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CROSSFIRE HURRICANE

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The CROSSFIRE HURRICANE (CH) team proposes moving forward with its investigative efforts in a two-phased approach. The first phase will focus on additional investigative/analytical activity related to existing investigations. The second phase, which would proceed according to one of two options, would involve either new investigations and expanded areas of focus (Option 1) or overt steps to mitigate counterintelligence risk (Option 2).

PHASE 1:

Timeframe: November 2016 until approximately the end of December 2016

Administrative: Existing cases remain with current field offices, reporting directly to existing CH Team embedded within CD space. The CH Team will provide FBI executive management a written update once a week and briefings as requested. The CH Team will coordinate with DOJ on the below investigative steps as normal, but will only provide DOJ update briefings upon request.

Phase 1 Investigative Plan:

- CH Team will pursue all available means to assess and validate Steele and the veracity of Steele's reporting. These steps include:
 - Conducting additional meetings/coordination with [REDACTED] as necessary.
 - [REDACTED] in order to validate Steele and his reporting. CH Team will also work [REDACTED] to determine [REDACTED]
 - Completing a full analysis/review of reporting to identify all facts in the reporting that can be independently corroborated.
 - Conducting focused analysis, using all available sources, on the "quid pro quo" information identified in the Steele reporting.
 - Generate NSLs and conduct initial vetting of Steele information related to Michael Cohen under the CH umbrella investigation.

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- [REDACTED] Potentially interview State employee Jon Winer regarding the [REDACTED] Steele-reported allegation of the FSB's possession of compromising material and FSB illicit payments to Trump.

- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CH Team will likely seek renewal of the CROSSFIRE DRAGON FISA.
- [REDACTED] CH Team will pursue [REDACTED] new FISA surveillance on CROSSFIRE TYPHOON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. CH Team will analyze the results of FISA surveillance on an ongoing basis.
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] CH Team will pursue additional [REDACTED]
operation targeting CROSSFIRE TYPHOON.
- [REDACTED] CH Team will conduct any possible additional investigation/analysis regarding CROSSFIRE RAZOR's contact with Russian individuals and entities. If no additional information developed, the CH Team will close the investigation and will consider conducting an interview/defensive briefing during Phase 2.
- [REDACTED] CH Team will continue to coordinate with CID regarding its criminal investigation of CROSSFIRE FURY. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. CH Team will also potentially [REDACTED] for information [REDACTED].
- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

[REDACTED] PHASE 2: Option 1

Timeframe: [REDACTED] End of December 2016 until logical investigation is complete

Administrative: [REDACTED] The CH umbrella codename will be changed and a new investigative and analytical team will be selected and embedded within CD. This newly codenamed case would remain [REDACTED] in Sentinel. All existing investigations under the CH umbrella would have their codenames changed and all investigative responsibility would shift to the new investigative team operating from within CD. The CH Team will provide FBI executive management a written update three times a week and briefings as requested. The CH Team would coordinate with a select set of DOJ and US Attorney's Office officials.

- [REDACTED] The Phase 2 Team will continue to investigate the existing CH subjects as necessary and would aggressively continue to pursue FISA coverage. Limited defensive briefings, interviews, case closures would occur as appropriate.

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- [REDACTED] The existing CID criminal case on CROSSFIRE FURY would be incorporated as an affiliated case under the newly-codenamed umbrella investigation and would thereafter be managed by CD and the Phase 2 Team.
 - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Phase 2 Team will initiate new investigations to facilitate financial investigation as necessary.
 - [REDACTED] The Phase 2 team would be augmented to include necessary financial investigation-focused analytical/investigative personnel.
 - [REDACTED] As necessary, the Phase 2 Team would initiate new investigations/operations to fully understand and mitigate potential Russian Government and Russian intelligence services penetration, coordination, and collusion with the Trump campaign team, businesses, family members, and associates. These new investigations could possibly include individuals identified during Phase 1, including (but not limited to): Michael Cohen [REDACTED] Roger Stone [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PHASE 2: Option 2

Timeframe: [REDACTED] End of December 2016 until approximately the end of February 2017

Administrative: [REDACTED] Existing cases remain with current field offices, reporting directly to existing CH Team embedded within CD space. The CH Team will provide FBI executive management a written update once a week and briefings as requested. The CH Team will coordinate with DOJ on the below investigative steps as normal, but will only provide DOJ update briefings upon request.

- [REDACTED] CH Team conducts interview or defensive briefing, as appropriate, of CROSSFIRE RAZOR.
- [REDACTED] Investigations of CROSSFIRE DRAGON, CROSSFIRE TYPHOON, CROSSFIRE FURY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] continue indefinitely but independent of the CH umbrella investigation, for counterintelligence, foreign agent registration violations, and other criminal purposes.
- [REDACTED] CH Team conducts briefings or defensive briefings of Trump administration officials, the Congressional intelligence committees, and the Department of Justice as appropriate. These briefings would highlight findings, gaps, and the potential for CI vulnerability to mitigate threat.