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Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Sussmann, Michael A. (Perkins Coie) <MSussmann@perkinscoie.com>
Subject: RE: BREAKING NEWS: FBI launches probe of DNC hack

Will do Michael. Again my apologies. I would had prefer to have gotten in touch with you earlier. It's been a hectic couple of days. Jim

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From: "Sussmann, Michael A. (Perkins Coie)" <MSussmann@perkinscoie.com>
Date: 07/25/2016 2:07 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Trainor, James C. (CYD) (FBI)" <James.Trainor@ic.fbi.gov>
Subject: Re: BREAKING NEWS: FBI launches probe of DNC hack

Jim,

Thank you for that explanation. You can understand how the statement was confusing to us.

Please try to keep us informed if the FBI says anything else publicly about its investigation.

Michael

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From: Jim Trainor <james.trainor@ic.fbi.gov>
Date: Monday, July 25, 2016 at 1:02 PM
To: Michael <msussmann@perkinscoie.com>
Subject: RE: BREAKING NEWS: FBI launches probe of DNC hack

Michael,

First let me apologize for any perceived or actual disconnect on this matter. I agree fully that when making statements to the media and others, we need to be in lock step with victims and partners. In this case, it appears we were not, so let me offer an explanation and a path forward.

In this case, the reporting over the weekend citing other government sources confirming the FBI was investigating, and the use of other interviews by me and other government officials being used to imply a more direct connection to DNC, we felt it was clear that the FBI was (or definitely should be) involved.

Our public affairs team recommended we confirm reports that we were investigating and could not provide

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any additional information on the matter. That statement was intended to be responsive to reporters and not to be a formal statement or release by the FBI, however, those reporters who reached out this morning did push out our response as a formal statement by the FBI.

However, as it has been characterized as a public statement by the FBI, there has not been a change in circumstances – merely the volume and nature of the inquiries made it necessary for us to respond in a more authentic way.

We are also preparing for a large cyber security conference in NY this week where I expect a large media presence and ongoing inquiries on this topic. My intention is not to comment further on the matter other than in the context that we are looking into and working with the victim.

Again, I apologize for the disconnect, and I can assure you that we appreciate the cooperation and intend to be equally cooperative partners as we navigate this matter. Happy to address more in person when we meet on Thursday.

Jim

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Subject: FW: BREAKING NEWS: FBI launches probe of DNC hack

Jim,

What's the significance of this announcement? We know the FBI has been conducting a national security investigation that encompasses intrusions into the DNC's network. However does this announcement reflect changed circumstances, or is it just an effort to make public the fact that the FBI is (i.e., has been) looking into this?

As a victim—and one that is cooperating with the FBI—we would prefer to know beforehand when a public statement is being made about our case.

I appreciate that you may not want to discuss this via email, but I am free to talk by phone—including via FaceTime Audio. Either way, we can't wait until Thursday to discuss.

Thanks,

Michael

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation has launched a probe into the hacking of the Democratic National Committee's emails, the bureau announced Monday.

"The FBI is investigating a cyber intrusion involving the DNC and are working to determine the nature and scope of the matter," the agency said in a statement. "A compromise of this nature is something we take very seriously, and the FBI will continue to investigate and hold accountable those who pose a threat in cyberspace."

Read more: <http://www.politico.com/story/2016/07/fbi-dnc-226123>

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