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THE ORIGINAL FUNDING FOR THE TRUMP DOSSIER

Paul Elliot Signer is a 73-year-old, politically active hedge fund billionaire. During the 2015-2016 Republican primary race, Singer, a conservative, supported Marco Rubio. Part of that support was having the Washington Free Beacon, an online political website of which he is the primary funder, retain Fusion GPS to conduct opposition research on Donald Trump.


FUSION GPS

Fusion GPS, about which we will hear more later, is touted as an “opposition research” firm, but it is little more than a highly paid PR smear machine, according to victims of its black PR campaigns.

Thor Halvorssen is a leading human rights advocate who was the target of a vicious Fusion GPS character assassination campaign on behalf of corrupt Venezuelan businessmen. In typical black PR style, Halvorssen says, Fusion GPS spread wild salacious rumors that he was a drug addict and pedophile.


The firm, founded by some former Wall Street Journal reporters, is in the business of digging up dirt and/or manufacturing scandalous public relations campaigns on behalf of their clients.


Their stock and trade is the destruction of the reputations of their clients’ perceived enemies.

When Planned Parenthood was being buried in negative publicity because of the release of undercover videos showing the organization’s executives negotiating the price for aborted baby parts, they turned to Fusion GPS who launched a PR campaign full of altered facts and disinformation trying to protect their client’s taxpayer funded federal funding.

https://www.operationrescue.org/archives/fusion-gps-dirty-tricks-customers-include-planned-parenthood-dnc-clinton-obama/

“‘The bulk of Glenn Simpson’s (Fusion’s founder) clients are criminal entities,’” Halvorssen told RealClearInvestigations. “‘Fusion GPS is hired to destroy whistleblowers and to block law enforcement by tampering with potential witnesses.’”

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“He has put skills learned at the Wall Street Journal at the use of thieves, criminals, knaves and fraudsters all over the world.”


Trump did not formally emerge as the “last man standing” in the Republican primary until May of 2016, but the writing was on the wall. Marco Rubio suspended his campaign for the Republican nomination on March 15. Singer had no further use for Fusion. In the same month, Fusion GPS approached Perkins Coie LLP, the law firm representing the Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee. Fusion offered to continue the Trump opposition research it had started while working for a Republican candidate.
In April, Mark Elais of Perkins Coie hired Fusion GPS to conduct research for Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign and the Democratic National Committee. The Clinton campaign and the DNC would pay Perkins Coie some $9 million dollars during the campaign for various services. The firm paid Fusion GPS $1.02 million for the research and they in turn paid Christopher Steele’s firm $168,000 for their work on the dossier.

Nice mark-up, Glen!

On May 3, Ted Cruz dropped out of the Republican primary. John Kasich followed the next day leaving Trump as the only GOP candidate.

On May 15, Nellie Ohr, the wife of DOJ Executive, Bruce Ohr, was secretly hired by Fusion GPS to work on the firm’s investigation of then Republican Nominee Donald Trump. Some interesting facts arise about Mrs. Ohr: 1) She has been a CIA researcher for the agency’s “Open Source Works“ project; 2) she has a PhD in Russian history from Stanford, speaks Russian, and is regarded as a Russia expert; and 3) she obtained a Ham radio license a week after being hired by Fusion GPS. Ham radios communicate outside of the “normal risk of communication intercepts.”

Curiouser and curioser.

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CHRISTOPHER STEELE
On June 15, 2016, Fusion GPS hired former British intelligence officer Christopher Steele and his London-based firm, Orbis Business Intelligence, to investigate Trump’s ties to Russia. Steele would later say that he worked for fusion GPS from June through November 2016, though he wrote his last memo for the dossier in mid-December.

Steele is a former intelligence officer for MI6, the British equivalent of the CIA, and headed the Russia Desk for MI6 in 2006. He retired in 2009 and started a commercial international investigative firm with another retired MI6 officer.

On June 20, Steele wrote the first memo of what would become an explosive dossier. The dossier alleged that Trump used prostitutes during a visit to Moscow in 2013 and that the Kremlin was blackmailing him with the evidence. The memo also alleged the Trump campaign was engaged in a well-orchestrated campaign of collusion with Russian operatives.

No grass growing under Christopher’s feet. He’s hired on the 15th and delivers a dossier report a few days later claiming that Trump had a perverted sexcapade with Russian prostitutes, was being blackmailed for it, and that he was colluding with Russian operatives.

No proof of any of this, just the word of the former spy working for a black PR firm.

On July 5, 2016, Steele also provided his research to a contact at the FBI. The documents made their way to FBI Counterespionage Chief Peter Strzock two weeks later.

PETER STRZOK

Peter Strzok joined the FBI in the 1990s after service in the U.S. Army as an intelligence researcher. In time, he worked his way up to become the Chief of the Bureau’s Counterespionage section and then Deputy Assistant Director of the Counterintelligence Division.

After the announcement of the discovery of classified information on Hillary Clinton’s...
private email server, the FBI opened a criminal investigation on the matter on July 15, 2015.

It was Strzok, a vitriolic Trump hater as it turns out, who was put in charge of the Clinton email server investigation.


In April of 2016, it was Strzok who interviewed Clinton’s senior aides, Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills, both of whom lied to him about their knowledge of the email server, as disclosed in a subsequent email release, and were given a pass (though lying to the FBI is a federal felony and Mike Flynn was indicted for lying to the FBI).


And it was Strzok who interviewed Clinton herself in June of 2016 and did not put her under oath or even record the conversation. (Remember, this guy is the #2 man in the FBI for counterintelligence).

Why should we be surprised? Strzok was not only a “Never Trumper” but he was also a Clinton sycophant as later disclosed by the release of a series of texts between Strzok and his mistress Lisa Page, an FBI lawyer (both Strzok and Page were married to others).

In one text, Strzok says, “God Hillary should win 100,000,000 – 0.”


There were many more.

“Those texts demonstrate that both Strzok and Page despised Donald Trump and wanted Hillary Clinton to win the presidential election.

“In the texts, for instance, Page refers to Trump as an ‘enormous douche,’ a ‘loathsome human’ who ‘should go F himself. Strzok says ‘F TRUMP,’ he is a ‘f***ing idiot’ and his supporters are ‘PATHETIC’ and ‘DOUCHEBAGS.’

“Page also says to Strzok, maybe ‘you’re meant to protect the country from that menace [Trump],’ and he replies, ‘we’re both very fortunate’ and ‘I can protect our country at many levels.’”


Besides the fact that these exchanges, dealing with the 2016 race for the Presidency of the United States, are appallingly biased, America weeps at the state of U.S. intelligence and law enforcement.

We have here the Chief of Counter Espionage and the #2 person in counterintelligence for the world’s #1 superpower (he held both posts), engaged in an illicit relationship with another FBI employee, sending inflammatory texts back and forth like a couple of besotted teenagers.

But this goes beyond sycophant – this is obstruction of justice. Take a look:

On January 19, 2016, the intelligence community Inspector General reported Clinton's private email server contained “SAP” (Special Access Program) level data –
the most secretive and most highly classified level of government information.

Then, on May 3, 2016, Clinton IT specialist Paul Comdata admitted to the FBI that he was aware of a Congressional request not to erase Clinton’s emails, but he did so anyway and then lied to them about using bleach bit to delete them. But Comdata was not charged for the crime of erasing emails or lying to the FBI.

Despite the deceitful and felonious handling of the government’s most highly classified documents, on June 15th, Strzok changed the wording of FBI Director James Comey’s statement to Congress about Clinton’s conduct regarding her emails from the criminal designation of “grossly negligent” to “extremely careless.”

A month later, the State Department found that 2115 of the 30,490 emails produced by Clinton were classified.

“One to me, this is so far out of bounds it’s not even in the stadium,” says Chris Swecker, who retired from the FBI in 2006 as assistant director for the criminal investigative division and acting executive assistant director for law enforcement services. ‘If he had personally drafted it, put it in the corner of his desk and just looked at it himself from time to time,’ that would be one thing, he says, but
circulating the draft among executive staff seems to be ‘clearly communicating to them where the investigation was going to go.’”

http://www.newsweek.com/comey-clinton-investigation-draft-statement-trump-658620

It was two months after Comey had drafted her exoneration that Clinton was interviewed by Strock on July 2 for 3 1/2 hours. But, again, she was never placed under oath nor was her testimony recorded (though recording is not standard FBI interview practice).

In addition to delivering his work product to Fusion GPS, On July 5, Steele shared the Russian dossier with FBI.

On the same day, FBI Director James Comey announced that he would not recommend charges against Hillary for the use of her email server.

Huh?

Hillary is now exonerated and the FBI has the Steele Dossier.

The Clinton email scandal “behind them,” the FBI’s attention now shifts to investigating the alleged collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia during the 2016 Presidential election.

In July, chatter began appearing on social media referring to damning information about Trump’s ties to Russia. (See below for the CIA’s involvement in generating anti-Trump social media posts).


On July 30, 2016, the FBI formally opened a counterintelligence investigation into possible Russian collusion with Trump campaign. It is led by none other than our Hillary home boy, Peter Strzok.

Two weeks into the investigation, on August 15, Strzok sends a text to his mistress, Lisa Page, about the need for an insurance policy
against the improbable occurrence of a Trump victory.


A month later, the FISA court (the secret court that approves warrants for surveillance of foreign spies operating inside the United States) approved an FBI request for surveillance of a member of the Trump campaign (Carter Page) based in “significant part” upon the Russian dossier (the court had rejected the requested warrant before the dossier was available).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRofzOXEoYM

In September 2016, Fusion GPS turns on the black PR machine. They instruct Steele to brief the New York Times, the Washington Post, CNN, the New Yorker and Yahoo! News on the dossier, which he does.

https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/3892131/Trump-Dossier-Suit.pdf

Obligingly, on September 23, Yahoo! News publishes an article based, it turns out, on the dossier that Carter Page, a low-level advisor to the Trump campaign had secretly met with Russian government officials. There is no collaboration of such a meeting other than Steele’s allegation. Page has denied that any such meeting occurred and is suing Yahoo.


Apparently once was not enough. A month after the first “press briefing,” Fusion GPS directed Steele to meet again with the New York Times, The Washington Post and Yahoo! News to spread the gospel of the dossier.

Still trying to take Trump out before the election, on October 31st, James Baker, the FBI’s senior counsel, leaks the dossier to Mother Jones. Mojo reporter David Corn then does a Skype interview with Steele and publishes a story about a “Western intelligence official” who had provided information on Trump’s ties to Russia.


Politics, they say, is a blood sport and this is Simpson’s stock and trade, spreading black (false) PR in the media and savaging the reputation of his client’s opponent. And, stunningly, in this, he had the cooperation and assistance of the FBI.

**BRUCE OHR**

At some point in October 2016 (the exact date yet to be confirmed), Bruce Ohr the then Assistant Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Justice and the husband of Nellie Ohr, the CIA-connected Russian expert who Fusion GPS had hired to help investigate Trump, met with Steele. Ohr concealed the meeting from his superiors.

Also in October (and this may have been after his meeting with Orh – the exact timeline is still shrouded in secrecy), Steele met secretly with a member of the FBI in Rome. The agent told Steele that if he could corroborate information in his dossier, the FBI would pay him $50,000.

dossier was unsubstantiated and two, the money was never paid.

Whether or not Orh’s meeting with Steele set up the spy’s meeting in Rome with the FBI agent who offered him the $50,000 is unknown at this point.

The contract between the Clinton campaign and Fusion GPS was terminated on October 31, 2016.

Two weeks later, Bruce Ohr meets with Fusion GPS’s Glen Simpson to discuss what to do given the Trump victory. This meeting, too, was hidden from Ohr’s superiors.


It is also about this time – with the Clinton campaign funding gone – that the FBI agreed to continue funding Steele’s research. The feds subsequently backed out of the deal due to possible PR backlash. (It is not known if it was Ohr who offered to continue funding Steele’s “research.”)

https://talkingpointsmemo.com/muckraker/trump-dossier-timeline-whats-known

Steele writes the final memo of the dossier on December 13. It alleges that a Russian technology executive used his companies to hack into the DNC’s email systems. The dossier was published in full by Buzzfeed on January 10, 2017. The Russian vehemently denies the charge and is suing both Buzzfeed and Steele.

May 17, 2017, the DOJ names Robert Mueller as Special Counsel to investigate Russian influence in election.

On June 24, 2017, Fusion GPS founder Glenn Simpson’s wife Mary Jacoby posted on Facebook that it was her husband who deserves credit for Russiagate.

In a Facebook post from June 24, 2017, Jacoby claimed that her husband deserves the lion’s share of credit for Russiagate. (She has not replied to repeated requests for comment.) “It’s come to my attention that some people still don’t realize what Glenn’s role was in exposing Putin’s control of Donald Trump,” Jacoby wrote. “Let’s be clear. Glenn conducted the investigation. Glenn hired Chris Steele. Chris Steele worked for Glenn.” This assertion is hardly a simple assertion of family pride; it goes directly to the nature of what became known as the “Steele dossier,” on which the Russiagate narrative is founded.

On July 7, 2017, in written testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee, FBI Director, James Comey states that the dossier was “salacious and unverified” but important because the media was prepared to report it.

The following week, CNN reports that Peter Strzok had been engaged to work for Mueller’s Special Counsel investigation team.

That didn’t last long. On July 20, 2017, the Inspector General for the Department of Justice received Strzok and Page’s compromising texts. He subsequently met with Mueller and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to inform them of Strzok’s pernicious text messages with FBI lawyer Lisa Page.

Oddly, Strzok isn’t fired, but he’s demoted from Chief of Counterespionage to the HR department.

On December 6, the DOJ’s Bruce Ohr is demoted after it is revealed that he secretly met Christopher Steele before the election and with Glen Simpson after the election.

Nellie Ohr’s employment by Fusion GPS is also revealed by Fox News.
Ohio Congressman Jim Jordan has been a pit bull pursuing the truth of who and what has been behind the FBI’s Trump / Russia collusion agenda. He thinks it was Peter Strzok and Steele’s dossier.

On Pearl Harbor day, December 7, 2017, he grilled FBI Director Christopher Wray at length trying to get the agency to release a copy of the FISA warrant that wound up authorizing covert surveillance of Carter Page.

Listen to Jordan grilling the FBI director.

“It has been reported that this dossier ‘was all dressed up’ by the FBI, taken to the FISA court where it was painted as a legitimate intelligence document, that it became the basis for granting a warrant to spy on Americans.

I’m wondering if that all actually took place, it sure looks like it did...

I think Peter Strzok, head of counterintelligence at the FBI, Peter Strzok, the guy who ran the FBI’s Clinton investigation, did all the interviews, Peter Strzok, the guy who was running the Russia investigation at the FBI, Peter Strzok, Mr. Super Agent at the FBI, I think he is the guy that took the application to the FISA court.

And if this happened, if you have the FBI working with the Democrats’ campaign, to take opposition research, dress it all up and turning it into an intelligence document to take it to a FISA court so they can spy on another campaign, if that happened, that is as wrong as it gets...

You could clear it all up, we sent you a letter two days ago. Just release the application, tell us what was in it. Tell us if I’m wrong. But I don’t think I am. I think that is exactly what happened, and people who did that need to be held accountable.”


The corruption continued to unravel in public. On December 12, 375 of the text messages between Strock and FBI attorney Lisa Page are released.

On December 20, FBI Director Andrew McCabe (whose wife received $700,000 from Clinton super ally, Terry McAuliffe, to run for the Senate from Virginia) testifies before the House Intelligence Committee. McCabe testified for 7 hours before the committee but was unable to provide confirmation of a single allegation in the dossier other than the fact that Carter Page traveled to Moscow.

Not one.


McCabe announced his retirement three days later.


The day after McCabe’s testimony, December 21, the FBI’s top lawyer, James Baker, who leaked the dossier to Mother Jones is reassigned by FBI Director Wray. Think about that for a second: the senior attorney for the FBI leaks a document to the media that seeks to bring down the President of the United
States. The document, paid for and produced by the opposition party to the President has been called “salacious and unverified” by his boss (James Comey).

And Baker is reassigned. Not fired, reassigned.

THE CIA

If you think the Deep State is some imaginary clique dreamed up by conspiracy theorists, think again. The term, which has emerged over the last few of years, originally referred to hidden cabals funded by George Soros that operated outside the formal structure of foreign governments and which were actually running the country.

More recently the term has come to refer to a loosely-connected, ideologically-driven shadow government buried deep inside the U.S. government working to bring down President Donald Trump.

If ever there was a question of such a structure here, the attempted coup of the Trump Presidency – and one can call it nothing less – by a clique of senior members of the FBI, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the CIA (see below) certainly qualifies: Strzok, Ohr, Baker, McCabe to name some of the visible players.

But the “deep state’s” tentacles run beyond the DOJ and FBI.

Richard Melville Hall is record producer, singer-song writer and DJ whose political views run slightly to the left of Mao Zedong and goes by the stage name of Moby. During a recent radio interview, Moby told the story of being approached by some active and former agents of the CIA. They convinced Moby that the Russia dossier was real, and that Russia was blackmailing the President, who, according to Moby’s CIA sources, was in essence a Manchurian Candidate being run by Putin. They asked Moby to get this information out to his millions of social media followers. Armed with this “intelligence” from his CIA friends, he started posting.

The fact that Moby would take the assertions of the CIA, an organization whose legacy of regime change and assassination goes back decades is not the point here. The point is that while the FBI and DOJ, working with Fusion GPS, were spreading the dossier’s message with the elite of the American print media, the CIA was covertly pushing the story to millions of social media followers of high profile artists.

Moby apparently didn’t question his CIA homies about the fact that it is a violation of federal law and the organization’s charter to operate on domestic soil.
And if the CIA recruited Moby to push the James Bondish narrative, one wonders who else came under their spell.

THE DOSSIER ITSELF

While this story continues to unfold as we write, a critical look at the now infamous dossier proves useful. The Dossier contained 17 different memos and was 35 pages long.

1- Former FBI Director, James Comey, not a leading member of the Donald Trump fan club, has stated publicly that the dossier is “salacious and unverified.”


2- Steele’s primary sources were unidentified Russians whose information he paid for.


3- Additionally, some of Steele’s sources were former Russian intelligence operatives – a profession that lies for a living – and may well have fed the data to Steele in an effort create confusion and chaos in the Presidential election and more broadly in the U.S. political system.

4- “The Steele dossier makes six major claims of Russian collusion, none proven.” This site details each of the six major claims of the dossier and makes clear how each is an unverified rumor or report.


5- Former British ambassador to Russia, Sir Tony Brenton, who read Steele's report, expressed doubt as to its accuracy questioning “Steele's ability to penetrate the
Kremlin and Russian security agencies, given that he is an outsider.”
He also called into question Steele’s description of certain aspects of hacking activities.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Steele

6- Michael Morell, “the former Acting Director and Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is one of our nation’s leading national security professionals, with extensive experience in intelligence and foreign policy,” has also questioned the veracity of the dossier.

https://www.thecipherbrief.com/experts/michael-j-morell

He questioned the validity of the report based on how Steele claims to have obtained the information. Steele had paid intermediary sources who in turn paid other sources for the information. Morell said, "Unless you know the sources, and unless you know how a particular source acquired a particular piece of information, you can't judge the information — you just can't."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Steele

The dossier is to a large degree a reporting of a litany of 2nd and 3rd hand rumors delivered by, in part, by Russian intelligence operatives that were believed because Steele had a good rep in the spook universe. Though it looks like Steele himself was played.

7- Steele who described his work on the Russian dossier for the Clinton campaign as “close to flawless” to friends and associates, sang a much different tune in court.


He stated unequivocally in the dossier that an “extensive conspiracy between Trump’s campaign team and the Kremlin” existed. No question about it.


But in court filings, he said that any coordination between the Trump campaign and the Russians was only “possible.” And that the “trusted sources” he touted in the dossier, he now referred to as “limited intelligence.”

Steele wrote the final memo for the dossier in December 2016, which, under oath, he admitted contained information that he had never vetted.

WHAT DO WE TAKE AWAY FROM THIS?

The fact that senior members of the United States Department of Justice, including executives from the FBI, weaponized a fraudulent, politically motivated dossier to covertly attack a presidential candidate and a President elect make the Watergate break in seem like political kindergarten.

This is not a partisan communication; it is a Constitutional one.

Regardless of party, this is the conduct of the East German Stassi under Communism.

Politics is a passionate subject, but when those passions turn into a knowing disregard for the protections guaranteed by the Constitution and the other laws of the land, our government, citizenry, and our entire way of life slide into tyranny of the government elite.

Don’t let this happen.

Write to your Representatives and Senators and demand that those breaking the law be properly prosecuted and that the members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation be held to the highest standards of professional conduct. And when they violate the trust given to them by the American people, that they be removed from government service and prosecuted where appropriate.

You can find your legislators here:

https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members

Additionally, particular legislators who are pursuing justice in this matter include:

Representatives

David Nunes
https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/devin_nunes/400297

And

Trey Gowdy
https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/trey_gowdy/412473

And

Senator Chuck Grassley
https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/charles_grassley/300048

Let them know they have your support.

Very Best,

Bruce

AKA John Truman Wolfe

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