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(U//LES) Attempted Russian Recruitment of Ukrainian National Andrii Telizhenko and Telizehno's Work with Ukrainian Oligarchs, in late February 2020

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SUMMARY: (U) None.

TEXT:

1. (U//LES) In 2014, political consultant and Ukrainian national Andrii ((Telizhenko)) was banned from entering Russia due to his involvement in the 2014 Ukrainian revolution and was listed as a spy by the Russian government. Telizhenko last traveled to Russia in 2006 for school. In the summer of 2019, Russian officials tried to reach out to Telizhenko via Facebook and in person. Telizhenko blocked the Facebook account after realizing it was a Russian account. [REDACTED] under the directive of Ukrainian politician [REDACTED] tried to recruit Telizhenko in person, but Telizhenko denied their offer, and was subsequently blocked from attending political sessions and specific news channels.

2. (U//LES) From December 2015 to December 2016, Telizhenko was the third secretary at the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington, DC, under the leadership of Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States, [REDACTED]. From June 2014 to April 2015 Telizhenko was an advisor to Ukrainian Prosecutor Generals [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. From March 2014 to June 2014 Telizhenko served as an advisor to First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine, [REDACTED].

3. (U//LES) From July 2016 to July 2017, Telizhenko worked as a contractor, consulting on Ukraine matters, for identified US company 1 based in Washington, DC. Identified US company 1 began lobbying for Burisma, associated with identified USPER 1, while Telizhenko worked there.

4. (U//LES) In April 2017, Telizhenko worked with former Ukrainian parliament member [REDACTED] [REDACTED] paid Telizhenko to lobby members in Washington, DC. Telizhenko believed [REDACTED] had connections with the US Department of Defense (DOD) and was surprised when [REDACTED]'s US visa was revoked. [REDACTED] was associated with identified USPER 2 and identified USPER 3.

5. (U//LES) From November 2018 to December 2019 Telizhenko consulted and lobbied for Ukrainian oligarchs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Telizhenko knew [REDACTED] was accused of money laundering in Cleveland, Ohio, for approximately USD 2 billion. [REDACTED] was accused of bribing identified US company 2 and money laundering. [REDACTED] was working with identified USPER 4 to help his case.

6. (U//LES) In late February 2020, Telizhenko traveled to the United States and self reported to an identified US Government official during a border search that he had USD 30,000. Telizhenko planned to meet with identified USPER 5 to discuss US-Ukraine collusion. Telizhenko also planned to conduct television interviews in New York and Washington, DC, about United States-Ukraine collusion and to travel to Pennsylvania and Florida.

7. (U//LES) As of 20 February 2020, Telizhenko had been a consultant in Ukraine and had one client, Ukrainian businessman [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had an open lawsuit against identified USPER 6. USPER 6 allegedly promised [REDACTED] attendance to the 2017 US Presidential inauguration and White House events, for USD 200,000. Telizhenko helped [REDACTED] with day to day communication. Telizhenko stated that [REDACTED] paid for his trips to the United States in February, May, July, and August 2019. Telizhenko had never transported money for [REDACTED] or other clients.

8. (U//LES) As of 20 February 2020, Telizhenko had owned and co-founded a company in Canada called [REDACTED]. Telizhenko's business partner was [REDACTED]. According to Telizhenko, [REDACTED] was in Vietnam tending to a different business and did not have much input in the Golden Lion business.

[REDACTED]

COMMENTS:

1. (U//FOUO) FBI COMMENTS: Burisma is a Ukrainian energy company.
2. (U//FOUO) As of 20 February 2020, [REDACTED] had been in Austria, and an extradition was out for his arrest.
3. (U//LES) [REDACTED] was previously issued an American visa, but the visa was revoked.
4. (U//FOUO) Source is available for re-contact.

=====CLASSIFICATION=====

[REDACTED]

END OF MESSAGE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

(U) Case ID: ELECTION-EO13848-19230

(U) **EVIDENTIARY MEMORANDUM**

(U) MEMORANDUM FOR:

[REDACTED]
Director
Office of Foreign Assets Control

(U) THROUGH:

[REDACTED]
Associate Director
Office of Global Targeting

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Office of Global Targeting

[REDACTED]
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(U) FROM:

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(U) SUBJECT:

**ANDRII TELIZHENKO and OLEKSANDR
ONYSHCHENKO:** Designations Pursuant to Executive
Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, "Imposing Certain
Sanctions in the Event of Foreign Interference in a United
States Election."

I. (U) INTRODUCTION

(U) On September 12, 2018, the President issued Executive Order (E.O.) 13848, "Imposing Certain Sanctions in the Event of Foreign Interference in a United States Election." [Exhibit 1]

(U) Section 2 of E.O. 13848 (the "Order") blocks all property and interests in property of any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Homeland Security to meet one or more of the criteria of Section 2 of the Order.

(U) Information presented in this memorandum and the accompanying exhibits provides reason to believe that **ANDRII TELIZHENKO** and **OLEKSANDR ONYSHCHENKO** are foreign persons that have directly or indirectly engaged in, sponsored, concealed, or otherwise been complicit in foreign interference¹ in a United States election therefore should be added to the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons.²

II. (U) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

1. (U) **Name: ANDRII TELIZHENKO** (Individual) [Exhibit 19, p. 1]
(U) AKA: Andriy Telizhenko [Exhibit 3, p. 2]
[REDACTED] AKA: Andrii Grygorovych Telizhenko [Exhibit 13, p. 1]
(U) Nationality: Ukraine [Exhibit 13, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Place of Birth: Kyiv, Ukraine [Exhibit 13, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED] [Exhibit 13, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Gender: Male [Exhibit 13, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Passport Number: [REDACTED] (Ukraine) (Issued on [REDACTED]
Expires on [REDACTED]) [Exhibit 21, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Alternate Passport Number: [REDACTED] (Ukraine) ([REDACTED]
[REDACTED]) [Exhibit 22, p. 1]
[REDACTED] National Identification Number: [REDACTED] (Ukraine) [Exhibit 21, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Kyiv, [REDACTED] Ukraine
[Exhibit 21, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED], Kyiv, [REDACTED] Ukraine
[Exhibit 22, p. 1]
2. (U) **Name: OLEKSANDR ONYSHCHENKO** (Individual) [Exhibit 15, p. 1]
(U) AKA: Oleksandr Kadyrov [Exhibit 15, p. 2]
[REDACTED] AKA: [REDACTED] [Exhibit 23, p. 1]
[REDACTED] AKA: [REDACTED] [Exhibit 23, p. 1]
[REDACTED] AKA: [REDACTED] [Exhibit 24, p. 1]

¹ (U) Pursuant to section 8(f) of E.O. 13848, the term "foreign interference," with respect to an election, includes any covert, fraudulent, deceptive, or unlawful actions or attempted actions of a foreign government, or of any person acting as an agent of or on behalf of a foreign government, undertaken with the purpose or effect of influencing, undermining confidence in, or altering the result or reported result of, the election, or undermining public confidence in election processes or institutions. Pursuant to section 8(h) of E.O. 13848, the term "covert," with respect to an action or attempted action, means characterized by an intent or apparent intent that the role of a foreign government will not be apparent or acknowledged publicly. [Exhibit 1, p. 4]

² (U) The names of the proposed targets will appear in **BOLD CAPITAL** letters throughout this memorandum, and an asterisk (*) following a name in All CAPS denotes an individual or entity whose property and interests in property have been blocked. Individuals proposed for simultaneous designation pursuant to E.O. 13848 will be in **Bold Sentence Case**.

[REDACTED] AKA: [REDACTED] [Exhibit 25, p. 1]
[REDACTED] AKA: [REDACTED] [Exhibit 26, p. 1]
[REDACTED] AKA: [REDACTED] [Exhibit 27, p. 1]
(U) Citizenship: Ukraine [Exhibit 16, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Nationality: Ukraine [Exhibit 23, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Place of Birth: Russia [Exhibit 16, p. 1]
(U) Date of Birth: [REDACTED] [Exhibit 15, p. 1]
(U) Gender: Male [Exhibit 15, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Passport Number: [REDACTED] (Ukraine) (Expires on [REDACTED])
[Exhibit 29, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Alternate Passport Number: [REDACTED] (Ukraine) (Issued on [REDACTED]
Expires on [REDACTED]) [Exhibit 28, p. 1]
[REDACTED] National Identification Number: [REDACTED] (Ukraine) [Exhibit 26, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Kyiv, Ukraine [Exhibit 28, p. 1]
[REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] KIEV [REDACTED], Ukraine
[Exhibit 26, p. 1]
(U) Location: Germany [Exhibit 3, pp. 9, 18; Exhibit 12, p. 3]

III. (U) BACKGROUND

(U) According to a September 10, 2020 U.S. Department of the Treasury press release, ANDRII DERKACH*¹ has directly or indirectly engaged in, sponsored, concealed, or otherwise been complicit in foreign interference in an attempt to undermine the upcoming 2020 U.S. presidential election. From at least late 2019 through mid-2020, DERKACH* waged a covert influence campaign centered on cultivating false and unsubstantiated narratives concerning U.S. officials in the upcoming 2020 U.S. presidential election, spurring corruption investigations in both Ukraine and the United States designed to culminate prior to election day. DERKACH*'s unsubstantiated narratives were pushed in Western media through coverage of press conferences and other news events, including interviews and statements. Between May and July 2020, DERKACH* released edited audio tapes and other unsupported information with the intent to discredit U.S. officials and levied unsubstantiated claims against U.S. and international political figures. DERKACH* almost certainly targeted the U.S. voting populace, prominent U.S. persons, and members of the U.S. Government since he relied on U.S. platforms, English-language documents and videos, and pro-Russian lobbyists in the U.S. used to propagate his claims. [Exhibit 2, pp. 1-2]

(U) According to a July 24, 2020 *BuzzFeed*⁴ article, for three years **ANDRII TELIZHENKO (TELIZHENKO)** has worked to help U.S. President Donald Trump (Trump) get reelected by exposing, what **TELIZHENKO** perceives to be, the corrupt actions of former U.S. Vice

¹ (U) DERKACH* was designated by OFAC September 10, 2020, pursuant to E.O. 13848. [Exhibit 14, p. 2-4]

⁴ (U) According to Media Bias Fact Check, *BuzzFeed* is rated left-centered biased due to story selection that tends to favor the left and mixed for factual reporting based on poor sourcing and a few failed fact checks. These media sources have a slight to moderate liberal bias. They often publish factual information that utilizes loaded words (wording that attempts to influence an audience by using appeal to emotion or stereotypes) to favor liberal causes. These sources are generally trustworthy for information, but may require further investigation. [Exhibit 10, p. 1]

President Joe Biden⁵ and his son, Hunter Biden, in Ukraine. **TELIZHENKO** is part of a group of Ukrainian operatives hoping to help U.S. congressional Republicans surface damaging details about the Biden family. The Ukrainian operatives all have ties to Russia and include: **TELIZHENKO**, **DERKACH***, **Kostyantyn Kulyk (Kulyk)**,⁶ and **OLEKSANDR ONYSHCHENKO (ONYSHCHENKO)**. Furthermore, **ONYSHCHENKO** states that **TELIZHENKO**, **DERKACH***, **Kulyk**, and himself comprise "Team Giuliani".⁷ [Exhibit 3, pp. 2-6, 9]

As described above and throughout this evidentiary, there is reason to believe that **TELIZHENKO** and **ONYSHCHENKO** as members of "Team Giuliani," with **DERKACH***, attempted to interfere in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election by gathering information and publicizing damaging materials about a presidential candidate.

IV. (U) BASES FOR DETERMINATIONS

1. (U) **ANDRII TELIZHENKO (Individual) (TELIZHENKO)**

a. (U) **TELIZHENKO** is a foreign person that has directly or indirectly engaged in, sponsored, concealed, or otherwise been complicit in foreign interference in a United States election.

(U) **TELIZHENKO** is a foreign person.

According to [REDACTED], **TELIZHENKO** possessed and currently possesses a Ukrainian passport. In addition, [REDACTED]. [Exhibits 13; 16; 21; 22] According to the abovementioned July 24, 2020 *Buzzfeed* article, **TELIZHENKO** is identified as a former Ukrainian diplomat. [Exhibit 3, p. 2] Based on **TELIZHENKO**'s numerous Ukraine issued passports, his former status as a Ukrainian diplomat, and a lack of any past or presence status as a U.S. person, OFAC has reason to believe that **TELIZHENKO** is a foreign person.

(U) **TELIZHENKO** has directly or indirectly engaged in, sponsored, concealed, or otherwise been complicit in foreign interference in a United States election.

According to a July 7, 2020 Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) report, derived from an established source with indirect access, some of whose reporting has been corroborated over the past nine years and obtained the information from identified sub-sources, to include [REDACTED], as of June 2020, the Russian FEDERAL SECURITY

⁵ (U) On the date of this publication, Joe Biden was the democratic nominee for the 2020 U.S. presidential election. As of November 19, 2020, Joe Biden is the U.S. president-elect.

⁶ (U) **Kulyk** is proposed for concurrent designation in evidentiary memorandum ELECTION-EO13848-19139.

⁷ (U) The article describes Rudy Giuliani (Giuliani) as an associate of **TELIZHENKO**. [Exhibit 3, p. 2] According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, Giuliani is an American lawyer and politician who served as mayor of New York City. [Exhibit 35, p. 1]

SERVICE* (FSB*)⁸ planned to use unidentified deep cover agents in Ukraine to conduct an "active measure operation." According to a source comment, the Russian "active measure operation" was aimed at fixing the results of the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election and was the most important Russian active measure operation this year. As a part of this operation, the Russian government, would pass compromising information collected by Russian intelligence, on an identified U.S. presidential candidate to DERKACH* and his team for them to make public during a press conference. The goal would be for an identified U.S. news organization to "act as a fan" and spread the information. [Exhibit 4, pp. 1-2] Given the information presented by **ONYSHCHENKO** in Exhibit 3 stating that **DERKACH***, **TELIZHENKO**, **Kulyk**, and **ONYSHCHENKO**, comprise "Team Giuliani," and that they have been working behind the scenes for months to release information to the public regarding corruption and the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election, OFAC assesses that the "team" referenced in this Exhibit as receiving information from the Russian government includes, at a minimum, **DERKACH***, **TELIZHENKO**, **Kulyk**, and **ONYSHCHENKO**.

(U) According to a November 12, 2020 FBI Letterhead Memorandum provided to OFAC during the course of routine information sharing, since at least late 2019, **DERKACH***, **TELIZHENKO**, and their associates have leveraged U.S. media, U.S.-based social media platforms, and influential U.S. persons to spread misleading or unsubstantiated allegations that current and former U.S. officials engaged in corruption, money laundering, and unlawful political influence in Ukraine, according to media reporting. Furthermore, former Ukrainian Government officials **TELIZHENKO**, **ONYSHCHENKO**, and **Kostyantyn Kulyk (Kulyk)**,⁹ have publicly appeared or affiliated themselves with **DERKACH*** through the coordinated dissemination and promotion of misleading or unsubstantiated allegations involving a U.S. political candidate. These three **DERKACH*** associates have made repeated public statement, and collaborated with each other or with **DERKACH*** himself, to advance narratives that U.S. government officials have engaged in corrupt dealings in Ukraine. These efforts and narratives are consistent with or in support of **DERKACH***'s objectives, as an agent of the Russian Government, to influence the 2020 U.S. presidential election. [Exhibit 9, p. 2]

(U) According to a July 24, 2020 *BuzzFeed* article, for three years **TELIZHENKO** has worked to help U.S. President Donald Trump (Trump) get reelected by exposing, what **TELIZHENKO** perceives to be, the corrupt actions of Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, in Ukraine. **TELIZHENKO** is part of a group of Ukrainian operatives hoping to help Congressional Republicans surface damaging details about the Biden family. The Ukrainian operatives all have ties to Russia and include: **TELIZHENKO**, **DERKACH***, **Kulyk**, and **ONYSHCHENKO**. The Ukrainians told *BuzzFeed* they have been working behind the scenes for months. To date, three collections of recordings have been released to the public by **DERKACH***. These recordings purport to capture phone conversations between Biden and former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko (Poroshenko) while the two were in office. So far, the recording have done nothing to substantiate, let alone advance, the accusations from Trump, Giuliani, and Republicans of Biden corruption in Ukraine. According to the article, the Ukrainians hope to take American media by storm before November 2020. **ONYSHCHENKO** said three more

⁸ (U) The FSB* was included in the Annex to E.O. 13757 on December 28, 2016. [Exhibit 17, p. 4]

⁹ (U) **Kulyk** is proposed for concurrent designation in evidentiary memorandum ELECTION-EO13848-19139.

releases of recordings will come later this summer and in September, "closer to the election." **ONYSHCHENKO** said **DERKACH*** would again present them at press conferences. Furthermore, **ONYSHCHENKO** states that **TELIZHENKO**, **DERKACH***, **Kulyk**, and himself comprise "Team Giuliani." [Exhibit 3, pp. 2-6, 9] **DERKACH*** and **TELIZHENKO** secured the recordings separately from an "investigative journalist" they wouldn't identify (claiming the man did not want to release them himself out of fear of being attacked by Biden supporters). Additionally, **TELIZHENKO** said he obtained 96 pages of Ukrainian language transcripts he said were made by Poroshenko's office. [Exhibit 3, p. 14]

(U) According to the same July 24, 2020 *Buzzfeed* article, the *New York Times* reported that federal authorities shared concerns [with the United States Senate] that **TELIZHENKO** could be spreading Russian disinformation. [Exhibit 3, p. 15]

(U) According to a July 20, 2020 *The New York Times*¹⁰ article, FBI officials warned lawmakers in a brief that it had concerns that **TELIZHENKO** was a conduit for Russian disinformation about the Bidens and claims that Ukraine conspired to help Democrats in the 2016 election. After the briefing, lawmakers in both parties pressured [Senator Ron Johnson] to abandon a vote to subpoena **TELIZHENKO** in connection with the Senator's investigation into the Bidens, and [Senator Johnson] turned his attention to other possible sources of information. [Exhibit 31, p. 2].

(U) According to a September 23, 2020¹¹ United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Minority Staff Report, **TELIZHENKO** and **DERKACH*** each released leaks of alleged phone calls between former Vice President Biden and former Ukrainian President Poroshenko on May 19, 2020, apparently timed to influence a Committee vote the next day. **TELIZHENKO** aided **DERKACH***'s claims by translating them from Russian to make his disinformation accessible to an American audience. Every witness interviewed for this investigation testified that Vice President Biden did not alter United States foreign policy to benefit his son Hunter Biden, and that Hunter Biden's presence on the board of the Ukrainian gas company Burisma had no effect on U.S. foreign policy. [Exhibit 7, pp. 3-4] On September 23, 2020 the U.S. Senate Committees on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs and Finance Majority Staff issued a report titled, "Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: the Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns." The report states that only two senior government officials "raised concerns" to officials in Vice President Joe Biden's office about the perception of a conflict of interest. [Exhibit 6, p. 4] To the accusation that Vice President Biden's Ukraine foreign policy conduct was influenced by Hunter Biden and/or Burisma, OFAC assesses this was not proven by the Majority Report.

According to an August 2020 report on August 2020, **TELIZHENKO**

¹⁰ (U) According to Media Bias Fact Check, The *New York Times* is a left-center biased based on work and story selection that moderately favors the left, but highly factual and considered one of the most reliable sources for news information due to proper sourcing and well-respected journalists/editors. [Exhibit 32, p. 1]

¹¹ (U) Although there is no date on the report itself, Exhibit 5 is the press release regarding the aforementioned report. [Exhibit 5, p. 1]

[REDACTED] press articles on U.S. Senate investigations regarding Burisma and alleged Ukrainian interference in the 2016 U.S. elections. **TELIZHENKO** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [Exhibit 5 p. 1] Based on reporting in Exhibit 3 linking **TELIZHENKO** as a member of a Ukrainian team with **DERKACH*** that was acting to insert information into the media disparaging U.S. political figures. OFAC assesses that the activities in Exhibit 5 were undertaken by **TELIZHENKO** as a member of the Ukrainian team in furtherance to influence the 2020 U.S. elections.

(U) According to a September 11, 2020 *The Daily Beast*¹² article, **TELIZHENKO** has a history with **DERKACH*** of working with Giuliani on propagating debunked conspiracy theories about Ukraine's interference in the 2016 presidential election. Additionally, both **TELIZHENKO** along with **DERKACH*** were present for an interview with Giuliani for Giuliani's YouTube channel "Common Sense." **TELIZHENKO** admitted that he did a voiceover for the **DERKACH*** interview. [Exhibit 8, pp. 2-3].

(U) **EXCULPATORY INFORMATION**

(U) According to the aforementioned September 11, 2020 *The Daily Beast* article, Giuliani and **TELIZHENKO** have tried to distance themselves from **DERKACH***. **TELIZHENKO** told *The Daily Beast*, "I never liked **DERKACH***, never knew much about his background." and "The methods **DERKACH*** used-including leaking some recordings-caused harm for the team. The U.S. intelligence services must have found solid evidence about the background of that man. I am sure that everybody who knows **DERKACH*** is not surprised to hear about the sanctions." After publication, **TELIZHENKO** reached out to explain that when he said "team" he meant "the Trump administration and [its] team." [Exhibit 8, p. 2]

[REDACTED] OFAC assesses that **TELIZHENKO**'s comment to *The Daily Beast* regarding not being close to **DERKACH*** is false. Exhibit 5 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Also, Exhibits 3 and 8, reference **DERKACH*** and **TELIZHENKO** as team members of "Team Giuliani" and as having working together for a YouTube channel interview. Therefore, OFAC assesses that **TELIZHENKO** likely only issued this comment in reaction to the sanctions announcement and likely continues to have a relationship with **DERKACH*** and per the evidence above has directly or indirectly engaged in, sponsored, concealed, or otherwise been complicit in foreign interference in the 2020 United States election.

¹² (U) According to Media Bias Fact Check, *The Daily Beast* is rated left-biased based on story selection and editorial positions that favor the left. The Daily Beast is also rated mostly factual for reporting, rather than high due to a few failed fact checks. [Exhibit 11, p. 1]

2. (U) **OLEKSANDR ONYSHCHENKO (Individual) (ONYSHCHENKO)**

a. (U) **ONYSHCHENKO** is a foreign person that has directly or indirectly engaged in, sponsored, concealed, or otherwise been complicit in foreign interference in a United States election.

(U) **ONYSHCHENKO** is a foreign person.

(U) According to *Federation Equestre Internationale*,¹³ **ONYSHCHENKO** served as the president of the Equestrian Federation of Ukraine from 2002 to 2013; he also coached and captained the Ukraine team at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. [Exhibit 15, p. 2]

[Exhibits 24; 25; 26; 27; 28; 29]

Given **ONYSHCHENKO**'s [REDACTED], his prominent role on two Ukrainian national sports teams, coupled with his former position with the Verkhovna Rada (Ukrainian Parliament) [Exhibit 28, p.1], OFAC has reason to believe that **ONYSHCHENKO** is a foreign person.

(U) **ONYSHCHENKO** has directly or indirectly engaged in, sponsored, concealed, or otherwise been complicit in foreign interference in a United States election.

[REDACTED] According to a July 7, 2020 FBI report, derived from an established source with indirect access, some of whose reporting has been corroborated over the past nine years and obtained the information from identified sub-sources, to include officials in the Ukrainian government, as of June 2020, the Russian FSB* planned to use unidentified deep cover agents in Ukraine to conduct an "active measure operation." According to a source comment, the Russian "active measure operation" was aimed at fixing the results of the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election and was the most important Russian active measure operation this year. As a part of this operation, the Russian government, would pass compromising information collected by Russian intelligence, on an identified U.S. presidential candidate to DERKACH* and his team for them to make public during a press conference. The goal would be for an identified US news organization to "act as a fan" and spread the information. [Exhibit 4, pp. 1-2] Given the information presented by **ONYSHCHENKO** in Exhibit 3 stating that **DERKACH***, **TELIZHENKO**, **Kulyk**, and **ONYSHCHENKO**, comprise "Team Giuliani," and that they have been working behind the scenes for months to release information to the public regarding corruption and the U.S. Presidential Election, OFAC assesses that the "team" referenced in this Exhibit as receiving information from the Russian government includes, at a minimum, **DERKACH***, **TELIZHENKO**, **Kulyk**, and **ONYSHCHENKO**.

¹³ (U) According to the International Horse Sport Confederation, the International Equestrian Federation (FEI), founded in 1921, is the international body governing equestrian sport recognized by the International Olympic Committee. [Exhibit 33, 3]

(U) According to a November 12, 2020 FBI Letterhead Memorandum provided to OFAC during the course of routine information sharing, since at least late 2019, DERKACH*, **TELIZHENKO**, and their associates have leveraged U.S. media, U.S.-based social media platforms, and influential U.S. persons to spread misleading or unsubstantiated allegations that current and former U.S. officials engaged in corruption, money laundering, and unlawful political influence in Ukraine, according to media reporting. Furthermore, former Ukrainian Government officials **TELIZHENKO**, **ONYSHCHENKO**, and **Konstantin Kulyk (Kulyk)**¹⁴ have publicly appeared or affiliated themselves with DERKACH* through the coordinated dissemination and promotion of misleading or unsubstantiated allegations involving a U.S. political candidate. These three DERKACH* associates have made repeated public statements, and collaborated with each other or with DERKACH* himself, to advance narratives that U.S. government officials have engaged in corrupt dealings in Ukraine. These efforts and narratives are consistent with or in support of DERKACH*'s objectives, as an agent of the Russian Government, to influence the 2020 U.S. presidential election. [Exhibit 9, p. 2]

(U) According to a July 24, 2020 *BuzzFeed* article, a group of Ukrainian operatives is hoping to help congressional Republicans surface damaging details about the Biden family. The Ukrainian operatives all have ties to Russia and include: **TELIZHENKO**, DERKACH*, **Kulyk**, and **ONYSHCHENKO**. The Ukrainians told *BuzzFeed* they have been working behind the scenes for months. To date, three collections of recordings have been released to the public by DERKACH*. These recordings purport to capture phone conversations between Biden and former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko (Poroshenko) while the two were in office. So far, the recordings have done nothing to substantiate, let alone advance, the accusations from Trump, Giuliani, and Republicans of Biden corruption in Ukraine. According to the article, the Ukrainians hope to take American media by storm before November. **ONYSHCHENKO** said three more releases of recordings will come later this summer and in September, "closer to the election." **ONYSHCHENKO** said DERKACH* would again present them at press conferences. Furthermore, **ONYSHCHENKO** states that **TELIZHENKO**, DERKACH*, **Kulyk**, and himself comprise "Team Giuliani." [Exhibit 3, pp. 2-6, 9]

(U) According to the same July 24, 2020 *BuzzFeed* article, **ONYSHCHENKO** told *BuzzFeed* that he was in possession of the recordings. Additionally he devotes much of his time coordinating with the Ukrainians how and when to release the Biden-Poroshenko recordings. "**ONYSHCHENKO** further stated that he was motivated to join forces with **TELIZHENKO**, DERKACH*, and **Kulyk** to get back at Biden and Poroshenko. [Exhibit 3, pp. 17-18]

(U) According to a May 30, 2020 *Sputnik News*¹⁵ article, **ONYSHCHENKO** admitted to *Sputnik* that he began secretly recording Poroshenko's telephone conversations, to include conversations between Poroshenko and Biden. **ONYSHCHENKO** passed the phone recordings to DERKACH* and DERKACH* subsequently released them to the public. **ONYSHCHENKO** further revealed that he is in possession of more recordings but as a result of the coronavirus, they are waiting to release them. **ONYSHCHENKO** stated that more tapes will be released in September, closer to the U.S. election. [Exhibit 12, pp. 2, 4-6]

¹⁴ (U) **Kulyk** is proposed for concurrent designation in evidentiary memorandum ELECTION-EO13848-19139.

¹⁵ (U) According to Media Bias Fact Check, *Sputnik* is a right biased media site. *Sputnik News* is rated questionable based on frequent promotion of conspiracies and pro-Russian propaganda. [Exhibit 18, p. 1]

(U) According to a July 1, 2020 *The Washington Post*¹⁶ article, **ONYSHCHENKO** confirmed to *The Washington Post* that the tapes that were released were his and they are a part of his "cache" that he has obtained from Poroshenko aides. Additionally, **ONYSHCHENKO** admittedly stated that he has been "waging a multiyear campaign against Poroshenko." Moreover, *The Washington Post* states that, while the recordings have received little attention in most mainstream U.S. news outlets, they are being heavily promoted by *One America News*,¹⁷ which has more than 700,000 followers on Facebook and 900,000 on Twitter. [Exhibit 20, pp. 3-4] OFAC assesses that **ONYSHCHENKO** purposely gave DERKACH* access to the recordings and talked to the media about said recordings to act as a fan to spread damaging materials about a presidential candidate.

(U) OFAC has reason to believe, through **ONYSHCHENKO**'s own admission in Exhibit 20 that the tapes which purportedly contain recordings of calls between Biden and Poroshenko originated from **ONYSHCHENKO**. OFAC further assesses through **ONYSHCHENKO**'s interviews with the media (Exhibits 3, 12, and 14) that the tapes which DERKACH* presented to the media in May 2020, were given by **ONYSHCHENKO** to DERKACH*.

(U) **CONCLUSION**

[REDACTED] As evidenced throughout this evidentiary, OFAC finds reason to believe that the covert, fraudulent, deceptive, or unlawful actions or attempted actions taken by **TELIZHENKO** and **ONYSHCHENKO** to gather information for and publicize materials in support of DERKACH* and the aforementioned FSB*-backed active measure operation aimed at influencing the 2020 U.S. presidential election, were undertaken with the purpose or effect of influencing, undermining confidence in, or altering the result or reported result of the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

¹⁶ (U) According to Media Bias Fact Check, *The Washington Post* is a left-center biased media site. They often publish factual information that uses loaded words (Wording that attempts to influence an audience by using appeal to emotion or stereotypes) to favor liberal causes. These sources are generally trustworthy for information, but may require further investigation. [Exhibit 34, p. 1]

¹⁷ (U) According to Media Bias Fact Check *One America News* is a far right biased media site. *One America News* is rated questionable based on lack of sourcing, promotion of conspiracy theories and propaganda. Furthermore, according to Media Bias Fact Check, *One America News* is not a credible news source. [Exhibit 30, p. 1]

(U) EXHIBIT LIST

- (U) Exhibit 1: Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2015, "Imposing Certain Sanctions in the Event of Foreign Interference in a United States Election," 83 Fed. Reg. 46843 (September 14, 2018). (U)
- (U) Exhibit 2: Treasury, "Treasury Sanctions Russia-Linked Election Interference Actors," dated September 10, 2020, available at <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm1118>. (U)
- (U) Exhibit 3: *BuzzFeed*, "Ukrainian operatives are gearing up again to take on the Bidens. They say they have Giuliani and Republicans on their side," dated July 24, 2020, available at <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/chritoherm51/rudy-giuliani-ukraine-joe-biden>. (U)
- (U/[REDACTED]) Exhibit 4: [REDACTED]
- (U/[REDACTED]) Exhibit 5: [REDACTED]
- (U) Exhibit 6: United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs, Majority Staff Report, "Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns," September 23, 2020. (U)
- (U) Exhibit 7: United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs, Minority Staff Report, "Election Interference: Majority Investigation Amplifies Russian Attack on 2020 Election," September 23, 2020. (U)
- (U) Exhibit 8: *The Daily Beast*, "Rudy Giuliani and His Ukraine Ally Sprint Away from Their 'Russian Agent' Pal," dated September 11, 2020, available at <https://www.thedailybeast.com/rudy-and-his-ukraine-ally-sprint-away-from-their-russian-agent-pal>. (U)
- (U/[REDACTED]) Exhibit 9: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Letterhead Memorandum [REDACTED], "Information regarding Andriy Telizhenko, Oleksandr Onyshchenko, and Konstantin Kulyk." Dated November 12, 2020. [REDACTED]

- (U) Exhibit 10: Media Bias Fact Check website, "*BuzzFeed*," accessed on August 25, 2020, available at <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/buzzfeed/>. (U)
- (U) Exhibit 11: Media Bias Fact Check website, "*The Daily Beast*," accessed on August 25, 2020, available at <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/daily-beast/>. (U)
- (U) Exhibit 12: *Sputnik News*. "Exclusive: Ex-Ukrainian President's Aide Opens Up on Biden Tapes, Democrats' Money Laundering", dated May 30, 2020, available at <https://sputniknews.com/world.202005301079467769-exclusive-ex-ukrainian-presidents-aide-opens-up-on-biden-tapes-democrats-money-laundering/>. (U)
- (U//████████) Exhibit 13: ██████████, 20 Oct 2009, ██████████
- (U) Exhibit 14: Federal Register Notice, "Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions," 85 Fed. Reg. 57293 (September 15, 2020). (U)
- (U) Exhibit 15: *Federation Equestre Internationale* website, "Biographies," accessed on September 10, 2020, available at www.fei.org/bios/Person/10016030/Oleksandr_ONYSHCHENKO/1. (U)
- (U//████████) Exhibit 16: ██████████, 26 Nov 2019, ██████████
- (U) Exhibit 17: Executive Order 13757 of December 28, 2016, "Taking Additional Steps to Address the National Emergency With Respect to Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities," 82 Fed. Reg. 1 (December 30, 2016). (U)
- Exhibit 18: Media Bias Fact Check website, "*Sputnik News*," accessed on October 6, 2020, available at <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/sputnik-news/>. (U)
- (U) Exhibit 19: *The Washington Post* website, "Trump administration revokes the visa of a Ukrainian political fixer tied to Giuliani," accessed on October 6, 2020, available at https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/trump-administration-revokes-the-visa-of-a-ukrainian-political-fixer-tied-to-giuliani/2020/10/05/69709bd0-05a4-11eb-a2db-417cddf4816a_story.html. (U)

- (U) Exhibit 20: *The Washington Post* website, "Hunt for Biden tapes in Ukraine by Trump allies revives prospect of foreign interference," accessed on September 18, 2020, available at https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/for-months-trump-allies-hunted-for-tapes-of-biden-in-ukraine-now-theyre-turning-up/2020/06/30/f3acaba8-a67b-11ea-8681-7d471bf20207_story.html. (U)
- (U/████████) Exhibit 21: ██████████, 24 Nov 2015. ██████████
- (U/████████) Exhibit 22: ██████████, 15 Feb 2017. ██████████
- (U/████████) Exhibit 23: ██████████, 07 Feb 1997. ██████████
- (U/████████) Exhibit 24: ██████████, 22 Dec 1998. ██████████
- (U/████████) Exhibit 25: ██████████, 11 Sep 1997. ██████████
- (U/████████) Exhibit 26: ██████████, 18 Apr 2007. ██████████
- (U/████████) Exhibit 27: ██████████, 06 Apr 1999. ██████████
- (U/████████) Exhibit 28: ██████████, 10 Dec 2013. ██████████
- (U/████████) Exhibit 29: ██████████, 21 Oct 2011. ██████████
- (U) Exhibit 30: Media Bias Fact Check website, "One America News Network (OAN)," accessed on November 2, 2020, available at <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/one-america-news-network/>. (U)
- (U) Exhibit 31: *The New York Times* "Democrats Warn of Possible Foreign Disinformation Plot Targeting Congress," dated July 20, 2020, available at <https://nyti.ms/2Cw0awo>. (U)
- (U) Exhibit 32: Media Bias Fact Check website, "New York Times," accessed on November 17, 2020, available at <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/new-york-times/>. (U)

- (U) Exhibit 33: Website of International Horse Sport Conferation, "About Page," accessed November 19, 2020, available at <https://horsesport.org>. (U)
- (U) Exhibit 34: Website of Media Bias Fact Check, *Washington Post*, accessed July 14, 2020, available at <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/washington-post/>. (U)
- (U) Exhibit 35: Britannica, Rudy Giuliani, accessed July 16, 2020, available at <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Rudy-Giuliani>. (U)

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[REDACTED]
**Influence on U.S. Elections: Kremlin-Linked
Parliamentarian Introduced to [REDACTED]**
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[REDACTED] Kremlin-linked Ukrainian
Parliamentarian Andriy Derkach [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] monitored
European press coverage [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Derkach's U.S. media contacts built on those established by Ukrainian political consultant Andriy
Telizhenko [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
**Derkach's Media Appearances Build on
Arrangements Made by Andriy Telizhenko, May to November 2019**

[REDACTED] Ukrainian political consultant Andriy Telizhenko [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] about the Ukrainian government's assertion that there was no evidence of U.S.-Burisma corruption
with a statement made by then-Ukrainian Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko asserting that he found no
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

violations of Ukrainian law in Burisma dealing, but that he was prepared to meet with U.S. law enforcement officers to provide them with whatever they needed to investigate the legality of actions of any U.S. citizens. Subsequently, Telizhenko [REDACTED] concerned about the impeachment proceedings, [REDACTED] Telizhenko arranged to meet with [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Telizhenko provided [REDACTED] the names [REDACTED] [REDACTED] former Ukrainian Special Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and Kremlin-linked Ukrainian parliamentarian Andriy Derkach, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] former Ukrainian Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin, former Ukrainian Prosecutor General official Kostyantyn Kulyk, and then Ukrainian Central Election Commission Chairman Mykhaylo Okhondovskyy were all [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as had been arranged, and then [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were to arrive the next day.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Derkach's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] coordinated and translated for Derkach's U.S. media appearances and statements, [REDACTED] information regarding Derkach's meeting [REDACTED]

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_____ would be able to help him get his visa back.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Telizhenko [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] he would not be able to work as a
specialist on U.S.-Ukraine relations if he were unable to travel to the United States. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Telizhenko [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] as a "star
witness" for the **U.S. Senate's** Ukraine investigation. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] tying Telizhenko to Derkach, who had just been sanctioned by
the **U.S. Treasury Department** for meddling in the U.S. elections. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did
not know whether Derkach was a Russian spy as had been alleged by the U.S. Government, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] blocked him from appearing on Ukraine's top television channels [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Telizhenko also insisted he
never discussed Derkach with [REDACTED] due to Telizhenko's lack of knowledge on
Derkach's background.⁽²⁾
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 2013 to 2014 Maydan protests in Ukraine and could advise the U.S.
Government on how to deal with the racial justice protests in the United States. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Telizhenko's [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to reinstate his U.S. visa, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
attempted to reconstitute his efforts to travel to the U.S.

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] See [REDACTED] for reporting which indicates
Telizhenko was well aware of Derkach's background.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Visa Revocation --- [REDACTED]

Classification: [REDACTED]

Classified By: [REDACTED]
Derived From: F [REDACTED] G
Declassify On: 50X1-HUM
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Thanks, [REDACTED]. I just spoke to the Deputy and he approved the revocation. No need to send an LHM.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 1:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Visa Revocation --- [REDACTED]

Classification: [REDACTED]

Classified By: [REDACTED]
Derived From: F [REDACTED]
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Actually, we stopped working on it since he was already revoked. Do you still find it useful for us to pass something in particular? Let me know.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 1:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Visa Revocation --- [REDACTED]

Classification: [REDACTED]

Classified By: [REDACTED]
Derived From: F [REDACTED] G
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[REDACTED]

This is incredibly timely. Please send it over asap. I'll flag for my seniors.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:01 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Visa Revocation --- [REDACTED]

Classification: [REDACTED]

Classified By: [REDACTED]

Derived From: F [REDACTED]

Declassify On: 20451231

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Hello [REDACTED],

We were just informed of Andrii Telezhenko's intention to travel to the US. We are putting together an LHM now to request revoking his Visa. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you want to discuss prior to us sending something over.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: D has asked to see again the report on Telizhenko he read last week. --- [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 4:04:00 PM

Classification: [REDACTED]
Classified By: [REDACTED]
Derived From: D [REDACTED] of State SCG
Declassify On: 50X1-HUM
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Correct, [REDACTED] Thank you.

Yes, [REDACTED] and I met with D and we are all set on that front, i.e., he got what he needed.

Special thanks to [REDACTED] for tracking down the reports, which were several weeks old.

Best,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 2:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: D has asked to see again the report on Telizhenko he read last week. --- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Classification: [REDACTED]
Classified By: [REDACTED]
Derived From: D [REDACTED] of State SCG
Declassify On: 50X1-HUM
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[REDACTED] - defer to you but it sounded like D got what he needed.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 2:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: D has asked to see again the report on Telizhenko he read last week. --- [REDACTED]
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Classification: [REDACTED]

Classified By: [REDACTED]
Derived From: D [REDACTED] State SCG
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Thanks, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] – can we get the report up to D today? I think I saw that you and [REDACTED] were meeting with him, so maybe you’ve already discussed it.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 2:19 PM

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: D has asked to see again the report on Telizhenko he read last week. --- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Classification: [REDACTED]

Classified By: [REDACTED]
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All, just to note that the department revoked Telizhenko’s visa prior to is imminent travel. My understanding is that D was looking [REDACTED] to determine whether or not we should take this action.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 10:02 AM

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: D has asked to see again the report on Telizhenko he read last week. --- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Classification: [REDACTED]

Classified By: [REDACTED]
Derived From: D [REDACTED] f State SCG
Declassify On: 50X1-HUM

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We think we have it. [REDACTED]. Apologies for all the extra churn.

Thank you and best,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:57 AM

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: D has asked to see again the report on Telizhenko he read last week. --- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Classification: [REDACTED]

Classified By: [REDACTED] INR/OPS
Derived From: D [REDACTED]
Declassify On: 50X1-HUM

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Good Morning,

I just spoke with [REDACTED] folks and they are looking to see if they have anything.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

INR/OPS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:29 AM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: D has asked to see again the report on Telizhenko he read last week. --- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Classification: [REDACTED]
Classified By: [REDACTED]
Derived From: D [REDACTED] State SCG
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Morning all,

I'm filling in [REDACTED] today. Sounds like we don't yet have resolution on this? Copying a few folks in OPS to see if they have any insights.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: D has asked to see again the report on Telizhenko he read last week. --- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Classification: [REDACTED]
Classified By: [REDACTED]
Derived From: D [REDACTED] f State SCG
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Still nothing, [REDACTED] Sorry.

Given the [REDACTED] reference, it may have been something that came across [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on our end.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:33 PM

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: D has asked to see again the report on Telizhenko he read last week. --- [REDACTED]
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Thanks, [REDACTED]. We are trying to figure out.

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:53 AM

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: D has asked to see again the report on Telizhenko he read last week. --- [REDACTED]
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D's CoS said D would like to see again the report he read last week on Telizhenko. [REDACTED] was not
certain if it was delivered in the PDB or came up separately. Does this sound familiar?

thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Special K 7031(c) and associates - bad news, options to counter
Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 10:31:29 AM

Sensitivity: [REDACTED]
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Classified By: [REDACTED]
Derived From: DSCG 11-01
Declassify On: 2045/10/07

From: Kent, George P
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2020 3:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Special K 7031(c) and associates - bad news, options to counter

I and [REDACTED] cleared the 7031© package for Special K last night. Down to [REDACTED] (now back) and INL A/S Kristin M. D staff alerted that this should be pushed quickly. Could have an announcement within the week/10 days.

Separately, [REDACTED] got an outreach from a deputy faction head of SOP who had come to CPAC (conservative convention) pre COVID. Begging for us to take action not only against Special K, but Dubinsky, who was bragging about election meddling openly in SON circles, and continues to be poisonous. Said that adding Dubinsky to any black list would have an immediately salutary effect/reducing malign influence among impressionable MPs. Separately, I saw on twitter that Derkach and Kulyk were back with a press conference attacking us [REDACTED] yesterday – but much less amplification in the twittersphere.

[REDACTED] will write his conversation up, at my request; it raised the question whether [REDACTED] could be targeted in some way.

George

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Reasons: Derived Per DSCG.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2020 6:00 AM
To: Kent, George P

Subject: RE: new string of reporting - someone whose visa should be prudentially revoked?? [REDACTED]

OK, got it

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Declassify On: 2045/10/07

From: Kent, George P

Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2020 3:22 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: new string of reporting - someone whose visa should be prudentially revoked?? [REDACTED]

These reports suggest more than vague – I presume that's why the reports were produced.

At this point, connections to Derkach for anyone planning on coming to the US, less than a month before the election, should be grounds to prudentially revoke. Let them reprove purpose of travel.

I see the WashPo article finally came out – nearly a month after Telizhenko's visa was yanked.

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Reasons: Derived Per DSCG.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2020 5:45 AM

To: Kent, George P

Subject: RE: new string of reporting - someone whose visa should be prudentially revoked?? [REDACTED]

Thanks George, we learned of his travel on Saturday, but at that time there was no basis to revoke his visa beyond some vague ties to Derkach.

I'll take a look and see if these provide more info.

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Derived From: DSCG 11-01

Declassify On: 2045/10/06

From: [Kent, George P](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Prudential visa revocation for Ukrainian nationals engaged in election interference and grand corruption (Derkach and [REDACTED])
Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 2:07:12 PM

If I were all powerful, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. But I doubt that
will happen.

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Kent, George P
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Prudential visa revocation for Ukrainian nationals engaged in election interference and grand corruption (Derkach and [REDACTED])

This is great to have all the visa bans in one place.

[REDACTED] Good. Are we missing anyone?

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From: Kent, George P
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 10:48 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]: Prudential visa revocation for Ukrainian nationals engaged in election interference and grand corruption (Derkach [REDACTED])

Thanks for the update, [REDACTED].

Adding [REDACTED] for their situational awareness.

I believe the following represents the sum of Ukrainian malafide actors who have either been denied a visa, had a visa revoked, or have a soft hit in the system over the past two years (in chronological order of visa denial, revocation, or designation). Washington-based designations were done against Derkach [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Other visa-related action done at post using consular/COM authorities. Feel free to add if I have missed someone:

--Viktor **Shokin**, former PG, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Subsequently had contact with Derkach starting in May 2019).

--Andriy **Derkach**, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. Publicly designated by Treasury September 10 for election interference.

--Andriy **Telizhenko**, political operative, ex OPG and Ukrainian Embassy attache: visa prudentially revoked Sept 2020 the day before plans to travel to the US to provide manufactured case information out of the Pechersk district. [REDACTED] soft hit as of Oct 2020 requiring a SAO for visa issuance.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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--Kostantin **Kulyk**, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Kulyk publicly acknowledged this weekend he had written a letter to Senator

Johnson asking to come to the U.S. to testify.

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Reasons: Derived Per DSCG.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Kent, George P
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Prudential visa revocation request for Ukrainian nationals (derkach [REDACTED])

Update from Kyiv CONS:

[REDACTED] On 10/19 Post entered a [REDACTED] hit via INK, which will require a Security Advisory Opinion regardless of where he applies for a visa.

Also, to follow up on the Telezhinko visa, we revoked it [REDACTED] earlier this month because he was imminently getting on a plane and needed to move quickly. Yesterday we also entered a [REDACTED] hit to be resolved if he applies again.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Office of Eastern European Affairs
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Declassify On: 10/15/2045
Reasons: Derived Per DSCG.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] [VO-Revocations](#)
Subject: RE: Telizhenko
Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 2:34:32 PM

Thanks! I passed this to FBI.

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Reasons: (Derived) Classification derived from previous message(s)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 8:21 AM
To: [REDACTED] VO-
Revocations [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Telizhenko

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] asked me to follow up with you on this since I am in the office today, and this guy has been mentioned in an article in the Washington Post. CA/VO/SAC did not received any revocation requests related to this visa. However, Embassy Kyiv revoked it at Post it on September 8th.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

V/R
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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Reasons: Derived Per DSCG.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 4:44 PM
To: [REDACTED] VO-Revocations
Subject: RE: Telizhenko

Interesting. Not sure where it's coming from then.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 3:31 PM
To: [REDACTED] VO-Revocations
Subject: RE: Telizhenko

We have not received a request to revoke a visa for anyone by that name.

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Reasons: Derived Per DSCG.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 2:34 PM
To: VO-Revocations
Subject: Telizhenko

Colleagues,

FBI has gotten wind that the Department is considering revoking Andriy Telizhenko's visa. They are curious about the potential timing for the revocation and how it came about? Did an agency request revocation or is this a result of continuous vetting?

Happy to keep any of the information among State if you prefer but it's possible FBI will claim equities.

Thanks for your help!

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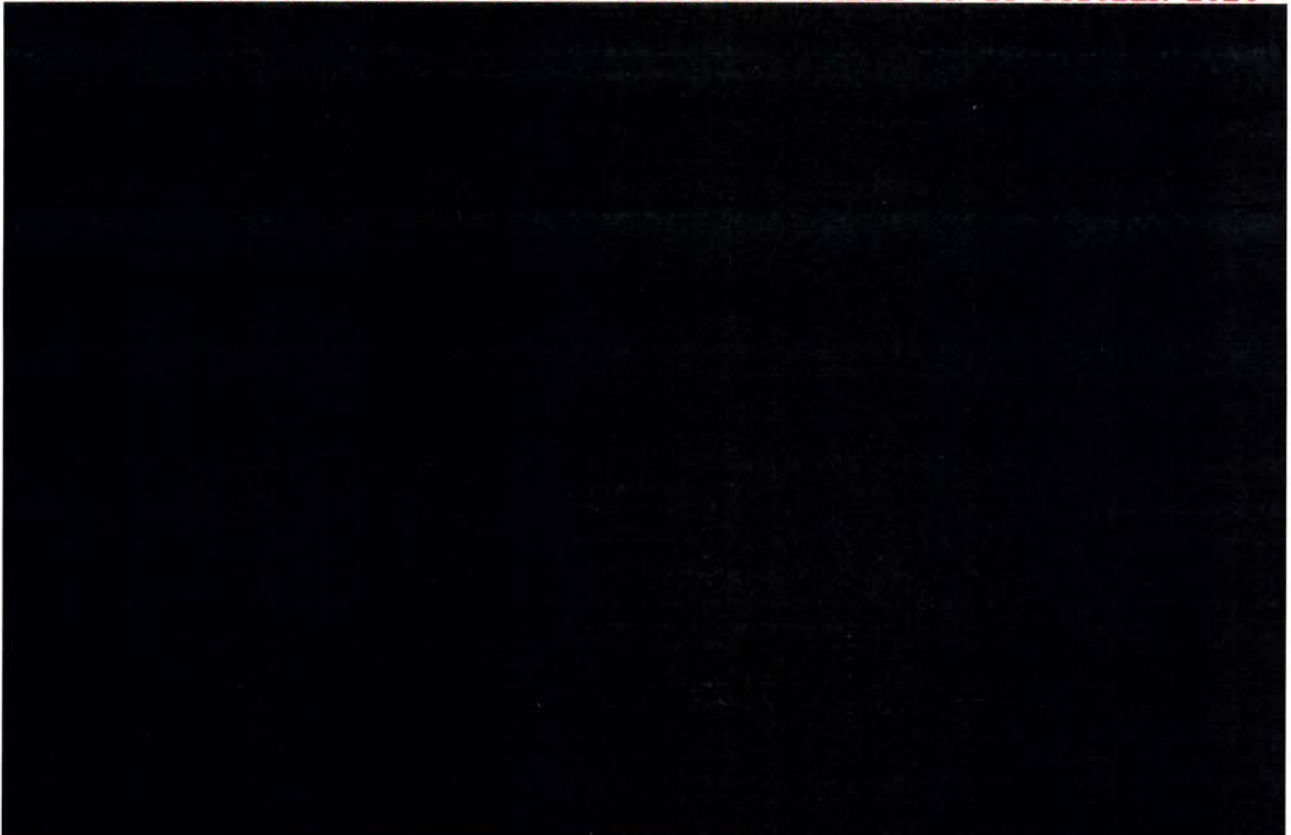
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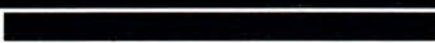
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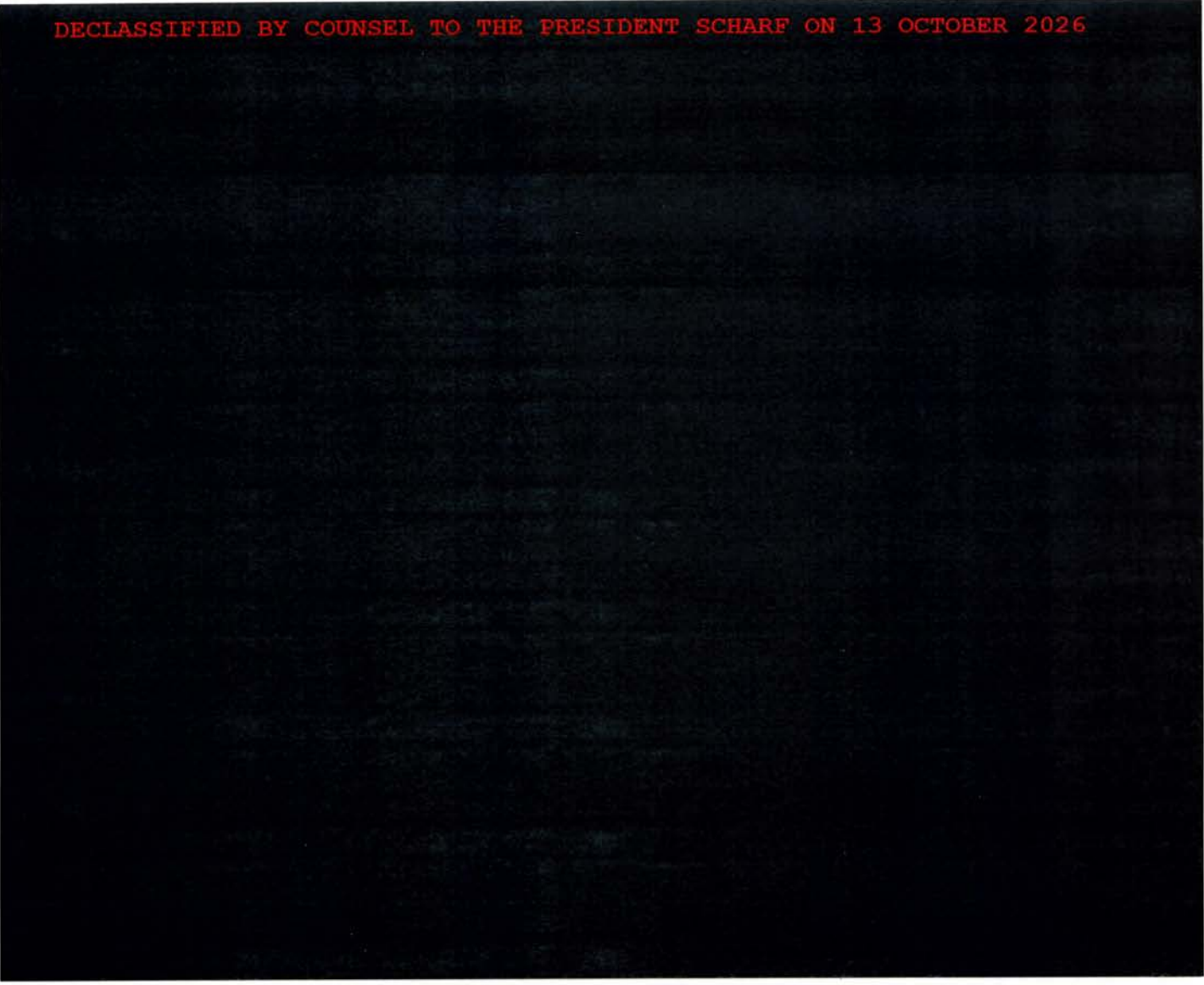
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 In response to your questions about Telizhenko, as of August 2020, Telizhenko coordinated with US-sanctioned Russian influence agent Andriy Derkach to influence the 2020 U.S. election, in part, by propagating Russian Government-linked false and misleading narratives to denigrate the former U.S. Vice President. We do not know if Telizhenko was witting that he was acting as a proxy of the Russian Government by driving these efforts in Ukraine and the United States.



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A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue shirt, stands in the foreground. Behind him is a scenic view of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., surrounded by green lawns and trees with autumn foliage. The sky is blue with some clouds.



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- [REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED] Russian state propaganda outlets and proxy media have amplified Telizhenko's narratives since 2017,
[REDACTED].

[REDACTED] For additional information:

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