

EXHIBIT 400A

ANTHONY “TONY” BOBULINSKI, cellular telephone number [REDACTED], was interviewed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Washington Field Office (WFO), located at 601 4th Street NW, Washington, D.C., on October 23, 2020. Present for the interview were FBI Special Agent (SA) William [REDACTED] and SA Garrett [REDACTED], who reported to WFO at approximately 12:55 P.M. to meet BOBULINSKI in response to a request for intake related to a walk-in complainant. Also present for the interview was counsel to BOBULINSKI, STEFAN PASSANTINO (“PASSANTINO”). WFO Special Agent in Charge (SAC) James Dawson and Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge (A/ASAC) Giulio Arseni were present at the outset of the interview. SAC Dawson and A/ASAC Arseni left the interview room after making introductions to the interviewing agents. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, BOBULINSKI voluntarily provided the following information:

At the start of the interview, BOBULINSKI was asked if he had recently been exposed to the Covid-19 virus. BOBULINSKI received a negative Covid-19 test result the previous day at the White House. BOBULINSKI did not have any symptoms associated with Covid-19.

The interviewing agents specifically advised BOBULINSKI that his presence was voluntary and that he was not required to answer any questions or provide any materials to the interviewing agents. BOBULINSKI acknowledged his participation was voluntary. The interviewing agents asked BOBULINSKI and PASSANTINO if they had any recording devices and whether they were recording the interview. BOBULINSKI and PASSANTINO both stated that they had no recording devices and that they were not recording the interview. BOBULINSKI asked the interviewing agents whether they were recording the interview, and he pointed to a security camera in the corner of the room. The interviewing agents advised BOBULINSKI that the interview was not being recorded. The interviewing agents further advised BOBULINSKI that while the interviewing agents were willing to accept any information he wanted to provide, BOBULINSKI was under no obligation to provide the FBI with any information.

BOBULINSKI proceeded to place three cell phones on the interview table and stated that he wanted to provide the cell phones to the FBI. The interviewing agents advised BOBULINSKI that they had forensic experts available to image the cell phones if he wanted to voluntarily provide information to the FBI. BOBULINSKI asked the interviewing agents whether they were going to “image” the cell phones. The interviewing agents advised BOBULINSKI that the phones would be imaged, such that the FBI would have a complete copy of the data on the cell phones. BOBULINSKI informed the interviewing agents that he did not have confidence that the information on the cell phones would be secure in the possession of the FBI, and he was unwilling to give the FBI a mirror image of the entire content of the cell phones. BOBULINSKI was reluctant because he had recently received threats against himself and his family, such that

his family was currently under the protection of a “SEAL Team.” BOBULINSKI was concerned about unrelated information on the cell phones being made public.

The interviewing agents again advised BOBULINSKI that his participation in the interview was voluntary and he was under no obligation to provide any information, to include his cell phones, to the FBI. BOBULINSKI asked the interviewing agents if the FBI forensic experts could plug the phones into their system to verify the authenticity of the phones. The interviewing agents advised BOBULINSKI that the FBI would make available to him and PASSANTINO the forensic experts to determine their capabilities regarding the phones.

BOBULINSKI asked the interviewing agents if they were “read in” on the information he wanted to provide to the FBI. The interviewing agents advised BOBULINSKI that they did not have any specific knowledge of the information BOBULINSKI wanted to provide to the FBI, but they were aware of general media reporting. BOBULINSKI and PASSANTINO repeated their request to speak with agents who were “read in” on the information BOBULINSKI wanted to provide to the FBI. The interviewing agents reiterated that BOBULINSKI’s presence at the FBI was voluntary, and the interviewing agents were willing to accept any information BOBULINSKI wanted to provide to the FBI. BOBULINSKI and PASSANTINO continued with the interview.

BOBULINSKI previously served as an officer in the United States Navy (USN), where he was a nuclear power training instructor. BOBULINSKI offered to sign any necessary documentation to allow the interviewing agents access to his USN personnel file, to include information related to his Department of Energy security clearance. After separating from the USN, BOBULINSKI worked as a technology equity analyst at Citibank. In or around 2003, BOBULINSKI moved to Los Angeles to work for an investment firm owned by the NAZARIAN family. BOBULINSKI was a successful investor and acquired enough wealth to retire in his early 40s. After retiring from formal employment, BOBULINSKI traveled the world for the last eight years working as an independent investor. In this role, BOBULINSKI negotiates business deals in a variety of industries in several different foreign countries.

Through his travels and work, BOBULINSKI met JAMES GILLIAR (“GILLIAR”), whom BOBULINSKI believed was a former British intelligence officer. After apparently working for British intelligence, GILLIAR became a financial investor working on various international investment projects. GILLIAR often provided information to BOBULINSKI on his upcoming projects and investments in the event BOBULINSKI was interested in partnering on the projects. BOBULINSKI and GILLIAR built a strong relationship. [**Agent Note: PASSANTINO showed agents a document that contained, among other things, GILLIAR’s full name and his United Kingdom passport number (██████████).**]

Sometime in 2015, GILLIAR told BOBULINSKI about a big investment deal GILLIAR was working on. The deal involved a partnership between a large Chinese conglomerate with ties to the Chinese government and “one of America’s most prominent families.” At the time, GILLIAR did not disclose to BOBULINSKI the name of the Chinese firm or the identity of the prominent American family. GILLIAR told BOBULINSKI about the deal because GILLIAR thought BOBULINSKI might be interested in partnering with him on the project, in part because BOBULINSKI previously worked on investment projects with Chinese firms and he had traveled extensively in Southeast Asia and China. As background, prior to 2015, BOBULINSKI had owned a business, JigoCity, in mainland China. JigoCity was similar to GroupOn but focused on the Chinese market. BOBULINSKI was not interested in a new project that involved businesses owned or affiliated with the Chinese government. In particular, BOBULINSKI believed deception, lying, and cheating were too common when dealing with Chinese businesses.

Throughout early 2016, GILLIAR continued to provide updates to BOBULINSKI on the status of the investment deal. Around this time, BOBULINSKI learned the Chinese firm involved in the deal was CEFC, a Chinese energy company. CEFC was led by Chairman YE (“YE”). BOBULINSKI was further aware that YE and CEFC had strong ties to the Chinese government and the Chinese military. After BOBULINSKI learned CEFC was the Chinese entity involved in the deal, BOBULINSKI changed his mind and became interested in partnering on the deal. BOBULINSKI changed his mind because BOBULINSKI knew YE had access to sizable amounts of capital through his ties to the Chinese government.

BOBULINSKI learned CEFC was involved in the deal during an April 2016 meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. Present for the meeting was BOBULINSKI, GILLIAR, and ROB WALKER (“WALKER”). WALKER had worked in the Clinton Administration and he was a close friend to Vice President JOSEPH BIDEN, DR. JILL BIDEN, and HUNTER BIDEN. WALKER’s wife, BETSY WALKER, was JILL BIDEN’s personal assistant while JOSEPH BIDEN was Vice President of the United States (“VPOTUS”). WALKER acted as a “proxy” for the BIDEN family on business deals and investments.

At the meeting in Las Vegas, BOBULINSKI learned CEFC’s identity, but he did not learn the identity of the prominent American family. BOBULINSKI subsequently learned the family in question was the family of JOSEPH BIDEN. Specifically, HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN were active participants in the investment opportunity. JAMES BIDEN and JOSEPH BIDEN are brothers.

BOBULINSKI first met in person with members of the BIDEN family at a 2017 meeting in Miami, Florida. BOBULINSKI, GILLIAR, WALKER, HUNTER BIDEN, and YE all attended the meeting. Also in attendance was Director JIAN ZANG (“ZANG”), a CEFC Director involved in forming new businesses and capitalizing them at the request of CEFC. At

the meeting, BOBULINSKI witnessed a large diamond gemstone given as a gift to HUNTER BIDEN by YE.

The work conducted by CEFC, GILLIAR, WALKER, HUNTER BIDEN, JAMES BIDEN and YE over the preceding two years was discussed in detail at the Miami meeting. In particular, CEFC was closing significant investment deals in Poland, Kazakhstan, Romania, Oman, and the Middle East during this period of time. CEFC had used its relationship with HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN – and the influence attached to the BIDEN name – to advance CEFC’s interests abroad. HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN did not receive any monetary compensation for their assistance in these projects. HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN did not receive any compensation because JOSEPH BIDEN was still VPOTUS during this time period. There was a concern it would be improper for payments to be made to HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN by CEFC due to its close affiliation with the Chinese government. HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN both wanted to be compensated for the assistance they had provided to CEFC’s ventures; in particular, they believed CEFC owed them money for the benefits that accrued to CEFC through its use of the BIDEN family name to advance their business dealings.

An arrangement to provide compensation to HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN – in the form of payments and future investment opportunities – was discussed at the Miami meeting. Specifically, a new Joint Venture (JV) entity would be formed that would be owned in equal portions by CEFC and companies owned by members of the BIDEN family. Collectively, HUNTER BIDEN, JAMES BIDEN, JOSEPH BIDEN, GILLIAR, and WALKER would own 50% of the JV. The new company would be capitalized by a \$10 million investment. CEFC would directly contribute \$5 million to the new company. In addition, a \$5 million loan would be provided to the members of the BIDEN family. The \$5 million provided in the form of a loan would then be contributed to the new company, bringing the total capitalization to \$10 million. While each 50% owner of the new JV would technically contribute \$5 million to the initial capitalization, in actuality, all \$10 million originated with CEFC.

GILLIAR and WALKER told BOBULINSKI that someone was needed to lead the operations and investment strategy of the new JV, and they asked BOBULINSKI if he would take on this role. GILLIAR, WALKER, HUNTER BIDEN, and JAMES BIDEN did not have the necessary expertise. BOBULINSKI agreed to take on this role based on his belief that CEFC had “billions of dollars already deployed” throughout the world and CEFC would provide significant new funding to the JV. BOBULINSKI was to serve as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at an annual salary of approximately \$850,000. BOBULINSKI planned to hire a team of bankers to guide the JV’s investment portfolio. BOBULINSKI would be able to continue working as an independent investor and be involved in other unrelated projects during his tenure as CEO. There was no expectation BOBULINSKI would focus his time exclusively on management of the JV.

A recent New York Post article published emails related to the Miami meeting that included discussions about the ownership split of the JV partners. The informal ownership discussion for the 50% of the JV to be owned by the BIDEN family and their partners was as follows: 20% for BOBULINSKI, 20% for JAMES BIDEN, 20% for GILLIAR, 20% for WALKER, and 10% for HUNTER BIDEN. An additional 10% was to be held by HUNTER BIDEN for the “big guy,” which was a reference to JOSEPH BIDEN. HUNTER BIDEN was going to hold JOSEPH BIDEN’s ownership percentage on behalf of JOSEPH BIDEN. JOSEPH BIDEN was not officially listed on the capitalization documentation or legal incorporation documents. Instead, BOBULINSKI, HUNTER BIDEN, WALKER, GILLIAR, and JAMES BIDEN were each listed in these documents as holding 20% of the company, which combined constituted 100% of the non-CEFC owned portion of the JV.

Subsequent to the 2017 Miami meeting, BOBULINSKI worked on incorporating and structuring the new JV in accordance with the agreement made amongst the partners. The JV was named SINOHAWK HOLDINGS, LLC (“SINOHAWK”) and incorporated as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) in the state of Delaware. The name for the JV was derived from two words. “Sino” represented the Chinese/CEFC owned portion of the JV. “Hawk” represented the portion of the JV owned by the BIDEN family and its partners. The reference to hawk was significant in that hawks were the favorite animals of BEAU BIDEN.

SINOHAWK was owned 50/50 by two companies: ONEIDA HOLDINGS (“ONEIDA”) and HUDSON WEST IV (“HW4”), which were both Delaware LLCs. ONEIDA had five members, each of which owned 20% of the LLC. In turn, the five members of ONEIDA were LLCs owned by BOBULINSKI, JAMES BIDEN, HUNTER BIDEN, GILLIAR, and WALKER, respectively.

HW4 was wholly owned by YE. DONGWEN “KEVIN” GONG (“DONGWEN”) was the registered agent of HW4 and he served as a representative of HW4 in the United States. DONGWEN also represented other companies that used the HUDSON WEST name (e.g. HUDSON WEST I, HUDSON WEST II). BOBULINSKI believed all of the Delaware LLCs with HUDSON WEST names were owned by CEFC and/or Chinese government-affiliated entities.

BOBULINSKI was responsible for running SINOHAWK’s day-to-day operations. Specifically, BOBULINSKI was responsible for identifying investment opportunities in global real estate, technology, infrastructure, and financial services industries. BOBULINSKI would also be responsible for negotiating business deals that deployed SINOHAWK’s capital and generated investment returns for its partners. BOBULINSKI was initially focused on investment opportunities in the United States, but he planned to expand operations globally.

BOBULINSKI opened a SINOHAWK bank account at JP Morgan Chase Bank (“JPMC”). The creation of a JPMC bank account was difficult and ultimately an achievement because the ownership of SINOHAWK had significant ties to the Chinese government. In particular, commercial banks are hesitant to open accounts with entities tied to foreign governments. In order to initially fund the account, BOBULINSKI deposited \$500 into the SINOHAWK JPMC account.

Details surrounding the initial \$10 million capitalization were finalized around the time SINOHAWK was created. The \$5 million loan that was to be made to the BIDEN family would instead be a \$5 million unsecured loan from CEFC to ONEIDA. The only security for the loan was ONEIDA’s current assets, which basically meant the loan was unsecured as ONEIDA did not have any assets, except for the \$500 deposited by BOBULINSKI into the JPMC account. Furthermore, the \$5 million loan from CEFC was intended to be a forgivable loan, but to prevent any issues, the forgivable nature of the loan was not included in the formal loan documentation. The \$10 million initial capitalization was to be sent to the JPMC account in June 2017. The JPMC account was to receive two \$5 million payments – one payment from CEFC and the other payment from ONEIDA.

In July 2017, SINOHAWK had not yet received any funding from CEFC, which was concerning to BOBULINSKI as he was aware CEFC had significant financial assets. In particular, BOBULINSKI was aware of a July 4, 2017 meeting in Moscow between Russian President VLADIMIR PUTIN and Chinese President XI JINPING, at which ZANG was also present on behalf of the Chinese delegation. The purpose of the meeting was for CEFC to work towards negotiating the purchase of an ownership stake in ROSNEFT, a state-owned Russian oil and gas company. BOBULINSKI did not understand how CEFC did not have the ability to quickly transfer \$10 million to SINOHAWK when it was actively involved in negotiating deals of such magnitude. Subsequently, in July 2017, HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN told BOBULINSKI that the delay in funding was due to the fact that ZANG’s visa to enter the United States was denied. Throughout July and August 2017, HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN told BOBULINSKI to remain patient and that the money would be forthcoming.

In September 2017, it was officially announced that CEFC was purchasing a 14% ownership stake in ROSNEFT for \$9 billion. BOBULINSKI again believed the delay in funding “did not add up” when compared to the amount of capital CEFC had at its disposal. BOBULINSKI was upset with the continued delay and he texted JAMES BIDEN for an explanation. Specifically, BOBULINSKI asked JAMES BIDEN if HUNTER BIDEN had “gone around” SINOHAWK to work deals directly with CEFC, and whether BOBULINSKI was being cut out of the deals. JAMES BIDEN assured BOBULINSKI this was not the case and that funding would be forthcoming, although delayed due to issues surrounding ZANG’s visa.

BOBULINSKI texted HUNTER BIDEN for an explanation as to why the funds had still not arrived on or about October 14, 2017, and BOBULINSKI also asked HUNTER BIDEN to call him. [**Agent Note: BOBULINSKI showed the interviewing agents a phone number in the contacts of a Blackberry Key One. The interviewing agents observed a contact entitled “Hunter Biden – DC” that contained the phone number “[REDACTED]”.**] HUNTER BIDEN responded via text message and asked BOBULINSKI if he had “good news” about SINOHAWK. BOBULINSKI told HUNTER BIDEN that he hoped HUNTER BIDEN had not gone down a different path. HUNTER BIDEN told BOBULINSKI that ZANG was responsible for the funding delay, and that ZANG’s visa to enter the United States was delayed on three separate occasions.

HUNTER BIDEN told BOBULINSKI that he spoke with YE at least once a week on a standing weekly call and that HUNTER BIDEN was YE’s personal attorney. HUNTER BIDEN also told BOBULINSKI that he was YE’s first guest at YE’s new multi-million dollar apartment in New York City.

BOBULINSKI was frustrated with HUNTER BIDEN’s responses and told HUNTER BIDEN that the Wall Street Journal (“WSJ”) was trying to get information from him on SINOHAWK. The WSJ’s interest in SINOHAWK was due to its dual ties to the BIDEN family and CEFC, and by extension, CEFC’s connection to the ROSNEFT deal and the Russian government. At this point in their text conversation, HUNTER BIDEN stopped communicating with him via text message and transitioned the conversation to the WhatsApp messaging chat. Specifically, HUNTER BIDEN cut and pasted BOBULINSKI’s text about the WSJ into a WhatsApp chat thread between BOBULINSKI, HUNTER BIDEN, WALKER, and JAMES BIDEN to continue the conversation. BOBULINSKI believed HUNTER BIDEN moved the conversation to WhatsApp because HUNTER BIDEN was concerned about the WSJ exposing any element of SINOHAWK’s affairs and he wanted to involve the rest of the SINOHAWK partners in their discussion.

The interviewing agents asked BOBULINSKI to clarify whether BOBULINSKI was asserting that JOSEPH BIDEN was involved with these business deals. BOBULINSKI stated that he was in possession of multiple texts from HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN asking BOBULINSKI to leave JOSEPH BIDEN out of any written communications (e.g., text and email) when discussing SINOHAWK. Further, BOBULINSKI met with JOSEPH BIDEN in-person on May 2, 2017 at approximately 10:30 PM at the Beverly Hills Hilton Hotel bar in Beverly Hills, California where they discussed SINOHAWK. On the following day, May 3, 2017, BOBULINSKI was JOSEPH BIDEN’s guest at the Milken Institute conference, where JOSEPH BIDEN was a speaker. After his speech, BOBULINSKI met with JOSEPH BIDEN for about fifteen minutes backstage.

BOBULINSKI also met JAMES BIDEN in a face-to-face meeting at the Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills. During this meeting, BOBULINSKI asked JAMES BIDEN “how are you guys doing this?” and “aren’t you afraid for Joe’s political campaign?” BOBULINSKI was specifically inquiring as to how JOSEPH BIDEN was able to be involved in financial transactions with companies owned or affiliated with foreign governments, such as China and Russia, without being accused of impropriety. JAMES BIDEN’s answer to these questions was “plausible deniability.” BOBULINSKI understood this to mean that financial transactions that ultimately benefitted JOSEPH BIDEN and his family were brokered through and managed by JOSEPH BIDEN’s family members – such as HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN – to prevent JOSEPH BIDEN’s direct involvement. The structure gave JOSEPH BIDEN the ability to plausibly deny his involvement and knowledge of the transactions, while still benefiting indirectly.

BOBULINSKI became concerned about the involvement of the BIDEN family in business enterprises tied to the Russian and Chinese governments after learning of CEFC’s involvement in ROSNEFT. BOBULINSKI began to view SINOHAWK and its structuring as a “loan” from CEFC to the BIDEN family, rather than a legitimate investment company. BOBULINSKI wanted SINOHAWK to have an independent Board of Directors and strong financial controls on the disbursement of capital. However, HUNTER BIDEN wanted to withdraw the initial capitalization of \$10 million from SINOHAWK and spend it elsewhere. BOBULINSKI did not want these funds withdrawn, and his disagreement with HUNTER BIDEN on this issue led to the involvement of JOSEPH BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN in the dispute. HUNTER BIDEN told BOBULINSKI that HUNTER BIDEN’s “Chairman” – which BOBULINSKI understood to be JOSEPH BIDEN – would not allow SINOHAWK to be structured in the manner in which BOBULINSKI requested (i.e., the financial controls sought by BOBULINSKI would not be implemented and HUNTER BIDEN’s capital withdrawals would not be blocked).

Other incidents increased BOBULINSKI’s concerns about his involvement with SINOHAWK and CEFC. In November 2017, PATRICK HO (“HO”), a Chinese national employed by an entity affiliated with CEFC, was arrested by the FBI in New York for his involvement in a scheme to bribe government officials in several different African countries. HO was found guilty in the Southern District of New York and imprisoned. HO was subsequently released and returned to Hong Kong.

In late February or early March 2018, BOBULINSKI learned that YE was detained in China and subsequently he disappeared. YE has not been seen alive since he was detained and therefore he was either in a Chinese jail or he was killed by the Chinese government. BOBULINSKI did not know why YE disappeared, but he speculated it had to do with YE’s ties to suspected corruption surrounding Chinese banks. CEFC collapsed as an entity in 2018 after YE’s disappearance.

BOBULINSKI decided to dissolve SINOHAWK after the incidents with YE and HO. Further, SINOHAWK still had not received its initial \$10 million capitalization and BOBULINSKI was frustrated with HUNTER BIDEN. BOBULINSKI spoke to GONGWEN about his intent to dissolve SINOHAWK, but the entity was never formally dissolved and is still in existence today. BOBULINSKI believed his involvement with SINOHAWK was at an end.

BOBULINSKI decided to come forward with this information after he heard JOSEPH BIDEN state that he “never talked business” with HUNTER BIDEN, which BOBULINSKI knew to be false. After JOSEPH BIDEN secured the Democratic nomination for President, BOBULINSKI decided that, as a former USN officer, he had a duty to tell someone what he knew. BOBULINSKI was further motivated to come forward after the United State Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee released a report three weeks ago that detailed some of HUNTER BIDEN’s financial transactions. After reading the report, BOBULINSKI for the first time learned that HUNTER BIDEN had received \$4.7 million from a company known as HUDSON WEST III (“HW3”). BOBULINSKI believed HW3 was owned by CEFC and/or YE and that HUNTER had “gone behind his back” to get a portion of the funding that was supposed to have gone to SINOHAWK. BOBULINSKI was upset that HUNTER had lied to BOBULINSKI, WALKER, and GILLIAR.

In addition, the New York Post recently published HUNTER BIDEN emails in which BOBULINSKI was copied. BOBULINSKI’s name was not redacted from the published emails, which put his name in the public domain and caused significant concern for his family’s safety. After receiving death threats, BOBULINSKI hired a team of “Navy Seals” to provide protection to his family. The interviewing agents advised BOBULINSKI that the FBI takes such threats extremely seriously, and the interviewing agents asked BOBULINSKI to elaborate and provide details on any specific threats to life. BOBULINSKI advised the interviewing agents that he had addressed the situation and he did not wish to provide any specific information related to the threats at this time. BOBULINSKI has never talked to RUDY GIULIANI (“GIULIANI”) and he did not know how GIULIANI received access to HUNTER BIDEN’s emails, which he then released to the New York Post. Nonetheless, BOBULINSKI was aware that the emails published by the New York Post were legitimate because BOBULINSKI was copied on them and had records of the emails on his own cellular devices.

BOBULINSKI was aware of recent statements by U.S. Representative ADAM SCHIFF (“SCHIFF”) that BOBULINSKI’s allegations against HUNTER BIDEN and the BIDEN family constituted “Russian disinformation.” BOBULINSKI was upset by Representative SCHIFF’s characterization and BOBULINSKI was motivated to get his side of the story out. BOBULINSKI had asked WALKER to communicate to SCHIFF on BOBULINSKI’s behalf that SCHIFF must retract his statements or BOBULINSKI would be forced to release his own records to clear up the accusations against him. After SCHIFF failed to retract his statement, and

because of the other concerns enumerated by BOBULINSKI, BOBULINSKI decided to come forward and present his story to the FBI.

[Agent Note: At this point in the interview, PASSANTINO provided a diagram to the interviewing agents – which was created by PASSANTINO – purporting to show the corporate structure of SINOHAWK. PASSANTINO allowed the interviewing agents to photograph the diagram. An electronic copy of the diagram is maintained in electronic format in the 1A section of this file. PASSANTINO retained the original hard copy document.]

BOBULINSKI wanted to provide the FBI with communication records and data that could substantiate the transactions and conversations he had described. BOBULINSKI reiterated that this data was contained on the three cell phones that BOBULINSKI had displayed to the interviewing agents at the beginning of the interview. The three devices were (1) an Apple iPhone 6 cellular device (the “iPhone”); (2) a Blackberry Bold cellular device (the “Blackberry Bold”); and (3) a Blackberry Key cellular device (the “Blackberry Key”).

The iPhone was used by BOBULINSKI from June 2017 through approximately fall of 2017. BOBULINSKI primarily used the iPhone to access applications that were not available on his preferred Blackberry devices (e.g., Uber) and to store pictures. The primary communications contained on the iPhone consisted of records from the Chinese messaging application WeChat. BOBULINSKI used WeChat to communicate with ZANG, ZANG’s Chinese interpreter, a Chinese male named “ZHAO”, and a Chinese female named “BIXIE”, who also went by the name “Amanda” and who served as an interpreter for ZANG and YE. The iPhone also possibly contained a handful of text messages between BOBULINSKI and GILLIAR.

The Blackberry Bold was used by BOBULINSKI from early 2015 to July 7, 2017. The Blackberry Bold was the primary device BOBULINSKI used for business communications and contained all of his WhatsApp communications, call logs, text messages and emails with his business partners, including communications with HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN. On July 7, 2017, BOBULINSKI replaced the Blackberry Bold with a newer Blackberry device, the Blackberry Key.

BOBULINSKI acquired the Blackberry Key on July 7, 2017 while he was traveling in Europe, and therefore was a GSM-compatible cellular device. From July 7, 2017 to fall 2017, the Blackberry Key was BOBULINSKI’s primary device for business communications, including WhatsApp communications, text messages, emails and call logs. When BOBULINSKI returned to living primarily in the United States in fall 2017, the GSM-compatible Blackberry Key device was no longer usable.

BOBULINKSI was no longer using these three cellular devices for communications and had since replaced them. [**Agent Note: In addition to the three cellular phones that contained communication records and data that could substantiate the transactions and conversations described by BOBULINSKI, BOBULINSKI had two other phones with him. These two phones, a Blackberry Key One and an Apple iPhone 11, were currently in active use by BOBULINSKI.**] BOBULINSKI replaced the Blackberry Key with a Blackberry Key One, a CDMA-compatible cellular device, which BOBULINSKI still currently used as his current cellular phone. [**Agent Note: The Blackberry Key One device was the cellular phone that BOBULINSKI used to show interviewing agents the purported contact information of HUNTER BIDEN during an earlier portion of the interview.**] Approximately two weeks ago, BOBULINSKI purchased an Apple iPhone 11 to access applications unavailable on Blackberry platforms. BOBULINSKI stated that neither of his current cell phones contained relevant information related to the SINOHAWK-related transactions and conversations described by BOBULINKSI.

BOBULINSKI did not want the FBI to forensically image the iPhone, Blackberry Bold or the Blackberry Key. BOBULINSKI used the three devices for personal communications and other business transactions, and he was sensitive about permitting the entirety of the data on the phones to be imaged and retained by the FBI. BOBULINSKI was willing to provide forensic reports produced by a forensic expert recently hired by BOBULINSKI. The forensic expert had fourteen years of experience, including experience working with the FBI. The forensic expert had reviewed the data on the phones and had produced reports on the phones using Cellebrite software. However, the forensic expert had not been able to fully access the data stored on the Blackberry Bold cellular device, so the report prepared with respect to this device was incomplete.

BOBULINSKI wanted the FBI to take other steps, if available, to “verify” the phones. BOBULINSKI asked if the FBI could verify the authenticity of the phones by confirming the make and models of the phone (e.g., this phone is an Apple iPhone 6). The interviewing agents explained to BOBULINSKI they could verify the make and model of the phones through a mere visual inspection, and the interviewing agents were uncertain how to accommodate BOBULINSKI’s request to examine the phones without following standard FBI forensic imaging techniques.

At this point in the interview, A/ASAC Arseni and two FBI Computer Analysis Response Team (“CART”) members entered the interview room to explain the imaging process. The interviewing agents reiterated their earlier instruction that BOBULINSKI was under no obligation to provide any information to the FBI, to include his cell phones. PASSANTINO asked if it was possible for the FBI to image the data on BOBULINSKI’s cell phones, extracting only relevant text messages and data associated with HUNTER BIDEN, and then delete extraneous information from their systems. The interviewing agents explained that such an

extraction would not be realistically possible, and it would be a departure from normal FBI CART processes and may raise data integrity issues.

BOBULINSKI declined to provide his three cell phones to the FBI for imaging. BOBULINSKI voluntarily provided the interviewing agents with copies of emails and text messages that were contained on PASSANTINO's laptop computer. The emails and text messages were loaded onto a flash drive that was in the possession of PASSANTINO. **[Agent Note: FBI CART examiners observed PASSANTINO load the documents onto the flash drive and answered several questions from PASSANTINO related to ensuring the files were properly transferred and saved].** The interviewing agents asked PASSANTINO and BOBULINSKI if there was any attorney-client privileged information on the flash drive. PASSANTINO and BOBULINSKI stated that there were no attorney-client privileged communications on the flash drive.

[Agent Note: An FD-597 Receipt for Property was provided to PASSANTINO in connection with the receipt of the flash drive. The flash drive and an original copy of the FD-597 are maintained as a physical 1A file. PASSANTINO advised the interviewing agents that he did not need the flash drive returned.]

After the interviewing agents provided the FD-597 to PASSANTINO, BOBULINSKI advised the interviewing agents that JAMES BIDEN was calling him on one of his cell phones, and BOBULINSKI asked the interviewing agents if he should take the phone call. The interviewing agents advised BOBULINSKI and his counsel that the interviewing agents did not want to be present for any telephone discussion. The interviewing agents then left the conference room.

Subsequently, PASSANTINO requested the interviewing agents escort him and BOBULINSKI away from WFO to avoid media representatives that were outside the building. PASSANTINO suggested that the interviewing agents could drop him and BOBULINSKI off at the Trump International Hotel. A/ASAC Arseni advised PASSANTINO they would drive him a block or two from the WFO, and they could then arrange for additional transportation.

SA [REDACTED] left the interview room to procure a bureau vehicle for transport. While waiting for a bureau vehicle, PASSANTINO placed a phone call and handed a cell phone to BOBULINSKI. BOBULINSKI was still inside the WFO. During this time, SA Novak overheard BOBULINSKI apparently talking to a U.S. Senator. A/ASAC Arseni advised PASSANTINO that the interviewing agents did not want to be present for this phone call, and informed PASSANTINO that they needed to depart WFO. BOBULINSKI then entered the backseat of a bureau vehicle driven by SA [REDACTED], along with PASSANTINO and SA [REDACTED]. The interviewing agents then drove BOBULINSKI and

PASSANTINO approximately two blocks so they could avoid the media outside WFO. BOBULINSKI continued his telephone conversation while he was being driven by the interviewing agents.]