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Memorandum for the Record

09 February 2017

On 09 February 2017, Kevin P [REDACTED] and Steve M [REDACTED] met with Michael Sussman, a lawyer with the firm Perkins Coie, to discuss information which Sussman had previously indicated might be of interest to the CIA. At the meeting Sussman provided both written documents and thumb drives which he claimed contained data related to potential Russian activities connected to then Presidential candidate/elect Trump.

As background, Sussman had previously reached out to CIA's General Counsel, Caroline Krass, in December 2016. As he recalled, she had advised that she would be in touch after some coordination, but he never heard back from her or anyone from CIA OGC. He said that he tried to re-contact the GC, but that no one ever returned his call, which led him to reach out to [REDACTED] who referred the matter to CIMC.

Sussman advised that he was not representing a particular client and the information he was volunteering to us was not privileged. His contacts wished to provide information to the USG through Sussman, but the clients preferred to remain anonymous. Sussman said that he believed his contacts were acting in good faith, out of a sense of loyalty to the USG. Sussman himself said that he did not expect anything from the USG and did not seek any sort of feedback or further contact, though he would be open to future contact if the CIA had such a need. He was up-front in disclosing that his law firm was active in supporting several democratic causes and office holders including both the DNC and then-Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, but that such work was unrelated to his reasons for contacting the CIA. He merely wanted to pass along information that he thought would be of interest to the USG and then let the CIA and FBI validate the information and take whatever actions they felt were necessary.

Sussman noted that one of his contacts was a US person and clearance holder, but that the information his contact had collected (the content of the thumb drives) was "private collection"- suggesting that the data had been collected by his contacts as a matter of personal interest. He also advised that his contacts believe their actions have put themselves at some personal risk, though some of this could be simply paranoia.

Sussman gave a general description of the data he was providing to us, noting that it was connected to "domain name system" (DNS) information, [REDACTED]

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Kevin P [REDACTED] advised Sussman that given the location of such activities (within the US), we would refer any relevant information to the FBI. Steve M [REDACTED] also advised that we had a crimes reporting obligation and

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would need to report any evidence of criminal activity to the FBI/DOJ. Sussman had no objections to providing any relevant information to the FBI. He mentioned that he had previously contacted FBI's General Counsel, Jim Baker, on a similar, though unrelated, matter. Based on his perception that the FBI had not handled the matter well, and because he thought the FBI might lack the relevant technical expertise, he wanted to pass the information at issue directly to the CIA.

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