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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ GEORGE DEMETRIOS PAPADOPOULOS (PAPADOPOULOS), date of birth (DOB) [Redacted] was interviewed at the BREEN AND PUGH Law Office located at 53 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Present during this interview were PAPADOPOULOS' Attorneys, [Redacted] and [Redacted]. Also present during this interview were FBI Chicago Chief Division Counsel, Darryl J. Rossini, FBI Chicago Associate Division Counsel, [Redacted] and FBI Headquarters Office of Division Counsel Representative, [Redacted] Supervisory Special Agent [Redacted] and Special Agent [Redacted]. PAPADOPOULOS was advised that the nature of this interview was to seek additional clarification on information that was provided by PAPADOPOULOS during two previous interviews with the FBI. After being advised of the nature of the interview and the identities of the interviewers, PAPADOPOULOS provided the following information:

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ PAPADOPOULOS was asked to recall the details surrounding his knowledge of Russia's intent to release information during the 2016 Presidential campaign, which he had previously reported hearing from UK-based foreign national, JOSEPH MIFSUD (MIFSUD).

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ PAPADOPOULOS initially met MIFSUD during a business trip to Rome. At the time, PAPADOPOULOS was working for the LONDON CENTRE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PRACTICE and MIFSUD was a board member at a university that PAPADOPOULOS had formerly attended. His introduction to MIFSUD was facilitated by a middle-man, who was then the Director of the LONDON CENTRE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PRACTICE's Washington, DC-based office. PAPADOPOULOS recalled that MIFSUD was also involved in a think tank of some sort at the time. PAPADOPOULOS had lunch with MIFSUD in Rome, and recalled that MIFSUD was gloating about his past positions. One of those positions was a former diplomat in Malta. PAPADOPOULOS assessed that MIFSUD was trying to impress him, given that PAPADOPOULOS had recently come off of his advisory position for the BEN CARSON (CARSON) campaign.

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(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ Upon returning to London, MIFSUD reached out to PAPADOPOULOS and stated that he wanted to get to know him better. PAPADOPOULOS could not recall if he was still involved with the CARSON campaign or if he was with the DONALD J. TRUMP (TRUMP) campaign at that point, but recalled that MIFSUD always seemed to be very vocal about TRUMP's future relations with Russia. PAPADOPOULOS then recalled that approximately one week after his meeting with MIFSUD in London, PAPADOPOULOS decided to work for the TRUMP campaign. PAPADOPOULOS recalled that that event happened subsequent to his meeting with SAM CLOVIS (CLOVIS) in London. MIFSUD began talking himself up more at that point, once he became aware of PAPADOPOULOS' affiliation with the TRUMP campaign. Specifically, PAPADOPOULOS recalled that MIFSUD began "blowing up his contacts" during their meetings. PAPADOPOULOS estimated that he met with MIFSUD on approximately ten occasions.

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ PAPADOPOULOS recalled having breakfast with MIFSUD at a five star hotel, near LIVERPOOL STATION in London. PAPADOPOULOS could not recall the name of the hotel. During the breakfast, MIFSUD and PAPADOPOULOS discussed HILLARY CLINTON's (CLINTON) Presidential campaign. During that conversation, MIFSUD told PAPADOPOULOS that CLINTON had a lot of problems, and then made a specific reference to her having problems with her emails. At one point, MIFSUD told PAPADOPOULOS that the Russians had her emails. PAPADOPOULOS recalled that he inquired to MIFSUD about how he knew the Russians had her emails, to which MIFSUD strangely chuckled and responded "they told me they have them." Although PAPADOPOULOS viewed that comment as being strange in nature, he didn't believe it was true and "didn't think about it again."

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ PAPADOPOULOS recalled another meeting with MIFSUD in London, which occurred at the five star, HOLBORN HOTEL. During that meeting, PAPADOPOULOS was introduced to one of MIFSUD's female students, a Russian female [OLGA VINOGRADOVA]. PAPADOPOULOS believed that MIFSUD was trying to impress the student by introducing her to PAPADOPOULOS. PAPADOPOULOS recalled that the introductory conversation with her seemed to focus on the discussion of US relations with Russia. PAPADOPOULOS further recalled that MIFSUD introduced himself as a Maltese citizen, who was then residing in the United Kingdom. To the best of his recollection, PAPADOPOULOS recalled that this meeting took place in either March or April of 2016.

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ When asked if he ever spoke with the Russian female again, PAPADOPOULOS stated that he only met with twice, once with MIFSUD once without, and that he never met with her subsequently. PAPADOPOULOS then added that his relationship with her was entirely platonic in nature. When asked if the Russian female was VLADIMIR PUTIN's (PUTIN) niece, PAPADOPOULOS stated that he had heard rumors of that from other individuals

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at the LONDON CENTRE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PRACTICE, but that those rumors turned out to be false. PAPADOPOULOS recently conducted several GOOGLE searches for PUTIN and found that he doesn't actually have a niece. PAPADOPOULOS has maintained e-mail communication with the Russian female, but his last communication with her occurred "months ago". PAPADOPOULOS and his Attorneys agreed to provide the interviewing Agents with her email address and phone number.

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ When asked if PAPADOPOULOS had ever met a Russian Ambassador during his time in London, PAPADOPOULOS stated that he never did. PAPADOPOULOS then added that he had lied to the TRUMP about having a meeting with a Russian Ambassador. When asked why he lied to the TRUMP organization, PAPADOPOULOS stated that he was a young, 28 year old who was trying to impress the other members of the TRUMP team with his connections. PAPADOPOULOS added that he may have sent an email about meeting a Russian Ambassador to the members of TRUMP's foreign policy advisory team, which was not true. When asked who the members of that team were, PAPADOPOULOS provided the names of SAM CLOVIS, KIETH KELLOGG, WALID PHARES, JOSEPH SCHMITZ, CARTER PAGE, and possibly CORY LEWANDOWSKI. When asked whether or not MICHAEL FLYNN and PAUL MANAFORT were part of that team, PAPADOPOULOS stated that he didn't believe either of those two individuals were part of the campaign during that time period.

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ When asked if PAPADOPOULOS had told any foreign government officials, either from hostile or friendly countries, about the Russians intent to disclose information during the 2016 Presidential campaign, PAPADOPOULOS stated that he did not. PAPADOPOULOS then elaborated and stated that he never thought about the comments that MIFSUD had made ever again, until his interview with the FBI on January 27, 2017. When asked if PAPADOPOULOS told anyone about the Russians intent to disclose information during the campaign, PAPADOPOULOS stated that he did not, and that he was "sticking to that story."

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ When asked if he told anyone in the TRUMP campaign about his knowledge of the Russian's intent to disclose information during the campaign, PAPADOPOULOS stated that he did not. When asked if he was made aware of any other suggestions that were made by the Russians to assist the TRUMP campaign team during the 2016 election, PAPADOPOULOS stated that he was not. When asked if it was possible that PAPADOPOULOS could have had a discussion with someone regarding the Russians intent to disclose information during the campaign, and that PAPADOPOULOS could have inadvertently forgotten that conversation, PAPADOPOULOS stated that it was not possible and that he never spoke to anyone about that issue. PAPADOPOULOS was then asked if it was possible that he had such a

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conversation with someone at a social gathering, a nightclub, or perhaps at a cocktail party of some sort, to which he again denied the possibility of such an occurrence.

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ PAPADOPOULOS recalled that he threw out MIFSUD's name to the TRUMP team during the campaign, circa March or April of 2016. When asked whether or not anyone in the TRUMP team had reached out to MIFSUD subsequent to that event, PAPADOPOULOS stated that to the best of his knowledge no one from the TRUMP campaign had reached out to MIFSUD. PAPADOPOULOS relayed that during March or April of 2016, PAPADOPOULOS was proposing that the TRUMP team take several foreign policy trips like he had done in support of the CARSON campaign. PAPADOPOULOS threw out MIFSUD's name as a potential intermediary for the campaign, who could introduce the TRUMP team to European diplomats in support those foreign policy trips. The trips ultimately never came to fruition however, as the TRUMP campaign was instead focused on moving their campaign activities back into the United States, and was moving away from foreign policy trip discussions at that time.

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ When asked whether or not he was aware of any other individuals in the TRUMP team who had received a suggestion by the Russians to assist the campaign, PAPADOPOULOS stated that if that happened, he was not privy to it.

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ PAPADOPOULOS provided that MIFSUD recently reached out to him via email, and advised that he was in Washington, DC at the time of this interview. PAPADOPOULOS remembered that MIFSUD had also reached out to him several months ago, regarding a potential business deal, but PAPADOPOULOS never took him up on it.

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ PAPADOPOULOS further recalled that MIFSUD had introduced him to a former HARVARD graduate, who was an expert on Saudi Arabian matters. PAPADOPOULOS could not recall the name of this individual, but remembered that he spoke about banning Muslims in the United States. PAPADOPOULOS recalled having several meetings with this individual, beginning in approximately March of 2016. PAPADOPOULOS denied ever discussing the topic of the Russian's possession of CLINTON's emails with this individual.

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ When asked whether or not PAPADOPOULOS received any form of compensation from the TRUMP campaign, PAPADOPOULOS stated that he was a volunteer and that he never received any form of payment or reimbursement from the TRUMP campaign.

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