

# **The Dworkin Report:**

**Evidence Tying Donald Trump To Russia**

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**Memorandum**

**To:** President Barack Obama, Vice President Joseph Biden, Senator Harry Reid, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Patrick Leahy, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Congressman Keith Ellison

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**Re:** Updated Report Outlining President-elect Trump's Connections to Russia

**Date:** November 13, 2016

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Dear Mr. President and Democratic Leadership-

In light of information recently uncovered by the Democratic Coalition, it was incumbent upon myself and our organization to provide you with a newly-updated report outlining President-elect Trump's connections to Russia.

As you will see, this report is more than twice as long as our last report, and contains 24 separate connections between the President-elect, his campaign staff, and his family to Vladimir Putin and the country of Russia.

This evidence further calls into question the recent conclusion made by the FBI, which stated that there was no clear connection between President-elect Trump and Russia to be found.

Please note that this information can always be expanded upon, and should be done by those with the appropriate resources to investigate.

In solidarity,

Scott J. Dworkin

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# Russian Business Interests

## Exhibit 1

### 249 Business Registered in Russia with Trump (Трамп) in the Name

According to a search conducted on the Federal Tax Service of Russia's website, there are 249 registered businesses in Russia with Trump (Трамп) in the name. A list of the companies can be found [here](#).<sup>1</sup>

### Image of Trump LLC (Трамп ООО) taken from the tax service website

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6	Улица (проспект, переулок и т.д.)	УЛИЦА АНОХИНА АКАДЕМИКА
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11	ИНН/КПП	7729125843/772901010

To recreate the search:

1. Visit the website: <https://egrul.nalog.ru/#> (Note that the search will not work if your browser translates the webpage into English)
2. Search for Трамп (Trump in Cyrillic)
3. Below that type the captcha image
4. Click the blue search button on the lower right

This will display 200 of the 249 companies

<sup>1</sup> <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-eFTx9hvN2mxjcPyBNZNsphkSri16rEjpTDLq3C0WU/edit?usp=sharing>

# 1987

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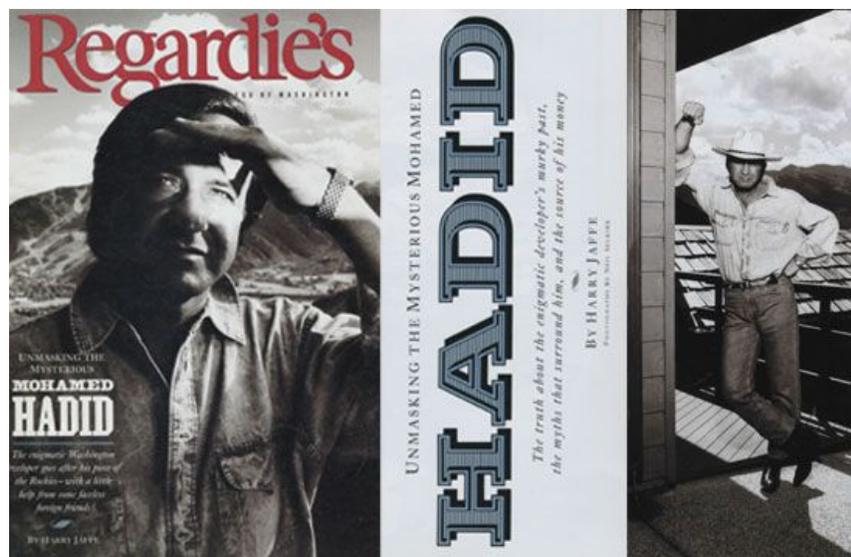
## Exhibit 2 (May, 1987)

### President-elect Trump travels to Russia

After mid-May in 1987 President-elect Trump traveled to Russia, according to a 1988 Regardie's article about Mohamed Hadid by Harry Jaffe.<sup>2</sup>

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### Cover of Regardie's, 1988



### Excerpt from article

The weekend after the Aspen deal went down, Hadid was at his Eastern Shore farm when Trump called to offer his congratulations. Trump asked Hadid if he would like a partner. Hadid said maybe. Trump said he was going to Russia and that Hadid should call him when he got back. A week or so later Trump went to court and charged Hadid with illegally interfering with his contract.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.harryjaffe.com/archive/unmasking-the-mysterious-mohamed-hadid>



## Exhibit 4 (December 14, 1987) President-elect Trump on his travels to Moscow

According to a 1987 Interest Rate Observer article, President-elect Trump says he likes the people in Russia, and the people like him.

Excerpt:

*"He [President-elect Trump] has flown to Moscow. 'I like the people, and the people like me,' he says, sounding a little proprietary about the people."*<sup>4</sup>

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DECEMBER 14, 1987

### Sell Donald Trump

Crash or no crash, the personal stock of Donald J. Trump, the New York real-estate celebrity, is up. Up is Trump's favorite direction. He proposes to build the world's tallest building. For flying, he owns a Super Puma jet helicopter and a Boeing 727. For weekend cruising, it's the yacht *Nabila*, which belonged to the previously opulent Adnan Khashoggi. On land, he rides in limousines. A new "Trump" line of superstretch limo produced by a Bronx manufacturer was named for—who else?

Donald Trump, 41 years old, by all accounts is nearly perfect. He is "six feet-something tall" (*People*) and photogenic. He is the owner of Trump Tower, which, among real-estate people, is

Although the mayor and Trump get on like Iran and Iraq, the developer has managed to ingratiate himself with national political leaders. He has taken out full-page advertisements in *The New York Times* (at about \$35,000 a page) to advance his views on foreign policy. He has flown to Moscow. "I like the people, and the people like me," he says, sounding a little proprietary about the people. He won't be running for President this year, though: "It's so hard to just drop everything to do something like that."

Although Trump contends that he doesn't like "doing press," he is chronically landing on the cover of magazines. *Business Week*, the *New York Times Maga-*

*zine* and *People* have done him. *New York* almost canonized him. Trump has done himself, too, in *Trump: The Art of the Deal*, newly published by Random House. "I don't do it for money," Chapter One leads off. "I've got enough, much more than I'll ever need. I do it to do it. Deals are my art form." Elsewhere Trump contends, "The point is that you can't be too greedy." Also he writes, "I like thinking big, I always have." It is an affecting story of an often misunderstood business genius. The book has gone to a 25% discount from the \$19.95 list price at Waldenbooks.

"He is this year's phenomenon," *People* said, "a 41-year-old member of a

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.valuewalk.com/2016/07/sell-donald-trump/>

## Exhibit 5 (December 20, 1987)

### Mikhail Gorbachev asks Trump to build hotel in Moscow

According to a December 20, 1987 article in the Press-Republican, Mikhail Gorbachev told Trump that he would love to see a Trump Hotel in Moscow.<sup>5</sup> Trump and Gorbachev had previously met on December 9, 1987 at a luncheon in Gorbachev's honor.<sup>6</sup>

#### Excerpt from Press-Republican article

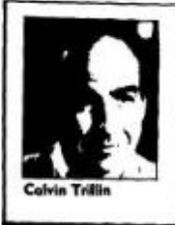
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PLATTSBURGH, N.Y.

# OPINION

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## Could Gorbachev play in Iowa?

The notion that Mikhail Gorbachev might run in the Iowa caucuses was silly to begin with. He's not a citizen. Also, he's a Communist. When political analysts talk about whether voters in places like Iowa are tempted to cross party lines, the party line they're referring to is not the Communist "party line."



Calvin Trillin

In fact, the party line usually discussed in Iowa political circles is not even the line between the Democratic and Republican parties. It's the four-family party line in Jones County that includes Agnes Clutt, who is willing to tie it up for an hour every morning reciting the unsavory details of her meatloaf recipe to Bertha Henkel, who just happens to be the person who said that the meatloaf Agnes Clutt brought to the covered dish supper in Anamosa for George Bush in 1980 tasted like "a brand that will never win much of the market from Alpo."

At this year's covered dish supper in Anamosa, of course, all the talk seemed to be about how Bush had benefited politically from his contact with Gorbachev and from the easy way he had spoken to the Soviet leader as an equal ("Where's your prop, Mikhail?") So it was only one step from there to discussing how Bush managed to bring along a couple of his Iowa supporters when he had breakfast with Gorbachev at the Soviet embassy and how one of them reported that whatever it was the Russians served with the eggs tasted a little like Agnes Clutt's meatloaf but with even more filler.

Once people started discussing that breakfast, of course, the discussion naturally turned to the interest Gorbachev expressed in the Iowa crop, as reported in the Des Moines Register's front page story about how he told Bush supporter Cooper Evans that the Soviet Union should really think about importing more soy beans. Well, the novelist Joyce Carol Oates may have been flattered when Gorbachev told her that he had read one of her books, and the New York real estate developer Donald Trump may have been flattered when Gorbachev told him he'd like to see a Trump hotel in Moscow, but Iowa people have been around too many candidates to take such talk seriously: they figured the guy was running. He sounded like one of those presidential candidates who happens to mention

to Vermont voters that what this country needs for its long-term economic stability is to stockpile a couple of billion gallons of maple syrup.

The next steps were inevitable. After all, Gorbachev's numbers look good in the popularity surveys. Also, if what everyone always asks about these candidates is whether they'd be up to dealing with Gorbachev, what better candidate than Gorbachev himself? (Before Gorbachev's election as general secretary of the Communist Party, did people on the Central Committee go around asking whether he'd be up to dealing with Bruce Babbitt?)

The bandwagon gained momentum from the newspaper stories about how Gorbachev had grown up on a collective farm — which is kind of what a lot of farms in Iowa are getting to be, it was said, in that the bankers go around the state collecting them. Some people said that Gorbachev's farm background would certainly give him a great advantage over urban candidates like Michael Dukakis, who has shown evidence of believing that you have to kill a cow to get the cheese, or George Bush, who was reported to have said in an early stop that the life of dairy farmers is particularly hard because they're often required to milk right through the cocktail hour.

What was forgotten in the excitement was that Gorbachev is not a Democrat or a Republican. Apparently, the people who wanted him to run didn't party politics don't make any difference these days simply because Jim Wright, the Speaker of the House, recently asked Trump — who happens to be a Republican, although he's mainly a braggart — to be the host of a big Democratic dinner. Wright comes from Texas, where there's such a thing as a Yellow Dog Democrat ("I'd vote for a yellow dog if he ran on the Democratic ticket"), so maybe he thought Trump was what they might call a Big Mouth Democrat ("I'd pay for a dinner for any party that allowed me to shoot off my mouth.")

Not so. Trump isn't going to be the host of the party. Gorbachev is not going to run in Iowa. Gorbachev's party won't even have a caucus. If it did, nobody would attend, because who wants to go to a caucus where a bunch of grim-looking guys in overcoats stand around eating watery cabbage soup and talking about sending the loser to internal exile in North Dakota? Not even Agnes Clutt. So the Gorbachev idea is out. Forget it. It was silly to begin with.

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<sup>5</sup> <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn88074101/1987-12-20/ed-1/seq-26/>

<sup>6</sup> [http://photos.pennlive.com/patriot-news/2016/03/mikhail\\_gorbachev\\_with\\_donald.html](http://photos.pennlive.com/patriot-news/2016/03/mikhail_gorbachev_with_donald.html)

Gorbachev (left) and Trump (right) in 1987



# 1996

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## **Exhibit 6** **Building in Moscow with Howard Lorber**

Howard Lorber, a major Trump campaign donor who contributed \$100,000 to the Trump Victory Fund, an economic advisor to the Trump campaign, and one of Trump’s self-proclaimed “best friends”, traveled to Moscow with President-elect Trump in 1996 to look at real estate developments for Trump to lend his name to.<sup>78</sup> Lorber had major business investments in Russia at that time, according to Trump.<sup>9</sup> Lorber’s business partner, Ben LeBow, told the Moscow times that he was involved in bringing Trump and the Trump Organization to Moscow in 1996, stating “Donald is the preeminent marketeer and developer in the world. We want the best for Moscow — and Donald’s it.”

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/josh-rogin/wp/2016/08/10/another-trump-adviser-with-deep-ties-to-russia/>

<sup>8</sup> [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/13/nyregion/for-donald-trump-friends-in-few-places.html?mtrref=origin-www.bloombergview.com&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/13/nyregion/for-donald-trump-friends-in-few-places.html?mtrref=origin-www.bloombergview.com&_r=0)

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/1997/05/19/trump-solo>

# 1997

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## Exhibit 7

### President-elect Trump commissioned a \$40 million statue by a Russian artist

The statue was created by Russian artist Zurab Tsereteli, cost \$40 million, and was a solid bronze likeness of Christopher Columbus. President-elect Trump had originally planned to place the statue in Manhattan, but it ended up in Puerto Rico. The statue would have been 6 feet taller than the Statue of Liberty.<sup>10</sup>

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### Tsereteli's Statue of Christopher Columbus



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<sup>10</sup> <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/1997/05/19/trump-solo>

Exhibit 8

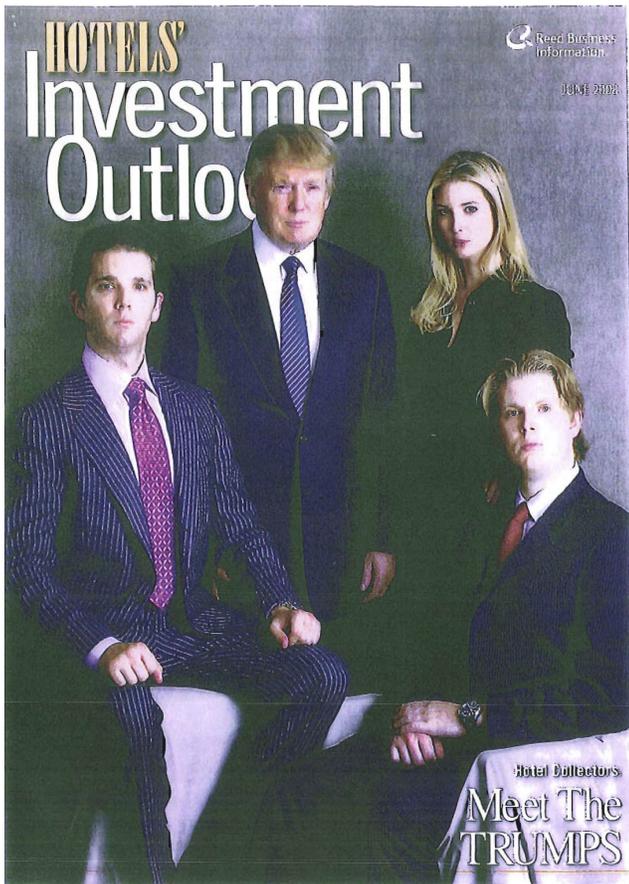
Trumps eye expansion into Russian market, according to Hotels Investment Outlook

The Trumps were featured on the cover of a 2008 issue of Hotels Investment Outlook Magazine. The article on the family mentioned that the Trump Hotel Corporation was looking at investments in Russia.

Excerpt:

*“THC is looking at markets on every continent, with several opportunities in Asia and in China specifically, as well as in Europe including Austria and Russia. Eric Trump says that THC will be inking deals in many new markets over the next 12 to 18 months, although he declined to name specific markets.”<sup>11</sup>*

Pages from the Trumps’ Cover Story



American Hotel & Lodging Association. “Real estate developers in any country would want to partner with Donald Trump.”

**hetic of luxury that we have fused that with the sensibility**

**.” – Ivanka Trump**

**GLOBAL NAME RECOGNITION**

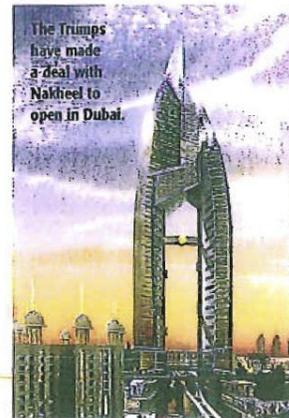
The recognition of the Trump name means that THC has unlimited growth opportunities. “We do have global recognition, and that in itself gives us an entrée,” Petrus notes. However, the company hasn’t outlined any firm numbers in terms of expansion. “No one

THC is looking at markets on every continent, with several opportunities in Asia and in China specifically, as well as in Europe including Austria and Russia. Eric Trump says that THC will be inking deals in many new markets over the 12 to 18 months, although he declined to name specific markets. However, Irongate’s Fisher says his firm is discussions with THC to partner on projects in Macau and China. But, he too, declined to go into detail.

In general, THC is looking for markets that attract the top 3% to 5% of the traveling public, as well as markets that are particularly attractive to THC’s target customer—men age 35 to 55 years old with an average household income US\$500,000 and an average education level is 16 years plus.

THC also has an opportunity to attract the young, affluent customer—one that has been largely ignored by other luxury brands. The new generation of Trumps understands this particular customer segment and is making sure to imbue its properties with design elements that appeal to younger demographics.

“We have combined the aesthetic of luxury that we have inherited from our father and fused that with the sensibility of our generation,” Ivanka Trump explains. “There are other hotels that are chic and ▶



<sup>11</sup> <http://www.trump.com/getmedia/fa783c21-f9c0-4e1c-be39-5713b55c223c/MeetTheTrumpHIO7-08/>

## Exhibit 9

### Trump Vodka

Trump Vodka was sold and advertised to the Russian market and was spotlighted at the Moscow Millionaire Fair in 2007.

The ad, produced by Overit on behalf of Drinks Americas for Trump Vodka was created for the Russian Millionaires Convention (better known as the Moscow Millionaire Fair) according to the original video description.<sup>1213</sup> The video includes visuals of Donald Trump, Vladimir Lenin, Saint Basil's Cathedral, part of the Moscow Kremlin and Red Square UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Qolşärif Mosque located in Kazan Kremlin. According to a 2007 Drinks America press release, Trump Vodka had a \$7.5 million contract with Russian distributor Recolte to export 50,000 cases over the course of a year, beginning in January 2008.<sup>1415</sup> A press release hosted on The Trump Organization's website, confirms that Trump Super Premium Vodka was sold in Russia in 2009.<sup>16</sup>

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### Statue of Vladimir Lenin in Russia (left) next to a still from the Trump Vodka Russian ad spot (right)



<sup>12</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bxG1N0otqY&feature=youtu.be>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.passportmagazine.ru/article/1022/>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/drinks-americas-expands-trump-super-premium-vodka-to-russia-nasdaq-dkam-789034.htm>

<sup>15</sup> [http://www.kommersant.com/p820585/r\\_500/Premium\\_vodka/](http://www.kommersant.com/p820585/r_500/Premium_vodka/)

<sup>16</sup> [http://www.trump.com/getmedia/4ac35c82-72a8-4379-88d7-529e2135575c/Trump\\_Vodka\\_Award/](http://www.trump.com/getmedia/4ac35c82-72a8-4379-88d7-529e2135575c/Trump_Vodka_Award/)

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### For Immediate Release

## **TRUMP® PREMIUM GRAPE VODKA WINS HIGHEST HONOR AT WORLD SPIRITS COMPETITION**

**February 4, 2009, New York, NY** –The Trump Organization, in partnership with Drinks Americas Holdings, Ltd., is pleased to announce the recent award of Best of Show-The Platinum Award in the flavored vodka category at the 2008-2009 World Spirits Competition for Trump Premium Grape Vodka.

category. We are looking forward to continued success and growth with the addition of new products in 2009. 2

Trump Super Premium Vodka is available throughout the U.S. at wine and spirit retailers, high-end restaurants, bars, clubs, hotels, lounges and other locations where premium spirits are sold. Internationally, Trump Super Premium Vodka is currently sold in Russia, Canada and the Dominican Republic, with further expansion in 2009.

### **The Trump Organization**

The Trump Organization encompasses global real estate development and global licensing, sales and marketing, property management, golf course development, entertainment and product licensing and brand development. Donald J. Trump is the Chairman and President of The Trump Organization, a privately held company in New York. ([www.Trump.com](http://www.Trump.com)).

### **Drinks Americas**

Drinks Americas develops, owns, markets and nationally distributes alcoholic and non-alcoholic premium beverages associated with renowned icon celebrities. Drinks Americas portfolio of premium alcoholic beverage includes Donald Trump's Trump Super Premium Vodka and Willie Nelson's Old Whiskey River Bourbon and Bourbon Cream, and non-alcoholic Paul Newman's Own Lightly Sparkling Fruit Juice Drinks and Flavored Waters.

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## Exhibit 10 (July 15, 2008)

### Trump Sold his Florida Mansion to Russian Billionaire Dmitry Rybolovlev

In 2008, President-elect Trump sold his mansion in Palm Beach, Florida to Russian billionaire Dmitry Rybolovlev for \$95 million.<sup>17</sup> Rybolovlev owns Uralkali, a Russian potash fertilizer producer and exporter that is traded on both the London and Moscow exchanges.

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#### Trump's Palm Beach mansion



<sup>17</sup> <http://money.cnn.com/2016/07/27/news/donald-trump-russian-deal-mansion/>

## Exhibit 11

### Donald Trump, Jr. spoke often about doing business in Russia in 2008

On multiple occasions, Donald Trump, Jr. referenced the Russian business market, including at a “Real Estate in Russia” conference, and at Cityscape USA’s Bridging US and the Emerging Real Estate Markets Conference held in Manhattan.<sup>18</sup><sup>19</sup> At the Manhattan conference, Donald Jr. said, “The emerging world in general attributes such brand premium to real estate that we are looking all over the place, primarily Russia.” Additionally, Trump, Jr. told a conference that “Russians make up a pretty disproportionate cross-section of a lot of our assets,” and that “a lot of money” was pouring in from Russia.<sup>20</sup> Donald Trump, Jr. made over half a dozen trips to Russia during the two years in which the U.S. real estate market was crashing due to the Great Recession.<sup>21</sup>

According to the book *The Global Emerging Market: Strategic Management and Economics*, by Vladimir Kvint, the Trump Organization had registered its trademarks in Russia in the areas of real estate development and construction starting in 2008.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> <https://origin-www.bloombergview.com/articles/2016-03-15/trump-s-long-romance-with-russia>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.eturbonews.com/5008/executive-talk-donald-trump-ir-bullish-russia-and-few-emerging-ma>

<sup>20</sup> [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/inside-trumps-financial-ties-to-russia-and-his-unusual-flattery-of-vladimir-putin/2016/06/17/dbdcaac8-31a6-11e6-8ff7-7b6c1998b7a0\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/inside-trumps-financial-ties-to-russia-and-his-unusual-flattery-of-vladimir-putin/2016/06/17/dbdcaac8-31a6-11e6-8ff7-7b6c1998b7a0_story.html)

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## 2012

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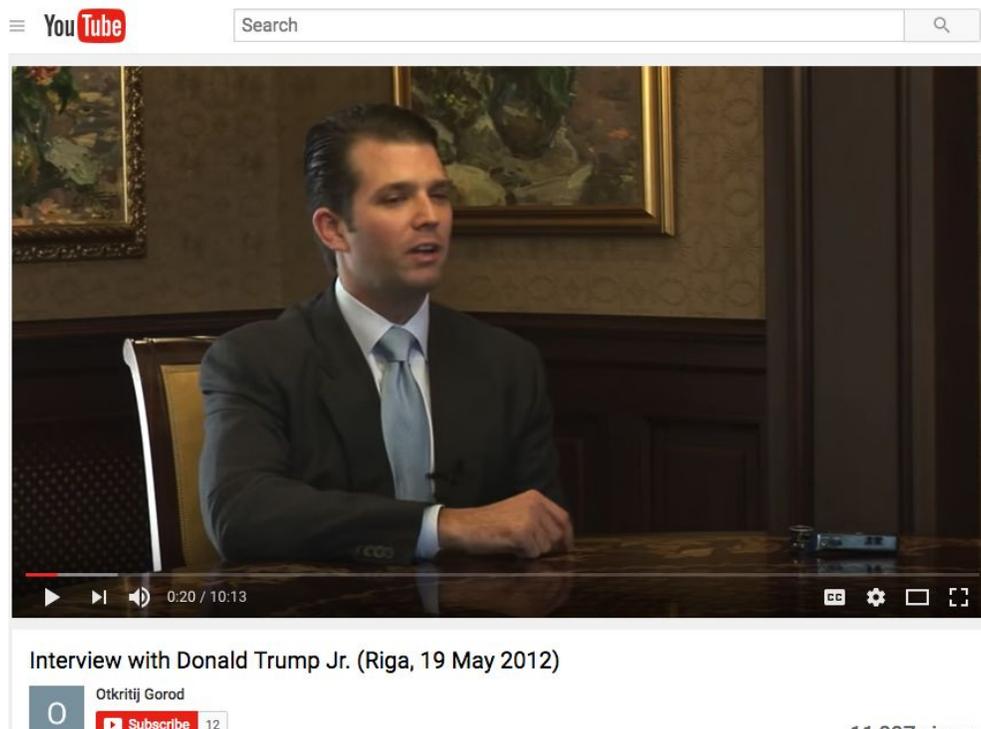
### Exhibit 12 (May 19, 2012)

#### Donald Trump, Jr. Interview in Riga, Latvia Speaking About the Russian Market

While Donald Trump, Jr. was in Latvia to speak at a real estate conference, he stated in an interview that he had been to Moscow many times to look at business deals on behalf of the Trump Organization.<sup>23</sup>

Excerpt:

*Donald Trump, Jr.: "I've been there many times, I've spent quite a bit of time in Moscow looking at deals. The things that I've looked at thus far, I've looked at resorts to hotels. I was here last summer looking a potential golf development."*



<sup>23</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UM7v2aeDdT8>

## 2013 - Miss Universe Pageant

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### Exhibit 13

#### Trump Tweets Prior to the Pageant, Wondering if Putin will be his “best friend”<sup>24</sup>

Trump invited Putin to the pageant ahead of time, stating “I know for a fact that he wants very much to come, but we’ll have to see. We haven’t heard yet, but we have invited him.”<sup>25</sup>



<sup>24</sup> <https://twitter.com/realdonaldtrump/status/347191326112112640>

<sup>25</sup> <http://deadline.com/2013/10/nbc-news-lands-great-angle-as-msnbc-anchor-thomas-robert-signs-to-co-host-miss-u-pageant-in-russia-615072/>

## Exhibit 14

### President-elect Donald Trump Discusses his Relationship with Putin in an MSNBC Interview with Thomas Roberts prior to the Pageant

While in Moscow for the Miss Universe pageant in 2013, President-elect Trump sat down with Thomas Roberts for an interview on MSNBC. In the interview, President-elect Trump admits that he has a relationship with Putin. Thomas Roberts served as the host of the Miss Universe pageant in Moscow that year.

Excerpt:

*President-elect Donald Trump: "I do have a relationship [with Putin], and I can tell you he is very interested in what we're doing today...but I do have a relationship with him. Look he's done a very brilliant job in terms of what he represents or who he's represented if you look at what he's done with Syria if you look at all the different things, he really has eaten our President's lunch, let's not kid ourselves. He's done an amazing job, he's put himself really...at the forefront of the world as a leader in a short period of time. Putin has done an amazing job of showing certain leadership that our people have not been able to match."<sup>26</sup>*



<sup>26</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dn1ZK2kcfQ8&feature=youtu.be>

## Exhibit 15

### The Crocus Group and Vladimir Putin

The 2013 Miss Universe contest was held in Moscow at Crocus Hall, which is owned by the Crocus Group, a Russian real estate development firm headed by Russian billionaire Aras Agalarov. Trump received a share of the \$14 million paid by investors to have the pageant in Moscow.<sup>27</sup> Tickets to the Miss Universe after party, which Trump attended and which was hosted by the the Agalarovs and sponsored by Russian vodka company, Russian standard, cost 10,000 RUR for entrance, and 450,000 RUR for a six-person table.<sup>28</sup> The Agalarovs claimed they spent \$20 million on the competition.<sup>29</sup> Donald Trump awarded the Crocus Group International Exhibition Centre the “Diamond Excellence Award” in 2013, according to a Crocus Group brochure.<sup>30</sup>

While President-elect Trump was in Moscow during the pageant, he spoke to Russian developers about building a hotel in Russia according to Russian news outlet, Sobesednik.<sup>31</sup> One of those developers was the Agalarovs’ Crocus Group, who sat down with not only Trump, but also the two developers of Trump Soho in Manhattan. One of the Soho’s developers, Alex Sapir who is Russian born was quoted as saying, ““The Trump Soho has a lot of very high profile Russian visitors and they have been telling us they wish there was something modern and hip like it in Moscow.” President-elect Trump was quoted saying “The Russian market is attracted to me. I have a great relationship with many Russians, and almost all of the oligarchs were in the room,” referring to the pageant.<sup>32</sup>

Putin and President-elect Trump tried to meet during the pageant but could not set up a time.<sup>33</sup> Instead, Putin sent a gift and note to Trump, which was delivered by Agalarov's daughter to the Miss Universe offices in New York City after the pageant was over.<sup>34</sup> Prior to the Miss Universe competition, which was held on November 9, 2013, Vladimir Putin presented Aras Agalarov with an excellence award on October 29, 2013.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/jul/30/donald-trump-paul-manafort-ukraine-russia-putin-ties>

<sup>28</sup> <http://crocusgroup.com/press-center/news/753/>

<sup>29</sup> <http://crocusgroup.com/press-center/news/749/>

<sup>30</sup> [http://eng.crocus-expo.ru/files/2014/crocus\\_booklet2013\\_eng.pdf](http://eng.crocus-expo.ru/files/2014/crocus_booklet2013_eng.pdf)

<sup>31</sup> <http://sobesednik.ru/news/20131109-amerikanskii-milliarder-donald-trump-rasskazal-o-svoikh-planakh-po-sozdaniyu-biznesa-v>

<sup>32</sup> <http://rew-online.com/2013/11/12/hotel-trio-aims-to-bring-manhattan-to-moscow/>

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/donald-trump-vladimir-putin-meet-2013-article-1.2730352>

<sup>34</sup> <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/trump-putin-trying-meet-moscow-three-years-ago-source-n619006>

<sup>35</sup> <http://crocusgroup.com/press-center/news/752/>

**Vladimir Putin with Aras Agalarov on October 29, 2013**

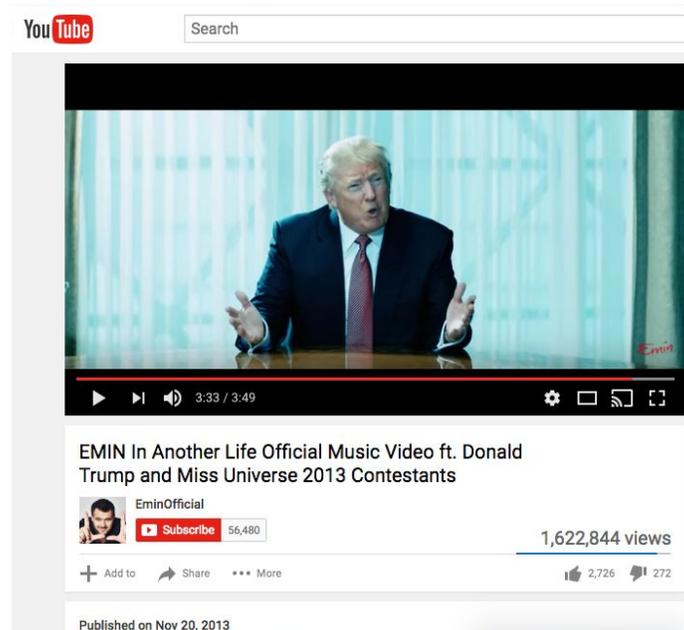


**Trump with Emin Agalarov (left) and Aras Agalarov (right) at the Miss Universe competition in Moscow**



## Trump also had a cameo in Emin's Music Video, Starring Miss Universe Competitors

Emin Agalarov, son of Aras Agalarov, is a pop singer in Russia. President-elect Trump was featured in his music video, alongside Miss Universe 2013 competitors. Trump's appears towards the end of the video, where he "fires" Emin, using his catch-phrase, "you're fired."<sup>36</sup>



<sup>36</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuZUNiFsgS8>

# Trump Campaign Advisors

## Jesse Binnall

### Exhibit 16

### Jesse Binnall's past client owned the encrypted email service used by Edward Snowden

Jesse Binnall, a parliamentary procedure expert for the Trump campaign, represented Ladar Levison, the owner of Lavabit, in 2013.<sup>37</sup> Lavabit, an encrypted email service, is famously known for being used by NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden. Snowden currently is residing in Russia.

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### Jesse Binnall's biography, taken from company website

Jesse R. Binnall is a partner at Harvey & Binnall, PLLC. He has tried cases in state and federal courts in various jurisdictions throughout the United States. Mr. Binnall's practice focuses on civil litigation, white collar criminal defense, internal investigations, international disputes, business and non-profit law, appellate litigation, election law, virtual currencies (i.e. Bitcoin), parliamentary law and procedure, and alternative dispute resolution (i.e. arbitration and mediation). He also is proud to help companies develop innovative legal strategies to combat overregulation and government cyber-snooping. Many of Mr. Binnall's clients use his knowledge to take active steps to avoid the courtroom entirely. He advises entrepreneurs on business formation, contractors on complex construction negotiations, and political candidates and committees on election law matters. He also is proud of his accomplishments working as a productive and collaborative member of civil and criminal joint defense teams.

Mr. Binnall has been a featured guest, discussing law and technology issues, on various new and traditional media outlets, including the Huffington Post, the New York Times, Wired, Forbes, DemocracyNow, the Ron Paul Channel, and Lawyer2Lawyer. He has been selected as a "Rising Star" by **Super Lawyers**. Only 2% of Virginia lawyers are selected to receive this honor. He is also rated as "Superb" by Avvo.com.

Mr. Binnall is also a professional parliamentarian. He continues to advise organizations large and small on meeting procedure (including Robert's Rules of Order), bylaw drafting and interpretation, and other parliamentary matters. His clients have included several presidential campaigns and national political and professional organizations. Mr. Binnall is an avid private pilot. He also enjoys sailing, and SCUBA diving.



Jesse R. Binnall  
Partner

### Jesse Binnall (left) with Lavabit owner Ladar Levison (right)



<sup>37</sup> <http://www.forbes.com/sites/kashmirhill/2013/08/09/lavabits-ladar-levison-if-you-knew-what-i-know-about-email-you-might-not-use-it/#4c5ba25113c1>

# Boris Epshteyn

## Exhibit 17

### Boris Epshteyn moderated a panel with Moscow city government officials

Boris Epshteyn, is a Senior Advisor to the Trump-Pence campaign who often appeared on television as a surrogate over the course of the election.<sup>38</sup> Epshteyn is a Russian-born investment banker and attorney.<sup>39</sup> In October 2013, Epshteyn moderated a New York City panel called “Invest in Russia,” which was composed mainly of Moscow city government officials.<sup>40</sup>

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### Boris Epshteyn (left) with Sergey Cheremin (right) at “Invest in Moscow” in 2013



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<sup>38</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/in/boris-epshteyn-6b62796>

<sup>39</sup> <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2010/05/05/boris-epshteyn-arizona-immigration-law-sb-obama-america-legal-immigrant.html>

<sup>40</sup> [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/donald-trump-advisers-russia-ties\\_us\\_57acd474e4b007c36e4db94c](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/donald-trump-advisers-russia-ties_us_57acd474e4b007c36e4db94c)

## Sergey Cheremin is the Minister of the Moscow City Government and Head of the Moscow City foreign economic and international relations department<sup>41</sup>

### Sergey Cheremin

**Minister of the Moscow City Government, Head of the Moscow City foreign economic and international relations Department., Moscow City Government, Russia**

Born on July 5, 1963 in Kislovodsk.

He graduated with honors in 1989 from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations with a specialization in international journalism and completed his postgraduate course at Moscow State University specializing in global economic issues.

In 1992, he was an intern at the New York Institute under the Investments and International Accounts Program and in 1993 joined a course for banking specialists at Fairfield University (USA).

From 1991 to 2003 Mr. Cheremin headed different banks.

In 2004, he was appointed CEO of Moscow Bank of Reconstruction and Development (MBRD).



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<sup>41</sup> <http://investment-briefings.propertyeu.info/speakers/sergey-cheremin/>

# Lieutenant General Michael Flynn

## Exhibit 18

### Lieutenant General Michael Flynn spoke at a dinner in Russia attended by Putin

In 2015, Lieutenant General Michael Flynn attended a dinner in Russia with Vladimir Putin, at a 10th anniversary celebration for a Russian state-funded television network. Dr. Jill Stein also attended the same celebration. Lieutenant General Flynn accompanied President-elect Trump on his first national security briefing in August of 2016.<sup>42</sup>

In 2014, after Edward Snowden leaked information from the NSA, Flynn was quoted as saying "If I'm concerned about anything, I'm concerned about defense capabilities that he may have stolen from where he worked, and does that knowledge then get into the hands of our adversaries — in this case, of course, Russia."<sup>43</sup> As an advisor to the Trump campaign, Flynn advocated for closer ties with Russia.<sup>44</sup>

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### Image of Flynn (left) with Vladimir Putin



<sup>42</sup> [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/michael-flynn-trump-classified-briefing\\_us\\_57b3939fe4b0edfa80da28ca](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/michael-flynn-trump-classified-briefing_us_57b3939fe4b0edfa80da28ca)

<sup>43</sup> <http://www.cnn.com/2014/03/07/politics/snowden-leaks-russia/>

<sup>44</sup> [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/nearly-the-entire-national-security-establishment-has-rejected-trump-except-for-this-man/2016/08/15/d5072d96-5e4b-11e6-8e45-477372e89d78\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/nearly-the-entire-national-security-establishment-has-rejected-trump-except-for-this-man/2016/08/15/d5072d96-5e4b-11e6-8e45-477372e89d78_story.html)

# Paul Manafort

## Exhibit 19

### Paul Manafort's extensive ties to pro-Russian Ukrainian leaders

Paul Manafort served as the Chairman of the Trump campaign. According to an article in The Nation from 2006, Manafort's consulting firm received several million dollars in 2006 to help run Montenegro's independence referendum campaign, which was funded by Russian businesses interests with deep ties to the Kremlin that were operating in Montenegro.<sup>45</sup> According to the same 2006 article, Vladimir Putin was interested in setting up a Russian outpost in Montenegro, and after the independence referendum passed, Russia recognized Montenegro's freedom before the EU did. Putin told Montenegro's leaders after their independence that their government made it possible for "large-scale Russian investments."<sup>46</sup>

In 2006 and 2010, Manafort helped Viktor Yanukovich win his campaign for President of Ukraine, even though the United States government was against the candidate because of his pro-Putin standpoint.<sup>47</sup> <sup>48</sup><sup>49</sup> After the Yanukovich's victory, Manafort stayed on as his advisor.<sup>50</sup> Additionally, Manafort worked as an advisor for Rinat Akhmetov, Dmitry Firtash and Oleg Deripaska, three major pro-Putin Ukrainian oligarchs, and made millions of dollars from consulting work for them.<sup>51</sup>

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### Newsclip from The Ukrainian Weekly, highlighting Manafort's role as Yanukovich's campaign manager

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"Top McCain Adviser Has Found  
Success Mixing Money, Politics," by  
Matthew Mosk, The Washington Post,  
June 26:

"As Sen. John McCain's top presidential  
campaign adviser, Richard H. 'Rick' Davis  
has worked for almost a year without com-  
pensation, telling reporters that the sacrifice  
shows his dedication to the cash-strapped  
Arizona Republican. He also took a pro-  
tracted leave from his Washington lobbying  
firm [Davis Manafort] to distance himself  
from ethical questions.

"...Davis, 49, is now the candidate's  
campaign manager and point man on ethics.  
He wrote the conflict policy that spurred  
resignations a few weeks ago among  
McCain advisers, who also had roles as

Washington lobbyists or were affiliated  
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"Several of those who have left were fore-  
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cy groups have called for Davis's ouster  
because his lobbying firm in 2006 repre-  
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date for president hire a lobbyist whose firm  
worked against our national interests?'  
asked David Donnelly, director of  
Campaign Money Watch. ...

"While Davis focused on domestic  
clients, [his partner Paul] Manafort did fore-  
ign work and helped manage the campaign  
of Ukrainian politician Viktor Yanukovich  
[sic], even as the U.S. government (and  
McCain) opposed him because of his ties to  
Russia's Vladimir Putin."

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.thenation.com/article/mccains-kremlin-ties/>

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.thenation.com/article/mccains-kremlin-ties/>

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/jul/30/donald-trump-paul-manafort-ukraine-russia-putin-ties>

<sup>48</sup> [http://ukrweekly.com/archive/2008/The\\_Ukrainian\\_Weekly\\_2008-27.pdf](http://ukrweekly.com/archive/2008/The_Ukrainian_Weekly_2008-27.pdf)

<sup>49</sup> [http://ukrweekly.com/archive/2011/The\\_Ukrainian\\_Weekly\\_2011-07.pdf](http://ukrweekly.com/archive/2011/The_Ukrainian_Weekly_2011-07.pdf)

<sup>50</sup> <http://www.politico.com/story/2014/03/paul-manafort-ukraine-104263>

<sup>51</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/jul/30/donald-trump-paul-manafort-ukraine-russia-putin-ties>

**Vladimir Putin (left) with Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich (right)**



**Paul Manafort (right) with pro-Putin oligarch Rinat Akhmetov (left)**



**Paul Manafort's Client Oleg Deripaska (right) with Vladimir Putin (center)**



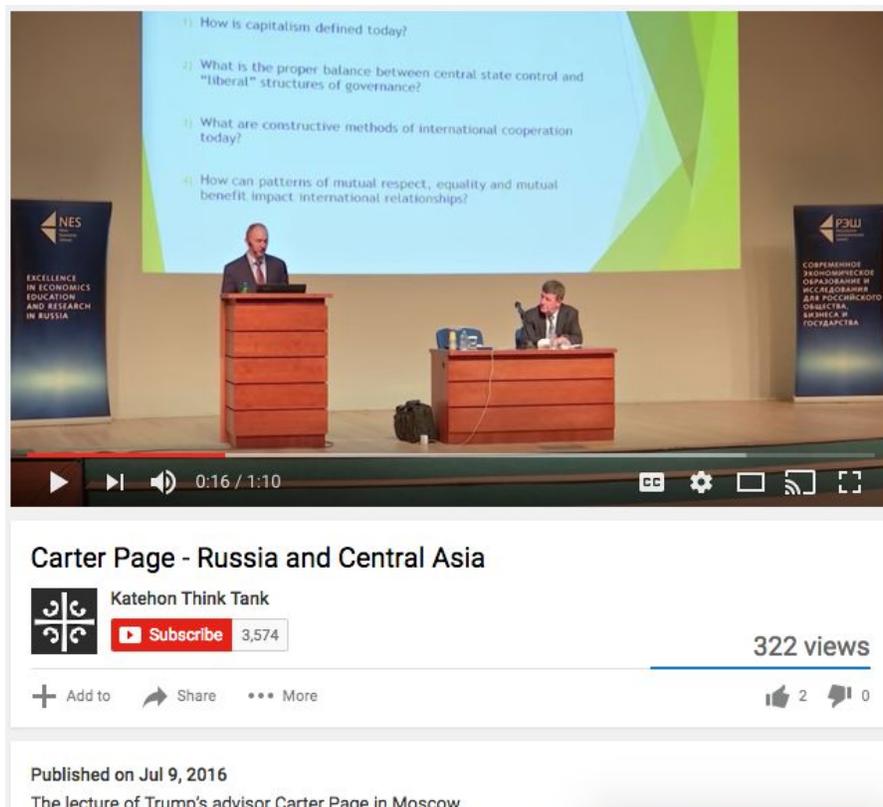
# Carter Page

## Exhibit 20

### Page's connection to Kremlin-owned gas company

Carter Page, Trump's foreign policy advisor over the course of his campaign, advised the Russian gas company Gazprom, at the time in 2005 when Putin made the Kremlin the majority stockholder in the company. Gazprom's top officials attended a going away party near the Kremlin for Page in 2007 when he was moving back to New York.<sup>52</sup> Today, Page still has ownership stakes in Gazprom.<sup>53</sup> In July of 2016, while Page was working as an advisor to the Trump campaign, he traveled to Russia to give a speech to the New Economic School, at an event titled "Excellence in Economics Education and Research in Russia."<sup>54</sup>

### Still from Page's speech in Moscow in July 2016



<sup>52</sup> <http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2016-03-30/trump-russia-adviser-carter-page-interview>

<sup>53</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NBk2-VFL10>

<sup>54</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGouah6u7ss&feature=youtu.be>

# Ivanka Trump

## Exhibit 21

### Ivanka Trump vacations with Vladimir Putin's rumored girlfriend during the campaign

On August 14, 2016, Ivanka Trump posted a picture of herself with Wendi Deng Murdoch on vacation in Croatia. Deng Murdoch is rumored to be the girlfriend of Vladimir Putin. Deng Murdoch also introduced Ivanka to her current husband, Jared Kushner.<sup>55</sup>

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### Ivanka Trump with Wendi Deng Murdoch in Croatia



sight seeing with @wendimurdoch in Dubrovnik

26.7k likes 447 comments

Instagram

<sup>55</sup> <http://thehill.com/blogs/in-the-know/in-the-know/291465-ivanka-trump-vacationing-with-putins-rumored-girlfriend>

# Connections to Vladimir Putin

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## Exhibit 22

### President-elect Trump, Fedor Emelianenko, and Vladimir Putin

President-elect Trump has had a long-standing relationship with Russian MMA fighter, Fedor Emelianenko. Trump was involved with a television show in 2008 called *Fighting Fedor*, which was a reality show that featured Emelianenko.<sup>56</sup> Vladimir Putin and Fedor Emelianenko have a long-standing friendship as well, and have been pictured together many times over the years.<sup>57</sup>

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#### Trump with Feder Emelianenko (right)



#### Vladimir Putin with Fedor Emelianenko



<sup>56</sup> <http://www.mmafighting.com/2008/10/15/donald-trump-fedor-emelianenko-affliction-team-up-for-fightin>

<sup>57</sup> <http://fightstate.com/fedor-putin-basically-best-friends/>

## Exhibit 23

### President-elect Trump praises Putin at National Press Club Luncheon

At the National Press Club Luncheon on May 27, 2014, President-elect Trump said that he spoke “directly and indirectly” with President Putin, and that “he could not be nicer.”<sup>58</sup>



The image shows a YouTube video player interface. The video frame displays Donald Trump speaking at a podium. Behind him is a blue backdrop with the text "THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB" and "PRESS CLUB" repeated. The video player includes a search bar at the top, a play button, a progress bar showing 48:26 / 59:44, and various control icons. Below the video frame, the title "NPC Luncheon with Donald Trump" is displayed, along with the channel name "The National Press Club" and a "Subscribe" button with 4,079 subscribers. The view count is 103,724 views. Below the video frame, there are options for "Add to", "Share", and "More". At the bottom, it states "Streamed live on May 27, 2014" and "Donald Trump, chairman and president of the Trump Organization, spoke at a National Press Club".

<sup>58</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKkKQmbyECw>

## Exhibit 24

### Dr. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky, President-elect Trump and Vladimir Putin

In 2010, President-elect Trump hosted a farewell breakfast at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida for Hermitage Museum Foundation supporters and directors. President-elect Trump is pictured with Dr. Mikhail Piotrovsky in a January 2010 issue of the Hermitage Museum Foundation newsletter.<sup>59</sup> In 2014, Dr. Piotrovsky was documented showing Vladimir Putin around the Hermitage Museum, and in 2016 Putin awarded Dr. Piotrovsky with a state award.

### Page from the January 2010 issue of the Hermitage Museum Foundation's newsletter

HMF NEWSLETTER | January 2010 | V1, Issue One

#### Dr. Piotrovsky visits Palm Beach

In February, en route from Houston (where he attended the opening of *Genghis Kahn* at the Houston Museum of Natural Science) to St. Petersburg, Dr. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky paused to refresh in Palm Beach, Florida. As the guest of the Hermitage Museum Foundation, Dr. Piotrovsky enjoyed a whirlwind weekend of events and press interviews.

A gala dinner was hosted by Thomas C. Quick at his home and was attended by over fifty supporters of the Hermitage Museum. An in depth tour of Palm Beach's unique Addison Mizner architecture was organized by John Carl English with the Preservation Foundation and Town Historian, Jim Ponce. Dr. Piotrovsky and HMF directors and guests were able to discover Palm Beach from the inside-out while enjoying lunch at the exclusive Bath and Tennis Club and a farewell breakfast hosted by Mr. Donald Trump at "Mar-a-Lago", former home of Russophile and collector, Marjorie Merriweather Post.



1. HMF Directors visit the Davis family
2. Dr. Piotrovsky and board member, Valerie Evans-Freke enjoying Palm Beach
3. Donald Trump greeting Dr. Piotrovsky at Mar-a-Lago (*National Historic Landmark and the former Marjorie Merriweather Post estate*)
4. Television interview with Toni May of WXEL PBS
5. Addison Mizner Architectural Tour with Jim Ponce, Town Historian
6. Advisory Board member John Carl English with Dr. Piotrovsky and Paul Rodzianko in front of Mar-a-Lago
7. Brunch at Mar-a-Lago, hosted by Donald Trump
8. Inside Mar-a-Lago Dr. Piotrovsky autographing a book with Paul Rodzianko looking on

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<sup>59</sup> <http://www.heritagemuseumfoundation.org/files/8613/5767/3050/Newsletter-January-2010.pdf>

**Dr. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky with Vladimir Putin at the Hermitage Museum (2014)**



**Dr. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky receiving a state award from Vladimir Putin (2016)**

