Mr. Trump at that  
18 Nobu event?

19          A. Other than Emin and I greeted him -- so  
20 it was the day Mr. Trump had arrived in Russia for  
21 the Miss Universe pageant. Because he had to  
22 delay his arrival by a day, he came straight from  
23 the airport. And so the first time Emin and I  
24 interacted with him there was at the entrance to  
25 Nobu. It was simply a hello, welcome, nice to see

1 you.

2 Q. Other than Mr. Gref, are there any other  
3 high-level business officials that you can recall  
4 who were at that event?

5 A. There were, but I don't recall who they  
6 were.

7 Q. And when you earlier had testified about  
8 the high-level business officials, is this the  
9 grouping that you had in mind?

10 A. This is the grouping I had in mind.

11 Q. Was there any other event you had in mind  
12 that referred to high-level business officials?

13 A. No, although many of Emin and Aras'  
14 friends and colleagues who I had met at various  
15 family events or concerts also had said, oh,  
16 you're American, Mr. Trump, you know, I hope he  
17 does well.

18 And they were also high-level business  
19 people. And again, I don't know who they are  
20 either. But I was referring to a combination of  
21 both of those.

22 Q. Okay. So these are people at the Nobu  
23 event as well as persons --

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. -- who were friendly with the Agalarovs?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Anyone else that you have in mind?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Was there ever any other time that you  
5 discussed the Magnitsky Act with anybody in the  
6 Trump Organization?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Or anyone from the Trump campaign?

9 A. No.

10 Q. How about the topic of U.S. sanctions  
11 against Russia? Have you ever discussed that  
12 topic with anybody in the Trump Organization?

13 A. Not that I recall, no.

14 Q. How about with the Trump campaign?

15 A. Not that I recall.

16 MS. SAWYER: Just a couple.

17 BY MS. SAWYER:

18 Q. At the event that was at Nobu --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- were there any discussions of possible  
21 business -- doing business in Russia, the  
22 possibility of doing business?

23 A. Between anybody or specifically with Mr.  
24 Trump, I assume?

25 Q. Well, let's start with Mr. Trump.

1           A. There -- I can't remember when the  
2 subject of the Trump Tower Moscow came up. It may  
3 have been -- it may have been during that, because  
4 it was another of these very like spur-of-the-  
5 moment things when Emin said, you know, should we  
6 do a Trump Moscow?

7           But I think it may have been. I think  
8 Mr. Trump may have even mentioned that he was  
9 doing a Trump Moscow even before there were plans  
10 to do a Trump Moscow with Emin.

11           So, yes, that was discussed. Not  
12 discussed. That was talked about.

13           Outside of that, no, I didn't hear any  
14 other business discussions at all.

15           Q. Okay. And when you say it was talked  
16 about, what was said? Who said it?

17           A. I believe he did, Mr. Trump, may have  
18 told either the crowd or some journalists after  
19 that they were planning to do a Trump Moscow  
20 together with the Agalarovs.

21           Q. Was there any discussion other than Mr.  
22 Trump telling either the crowd or journalists that  
23 he intended to do a Trump Tower?

24           A. Not while I was there, no. Any  
25 discussion of business or any discussion of Trump

1 Tower, no to both of those.

2 Q. To both.

3 A. While I was there.

4 Q. Okay. And was there any conversation  
5 about business with anyone else from the Trump  
6 Organization?

7 A. There was not, no.

8 Q. So that was the only conversation you  
9 heard about the possibility of business involving  
10 the Trump Organization in Russia?

11 A. At Nobu, yes.

12 Q. Was there a discussion about the  
13 possibility of the Trump Organization doing  
14 business in Russia at any other time?

15 A. Not that I heard about doing anything  
16 specific, no. I heard a press conference that he  
17 gave there. I heard two press conferences. And  
18 he talked about them having a great economy, how  
19 he admired President Putin, and how he hoped to do  
20 business. But it was through -- he always  
21 referred it back to let's hope we have a Trump  
22 Tower. He talked to journalists about it.

23 And as I say, he ran with that before  
24 there even was a plan to have a Trump Tower. It  
25 was just an idea in Emin's head, at that stage.

1 Q. And those press conferences, that was Mr.  
2 Trump Sr.?

3 A. Mr. Trump Sr. Most of them were Mr.  
4 Trump Sr., Aras Agalarov, Emin Agalarov.

5 Q. And those were all during the Miss  
6 Universe pageant?

7 A. Yes, they were.

8 Q. Just taking you back to that Exhibit 29,  
9 that --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- you talked about with my colleague, I  
12 know we have asked you a lot of questions. I just  
13 want to have you explain.

14 When you say there -- you wrote the  
15 statement "based on the bare facts I was given,"  
16 exactly what were the bare facts that you were  
17 given?

18 A. So, to the best of my recollection, when  
19 I spoke to Emin, he said to me: I would like you  
20 to set up a meeting. A Russian attorney met with  
21 my -- a well-connected Russian attorney met with  
22 my dad in his office, and she appears to have or  
23 seems to have damaging information on the  
24 Democrats and its candidate, Hillary Clinton. And  
25 I think it could be useful to the Trumps.

1           He talked about the Trumps rather than  
2 the campaign.

3           And he would like us to get a meeting.

4           To me, that was it. That's when I  
5 started pushing for more information.

6           But those would be the bare facts:  
7 attorney, damaging information, Democrats, Hillary  
8 Clinton.

9           Q. And when you say you started pushing,  
10 what you exactly did you push for information on?

11          A. I said, well, who is this person? Tell  
12 me. He said a Russian attorney. I said, well,  
13 I'm probably going to be asked questions about  
14 that. Well-connected.

15          Again, I don't say for third time, but I  
16 say, well-connected to what, the power grid? And  
17 Emin said, well-connected.

18          He and I had a kind of shorthand. I knew  
19 when it was -- I could push all day and I wasn't  
20 going to get an answer, so I stopped pushing on  
21 that one.

22          And then I said, and this damaging  
23 information? You know, I can't just send an email  
24 that says damaging. What is it? Doesn't matter.  
25 All you need to do is get the meeting. Ike will

1 coordinate. You don't even have to attend. You  
2 just need to get the meeting.

3 Q. So that's all he would tell you about the  
4 damaging information.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Was there no mention of documents?

7 A. No, despite what I say in my email.

8 MS. CLAFLIN: One quick question.

9 BY MS. CLAFLIN:

10 Q. We have seen a number of emails between  
11 you and Rhona Graff.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How did you come to be the go-between  
14 between the Agalarovs and Rhona? Why didn't Emin  
15 reach out himself or Mr. Agalarov?

16 A. I would like to answer that in two ways.

17 I -- I -- because I had been with Emin  
18 when we came up with the idea for Miss Universe  
19 happening in Moscow, he had nominated that I be  
20 the point person in the U.S. on the creative side  
21 to interact with the Miss Universe Organization  
22 and with anything as it related to Trump as a co-  
23 owner of it, Donald Trump. And Ike Kaveladze  
24 would deal with the business and finance side of  
25 it, and work closer with Aras Agalarov.

1           So because of that, I had many  
2 interactions with Rhona Graff, on especially  
3 Trump's visit to Moscow and, in fact, the  
4 Agalarovs' visit to Las Vegas where the contract  
5 was signed.

6           It was, you know, what time will he be  
7 there? What time will he leave?

8           It was logistical a lot. I also had  
9 become quite friendly with her, so I would always  
10 -- you know, that kind of thing.

11           And the second thing that I really would  
12 like to answer, many press have speculated that,  
13 well, why would I, why wouldn't Aras pick up the  
14 phone? Because he's a billionaire, and they don't  
15 pick up phones. And the reason people like me  
16 have jobs is because I'm the middle man. So if  
17 somebody says no to a request, they're not saying  
18 no to them. And that's the reason why.

19           Q. So in your understanding, do you know if  
20 there were any instances in which either Aras or  
21 Emin called directly or emailed directly, not  
22 going through you?

23           A. I don't know that, but I believe it not  
24 to be the case.

25           MS. SAWYER: And then just one housekeeping

1 matter. Are there any other responsive documents,  
2 communications, materials, that have not been  
3 provided in response to our requests?

4 MR. GAGE: You're asking me? We have done a  
5 thorough search. I mean, we can -- we've done a  
6 very thorough search.

7 MS. SAWYER: Okay.

8 MR. GAGE: We've given you what we've got,  
9 including those audio files, for example.

10 MS. SAWYER: Okay. And if you could, again,  
11 just see -- I mean, we did get a number of  
12 communications between Mr. Kaveladze. Please do  
13 check again for the message that he believes was  
14 sent during the meeting on June 9th, and any  
15 others.

16 And if you could also do the favor --  
17 it's sometimes just hard, we understand, and we  
18 appreciate you getting the documents to us. It's  
19 hard to see where the dates -- and to make sure we  
20 have the full messages for those texts.

21 If you could get us that information,  
22 that would be helpful.

23 MR. GAGE: We will check again, and we will  
24 do our best.

25 MS. SAWYER: Okay.

1 MR. PRIVOR: We appreciate your time.

2 MR. GAGE: And you should feel free to be in  
3 touch.

4 MS. SAWYER: Yes.

5 MR. PRIVOR: We appreciate your time today.  
6 We are going off the record at 3:25 -- back on  
7 the record.

8 MR. FOSTER: I just have a couple questions.

9 MR. PRIVOR: Mr. Foster is going to take  
10 over questioning.

11 BY MR. FOSTER:

12 Q. So if you can turn your attention to  
13 Exhibit 26 again, I will pick up where my  
14 colleague Heather left off here.

15 I am unclear. Is it possible for you to  
16 go back and get the date of the messages on this  
17 page?

18 A. Is it possible?

19 Q. Can you check your phone and get the date  
20 off your phone?

21 A. Yes. I mean, I have checked my phone and  
22 apparently when I screenshotted it, there was no  
23 date, but I will check to see if there is a method  
24 of getting the date, yes.

25 Q. If you still have that information, you

1 can go get the date and have your lawyer

2 communicate it to us.

3 A. Yes, I will send you whatever I have on  
4 the phone, absolutely.

5 Q. Thank you.

6 So again, turning your attention to the  
7 first page of that exhibit, you say to Emin: I  
8 made sure to keep you and your father out of this  
9 story, and they just used my word acquaintance.  
10 The lawyers accepted we were just acquaintances.

11 So who is the "we" in the we were just  
12 acquaintances?

13 A. Myself and Don Jr., because it's not  
14 lawyers. As I was saying, I believe it's an error  
15 in writing. It's journalists accept that we were  
16 the acquaintances, when Don I think had even said  
17 an acquaintance sent him the email.

18 I'm saying there they accept that we are  
19 acquaintances.

20 Q. Right. And in the previous message, you  
21 said, they just used my word "acquaintance."

22 A. Right.

23 Q. And you put that in quotes.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So why were you anxious to characterize

1 your relationship with Don Jr. as just  
2 acquaintances, as opposed to something else?

3 A. I don't know. I don't know.

4 Q. And just so I understand your testimony  
5 about the next text in reference to lawyers, are  
6 you saying that you were not having communications  
7 with Don Jr.'s lawyers around this time, that this  
8 wasn't a reference to your trying to convince Don  
9 Jr.'s lawyers that you and Don Jr. were just  
10 acquaintances?

11 A. I believe I never had that conversation  
12 with his lawyers, no.

13 Q. Are you and Don Jr. more than just  
14 acquaintances?

15 A. No. As I say, at best, we are  
16 acquaintances. Based on the number of  
17 interactions we have ever had, we are, at best,  
18 acquaintances.

19 MR. FOSTER: I don't have anything else.  
20 Thanks.

21 BY MS. SAWYER:

22 Q. Well, just to follow up on that, Emin  
23 responds to you and says awesome.

24 Why would that be awesome for him to have  
25 you portray your relationship with the Trumps as

1 just acquaintances?

2 A. I don't know. I mean, it's his word. I  
3 don't know.

4 Q. And you didn't ask him?

5 A. Apparently not.

6 BY MR. FOSTER:

7 Q. Do you have any financial relationship  
8 with the Trumps or with Don Jr.?

9 A. Financial relationships, no.

10 Q. He has never paid you?

11 A. Don Jr., no.

12 Q. You never paid him?

13 A. No.

14 MR. PRIVOR: Thank you for your time today.

15 We will go off the record. It is 3:30.

16 [Whereupon, the proceedings were adjourned  
17 at 3:30 p.m.]

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62     10     CHANGE: "in" → "by"

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63     1     CHANGE: "He was" → "I assume he was"

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68     13     CHANGE: "months, which I didn't" → "months. I didn't come back to work for Emin."

REASON: The "which" made "I didn't" unclear. Clarification.

91     13     CHANGE: "He said" → "Essentially, he said"

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95     18     CHANGE: "in" → "by"

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