



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On 3/27/17 at approximately 11:00am, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed over the telephone. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

MANDIANT was hired by ALFA BANK in September 2016 in investigate an allegation that ALFA BANK was engaged in covert communications with the TRUMP ORGANIZATION. When the MANDIANT investigative team arrived, ALFA BANK did not have any historical data, and only saved logs for 24 hours. ALFA BANK could not provide any data aside from the alleged DNS traffics presented by the anonymous white paper that made the initial allegation. MANDIANT team did not find any evidence of a covert communications channel with the TRUMP ORGANIZATION.

MANDIANT is no longer involved any investigation relating to ALFA BANK ties to TRUMP ORGANIZATION, to include the alleged spoofed DNS traffic coming from ALFA BANK as recently as February 18, 2017.

MANDIANT executives in the United Kingdom, who are more closely involved with the ALFA BANK case, claimed that ALFA BANK has been trying to get in touch with the FBI and DOJ for some time. ALFA BANK wants to put the issue to rest, and believes opening their records to official scrutiny from the FBI will exonerate them. Executives at the highest levels of ALFA BANK leadership have been working closely with a Public Relations firm in the UK (NFI) to deal with the allegations.

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