DURHAM REPORT SUMMARY THE ORIGINS OF THE STEELE REPORT, CROSSFIRE HURRICANE, AND FISA ABUSE

PEOPLE



CARTER PAGE

- Trump campaign foreign policy advisor (Mar.-Sept. '16)
- Former source for "another [US] government agency"



GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS

- Energy consultant
- Unpaid Trump foreign policy advisor



ANDREW MCCABE

- Fmr. Deputy Director of FBI
- Fired by FBI in 2018
- CNN Senior Law Enforcement Analyst



LISA PAGE

- Directly involved in opening Crossfire Hurricane
- Fmr. Special Assistant to FBI Deputy Director McCabe



PETER STRZOK

- Wrote and approved communication in opening Crossfire Hurricane
- Fmr. Deputy Assistant Director for Counterintelligence
- Fired from FBI in 2018
 - Guest on CNN and MSNBC



CHRISTOPHER STEELE

- Fmr. British Intelligence; hired by Fusion GPS
- Introduced to his FBI handler by Bruce Ohr



CHARLES DOLAN

- Steele Report sub source
- Advisor to Hillary Clinton 2008 campaign
- Multiple positions in DNC and Democratic Party
- Bill Clinton political appointee
- Never interviewed by FBI in relation to Steele Report



IGOR DANCHENKO

- Primary source for Steele Report
- Russian intelligence connections and previous subject of FBI espionage investigation, 2009–2011
- FBI paid human source, 2017-2020
- Received at least \$520,000 from FBI and at least \$436,000 from European companies including Orbis from 2016-2021

MAR. '16 | Carter Page and Papadopoulos

are named foreign policy advisor to Trump campaign.

APR. '16 | FBI NYFO opens counterintelligence investigation on Carter Page. Despite political connection case is not marked sensitive. A report on Carter Page is prepared for Comey.

MAY '16 | **Papadopoulos**

meets with Australian diplomat over drinks.

JUN. '16 | Dolan and **Danchenko** meet in Moscow. Dolan visits Ritz-Carlton and tours Presidential Suite. Danchenko travels to meet Steele. A Steele Report is released alleging salacious acts by Trump in Ritz-Carlton Presidential Suite. Later, all witnesses will deny hearing about any salacious activity.

JUL. '16 | FBI learns from Australian diplomat that Papadopoulos described a suggestion that Russia could assist with "release of information...that would be damaging to Mrs. Clinton." Claim is qualified by: "It was unclear how Mr. Trump's team reacted." Other witnesses don't recall Papadopoulos describing assistance. McCabe directs immediate opening of full Crossfire Hurricane **investigation.** No effort is made to corroborate claims or interview witnesses.

FBI learns from a confidential human source (CHS) that an investigative firm had been hired by DNC to investigate "Trump's business contacts and ventures in Russian." CHS provides list of 45 entities which enter Crossfire Hurricane investigation. Firm is Fusion GPS but FBI does not realize this connection.

FBI receives first **Steele Report.** Steele tells FBI that he has been hired by **Fu**sion GPS and that ultimate client was "senior Democrats" supporting Clinton. Receiving agent is skeptical.

DEC. '16-JAN. '17 | FBI learns that Danchenko is Steele's primary subsource. A meeting is held to recruit him as a paid human source without FBI "ever resolving [Danchanko's previous espionage investigation] or examining the file." The previous investigation had raised likely ties between Danchenko and Russian intelligence. Danchenko is unable to provide any evidence corrob-

OCT. '16 | FISA surveillance of Carter

Page begins. Application misrepresents Page's recorded conversations. Steele informs FBI that Dolan is relevant to their investigation. Dolan is never interviewed.

AUG.-OCT. '16 | Carter Page has recorded conversations with FBI CHS where he refutes Steele claims of his connection to Manifort and secret meetings with high level Kremlin officials. These statements will be excluded from FISA application.

SEPT. '16 | U.S. Intelligence officials make investigative referral to **Comey** and **Strzok** regarding "Clinton Plan" to connect Trump and Russian hackers "as a means of distracting the public from her use of a private mail server." The referral is not acted on. Most Crossfire Hurricane team members interviewed by Durham indicate they never saw the referral.

Carter Page writes to Comey offering to be interviewed; FBI refuses. **Comey** blocks FBI interview of Page until March '17. **Steele Dossier** reaches Crossfire Hurricane team and portions are included in draft for FISA surveillance of **Carter Page.**

JAN.-JUNE. '17 | FBI continues to renew FISA surveillance of **Carter Page** despite knowing that the probability of Page being a witting agent of the Russians was "very low."

orating the Steele report.

MAR. '17 | Danchenko becomes a paid source without FBI "ever resolving [Danchanko's previous espionage investigation] or examining the file." The previous investigation had raised likely ties between Danchenko and Russian intelligence.

MAY. '19 | FBI's CHS Validation Management Unit raises concerns about Danchenko's previous counterespionage investigation and makes recommendations. All are ignored.

OCT. '20 | Dancheko is discontinued as a human source. He received at least \$520,000 for his work, was never given a polygraph, described the information he provided to Steele as "rumor and speculation" and was "unable to provide any...evidence to support the Steele allegations."

QUOTES

MAR. 3, '16

Page: God [T]rump is a loathsome human. Strzok: Yet he may win [the Republican nomination]. Good for Hillary.

Page: It is.

Strzok: Would he be a worse president than [C]ruz?

Page: Trump? Yes, I think so.

Strzok: I'm not sure. Omg [Trump's] an idiot.

Page: He's awful.

Strzok: America will get what the voting

public deserves.

Page: That's what I'm afraid of.

JUN. 15, '16 "I'm in Russia

making plans to be adopted in the event this mad man [Trump] gets elected."

-Charles Dolan

(Five days later Steele report alleging salacious acts by Trump while at Ritz-Carlton, Moscow appears.)

"There appears to be a real likelihood that Dolan was the actual source of much of the Ritz-Carlton and Pavlov information]... in the Steele Reports"—Durham Report

APR. 8, '16

Page: [Trump's] not going to become president, right? Right?!

Strzok: No. No, he's not. We'll stop it.

AUG. 11, '16

UK ALAT-1: Dude, are we telling them [British Intelligence Service-1] everything we know, or is there more to this?

Supervisory Special Agent-1: That's all we have Supervisory Special Agent-1: Not holding anything back

UK ALAT-1: Damn that's thin Supervisory Special Agent-1: I know

"The OIG ... found in its review of the [FISA] applications targeting Page 'at least 17 significant errors or omissions' and 'so many basic and fundamental errors."

—Durham Report