

ONE MONTH IN 2016

# A Case Study of the British Coup Against the U.S. Presidency

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Aug. 7—This report covers events which occurred in June of 2016, shortly after Donald Trump secured the Republican nomination for President against every wing of the establishment Republican Party, from so-called Tea Party conservatives like Ted Cruz, to Jeb Bush, once thought a shoo-in to become the President of the United States. It aims to show you the British hand in concocting the *coup d'état* presently underway against the President of the United States. It does so by taking you through British intelligence's role in the "Russia meddled in the U.S. election" hoax, and the Trump Tower meeting on June 9, 2016. This meeting, which the media keeps hyping as a "smoking gun," demonstrating Trump campaign "collusion with the Russians," has also drawn major attention from Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller, according to news reports. It has also been the subject of recent hearings and investigations by the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Intelligence Committee.

We will not deal here with every aspect of the British role in the ongoing coup. Rather, we are only going to focus on one month, June 2016, to demonstrate the incredible density of British operations aimed at swinging the election toward Hillary Clinton and the geopolitical forces at work in this operation.

The ongoing coup against Trump has exposed very dirty Anglo-American geopolitical operations and the personages behind them, which were never intended for public view. That is the case with the events here.



*The "Russian election meddling" hoax begins. Here, CNN asks Prof. Stephen Cohen for his opinion.*

The Anglo-American elites are desperate and therefore reckless. The trans-Atlantic Ponzi scheme which is their financial empire teeters on the verge of collapse, and with it, any remaining popular respect for their power or competence. They view China and Russia as rising world powers which will dominate the world based on superior economic programs, resources, popular morale, and scientific competence. They have no answer within their dying system. Rather than joining in a new economic platform which could truly advance humanity, as Lyndon and Helga LaRouche have proposed—an idea now flourishing in China's "One Belt-One Road" project—they choose to preserve the dominance of their power at any cost, and are propelling us, rapidly now, to a war which could end the human race.

Most Americans are deeply disturbed by the ongoing coup against the President and don't believe that the accusations being made against him are true. But,



Senator John McCain (left) at a hearing on cybersecurity.



Senator Chuck Schumer.

### Dramatis Personae

The target audience for *EIR* is the *informed reader*. Nevertheless, given the density of British operations into which we now sail, and in order to “keep the players straight,” we provide this abbreviated cast of characters:

#### Persons of Interest

- **Christopher Steele**—the “former” British MI6 (the foreign intelligence agency of the British government) desk chief for Russia. The founder of Orbis Business Intelligence, Ltd., itself deeply connected to the highest levels Britain’s intelligence and financial elite. The author of the December 2016, “dodgy dossier,” which alleges massive Russian penetration of, and influence over, the Trump presidential campaign.
- **Dmitri Alperovitch**—the co-founder and chief technology officer of CrowdStrike. A Ukrainian-American who demonizes Putin, and a fellow at the Atlantic Council’s Digital Forensics Project, which itself operates within NATO’s British-inspired Strategic Communications Service. This organization employs propaganda for war and has targeted Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- **William (Bill) Browder**—a former associate of both British billionaire Robert Maxwell and international money launderer Edmond Safra, Browder made a fortune in the post-1989 asset-stripping and looting of Russia. Banned from Russia in 2005 as a threat to state security. It was the arrest and death of Browder’s accountant Sergei Magnitsky, which led to the anti-Russian Magnitsky Act sanctions. Browder, together with Safra, was the founder of Hermitage Capital Management in 1996, a private investment fund based in the unregulated tax havens of Guernsey and



In the photo, MI6, Britain's foreign intelligence agency.

the Cayman Islands. Browder currently operates with the international dope money laundering bank, HSBC.

- **Various Congressional servants of the British, including sitting Senators John McCain, Ben Cardin, Chuck Schumer, and those, like David Kramer,** long associated, with “**Project Democracy**,” a joint U.S.-British operation which has engaged in coups and regime change operations throughout the world, including in Ukraine. Kramer was Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (2008-9), and president of Freedom House (2010-2014).

### Institutions and Events of Interest

- **Orbis**—a London-based “private intelligence firm,” founded in 2009, Orbis is connected to the highest levels of British intelligence and the circles of former Prime Minister Tony Blair. Supporters of Hillary Clinton “paid” Orbis well over a million dollars to produce dirt on Trump’s Russia connections.
- **Fusion GPS**—a strategic intelligence firm based in Washington, D.C., founded in 2009.
- **CrowdStrike**—a private American cybersecurity company, co-founded by Dmitri Alperovitch, which was hired by the Democratic National Committee (DNC), and was responsible for the initial claim that the Russians had “hacked” the DNC servers.
- **GCHQ** (the Government Communications Headquarters)—essentially Britain’s equivalent of the National Security Agency.
- **Magnitsky Act**—a 2012 Act designed to “punish” Russian officials for the death of Sergei Magnitsky in a Moscow prison in 2009. Sponsored by Senators

John McCain, Ben Cardin, and Joe Lieberman after a major lobbying campaign by very highly placed, Washington lobbyists.

### The Cardinal June Events

Some time in **June 2016**, Hillary Clinton’s campaign took over an opposition research project on Donald Trump, which had previously been funded by Trump’s Republican opponents. The contract was with a Washington, D.C. firm called *Fusion GPS*, which, in turn, employed a British firm, Orbis Business Intelligence, Ltd., and Orbis’ founder Christopher Steele. Orbis was tasked with smearing Donald Trump as a “Manchurian candidate,” a pawn of Russian intelligence. Steele and Orbis had maintained a long relationship, dating from 2010, with the FBI. The Clinton campaign has admitted that it was already working with Ukrainian intelligence to tar Trump with the “Russian” brush prior to the June 2016 contract with British intelligence and Orbis.

On **June 12, 2016**, Julian Assange of WikiLeaks announced that he was in possession of emails damaging to Hillary Clinton and would soon be publishing them. The purloined DNC emails showed, definitively, that the DNC, supposed to be neutral in the primary, was trying to destroy the rising campaign of fellow Democrat Bernie Sanders.<sup>1</sup> Two days later, on June 14, the DNC announced that its computers had been hacked by

1. The emails were subsequently published by WikiLeaks on the eve of the Democratic National Convention.





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Jared Kushner (left) with Trump, at victory party after the Iowa caucuses.

the Russians. The claim that the WikiLeaks emails were the result of a Russian hack of DNC servers was authored by Dmitri Alperovitch of CrowdStrike. Alperovitch, as we shall see, is also deeply connected to NATO.

Three days earlier, on **June 9, 2016**, a meeting took place in Trump Tower involving Donald Trump, Jr., Paul Manafort (the then-campaign manager for the Trump Presidential campaign), Jared Kushner, the President's son-in-law, and five other people. Contrary to media accounts, only one of the participants in the Trump Tower meeting was a Russian, the lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya. By all accounts provided by participants, the meeting was very short, and involved the Magnitsky Act sanctions imposed by the U.S. Congress on certain Russians. Many consider these 2012 sanctions to be the opening shot of the New Cold War. But the emails setting up the meeting bear all the marks of an intelligence agency entrapment attempt against Donald Trump, Jr., designed to seal the "Manchurian candidate" label early on in the general election campaign. They specifically offered "dirt" on Hillary Clinton to be provided by the Russian government itself.

On July 15, 2016, at the same time that the FBI was opening an investigation of the Russians for interfering

in the U.S. election and the Trump campaign for colluding with them, Bill Browder was filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice, concerning four participants in the Trump Tower meeting—and others—for failure to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Browder's complaint claimed that these people were engaged in unregistered Russian lobbying activities, namely, attempting to overturn the Magnitsky Act. As we shall show, much evidence points to Browder being a deep penetration agent for British intelligence and financial interests, who thoroughly snookered the U.S. Congress, and others, with his Magnitsky Act tale. Browder's recent appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 27, 2017, concerning the Trump Tower meeting and related events, played a

big role in the public relations campaign resulting in imposition of new sanctions against Russia. These sanctions are aimed at preventing the President from establishing decent relations with the world's only other nuclear superpower, and they have been described as a declaration of economic war against Russia.

### **The Very British Roots of This Entire Affair**

It is, of course, by now widely acknowledged that the British dodgy dossier on Trump, authored by Christopher Steele and Orbis, formed the initial backbone of the FBI's investigation of the Trump campaign "officially" opened in July 2016, according to the testimony of former FBI Director James Comey. According to its leaks to the *Guardian* and other British newspapers, British intelligence had been loudly complaining about Trump's "softness" on Russia to their American intelligence counterparts since 2015, demanding action, and the British spy agency, GCHQ, which monitors the entire world's Internet and telephone traffic had been tasked to target the American presidential political campaign, based on this "concern."

A May 18, 2017 court filing in the High Court of Justice in Britain by Christopher Steele and Orbis, fills out important aspects of the operation. The filing oc-

## These Reports Allege Trump Has Deep Ties To Russia

A dossier, compiled by a person who has claimed to be a former British intelligence official, alleges Russia has compromising information on Trump. The allegations are unverified, and the report contains errors.



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A dossier making explosive — but unverified — allegations that the Russian government has been “cultivating, supporting and assisting” President-elect Donald Trump for years and gained compromising information about him has been circulating among elected officials, intelligence agents, and journalists for weeks.

The dossier, which is a collection of memos written over a period of months, includes specific

*A sample from the mass media’s pervasive campaign of fabrications against Trump.*

curred in the defamation suit brought against Steele and Orbis by Aleksey Gubarev<sup>2</sup> and his companies, who were falsely accused of criminal activities in Steele’s now infamous December 2016 dodgy dossier against Trump. It was this salacious and disgusting dossier which Comey used when Obama’s intelligence chiefs met with Trump in January 2017, in order to blackmail the President to abandon any idea of accommodation with Putin or Russia. When Trump didn’t budge, Steele’s dossier was published by *Buzzfeed*, with a stamp of approval from the intelligence chiefs.

According to the court filing, Fusion GPS and Orbis have a confidentiality agreement governing an ongoing business relationship dating back to 2010. The media account up to this point has been that Fusion GPS, hired by Trump’s GOP primary opponents to produce dirt on Trump, reached out to Steele and his companies in June 2016, when Fusion’s “oppo” work was taken over by Hillary Clinton’s donors. In case anyone doubts the deep British intelligence ties at issue here: Steele ran

2. A Russian “tech expert” who operates the global tech firm XBT Holding.

the Russia desk for Britain’s MI6 until 2009, and Sir Andrew Wood, an “associate” at Steele’s company, was the British Ambassador to Moscow between 1995 and 2000. Wood is also an associate fellow of the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House in London, and served as Russia adviser to Prime Minister Tony Blair. Christopher Burrows, Steele’s partner in Orbis, lists himself as a long-time high ranking British foreign service officer, although news accounts also place him in British intelligence.

Christopher Steele has also acknowledged a longstanding relationship to the FBI, centered in the FBI’s Eurasian Organized Crime Strike Force in New York City, which media reports date to 2010, the same time the relationship with Fusion GPS went into effect. Steele acknowledges playing a major role in the years-long FBI investigation of the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA).<sup>3</sup> He continued to work with the FBI’s Eurasian Organized Crime Strike Force on Russian and Ukrainian matters from 2013 to 2016, according to press accounts. Andrew McCabe, the ethically challenged FBI Assistant Director now being investigated for Hatch Act and other violations concerning the Clinton sponsorship of his wife’s campaign against Virginia Senator Richard Black, led the Eurasian task force early in his career and has maintained contacts ever since. Many believe that McCabe was Steele’s FBI handler and contact.

Although the public record of the doings of Fusion GPS is sparse, more can be gleaned from the fact that Fusion GPS principal Glenn Simpson lists himself as a Senior Fellow at the neocon International Assessment and Strategy Center (IASC), specializing in “corruption and transnational crime,” a current preoccupation of the internationalized FBI which Robert Mueller created. IASC’s President is Thor Ronay, formerly Vice-President of Frank Gaffney’s Center for Security Policy. Kenneth deGraffenreid is the senior fellow for intelligence policy.

Executive Order 12333, partially authored by Kenneth deGraffenreid during the Reagan Administration, allows U.S. intelligence agencies, including the FBI

3. An investigation which claimed that Russia secured the 2018 World Cup as a result of bribes, alleging deep relationships between FIFA (*Fédération Internationale de Football Association*) and Russian organized crime.

and CIA, to outsource operations to “private entities” like Fusion GPS and Orbis, and then to deny the resulting relationship. It also governs most of the surveillance activities conducted by U.S. agencies domestically and throughout the globe, and allows responsible officials to deny such activities.

In the May 17, 2017 court filing, Christopher Steele and Orbis outline their attempts to influence the U.S. election by smearing Donald Trump as a Russian agent on behalf of Hillary Clinton’s candidacy. They state that, in September 2016, they briefed reporters from the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *New Yorker*, Yahoo News, and CNN about Christopher Steele’s reports on Trump and Russia, and participated in further briefings with the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and Yahoo News in October 2016. In late October, Steele briefed a reporter from *Mother Jones* via Skype. Senator John McCain and David Kramer, who was McCain’s agent, were briefed on the pre-election Steele memoranda in December 2016, according to the filing. Sixteen such memoranda were produced prior to the election. It seems otherwise clear that the FBI was also a recipient of all of these memoranda, dating back to June 2016, if not earlier.

Steele and Orbis claim that the seventeenth memo, produced in December 2016, which referenced Gubarev and the salacious and disgusting claim that Trump engaged in perverse sexual activities at a Russian hotel, was solely produced to David Kramer,<sup>4</sup> Senator John McCain, and a representative of the British security services. The December memo was the product of a collaboration between Steele, Sir Andrew Wood, Kramer, and a representative of the British security services, which began on November 18, 2017—that is, almost immediately following Trump’s election as president. Previously, David Kramer had held State Department positions dedicated to Project Democracy. Project Democracy and its various offshoots, based on agreements between President Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, is the well-known mechanism for producing coups, rigged elections, and regime change in countries which fall into imperial disfavor. It seems clear that in order to save themselves in the British lawsuit, Steele and Orbis are trying to make John McCain and David Kramer the fall guys for their actions.

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4. Kramer is the former President of the CIA and NED quango, Freedom House, a fellow of the Project for a New American Century, and a close ally of John McCain.

## The Non-Existent Russian ‘Hack’ of the DNC

According to a January 2017 report on Russian hacking, issued by Barack Obama’s Director of National Intelligence (DNI) James Clapper, the Russians were inside the DNC computer servers by July 2015; the DNC was notified, but did nothing about it for over a year. British press, including the *Guardian*, state that British intelligence warned its U.S. counterparts of the Russian hack of the DNC in July 2015, but somehow could not gain their attention. By December 2015, according to Clapper’s report, hundreds of paid Russian trolls associated with the St. Petersburg, Russia, Internet Research Agency (IRA) had begun to advocate for Trump’s election. Stories about alleged new modes of Russian propaganda involving the Internet and social media had appeared in the British press throughout 2014-2015, including British claims about the Internet Research Agency, but only surfaced prominently in the United States after the issuance of Clapper’s report. The citation of the IRA is yet another large British fingerprint on the hacking hoax.

On November 24, 2016, a mysterious entity called *Propaganda or Not?* produced a list of two hundred Internet sites that had allegedly been tasked by the Kremlin with relaying Russian propaganda and intoxicating U.S. public opinion, to the point that they elected Donald Trump. They included just about every site with a record of opposition to the new Cold War, whether on the right or left of the so-called political spectrum, and/or opposition more generally to Anglo-American geopolitical permanent warfare policies. The *Washington Post*’s production of this list set off a campaign by various new entities, including one proposed for the U.S. State Department by Congress and Obama in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act, to censor the news by blacklisting and de-legitimizing these websites. According to French journalist Thierry Meyssan, *Propaganda or Not?* unites *Polygraph*, a Voice of America (VOA) site; the *Interpreter*, a magazine of Mikhail Khodorkovsky’s Institute for Modern Russia; the Center for European Policy Analysis; and Alperovitch’s Digital Forensics Service.

In March 2017, in what must be viewed as a national embarrassment, U.S. Senators on the Select Committee on Intelligence Activities listened—in seemingly amazed, mesmerized wonder—as Thomas Rid of King’s College, London, Roy Godson, and other British-schooled intelligence experts told them that thousands of paid Russian trolls had infiltrated the Ameri-

can mind with Russian-generated conspiracy theories and swung the election to Donald Trump. The seemingly brain-dead Senators embraced this narrative wholeheartedly.

All of this anti-Russia frenzy, of course, finds its supposed justification in the original claim by CrowdStrike of Russian hacking of DNC servers. Yet, on July 24, 2017, the Veterans Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS) released a [Memorandum to the President](#), demonstrating that *there was no Russian hack* of the DNC. Rather, the original WikiLeaks document trove was produced by a leak from inside the DNC, not a hack. According to the VIPS memo, a second and subsequent leak from the DNC was altered in a “cut and paste” job to make it look like it was the product of a very crude Russian hack, brazenly leaving “Russian” fingerprints all over the fabrication, and done in such a way as to both discredit the initial leak, and to present a false narrative of Russian interference in the U.S. Presidential election. The VIPS are veterans of U.S. intelligence agencies, and include William Binney, the former technical director of the NSA. They originally banded

together to oppose the fabricated reasons for the Iraq War. You can see the complete interview of former CIA Officer Ray McGovern, conducted by LaRouche PAC’s Jason Ross, about the VIPS memo [here](#).

In their memo, the VIPS point to the CIA’s “Marble Framework,” an anti-forensic computer framework which allows for obfuscation of cyberattacks, and false flag attribution by the CIA. Thus the source code for any given malware program can be replaced with another language. This then gives CIA malware the appearance of having originated from one of these language-groups, as a means to throw off forensic investigators.

### **The Trump Tower Meeting**

Undoubtedly, by the time of the June 9, 2016 Trump Tower meeting, the British government’s Trump File was already overflowing with potential ammunition to use against candidate Trump, including a full history of Donald Trump’s sponsorship of the 2013 Miss Universe pageant in Moscow; Trump’s real estate dealings with Russians anywhere in the world; all of candidate

## **The ‘Russian Agent’ Smear Campaign**

The targeting of the activities of the Internet Research Agency in the January 2017 DNI’s report shows this aspect of the so-called Russian Active Measures campaign against Hillary Clinton to be a fiction, with deep roots in a British-created NATO intelligence operation called the Strategic Communications Service (SCA). From its inception, the SCA incorporated a service of the Atlantic Council, the Digital Forensics Service. CrowdStrike’s Dimitri Alperovitch is, as previously stated, a senior fellow in this project.

According to French journalist Thierry Meyssan, as part of this operation, in September 2014, the British government created the 77th Brigade, a unit tasked with countering foreign propaganda, which worked with the U.S. military in Europe to interfere with websites considered to be distributing Russian propaganda. In the U.S., the Washington Center for European Policy Analysis created the

Information Warfare Initiative, also to counter alleged Russian propaganda, with heavy support from the Khodorkovsky family’s Institute of Modern Russia in New York. Mikhail Khodorkovsky is an exiled Russian oligarch who plotted a coup against Vladimir Putin on behalf of his western backers, who include London’s Lord Rothschild, George Soros, and the Bush family. The *Washington Post*’s neocon Anne Applebaum is cited by Meyssan as the creator of the Information Warfare Initiative.

The Center for European Policy Analysis is a pseudopod of the National Endowment for Democracy and the U.S. intelligence community. It has concentrated its attacks on the Russian broadcasters *RT* and *Sputnik*, which of course, became central targets of DNI Clapper’s phony January 2017 report on Russian hacking. Most analysts say that the first target of this NATO campaign was countering any news or person favorable to the Russian position concerning Ukraine, or any news revealing the Nazi proclivities of the persons the U.S. State Department supported in its Ukrainian regime-change operation.





Donald Trump, Jr.

even sent, we already have the following intelligence services in motion and attempting to concoct illicit dirt about Trump and Putin: British intelligence; Ukrainian intelligence; the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), the FBI, and the CIA in the United States; and NATO's Strategic Communications and its U.S. offshoots. But even that's not everybody involved. According to *Foreign Policy* magazine and others, on July 11, 2017, a hacker going by the name of "Johnnie Walker" published a trove of emails from the private account of Robert Otto, an individual tasked to a secretive unit in the U.S. State Department focused on Russia. *Newsweek* magazine states that Otto is the nation's "foremost" intelligence expert concerning Russia. To date, those emails have not been authenticated; however, they contain an email—purported to be on the day of the Trump

Tower meeting—between Otto and Kyle Parker, staffer on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, featuring a picture of Russian attorney Natalia Veselnitskaya's house in Russia. Parker acclaims himself as the actual author of the Magnitsky Act sanctions against Russia and a close friend of Bill Browder. Veselnitskaya claims that her children have been threatened as a result of her participation in a legal case questioning the bona fides of Bill Browder and the foundations of the Magnitsky Act.

The picture of her house suggests yet another level of intelligence community surveillance and involvement with the Trump Tower meeting.

### The Set-Up

On June 3, 2016, Donald Trump, Jr. received an email from publicist Ron Goldstone, a former British tabloid journalist who now operates out of the United States. Goldstone's Facebook account appears to indicate that he is presently on a break from his businesses and on a world tour of gay bathhouses, in which the proudly obese Goldstone takes pictures of himself wearing various strange hats and shirts in the company of young men. Who is financing this tour apparently outside the reach of Grand Jury subpoenas? Goldstone has also been photographed with the actress and stand-up comic Kathy Griffin, who famously posted a picture of herself with President Trump's severed head.

Here is the pertinent content from the first email:

Trump's conciliatory statements toward Russia; complaints that campaign advisor Michael Flynn was soft on Russia and a rebel against the U.S. intelligence establishment from within that establishment; and surveillance of Trump's campaign manager, Paul Manafort, who was considered an outright enemy of Anglo-American interests, given his political work for the former President of Ukraine, Victor Yanukovich and his Party of the Regions. As previously mentioned, Yanukovich was ousted in the Ukrainian coup directed by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the U.S. State Department's Victoria Nuland, and Barack Obama, which reversed the results of an election previously certified as free and fair by all Western observers. In addition, Carter Page, who volunteered for the Trump campaign as a foreign policy walk-in, had a variety of business dealings in Russia and had already functioned as an FBI informant in a major FBI case against Russian organized crime figures.

The official British government file also probably included reports and photos from surveillance of apartments at Trump Tower associated with a then-ongoing investigation of a Russian organized crime ring said to operate there. Individuals involved in the FIFA corruption investigation also lived there. The FIFA investigation was worked by the FBI Eurasian Organized Crime Strike Force and Christopher Steele.

So, before the crazy email setting up the Trump Tower meeting, and setting up Donald Trump, Jr., is





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Natalia Veselnitskaya

The Crown prosecutor of Russia met with ... Aras this morning and in their meeting offered to provide the Trump campaign with some official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary and her dealings with Russia and would be very useful to your father. This is obviously very high level and sensitive information but is *part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump—helped along by Aras and Emin.*<sup>5</sup> [Emphasis added]

Aras is Aras Agalarov. Emin is his son, a Russian billionaire who brought the Miss Universe pageant to Moscow.

There is no “Crown prosecutor of Russia.” The position does not exist. A Radio Free Europe, Radio

5. Aras Agalarov and Emin Agalarov partnered with Trump for the 2013 Miss Universe pageant in Moscow. Emin is an Azerbaijani pop star whose publicist is Ron Goldstone. According to a very useful article (see <https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2017-07-11/trump-low-level-russian-connection>) in *Bloomberg News*, they are not particularly close to Putin, although they are major builders in Russia. Their base of operations is the Moscow regional government. Stating that individuals who operate at this level in Russia have Putin's ear would be equivalent to saying that the Bronx Borough President was implementing foreign policy on behalf of the U.S. President.

Liberty Release of May 19, 2016, does point out that the Prosecutor General, Yuri Chaika, was pursuing a violation of U.S. laws involving \$37 million in taxes due to the Russian government by William Browder, Browder's U.S. lawyer Jamison Firestone, and the Ziff Brothers, a New York firm long associated with William Browder. On June 4, Chaika told a national Russian television audience that he had presented this claim to U.S. authorities for action. The Ziffs and Browder were contributors to the Clinton Global Initiative. Chaika and the Russian government have otherwise campaigned very publicly for repeal of Magnitsky Act sanctions against Russians, calling them the product of a scam and a fraud by Bill Browder. We will treat Browder much more fully below. But, as previously noted, Browder is also a big-time representative of London financial and intelligence interests.

The actual twenty-minute Trump Tower meeting involved Russian attorney Natalia Veselnitskaya, who did most of the speaking by all accounts; Rinat Akhmetshin, a well-known Washington, D.C.-based lobbyist and American citizen; Ike Kaveladze, a U.S. citizen and vice-president at one of the Agalarovs' companies; Ron Goldstone; and the translator for Natalia Veselnitskaya, Anatoli Samochornov. Samochornov is also an American citizen who worked with Veselnitskaya frequently, since she does not speak English. He has also worked extensively for the FBI and the U.S. State Department. None of these people have “Putin's ear” or present apparent connections to Russian intelligence. Although Akhmetshin has been “linked” to Russian counterintelligence repeatedly in the news media, that all appears to be based on his bragging about his two-year stint as a young man in the Russian military.

Any sound investigation would focus on who, out of the small army of intelligence operatives watching this meeting, designed and implemented the clear entrapment attempt against Donald Trump, Jr., for later use. Since it was surveilled and recorded by multiple intelligence agencies, probably tripping all over one another at the time like Keystone Cops, why was the Trump Tower meeting only surfaced as the “smoking gun” recently? Goldstone's first email to Trump reads like any planted FBI missive or planted evidence, awkward and inconsistent in its own internal content—“your father,” “Mr. Trump,” and “Aras and Emin are working for the Russian government, and they are working on your

behalf on this sensitive and official matter, and I am putting that in an email.” Trump Jr. and others say that no opposition research about Clinton was offered at the meeting, which instead focused on the Byzantine intrigue which is the international battle about the Magnitsky Act. Trump Jr. obviously couldn’t follow the dense threads and found the discussion “inane.”

Veselnitskaya, herself, had been paroled into the United States to serve as the Russian lawyer for the Russian businessman Denis Katsyv in a bizarre legal proceeding brought by former U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara in the Southern District of New York, based solely on allegations made by Bill Browder concerning the tax fraud allegations that led to the U.S. Magnitsky Act. At the time of the Trump Tower meeting, however, Veselnitskaya was traveling on a business visa issued by the U.S. Department of State, after having previously been denied such a visa, and after efforts by the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York to prevent any free travel by her in the United States at all. Immigration attorneys I have spoken with say this situation is unusual, “strange.”

Following the Trump Tower meeting, Veselnitskaya, Akhmetshin, and Samochornov were involved in the showing of a film critical of Bill Browder by Andrei Nekrasov, at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. on June 13, as well as in lobbying Congress against the Magnitsky Act. The Newseum showing of Nekrasov’s anti-Browder film was emceed by renowned investigative reporter Seymour Hersh.

On July 15, 2016, at the same time that James Comey opened an FBI investigation of “Russian interference in the U.S. election,” Bill Browder’s Hermitage Capital Management filed a complaint with the Justice Department accusing a plethora of individuals of violating the Foreign Agents Registration Act, including Akhmetshin, Veselnitskaya, Samochornov, Chris Cooper (a former *Wall Street Journal* reporter and leader of the Potomac Square Group, a Washington, D.C. lobbying firm), former Democratic Congressman Ron Dellums, Howard Schweitzer of Cozens, O’Connor Public Strategies, and Glenn Simpson of Fusion GPS. Browder claims that all were involved directly in a campaign steered by Putin himself to overturn the Mag-



*William Browder*

nitsky Act sanctions against Russia and to kill the 2016 legislative expansion of the Magnitsky Act in the U.S. Congress.

### **The Bill Browder File**

To hear Browder tell it,—in his Congressional testimony on July 27, in countless performances throughout the world, and in his book, *Red Notice*—Bill Browder, the grandson of Earl Browder, the General Secretary of the Communist Party U.S.A., is a savvy investor who made a fortune in Russia from the middle 1990s until 2005. Bill championed anti-corruption measures, such as shareholders’ values, and initially had Putin’s backing in “name-and-shame” campaigns leading to the cleaning up the image of certain companies including Yukos, the state oil enterprise. Suddenly, Browder alleges, Putin turned on him and banned him from Russia in 2005 as a threat to state security. Thereafter, a Russian criminal gang, functioning out of the Interior Ministry and the Federal Security Service (FSB), deployed to steal Browder’s companies out from under him, resulting in a tax fraud against the Russian government to the tune of \$230 million. Putin is in on all of this, says Browder, because he has deals with Russia’s criminal mafia and oligarchs which have made him the world’s richest man and is himself a heartless, ruthless, and cold-blooded murderer. Anyone voicing a different view is an “enabler” of murder, including former U.S. Secre-

tary of State John Kerry, whom Browder calls a “Putin lackey.” That’s the “narrative,” according to Browder.

Also, as Browder tells it, his Russian “lawyer,” Sergei Magnitsky, blew the whistle on the tax fraud scheme, was jailed by Putin as a result, and died in jail in 2009 after being denied medical attention, tortured, and finally beaten to death by Russian prison guards. In 2012, the U.S. Congress, led by Senators John McCain and Ben Cardin, working through Kyle Parker, wrote sanctions against the Russians who Browder claims were involved in Magnitsky’s death, banning their travel and their use of financial institutions. Despite Secretary Kerry’s opposition, President Obama signed

these sanctions into law. Russia responded by banning the adoption of Russian children in the United States and sanctioning various U.S. officials involved in the War on Iraq. Hence Donald Trump, Jr.’s initial statement that he remembered the Trump Tower meeting to be about Russian adoptions.

Even minimal research shows that Browder’s narrative cannot possibly hold water. Our own, initial, research into Bill Browder’s story, mostly following leads from his own account in *Red Notice*, indicates that his “career” shows all of the characteristics of a sponsored deep-penetration agent, acting in an intelligence and operational capacity for the the very same Anglo-American interests that looted and destroyed the Russian economy in the 1990s and early 2000s. The destruction of Russia’s economy was an entirely deliberate Anglo-American wrecking operation engineered through Thatcherite “shock therapy,” with a helping hand from economists Larry Summers and Jeffrey Sachs. This led to control of the ruined economy and state enterprises by Russian oligarchs, who acted as straw-men for Western financial and intelligence interests centered in the City of London. Their methods included the use of criminal gangs to facilitate wholesale looting of the state and the population.

During this period, Mr. Browder portrays himself as



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*During the looting of Russia in the 1990s, many Russians were reduced to digging in the trash.*

a super “lone entrepreneur,” making millions for undisclosed clients, buying and selling former state assets, and all the while not speaking a word of Russian. He claims that he became an *uber* capitalist buccaneer in reaction to his Communist grandfather and his mathematician parents. Recently he has claimed that he renounced his American citizenship and became a British citizen because his grandmother was harassed during the McCarthy period. More skeptical observers say it was to avoid U.S. taxes.

The average lifespan of the Russian male declined to fifty-four years as a result of the Anglo-American assault, the former economic infrastructure of the country was sold at basement prices to Western interests, the country was flooded with drugs, the population suffered negative growth rates, Russian scientists and engineers fled the country, and millions suffered completely unnecessary deaths. This was a foreign-imposed policy of calculated economic genocide. While there are many books documenting this process, we only note here that the ultimate Anglo-American goal was to split Russia into three separate countries and prevent it from ever again functioning as a nation-state, while taking Western ownership of the country’s huge natural resources. Vladimir Putin stopped all of this and began the process of rebuilding Russia. That is the real reason

Putin is demonized by the British and their allies in Washington and Wall Street, and why Browder paints himself as Putin's Number One enemy.

Browder's investment career begins with an apprenticeship at an investment company owned by British mega-publisher Robert Maxwell. Maxwell has been named in accounts too numerous to mention, as a joint British-Israeli spy, and as a double agent for the British with the Russians. According to recently released documents, he carried a request by Mikhail Gorbachov to Margaret Thatcher in 1990, for a \$20 billion loan in order to continue the British policy of *perestroika* as the Russian economy began to fall apart. Maxwell famously looted millions of dollars from the pension funds of the

employees of his British publishing empire. He died by somehow falling off his yacht in the midst of his companies' financial distress.

Browder next ended up on the Russia desk of Salomon Brothers in London after his sojourn with Maxwell. Readers of the Wall Street confessional, *Liar's Poker*, will immediately see the implications of that. Browder even makes a self-conscious reference to *Liar's Poker* in his own account, while attempting to distance himself from what has been publicly acknowledged to have been a nest of outright thievery. At Salomon Brothers, Browder discovers that he can make millions of dollars buying Russia assets, which are valued dirt cheap under Yeltsin's privatization pro-

## Browder and Safra

Browder cites Edmond Safra as his "mentor" and closest confidant, as well as his Russian business partner.

Safra, who was murdered in an arson fire in 1999, was perhaps the king of worldwide money laundering for political intelligence purposes, at TD Bank (a subsidiary of Toronto-Dominion Bank in Canada) and at Republic Bank of New York. In 1989, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and U.S. Customs linked Republic and Safra to major money laundering schemes by the Medellín Cartel and a Swiss company that was a laundromat for Syrian and East Bloc heroin profits. TD Bank and Safra also played a role in the George H.W. Bush/Oliver North Iran Contra drug and money laundering operations. In 1996, Robert Friedman published an extraordinary article in *New York* magazine entitled, "The Money Plane." Five nights a week, crisp, uncirculated, \$100 bills were being flown by the planeload from JFK International Airport nonstop to Moscow where the money became part of the Russian mafia's vast international crime syndicate operations then engaged in brutally looting and cannibalizing the former Soviet Union. According to an official of the Federal Comptroller of the Currency, cited by Robert Friedman, "That money is used to support organized crime: It is used to support black market operations.

... In my personal opinion it is an absolute abomination."

The Money Plane operation accounted for more than \$40 billion dollars pumped into Russian organized crime between 1994-1996, and the players were Safra's Republic National Bank of New York and the New York Federal Reserve. Various officials in the United States did not even try to dispute Friedman's account. Instead, they covered up its implications in public relations horsepuckey. The coverup was led by none other than U.S. Senator, then Congressman, Charles Schumer (NY). In the first two years after the Soviet Union's collapse, an estimated \$60 to \$70 billion worth of material assets—weapons, oil, gold, and artwork, were outright stolen out of the country by organized crime networks on the receiving end of freshly printed U.S. dollars. For the bank participation in this scheme, Safra's bank earned a huge fee. Far more profitable, however, was actually the moving and laundering of dirty money by buying Russia assets. For that, Safra required ground troops in Russia, which suggests the actual role of Browder and Hermitage under his tutelage. Maybe that's why Browder had security in Russia consisting of former British and Mossad agents. Others have speculated that Safra and his assets, including Browder, were the major backers of the Russian oligarch, Boris Berezovsky. According to Russian reports, Berezovsky sought to end his own exile by producing documents showing that Browder was an MI6 and CIA agent code-named "Solomon."



grams. But, allegedly, he can't get Salomon to fully recognize his brilliance, so he decides to strike out on his own.

Somehow, Benny Steinmetz, the Israeli diamond billionaire and Edmond Safra, the British/Israeli financier and intelligence agent,—both major players in the world of dirty finance—appear out of the blue in Browder's story, and invest in his company, Hermitage Capital Management, to the tune of \$25 million. That is it concerning what Browder discloses about his investors. The \$25 million is a fairly paltry operating fund for someone who claims to have ended up being Russia's largest foreign investor.

Stranger still, even before the Safra investment, we learn from Browder's account that he is co-hosting major events at the World Economic Forum at Davos and receiving confidences from former Russian Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov, this while he is still, purportedly, an unknown thirty-something Moscow businessman.

It is clear that Browder and Safra profited initially from the entirely corrupt "loans for shares" program under Yeltsin, which resulted in the looting of former state assets by foreign, mostly British interests. "Shaming" and "Naming" campaigns are, of course, hostile takeover techniques perfected by the City of London and Wall Street, and a powerful weapon used to gain assets at an artificially depressed price.

Following Safra's 1999 murder, Browder's next sponsor and administrator for Hermitage was the Swiss private branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. HSBC is perhaps the most corrupt banking and intelligence operation in human history. HSBC is a strategic asset of the British oligarchy. Famously, HSBC was founded to launder the dope money pouring in from Britain's opium war against China. Ever since, HSBC has not deviated at all from criminal activity, and has been cited repeatedly in the United States and abroad for drug-money laundering, terrorist arms financing, and other black-market activities. HSBC's most recent dustup with U.S. authorities involved a 2012 deferred prosecution agreement signed off on by the Department of Justice after HSBC was found to have laundered millions of dollars for Mexico's Sinaloa drug cartel.

Former FBI Director Comey joined HSBC's Board to supervise this agreement shortly before being appointed as FBI Director. The Justice Department argued

that HSBC's continued operation was necessary for the stability of the world's financial system, against strident internal opposition from investigators in the case who insisted the HSBC must be shut down. On February 9, 2015, the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists released leaked documents showing that HSBC Private Bank (Suisse), Browder's exact partner in Hermitage, serviced a mix of "tax-dodging plutocrats, dictators' bagmen, blood diamond dealers, cocaine traffickers, and Al Qaeda financiers," in the words of the *Washington Post*.

To finish out the deep British pedigree, Browder states that no one less than Tony Blair himself—the Prime Minister—was prepared to raise the issue with Putin himself, of getting Browder's passport back, at the G8 summit in 2006.

### The Magnitsky Myth

It is 100% permissible—bordering on obligatory—to spout the most insane, evidence-free conspiracy theories if they involve Russia and Putin.  
—Glenn Greenwald

In 2013, Preet Bhahara, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, brought a legal action against Prevezon Holdings and related companies, and Denis Katsyv (Case No. 1:13-cv-06326, U.S. v. Prevezon Holdings, et al.). The case sought forfeiture of assets from Prevezon and other companies associated with the Katsyv family in Russia, based on the allegation that these companies had laundered some of the funds from the \$230 million tax theft alleged by Browder. The Russian government's position has consistently been that Browder engaged in tax fraud in Russia, that his companies were under investigation from 2002 forward for this fraud, and that Magnitsky, Browder's long-time accountant, had come up with schemes to facilitate the fraud. Browder was convicted *in absentia* of tax fraud by Russia in 2013. The Russians have also alleged that Browder used proxy Russian purchasers to illegally attempt to take a major position in Gazprom, the oil company that is considered to be a state asset. They also suspect that Browder himself was involved in engineering the tax fraud against their government in order to deflect from his own crimes.

The Homeland Security case agent in the Prevezon case testified that the government's case was based solely on Browder's account, and that he "hoped" a

Grand Jury convened by the U.S. attorney, and the case itself, would produce sufficient evidence to back the Browder/U.S. government claims. Normally, in U.S. legal proceedings, the evidence is largely in hand before a case is filed, and criminal grand jury proceedings are not convened to support a civil proceeding. The Katsyv family interests are long-time Russian clients of Natalia Veselnitskaya, the Russian lawyer in the Trump Jr. meeting.

The case was settled after extensive pre-trial litigation, with about \$6 million being paid to the U.S. Treasury by the defendants. How an alleged fraud against the Russian treasury ends up in the U.S. Treasury is a remarkable phenomenon. There was no admission of wrongdoing by the Russian defendants. Both sides declared victory. It is noteworthy that Browder's companies were not harmed by the alleged fraud—he had already spirited his profits out of Russia at the time he was barred. Rather, Browder and the United States attempted to claim that the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was the victim of the fraud alleged by Browder.

Facts emerging from this case—and the documentary film prepared by Putin critic cum Browder critic Andrei Nekrasov—have caused many, even in the mainstream U.S. media, to review the narrative expounded by Browder. See, for example the NBC News story of July 24, 2017, the “Legal Battle Behind the Trump Tower Meeting,” questioning Browder's account of Magnitsky's death and noting a finding by Judge William H. Pauley III in the Prevezon case that a 2013 Council of Europe report on the Magnitsky case was unreliable because it did not fairly examine both sides of the controversy.

Based on what we have set forth here, which is readily available to anyone with a degree of research skill and patience, why did the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee give Bill Browder a full two hours to spout his anti-Putin tirade on July 27, treating him as a human rights hero? According to accounts of Browder's deposition in the Prevezon case, he was confronted by evidence proving that Sergei Magnitsky was his long-time accountant and not a lawyer. Magnitsky was deeply implicated in devising various schemes for Browder to avoid Russian taxes, including using disabled Russian citizens as straw shareholders. Magnitsky had been questioned about this and other tax irregularities by the Russian Interior Ministry in 2006,

far ahead of the 2007 date when Browder said he first hired him. According to the Russians, Magnitsky was not arrested because he was the whistleblower on the \$230 million fraud against the Russian treasury, but because he was implicated in Browder's own tax fraud. The Russians say that Magnitsky did die tragically in a Russian jail because of medical neglect, but insist that he was not beaten to death as alleged by Browder.

There were also huge holes in Browder's story about the alleged \$230 million fraud against the Russian treasury. According to accounts of Browder's deposition in the Prevezon case, he claimed fifty times that he couldn't remember details about the story he has told millions of times, and constantly deferred to “his team,” and to a trove of purloined documents gathered in violation of Russian and other privacy laws. Browder answered “I don't know,” a full two hundred eleven times. It was the first time Browder had been subjected to cross-examination of his story, as he has repeatedly avoided legal process.

As for the discrepancies flowing from Andrei Nekrasov's film about Browder, we can't tell you about them first hand, because Browder, his National Endowment for Democracy congressional and lobbyist cronies, and his British protectors, have waged a worldwide campaign to prevent the film from being shown. Lawsuits from Browder have greeted any distribution company willing to show the film. When the film was shown at the Newseum, in Washington, D.C., in June 2016, shortly after the Trump Tower meeting, Kyle Parker, Browder's House Foreign Affairs Committee handler, and others of his ilk, organized to disrupt the showing. And, the showing of the film itself is part of Browder's Justice Department claim that those who organized the showing had to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Yet, Browder himself used many of Washington's most powerful lobbyists to sell his dubious story to Congress, tapping for the task such luminaries as Jonathan Winer of APCO Worldwide and Juleanna Glover—Dick Cheney's former spokeswoman, press aide to candidate John McCain, and lobbying partner to former Attorney General John Ashcroft.

So, folks, that's just the deep British pedigree to events in one month, June 2016, events which are cardinal, seminal, to the ongoing coup—and existential as to the future of our Republic. When will the nation find the guts to take up Lyndon LaRouche's call: “Stop the Coup, Cancel the British, Save the People!”?