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14	<p>1 PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2 MIKHAIL FRIDMAN,</p> <p>3 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:</p> <p>4 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANTS</p> <p>5 BY MR. LEVY:</p> <p>6 Q Good morning. Good afternoon.</p> <p>7 A Good afternoon here.</p> <p>8 Q Mr. Fridman, my name is Josh Levy. I</p> <p>9 represent the defendants, Glenn Simpson and Bean,</p> <p>10 LLC, in this lawsuit. I will be asking you</p> <p>11 questions today. If at any time you need to take</p> <p>12 a break, please let me know. Okay?</p> <p>13 A Okay. Thank you. Very nice to meet you,</p> <p>14 Mr. Levy.</p> <p>15 Q Nice to meet you, too.</p> <p>16 I understand you've been deposed before?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q And so as it likely was in that</p> <p>19 deposition, I would ask you in this deposition to</p> <p>20 answer any questions I present to you with an</p> <p>21 oral, verbal answer, not just body language.</p> <p>22 A Not just but what?</p>	16	<p>1 people in the room with you or any people who come</p> <p>2 into the room while we are on the record, please</p> <p>3 let me know. Okay?</p> <p>4 A Okay. Good. Thank you.</p> <p>5 Q Are you looking at anything other than</p> <p>6 the computer screens in front of you?</p> <p>7 A Know.</p> <p>8 Q You're not looking at any cellphone,</p> <p>9 documents, note pads, other papers?</p> <p>10 MR. LEWIS: Objection, form, Josh. There</p> <p>11 are papers around. Looking at?</p> <p>12 MR. LEVY: Sure.</p> <p>13 Q I just want to make sure that you're not</p> <p>14 looking at any notes or pre-prepared materials</p> <p>15 other than the documents that we sent you</p> <p>16 yesterday.</p> <p>17 A No, I don't have anything. No, I have</p> <p>18 just the materials, just three volume of</p> <p>19 materials, big books. And I also have my phone,</p> <p>20 but it is not for looking at; just because, you</p> <p>21 know, I will call during the break time.</p> <p>22 Q Understood. I just would ask you not to</p>

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17	<p>1 look at the phone while we are on the record.</p> <p>2 A Okay. I will.</p> <p>3 Q Thank you. Please answer all questions</p> <p>4 by yourself. Do not look to anyone or anything</p> <p>5 else for help in answering the questions. And</p> <p>6 while we are on the record, please do not</p> <p>7 communicate with anyone else besides me.</p> <p>8 A Okay.</p> <p>9 Q This includes not checking e-mail, text</p> <p>10 messages, or any forms of communications. Okay?</p> <p>11 A Okay. Okay.</p> <p>12 Q We have sent you documents yesterday, and</p> <p>13 for hopefully for the ease of everybody on this</p> <p>14 deposition, this remote deposition, we've numbered</p> <p>15 the documents.</p> <p>16 When we refer to a document today, we</p> <p>17 will refer to it by its number and then give it a</p> <p>18 unique exhibit designation.</p> <p>19 So I'd like to begin with Document Number</p> <p>20 1.</p> <p>21 MR. LEVY: Please mark it Exhibit 1,</p> <p>22 Defendants' Exhibit 1.</p>	19	<p>1 A Uh-huh. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q And are you here today pursuant to this</p> <p>3 notice?</p> <p>4 A I hope so.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. Please go to Document Number 2.</p> <p>6 MR. LEVY: And mark it Exhibit 2.</p> <p>7 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 2 marked</p> <p>8 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>9 transcript.)</p> <p>10 A Okay.</p> <p>11 Q Is this the amended complaint for the</p> <p>12 lawsuit that you filed?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Please go to Document Number 3.</p> <p>15 A Okay.</p> <p>16 MR. LEVY: And mark it Exhibit 3.</p> <p>17 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 3 marked</p> <p>18 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>19 transcript.)</p> <p>20 A Yeah.</p> <p>21 Q Does your lawsuit refer to this document</p> <p>22 as Company Intelligence Report 112, or CIR 112?</p>
18	<p>1 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 1 marked</p> <p>2 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>3 transcript.)</p> <p>4 Q This is the notice of deposition.</p> <p>5 Mr. Fridman, do you see that document?</p> <p>6 A No, I could not see this document right</p> <p>7 now. Should I find it in the books?</p> <p>8 MR. GILLESPIE: It is Number 1.</p> <p>9 A Number 1 in Volume 1?</p> <p>10 Q Yes.</p> <p>11 A Okay. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q Have you seen the document before?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 MR. GILLESPIE: It's the next page,</p> <p>15 Michael. Tab 12. Tab 1.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: Tab 1.</p> <p>17 MR. GILLESPIE: That's it.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: This one? But it's Number</p> <p>19 2. Oh, yes. Fine. Okay.</p> <p>20 A Okay. Yes. Okay. I found the document.</p> <p>21 Q You see it says, Amended Notice of</p> <p>22 Deposition?</p>	20	<p>1 A That's correct.</p> <p>2 Q In this lawsuit are you alleging that</p> <p>3 statements in Exhibit 3 defamed you?</p> <p>4 A Yes.</p> <p>5 Q Can you please turn to Document Number 5.</p> <p>6 MR. LEVY: And mark it Exhibit 4.</p> <p>7 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 4 marked</p> <p>8 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>9 transcript.)</p> <p>10 A Okay.</p> <p>11 Q These are your supplemental responses and</p> <p>12 objections to defendants' first set of</p> <p>13 interrogatories. Correct?</p> <p>14 A Yes, that is correct.</p> <p>15 Q And if you turn to the third-to-the-last</p> <p>16 page --</p> <p>17 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>18 Q -- it looks as though you verified that</p> <p>19 the responses in this document are true under</p> <p>20 penalty of perjury.</p> <p>21 Is that correct?</p> <p>22 A That's correct.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>1 Q And that's your signature, sir?</p> <p>2 A That's my signature.</p> <p>3 Q And if you turn to Page 2 in this</p> <p>4 document.</p> <p>5 A Okay.</p> <p>6 Q There is a response to Interrogatory 2</p> <p>7 which asks you to identify all of the specific</p> <p>8 statements of and concerning you that you allege</p> <p>9 in this action amount to defamation by the</p> <p>10 defendants. And for each of those statements</p> <p>11 explain the alleged defamatory meaning of the</p> <p>12 statement as it applies to you.</p> <p>13 So here you've listed the statements that</p> <p>14 have defamed you. Correct?</p> <p>15 A That's correct.</p> <p>16 Q I'm going to walk through this with you,</p> <p>17 just to make sure that we're confirming which</p> <p>18 statements you're alleging are defamatory to you.</p> <p>19 The first is this sentence at the top of</p> <p>20 CIR 112, Russian/U.S. Presidential Election:</p> <p>21 Kremlin-Alfa Group Cooperation.</p> <p>22 You're alleging that that defamed you.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>1 now indirect and entrusted to the relatively low</p> <p>2 profile Govorun."</p> <p>3 You're saying that statement defamed you.</p> <p>4 Correct?</p> <p>5 A Correct.</p> <p>6 Q Is there any other statement in CIR 112</p> <p>7 that defamed you?</p> <p>8 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. You mean</p> <p>9 in this lawsuit, that's alleged in this lawsuit to</p> <p>10 be defamatory?</p> <p>11 Q Is there any other statement in CIR 112</p> <p>12 that you are claiming in this lawsuit defamed you?</p> <p>13 A Actually, you know, first of all, I would</p> <p>14 like to explain that I am not a lawyer. So I</p> <p>15 could not interpret it, you know, the kind of you</p> <p>16 hold this information in that document, CIR 112,</p> <p>17 from pure legal point of view.</p> <p>18 It's contain a lot of false information.</p> <p>19 Not just these three points, not just these three</p> <p>20 defamatory statements which was pointed in this</p> <p>21 claims, but many other wrong and fake information</p> <p>22 there.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>1 Correct?</p> <p>2 A Right.</p> <p>3 Q And then the next sentence, the second</p> <p>4 sentence in CIR 112, or second statement in CIR</p> <p>5 112 that you're alleging defamed you is, quote,</p> <p>6 Significant favors continue to be done in both</p> <p>7 directions, primarily political ones for Putin and</p> <p>8 business/legal ones for Alfa, unquote.</p> <p>9 Is that correct? You're alleging that</p> <p>10 this statement defamed you?</p> <p>11 A That's correct.</p> <p>12 Q And third, and apparently lastly, there</p> <p>13 is a statement on the next page from CIR 112 that</p> <p>14 you state is defamatory. "During the 1990s,</p> <p>15 Govorun had been head of government relations at</p> <p>16 Alfa Group, and in reality the driver and bag</p> <p>17 carrier used by Fridman and Aven to deliver large</p> <p>18 amounts of illicit cash to the Russian President,</p> <p>19 at that time Deputy Mayor of Saint Petersburg.</p> <p>20 Given that and the continuing sensitivity of the</p> <p>21 Putin-Alfa relationship, and need for plausible</p> <p>22 deniability, much of the contact between them was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>1 But as far as I understand, our lawyers,</p> <p>2 my lawyers, Mr. Alan Lewis and his colleagues,</p> <p>3 they decided to claim as a defamatory statement</p> <p>4 just this particular three sentences.</p> <p>5 Q So these three sentences are the only</p> <p>6 sentences in CIR 112 that you're challenging as</p> <p>7 defamatory to you. Correct?</p> <p>8 A That's three sentences according to</p> <p>9 advice from my lawyer, we -- we challenging in</p> <p>10 this procedure as a defamatory statement.</p> <p>11 Q I'm not asking you to get into your</p> <p>12 conversations with your lawyer. I just want to</p> <p>13 make sure that when you verified this response</p> <p>14 under penalty of perjury, you were being accurate.</p> <p>15 A Yeah, I --</p> <p>16 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form.</p> <p>17 Is there a question there? I think --</p> <p>18 (Discussion off the record; technical</p> <p>19 difficulty.)</p> <p>20 MR. GILLESPIE: Alan, your screen froze.</p> <p>21 MR. LEWIS: My screen froze. Oh, boy.</p> <p>22 Can you hear me?</p>

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25	<p>1 MR. LEVY: We can now.</p> <p>2 MR. LEWIS: All right.</p> <p>3 So my objection was that was a statement.</p> <p>4 It didn't seem like a question.</p> <p>5 MR. LEVY: It was a question. I will</p> <p>6 just repeat it.</p> <p>7 Q Mr. Fridman, is your response to</p> <p>8 Interrogatory 20 in Exhibit 4 accurate?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Can you turn, please, to Exhibit -- back</p> <p>11 to Exhibit 2, the amended complaint.</p> <p>12 A Exhibit 2. Just one second.</p> <p>13 Okay. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q Can you turn to Paragraph 27, please.</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q In Paragraph 27 and 28, it looks as</p> <p>17 though you are alleging a fourth statement defamed</p> <p>18 you.</p> <p>19 Are you no longer alleging that this</p> <p>20 statement defamed you?</p> <p>21 A I just would like to repeat again. You</p> <p>22 know, that's definitely not true what written in</p>	27	<p>1 please?</p> <p>2 A 101. That's in Volume Number 3?</p> <p>3 MR. LEVY: Please mark this Exhibit 5.</p> <p>4 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 5 marked</p> <p>5 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>6 transcript.)</p> <p>7 A Sorry. Just one second. 101. Okay.</p> <p>8 Say it again. What the document?</p> <p>9 Q This is -- this is -- look at Paragraph</p> <p>10 29 in this document. This is a subpoena that your</p> <p>11 lawyers served on an individual named Eric</p> <p>12 Lichtblau.</p> <p>13 A Okay.</p> <p>14 Q And Number 29 --</p> <p>15 A Okay. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q Do you see it?</p> <p>17 A Yes. I found this. I found this.</p> <p>18 Anyway, Alfa means the conglomerate of entities.</p> <p>19 This one. Right?</p> <p>20 Q Yes. Right. And I don't need you to</p> <p>21 read the whole definition, but you see the</p> <p>22 definition of Alfa there. Correct?</p>
26	<p>1 this statement. But for certain legal purpose,</p> <p>2 which I am not proficient in, my lawyer</p> <p>3 recommended this, to concentrate our claim on this</p> <p>4 three statement which talk before.</p> <p>5 Q So you're no longer challenging that it's</p> <p>6 false.</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Mischaracterizes</p> <p>8 the witness' answer. You substituted false for</p> <p>9 defamatory.</p> <p>10 Q Are you no longer challenging the</p> <p>11 defamatory nature of this statement as to you?</p> <p>12 A As far as I --</p> <p>13 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Asked and</p> <p>14 answered. Josh, I think the witness has made it</p> <p>15 clear that the lawsuit challenges three</p> <p>16 statements. You've established what those are.</p> <p>17 It doesn't establish others. And I think we're</p> <p>18 going over the same ground.</p> <p>19 Q Are you now maintaining that this</p> <p>20 statement is true, Mr. Fridman, in Paragraph 27?</p> <p>21 A No, that's not true at all.</p> <p>22 Q Could you turn to Document Number 101,</p>	28	<p>1 A Yeah, that's correct.</p> <p>2 Q For purposes of today's deposition, when</p> <p>3 I ask you about Alfa, I'm going to be referring to</p> <p>4 all the companies listed here in this definition</p> <p>5 in Paragraph 29 and their predecessors. Unless I</p> <p>6 ask you a question about a specific entity, such</p> <p>7 as Alfa-Bank or LetterOne.</p> <p>8 Does that -- is that okay? Does that</p> <p>9 make sense?</p> <p>10 A That make sense completely. LetterOne is</p> <p>11 not a part of Alfa; it's a separate entity.</p> <p>12 Q Right. Please go back to -- now if you</p> <p>13 could turn to Document 4?</p> <p>14 MR. LEWIS: Do you mean Exhibit 4, or are</p> <p>15 we going to a new document?</p> <p>16 MR. LEVY: New document. Document Number</p> <p>17 4, which is your answers to interrogatories.</p> <p>18 A Okay.</p> <p>19 Q And if you go to Page --</p> <p>20 MR. LEVY: Mark this Exhibit 6.</p> <p>21 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 6 marked</p> <p>22 for identification and is attached to the</p>

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29	<p>1 transcript.)</p> <p>2 Q If you go to Page 13.</p> <p>3 A Page 13?</p> <p>4 Q Thirteen.</p> <p>5 A Yes. One three. Right?</p> <p>6 Q Yes.</p> <p>7 A Okay.</p> <p>8 Q You're going to see your answers to</p> <p>9 Interrogatory Number 3.</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q I want to make sure that your answers to</p> <p>12 Number 3 are accurate and complete as of today.</p> <p>13 So I'm going to go through each one. These are</p> <p>14 publications that you're alleging. Correct?</p> <p>15 A Yeah. Just for each ...</p> <p>16 Q So the first paragraph, "In September and</p> <p>17 October 2016, defendants published, and arranged</p> <p>18 for Christopher Steele to publish, the contents of</p> <p>19 CIR 112 to members of the print and online media,</p> <p>20 including The New York Times, the Washington Post,</p> <p>21 CNN, and Yahoo! News."</p> <p>22 A Uh-huh.</p>	31	<p>1 when you learned of this publication, or this</p> <p>2 alleged publication in the first paragraph.</p> <p>3 A So could you just clarify the question.</p> <p>4 You know, the question was when I first</p> <p>5 time became aware about that CIR 112. That's</p> <p>6 correct? Is that correct?</p> <p>7 Q No.</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q You're alleging --</p> <p>10 A It wasn't.</p> <p>11 Q You're stating here in this paragraph</p> <p>12 that the defendants published and arranged for</p> <p>13 Steele to publish the contents of CIR 112 in</p> <p>14 September and October of 2016 to the New York</p> <p>15 Times, The Washington Post, CNN, and Yahoo! News,</p> <p>16 not BuzzFeed.</p> <p>17 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>18 Q When -- when did you learn of this</p> <p>19 alleged publication?</p> <p>20 MR. LEWIS: So objection to the extent</p> <p>21 the question would call for the witness to reveal</p> <p>22 privileged communications with counsel.</p>
30	<p>1 Q When did you learn about this alleged</p> <p>2 publication?</p> <p>3 A Just a second. The question when I was</p> <p>4 first time aware, became aware about this</p> <p>5 publication?</p> <p>6 Q Yes.</p> <p>7 A Yeah. I was -- I was aware about this</p> <p>8 publication when and if this was published in</p> <p>9 BuzzFeed, in January of 2017.</p> <p>10 Q In January of 2017 you became aware of</p> <p>11 the BuzzFeed publication. Correct?</p> <p>12 A That's correct.</p> <p>13 Q But when did you become aware of the</p> <p>14 publication you're alleging here in this first</p> <p>15 paragraph?</p> <p>16 MR. LEWIS: I'm just going to caution the</p> <p>17 witness about privilege. While he can answer, if</p> <p>18 it's the answer that he learned from counsel, he</p> <p>19 is not to further discuss any communications with</p> <p>20 counsel.</p> <p>21 Q I don't want to know about your</p> <p>22 communications with counsel. I just want to know</p>	32	<p>1 Q I'm not asking what the communication</p> <p>2 was, just when it was.</p> <p>3 A I think that was probably afterwards,</p> <p>4 2017, in --</p> <p>5 Q So --</p> <p>6 A After January 2017, when it was first</p> <p>7 time published in the BuzzFeed.</p> <p>8 Q Do you know when in 2017 you learned of</p> <p>9 these alleged publications in the first paragraph?</p> <p>10 A No. So first of all, again, you know,</p> <p>11 just would like to, you know, repeat that, you</p> <p>12 know, I am not a lawyer so I don't understand</p> <p>13 exactly what the meaning of the words "published."</p> <p>14 Because as far as I remember, it was published</p> <p>15 just in -- from my, you know, kind of -- kind of</p> <p>16 simple understanding, it was published in BuzzFeed</p> <p>17 in January 2017.</p> <p>18 So, but it was a lot of information</p> <p>19 afterwards regarding Mr. Steele and his effort to</p> <p>20 distribute this information before publication in</p> <p>21 BuzzFeed.</p> <p>22 So probably I became aware about that</p>

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33	<p>1 afterwards. I don't remember exactly the timing</p> <p>2 of that.</p> <p>3 Q But you're sure it was 2017?</p> <p>4 A Probably, yes. You know, I don't</p> <p>5 remember exactly whether it 2017 or later on. But</p> <p>6 it was a lot of media report regarding the story,</p> <p>7 regarding the whole story of the so-called Trump</p> <p>8 dossier, Mr. Steele dossier.</p> <p>9 So probably, you know, I don't remember</p> <p>10 when exactly that the publication took place.</p> <p>11 But, you know, I became aware about the whole this</p> <p>12 story, which run in the publication BuzzFeed later</p> <p>13 on, so it's probably 2017.</p> <p>14 Q And how did you learn about the alleged</p> <p>15 publication in the first paragraph?</p> <p>16 MR. LEWIS: Okay. And objection, in part</p> <p>17 that it calls for the witness to reveal privileged</p> <p>18 communications.</p> <p>19 A Yeah, I don't -- I don't remember exactly</p> <p>20 when did I get this information. I don't remember</p> <p>21 exactly. But it seems to me it was publicly known</p> <p>22 that Mr. Steele made a lot of efforts to publish</p>	35	<p>1 know what the definition of "this" is.</p> <p>2 Q Did you learn about --</p> <p>3 A I don't remember.</p> <p>4 Q Mr. Fridman, did you learn about this</p> <p>5 alleged publication from the media in 2017?</p> <p>6 A I don't remember exactly where did I get</p> <p>7 this information. Maybe lawyer told me. Maybe</p> <p>8 from -- from some media.</p> <p>9 Q Let's look at the third paragraph. "In</p> <p>10 November 2016, defendants organized a meeting in</p> <p>11 Great Britain between Steele and David Kramer, in</p> <p>12 which Steele published the contents of CIR 112 to</p> <p>13 Kramer, and defendants subsequently published the</p> <p>14 contents of CIR 112 to Kramer for redelivery and</p> <p>15 further publication to John McCain."</p> <p>16 When did you learn of that alleged</p> <p>17 publication, Mr. Fridman?</p> <p>18 A I would like to repeat the same answer.</p> <p>19 I do not recall exactly where did I get this</p> <p>20 information. Maybe, you know, from lawyer</p> <p>21 sources, maybe from media, because media made a</p> <p>22 lot of information about the whole story. So I</p>
34	<p>1 this information before publishing in BuzzFeed.</p> <p>2 Q Let's go to the second paragraph. In</p> <p>3 October -- you said in October of 2016 -- October</p> <p>4 of 2016 -- I'm sorry. Did somebody say something?</p> <p>5 The second paragraph says, "In October</p> <p>6 2016, Steele gave an interview" --</p> <p>7 A Okay.</p> <p>8 Q -- "(as arranged by or at the direction</p> <p>9 of defendants) to David Corn, a writer for Mother</p> <p>10 Jones magazine, in which Steele published to Corn</p> <p>11 the contents of CIR 112."</p> <p>12 When did you learn of this alleged</p> <p>13 publication?</p> <p>14 A Yeah, that's -- that's exactly the same</p> <p>15 answer as I gave you in the previous question. I</p> <p>16 don't know exactly. And I don't know what was the</p> <p>17 source of this information. But as far as I</p> <p>18 understand, it was public information which was</p> <p>19 distributed later on.</p> <p>20 Q So you learned about this from the media</p> <p>21 in 2017?</p> <p>22 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. I don't</p>	36	<p>1 don't remember.</p> <p>2 Q Let's go to the next paragraph.</p> <p>3 A Okay.</p> <p>4 Q "In 2016, upon information and belief,</p> <p>5 defendants published the contents of CIR 112 to</p> <p>6 their clients, including Perkins Coie, LLP, the</p> <p>7 Democratic national committee, the campaign of</p> <p>8 Hillary Clinton, and/or HFACC, Inc."</p> <p>9 When did you learn of that publication,</p> <p>10 that alleged publication?</p> <p>11 A My answer is the same. I don't remember</p> <p>12 exactly when did and where I did -- where I got</p> <p>13 this information from. And it's probably either</p> <p>14 from kind of public sources or from conversation</p> <p>15 with my lawyers.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. Let's go to the next paragraph.</p> <p>17 "In publishing the contents of CIR 112, defendants</p> <p>18 knew or reasonably should have known that the</p> <p>19 above-referenced individuals and entities (or</p> <p>20 others to whom they published CIR 112) would</p> <p>21 further disseminate and publish the contents of</p> <p>22 CIR 112 to others."</p>

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37	<p>1 When and how did you learn of that</p> <p>2 alleged publication?</p> <p>3 A Again, I just do not want to interpret it</p> <p>4 legal, from legal standpoint, you know, meanings</p> <p>5 of term "publishing."</p> <p>6 So I just like to repeat my previous</p> <p>7 answer.</p> <p>8 Q Let's go to the next paragraph. "On</p> <p>9 January 10, 2017, BuzzFeed, Inc., which had</p> <p>10 received a copy of CIR 112, published the contents</p> <p>11 of CIR 112 on the internet, along with an article</p> <p>12 entitled, 'These reports allege Trump has deep</p> <p>13 ties to Russia.' Upon information and belief,</p> <p>14 BuzzFeed received the dossier from defendants or</p> <p>15 somebody who obtained it from defendants."</p> <p>16 When did you learn about this</p> <p>17 publication, this alleged publication?</p> <p>18 A Yeah. That --</p> <p>19 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Objection to</p> <p>20 form.</p> <p>21 There are two sentences that you've read</p> <p>22 to him, and your question can be interpreted in a</p>	39	<p>1 was mentioned in that dossier. So I -- I didn't</p> <p>2 read the whole dossier; I just read the piece</p> <p>3 which was, you know, dedicated to us.</p> <p>4 Q Before you first went online to look at</p> <p>5 that memorandum and the dossier, did somebody tell</p> <p>6 you that this memorandum was online?</p> <p>7 A Yeah, probably somebody told me.</p> <p>8 Probably somebody told me. Because I'm not -- I</p> <p>9 am not reading BuzzFeed on a regular basis. So</p> <p>10 probably somebody told us.</p> <p>11 Q Do you recall who that was?</p> <p>12 A No, I don't remember.</p> <p>13 Q In the second sentence here --</p> <p>14 A But that was --</p> <p>15 Q Go ahead.</p> <p>16 A That was a big news, so everybody knew</p> <p>17 that.</p> <p>18 Q In the second sentence here, "Upon</p> <p>19 information and belief, BuzzFeed received the</p> <p>20 dossier from defendants or somebody who obtained</p> <p>21 it from defendants."</p> <p>22 When did you learn of that allegation?</p>
38	<p>1 number of different ways.</p> <p>2 Q When did you learn about the alleged</p> <p>3 publication in the first sentence?</p> <p>4 A This -- this publication was distributed</p> <p>5 widely, almost immediately, so I don't remember</p> <p>6 exactly the date. But that was probably happen,</p> <p>7 you know, be -- you know, in a couple of days</p> <p>8 after publication.</p> <p>9 Q So within two days of January 10, 2017,</p> <p>10 you learned about the alleged publication in the</p> <p>11 first sentence here?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q And did you learn about that -- how did</p> <p>14 you learn about that alleged publication in the</p> <p>15 first sentence here?</p> <p>16 A As far as I could recall it, I read it in</p> <p>17 internet.</p> <p>18 Q You read it yourself?</p> <p>19 A Yeah.</p> <p>20 Q Did somebody bring it to your attention?</p> <p>21 A Yeah, it seems to me that was immediately</p> <p>22 information that my personal name and Alfa's name</p>	40	<p>1 A I just would like to repeat the answer</p> <p>2 which I gave you previously.</p> <p>3 Q Can you repeat it for the record, please?</p> <p>4 A Yeah. Yes. I don't remember exactly</p> <p>5 when I got information, received information that</p> <p>6 BuzzFeed received this dossier from defendants or</p> <p>7 somebody who obtained it from defendants. But</p> <p>8 either it was certain publication in media later</p> <p>9 on or it was in a conversation with my lawyer.</p> <p>10 But that's -- that's information, you know, I</p> <p>11 received later.</p> <p>12 Q Are there any other publications you are</p> <p>13 challenging in this lawsuit?</p> <p>14 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form.</p> <p>15 A No. No, as far as I know.</p> <p>16 Q Other than the alleged publication by</p> <p>17 BuzzFeed, did any of the other alleged</p> <p>18 publications in response to Interrogatory 3 reach</p> <p>19 the public?</p> <p>20 MR. LEWIS: Objection. "Reach the</p> <p>21 public" is ambiguous.</p> <p>22 Q You may answer the question.</p>

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41	<p>1 MR. LEWIS: I would ask you to reframe</p> <p>2 it, Josh, because, you know, "the public" is</p> <p>3 ambiguous in your question.</p> <p>4 Does it mean members of the public, any</p> <p>5 members of the public? Does it mean on the media?</p> <p>6 It can mean different things. So I would ask you</p> <p>7 to clarify the question.</p> <p>8 A Yeah, what do you mean, other -- other</p> <p>9 publication with the same -- with the same</p> <p>10 substance?</p> <p>11 Q You've stated that the BuzzFeed</p> <p>12 publication went on to the internet. Correct?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q Did any of these other publications that</p> <p>15 you have alleged in response to Interrogatory 3</p> <p>16 lead to material that was published online?</p> <p>17 A As far as I understand, it was thousands</p> <p>18 of publication later on, with this kind of</p> <p>19 comments. And then it says in discussion</p> <p>20 regarding this information, which contained in the</p> <p>21 CIR 112, after it was published in -- in BuzzFeed.</p> <p>22 So --</p>	43	<p>1 A I didn't know that before publication in</p> <p>2 BuzzFeed.</p> <p>3 Q It's only the BuzzFeed publication that</p> <p>4 was widely spread that you have knowledge of.</p> <p>5 Correct?</p> <p>6 A No; that was the first one.</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>8 A It's not only. It was --</p> <p>9 Q You --</p> <p>10 A It was probably a lot of.</p> <p>11 Q You -- do you, for example, know if David</p> <p>12 Corn put online anything in CIR 112?</p> <p>13 A No, I haven't read David Corn. I don't</p> <p>14 know. I didn't know this information. I didn't</p> <p>15 know this information before publication in CIR</p> <p>16 112 in BuzzFeed.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. After any of these publications,</p> <p>18 did you take any action to try to counter the</p> <p>19 information in CIR 112, other than filing</p> <p>20 lawsuits?</p> <p>21 A Yeah, I just -- I just, you know, kind of</p> <p>22 refresh my memory regarding Mr. Govorun</p>
42	<p>1 Q Before -- yeah. Before --</p> <p>2 A Yeah.</p> <p>3 Q -- there was the CIR 112 publication in</p> <p>4 BuzzFeed, are you aware of any other publications</p> <p>5 of CIR 112 on the internet?</p> <p>6 A No, I was not aware about that before.</p> <p>7 Q And so the only alleged publication that</p> <p>8 you've listed in response to Interrogatory 3 that</p> <p>9 went to the internet was the alleged publication</p> <p>10 to BuzzFeed. Correct?</p> <p>11 A That the first publication regarding --</p> <p>12 regarding this content of CIR 112, the first</p> <p>13 publication was in BuzzFeed.</p> <p>14 Q Right. And you don't, for example --</p> <p>15 A As far as I --</p> <p>16 Q -- have any --</p> <p>17 A The first, you know, kind of, you know,</p> <p>18 widely spreaded publication. I don't know</p> <p>19 regarding the other.</p> <p>20 Q You have no knowledge that there was</p> <p>21 widely spread information from the other</p> <p>22 publications. Correct?</p>	44	<p>1 employment, and just got information from</p> <p>2 Alfa-Bank what was the first date of his -- of his</p> <p>3 hiring. Because he was relatively kind of</p> <p>4 insignificant manager in -- in Alfa-Bank.</p> <p>5 So I just -- just clarify what was the</p> <p>6 date of his -- his contract, beginning of his</p> <p>7 contract. And that's the only thing which I've</p> <p>8 done.</p> <p>9 And, also, I spoke with lawyers</p> <p>10 definitely.</p> <p>11 Q Did you reach out to any members of the</p> <p>12 media about CIR 112 after it was published?</p> <p>13 A Oh, yeah. We actually -- we actually</p> <p>14 spoke with the BuzzFeed, you know, chief editor,</p> <p>15 it seems to me, and his -- his colleague.</p> <p>16 Q Who -- did you, personally, speak with</p> <p>17 the chief editor?</p> <p>18 A No, not -- I mean, we spoke by -- by</p> <p>19 phone.</p> <p>20 Q You and he spoke by phone?</p> <p>21 A Yeah. Me and my colleague from -- from</p> <p>22 LetterOne, who was actually in charge for media</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">45</p> <p>1 relationship. So we -- we just tried to convince</p> <p>2 to him that information which they publish is</p> <p>3 completely wrong.</p> <p>4 Q Is the LetterOne individual Stuart</p> <p>5 Bruseth?</p> <p>6 A That's correct.</p> <p>7 Q What did you tell BuzzFeed?</p> <p>8 A Sorry. So what I told that it's</p> <p>9 completely wrong information which contains a</p> <p>10 lot -- a lot of fake facts, and therefore their</p> <p>11 obligation as a kind of responsible media just to</p> <p>12 correct this information or withdraw this</p> <p>13 information completely.</p> <p>14 Q Did BuzzFeed correct the information that</p> <p>15 you told them was false?</p> <p>16 A No. As far as I know, they didn't change</p> <p>17 anything.</p> <p>18 Q And when they didn't change anything, did</p> <p>19 you follow up with BuzzFeed?</p> <p>20 A It seems to me we got two conversation</p> <p>21 with them. The first conversation we just, you</p> <p>22 know, explain our kind of position and explain</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">47</p> <p>1 natural, to -- to contact them.</p> <p>2 Q Can you turn to Exhibit 103, please.</p> <p>3 A 103?</p> <p>4 Q Sorry. Document. Document 103, and</p> <p>5 we'll call it Exhibit 7.</p> <p>6 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 7 marked</p> <p>7 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>8 transcript.)</p> <p>9 A Okay. Document 103.</p> <p>10 This is called Opus 2?</p> <p>11 Q Pardon me?</p> <p>12 A 103, that's Opus 2 International.</p> <p>13 Q Right.</p> <p>14 A Is that correct?</p> <p>15 Q Correct. This is a transcript excerpt</p> <p>16 from your UK trial Aven V Orbis, where Mr. Aven</p> <p>17 testified.</p> <p>18 And if you look at Page 14 of that</p> <p>19 transcript, at Line 5. Tell me when you're there.</p> <p>20 A Uh-huh. Yeah.</p> <p>21 Q It says -- this is a question from the</p> <p>22 lawyer asking Mr. Aven, "This is one of your</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">46</p> <p>1 that we completely disagree with what was</p> <p>2 published in BuzzFeed.</p> <p>3 And the second one, it was kind of just a</p> <p>4 kind of followup of the first one. And they</p> <p>5 actually arguing with our proposal to withdraw the</p> <p>6 whole misinformation, our -- incompletely correct,</p> <p>7 the whole article. And finally, as far as I</p> <p>8 understand from interaction between Mr. Bruseth</p> <p>9 and them, that they decided not to do what we</p> <p>10 asked for.</p> <p>11 Q Did anyone else on behalf of yourself or</p> <p>12 any of the companies in which you have an</p> <p>13 ownership interest speak with BuzzFeed at your</p> <p>14 direction?</p> <p>15 A As far as I know, nobody except this, you</p> <p>16 know, conversations.</p> <p>17 Q Why did you ask Stuart Bruseth to be the</p> <p>18 person to contact BuzzFeed with you?</p> <p>19 A Because that's -- that's his professional</p> <p>20 duty. He is the guy who is in charge of public</p> <p>21 relations and the relationship with media in</p> <p>22 LetterOne. And for him, that would be quite</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">48</p> <p>1 documents that you have disclosed in this case.</p> <p>2 It's an e-mail just after the -- at the time of</p> <p>3 the BuzzFeed publication from somebody called</p> <p>4 Stuart Bruseth, who is director of communications</p> <p>5 at LetterOne. Yes?"</p> <p>6 And Mr. Aven says, "Yeah."</p> <p>7 Do you see that?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q What is the e-mail to Stuart Bruseth that</p> <p>10 you disclosed to the -- to the lawyers for</p> <p>11 BuzzFeed -- I'm sorry, for Orbis at the UK trial?</p> <p>12 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Form.</p> <p>13 This is Mr. Aven's testimony?</p> <p>14 MR. LEVY: Yeah.</p> <p>15 A Yeah, that's correct. That's -- that's</p> <p>16 what I would like to say. I don't know what --</p> <p>17 what kind of e-mail Mr. Aven means in his answer.</p> <p>18 But you probably should get the chance to ask</p> <p>19 Mr. Aven when he will be deposed.</p> <p>20 Q So you don't know.</p> <p>21 A I don't know.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. When BuzzFeed published CIR 112 in</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">49</p> <p>1 January of 2017, did you contact Richard Burt?</p> <p>2 A No, as far as I could recall it.</p> <p>3 Q Did you contact anyone from BGR after</p> <p>4 BuzzFeed published CIR 112?</p> <p>5 A No. No.</p> <p>6 Q Did you contact --</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 Q -- any other PR representative after</p> <p>9 BuzzFeed published CIR 112?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Did you or anyone from your companies, or</p> <p>12 any of your business partners suing the defendants</p> <p>13 in this case, issue any statements about CIR 112</p> <p>14 to the media?</p> <p>15 A I could just say on behalf of myself, I</p> <p>16 don't remember that I am publishing a statement</p> <p>17 regarding that.</p> <p>18 Q What about your companies; did they</p> <p>19 publish a statement?</p> <p>20 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form, "your</p> <p>21 companies."</p> <p>22 Q Did Alfa publish a statement?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">51</p> <p>1 important for the image of Alfa-Bank and for my</p> <p>2 personal image, so on and so forth, and for</p> <p>3 LetterOne. So we mentioned that many times.</p> <p>4 But I don't recollect any kind of</p> <p>5 particular specific discussion about CIR 112 in</p> <p>6 the boards of entity relate to Alfa or LetterOne.</p> <p>7 Q At which entity's board meetings was CIR</p> <p>8 112 discussed?</p> <p>9 A I think a lot of board meetings where I</p> <p>10 present. In almost each board, in that time</p> <p>11 especially, of any Alfa entity or LetterOne, that</p> <p>12 topic was mentioned.</p> <p>13 Q So it was mentioned in an Alfa-Bank board</p> <p>14 meeting?</p> <p>15 A Yeah, as -- in the context. I would not</p> <p>16 say -- again, that was not, like, specific item in</p> <p>17 the agenda. But in the context, of course, you</p> <p>18 know, people were very concerned regarding that.</p> <p>19 Q Were there minutes from those board</p> <p>20 meetings where CIR 112 was discussed?</p> <p>21 A I don't think so. I don't remember. I</p> <p>22 could not recall this type of minutes.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">50</p> <p>1 A I don't remember, frankly speaking. You</p> <p>2 should -- you should ask them.</p> <p>3 Q Did you hold a board meeting at LetterOne</p> <p>4 or Alfa about CIR 112?</p> <p>5 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. "Hold a</p> <p>6 board meeting"?</p> <p>7 Q Did -- was there an Alfa board meeting</p> <p>8 where you were present that discussed CIR 112</p> <p>9 after it was published?</p> <p>10 A Yeah, actually, first of all, we do not</p> <p>11 have company, we don't have any, you know,</p> <p>12 particular board with the name Alfa. You know, we</p> <p>13 have Alfa-Bank, Alfa Capital. We have plenty of</p> <p>14 different companies. And I don't recall that we</p> <p>15 have any board with this specific situation in the</p> <p>16 agenda of the board, like discussion about CIR</p> <p>17 112.</p> <p>18 I think in many occasion in different</p> <p>19 board of different entities, including LetterOne,</p> <p>20 and Alfa-Bank, we -- we briefly touched this</p> <p>21 topic. Because definitely that topic was</p> <p>22 pretty -- pretty visible and quite -- quite</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">52</p> <p>1 But definitely that was, like, you know,</p> <p>2 discussion.</p> <p>3 Q Were there e-mails, memoranda discussing</p> <p>4 the or reflecting the Alfa-Bank board discussions</p> <p>5 of CIR 112?</p> <p>6 A I could not recall.</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. That he's</p> <p>8 aware of.</p> <p>9 Your question is he aware of e-mails --</p> <p>10 MR. LEVY: Yes.</p> <p>11 MR. LEWIS: -- to -- in the context of</p> <p>12 your question.</p> <p>13 Q Please answer the question.</p> <p>14 A I don't know. I don't know just exactly</p> <p>15 whether it was mention in certain e-mails or not.</p> <p>16 Who knows.</p> <p>17 Q Were there LetterOne board meetings where</p> <p>18 CIR 112 was discussed?</p> <p>19 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>20 Q That you're aware of?</p> <p>21 MR. LEWIS: My objection, Mr. Levy, is</p> <p>22 that I was engaged immediately, and conversations</p>

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53	<p>1 that took place after that were part of the</p> <p>2 attorney-client conversations.</p> <p>3 So I'm going to direct Mr. Fridman not to</p> <p>4 answer any questions about communications that</p> <p>5 were, you know, with counsel or were for the</p> <p>6 purpose of communicating with counsel.</p> <p>7 Q Were there LetterOne board meetings that</p> <p>8 discussed CIR 112 before you engaged litigation</p> <p>9 counsel?</p> <p>10 A I could not recall. Probably -- look,</p> <p>11 that was very important topic, of course, for</p> <p>12 image and personal reputation of me personally, my</p> <p>13 partners, and also, of course, LetterOne.</p> <p>14 So that was a lot of discussion in</p> <p>15 LetterOne board, especially from point of view of</p> <p>16 our public relations strategy. You know, what</p> <p>17 kind of damage we got from that publication, what</p> <p>18 should we do, and so on.</p> <p>19 That's -- that's definitely was one of</p> <p>20 the important kind of topic. And, of course, I</p> <p>21 have personal discussion with my lawyers.</p> <p>22 Q Are there minutes from the LetterOne</p>	55	<p>1 A As far as I know, no -- no one of our</p> <p>2 entity made any decision regarding them.</p> <p>3 Q Did you, Alfa, LetterOne, Mr. Aven, or</p> <p>4 Mr. Khan reach out to the Russian government and</p> <p>5 ask the Russian government to clarify the record</p> <p>6 on CIR 112?</p> <p>7 A No. I could not -- just answer on behalf</p> <p>8 of myself. But from my side I would like to say</p> <p>9 that I am not approach anybody in Russian</p> <p>10 government on that topic.</p> <p>11 Q Did you contact anyone else to help you</p> <p>12 clarify the record about what was said in CIR 112?</p> <p>13 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. "Anyone</p> <p>14 else to clarify the record"? I don't understand</p> <p>15 what that means.</p> <p>16 A Yeah, what do you mean? What do you</p> <p>17 mean? Whether it is translate from English to</p> <p>18 Russian, or what? My knowledge of English is not</p> <p>19 perfect, but it's enough to read the article.</p> <p>20 Q You contacted Stuart Bruseth to help you</p> <p>21 correct the record. Yes?</p> <p>22 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Asked and</p>
54	<p>1 board meetings where CIR 112 was discussed?</p> <p>2 A I don't know. I don't know.</p> <p>3 Q Are there e-mails or memoranda that</p> <p>4 discuss or reflect the LetterOne board meeting</p> <p>5 discussions of CIR 112, that you're aware of?</p> <p>6 A Yeah, I don't know, frankly speaking. I</p> <p>7 am not aware about that.</p> <p>8 Q What was decided at the board meetings</p> <p>9 regarding CIR 112?</p> <p>10 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Assumes -- the</p> <p>11 question makes assumptions that are not in</p> <p>12 evidence that -- it assumes that LetterOne, an</p> <p>13 entity makes decisions about the defamation.</p> <p>14 A That's -- that's fair comment. It seems</p> <p>15 to me, of course, despite that it was the topic</p> <p>16 which was important for LetterOne and for Alfa,</p> <p>17 but it was definitely my personal decision to</p> <p>18 approach the court with -- with claim for</p> <p>19 defamatory statement.</p> <p>20 Q Were any other decisions made by the</p> <p>21 board of any of these entities where you have an</p> <p>22 ownership interest with regard to CIR 112?</p>	56	<p>1 answered, referring to the discussion with</p> <p>2 BuzzFeed's editor.</p> <p>3 Q Did you --</p> <p>4 A No. I --</p> <p>5 Q -- contact anyone else, Mr. Fridman, to</p> <p>6 help you correct the public record on what was</p> <p>7 said in CIR 112?</p> <p>8 A No, nobody else. You know, we have just</p> <p>9 a couple of telephone conversation with the</p> <p>10 BuzzFeed representatives. And when, actually, I</p> <p>11 made the decision to challenge this publication in</p> <p>12 the court.</p> <p>13 Q And in 2016 and 2017 you had the means to</p> <p>14 tell your version of the events to the public.</p> <p>15 Correct?</p> <p>16 A Sorry. It was some kind of echo. This</p> <p>17 is -- could you repeat it again?</p> <p>18 Q In 2016 and 2017, did you have the means</p> <p>19 to tell your version of events to the public?</p> <p>20 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. I don't</p> <p>21 know what "means to tell" is intended to convey.</p> <p>22 A So exactly what do you mean, means to</p>

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57	<p>1 tell? Means whether I want -- could you just</p> <p>2 rephrase your question.</p> <p>3 Q You have PAR people you pay. Correct?</p> <p>4 A No. I don't pay personally any PR</p> <p>5 people.</p> <p>6 Q The entities in which you have an</p> <p>7 ownership interest have PR personnel on the</p> <p>8 payroll. Correct? Like Stuart Bruseth?</p> <p>9 A That's correct.</p> <p>10 Q Those entities put out press releases.</p> <p>11 Correct?</p> <p>12 A Say it again?</p> <p>13 Q Those entities and those professionals</p> <p>14 issue press releases. Correct?</p> <p>15 A You mean generally or on particular</p> <p>16 topic?</p> <p>17 Q Generally.</p> <p>18 A Generally, yes.</p> <p>19 Q So you have PR vendors and the ability to</p> <p>20 talk to the media and issue press releases.</p> <p>21 Correct?</p> <p>22 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Asked and</p>	59	<p>1 Correct?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>4 Q You have not talked to the media on your</p> <p>5 own in the past?</p> <p>6 A No; I am talking on the media on my own,</p> <p>7 but I'm primarily talking not as a kind of</p> <p>8 capacity of Mikhail Fridman, but as my capacity of</p> <p>9 member of the board, co-founder, shareholders of</p> <p>10 either Alfa Group or LetterOne.</p> <p>11 So in my capacity as a businessman,</p> <p>12 primarily.</p> <p>13 Q Whether it's in your capacity as a</p> <p>14 businessman or an individual, you have the ability</p> <p>15 to speak with members of the media, and you've</p> <p>16 done so. Correct?</p> <p>17 A Yeah. In -- in theory, yes.</p> <p>18 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. What does</p> <p>19 "ability" mean?</p> <p>20 A Yeah, again, what does an ability?</p> <p>21 Whether I could contact certain journalist? Of</p> <p>22 course, I am familiar with a certain journalist, I</p>
58	<p>1 answered. He has already -- he has told you he</p> <p>2 doesn't personally have any PR vendors.</p> <p>3 A Not -- not me personal. The LetterOne</p> <p>4 and Alfa-Bank or any other entity which have</p> <p>5 relation, related to Alfa Group, would have a</p> <p>6 chance to issue press releases.</p> <p>7 Q And you talked to the media --</p> <p>8 A And I --</p> <p>9 Q -- from time to time on your own.</p> <p>10 Correct?</p> <p>11 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. When?</p> <p>12 Is it ever?</p> <p>13 Q Mr. Fridman, you talk to the media on</p> <p>14 your own from time to time. Correct?</p> <p>15 A That's correct.</p> <p>16 Q And you have the ability, if you want to,</p> <p>17 to call up a reporter on an editor or a news</p> <p>18 producer and tell them what you think and what you</p> <p>19 know. Correct?</p> <p>20 A In theory, yes. But I am not doing that</p> <p>21 normally.</p> <p>22 Q But you've done this in the past.</p>	60	<p>1 could call them, and they probably will respond to</p> <p>2 my request to have a meeting with them.</p> <p>3 Q Right. Please turn to Document Number 6.</p> <p>4 A Okay.</p> <p>5 MR. LEVY: Mark this Exhibit 8, please.</p> <p>6 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 8 marked</p> <p>7 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>8 transcript.)</p> <p>9 Q Can you turn to --</p> <p>10 A I'm sorry. Exhibit 8.</p> <p>11 MR. GILLESPIE: No. It's Document Number</p> <p>12 6.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Document Number 6. Oh,</p> <p>14 yeah, yeah. A, B, C, D, E.</p> <p>15 A So this is the plaintiffs' second</p> <p>16 supplemental response, you mean. Right?</p> <p>17 Q Yes. These are plaintiffs' second</p> <p>18 supplemental responses and objections to</p> <p>19 defendants' first set of interrogatories.</p> <p>20 Can you turn to Page 11, please.</p> <p>21 A Eleven. Okay. Okay.</p> <p>22 Q You'll see your response to Interrogatory</p>

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61	<p>1 Number 20?</p> <p>2 A Uh-huh. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q And here it says that you are seeking,</p> <p>4 quote, "presumed damages and general damages for</p> <p>5 harm to your reputation and for emotional harm in</p> <p>6 amounts to be proven at trial, but more than</p> <p>7 \$75,000, together with interest and the costs and</p> <p>8 disbursements of this action, plus reasonable</p> <p>9 attorneys' fees."</p> <p>10 Is that it?</p> <p>11 A That's correct here.</p> <p>12 Q Is there anything else you're seeking?</p> <p>13 A No, as far as I understand.</p> <p>14 Q And if you look at the last sentence of</p> <p>15 your response, it looks like you're breaking that</p> <p>16 down into three categories. Damage -- quote,</p> <p>17 "damage to your reputation, affect on your</p> <p>18 personal relationships, and emotional stress."</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q Is that correct?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q Is there any other category of harm that</p>	63	<p>1 all -- first of all, you know, that was affected</p> <p>2 my -- my, you know, my relatives. My parents, for</p> <p>3 instance, and my -- my kids, my daughters. All of</p> <p>4 them were very concerned about that because that's</p> <p>5 very serious allegation.</p> <p>6 My mom, who is right now 80 years old,</p> <p>7 she called me in that time, I remember it very</p> <p>8 well. And told that, Look, so what's going on?</p> <p>9 Did you really intervene into American election,</p> <p>10 and so on?</p> <p>11 I said no. But, of course, she was very</p> <p>12 worried. And I'm worried because she was worried.</p> <p>13 Q Anyone else?</p> <p>14 A My daughters, a lot of my friends called</p> <p>15 me. But, of course, you know, probably millions</p> <p>16 of people. You didn't call me, because you</p> <p>17 don't -- they don't know me personally.</p> <p>18 Q Which friends called you?</p> <p>19 A What do you mean? You need name of my</p> <p>20 friends?</p> <p>21 Q Anyone you're claiming whose relationship</p> <p>22 changed because of this, we want the names of the</p>
62	<p>1 the alleged defamation caused you?</p> <p>2 A Say it again, your question?</p> <p>3 MR. LEWIS: Objection. That's being</p> <p>4 alleged in the lawsuit?</p> <p>5 MR. LEVY: Yes.</p> <p>6 MR. LEWIS: I think the response to the</p> <p>7 interrogatory speaks for itself.</p> <p>8 Q Is this complete, Mr. Fridman, this last</p> <p>9 sentence?</p> <p>10 A Yeah, I hope so. Yeah.</p> <p>11 Q Did you also say that the defamatory</p> <p>12 information affected how people viewed, regarded,</p> <p>13 or treated you? The bottom of Page 11.</p> <p>14 A Just one second. Information affected</p> <p>15 how people viewed, regarded. Yes, that's fine.</p> <p>16 Q Who are those people?</p> <p>17 A That -- it's a very wide circle of people</p> <p>18 who read this information and, you know, who could</p> <p>19 believe that this information was truthful.</p> <p>20 Q What relationships, what personal</p> <p>21 relationships of yours, were affected?</p> <p>22 A Actually, you know, the -- first of</p>	64	<p>1 people, yes.</p> <p>2 A I don't know what it change. It's --</p> <p>3 it's not a -- it's not a kind of very visible.</p> <p>4 But probably -- and probably -- I hope they do not</p> <p>5 believe in that.</p> <p>6 But, you know, my close friends probably</p> <p>7 don't believe in that. But I think that a lot of</p> <p>8 people who could believe what was published there.</p> <p>9 Q Do you have names of any of those people?</p> <p>10 A So you mean name of those who -- who</p> <p>11 started to believe this information is objective?</p> <p>12 I think it's millions of people like that. I</p> <p>13 could mention the name of my -- of those who I</p> <p>14 know personally, they called me. And I don't know</p> <p>15 whether it change their relationship to me or not.</p> <p>16 Because that's -- that's, you know, kind of their</p> <p>17 own personal decision. I hope not.</p> <p>18 And by the way, I hope that if the</p> <p>19 outcome, which I rely on, would be a positive for</p> <p>20 that litigation, at least maybe will have a kind</p> <p>21 of confirmation that -- that that information</p> <p>22 which was published was completely, complete lie.</p>

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65	<p>1 Q Well, you're trying to claim compensation</p> <p>2 because relationships have changed. Tell me the</p> <p>3 relationships that changed because of this alleged</p> <p>4 defamation.</p> <p>5 A Yeah. That was a lot of changes. But</p> <p>6 first of all, there was a huge emotional damage,</p> <p>7 as I said. Right? It was a lot of example when</p> <p>8 the people decided to actually to withdraw from</p> <p>9 our certain project, in charity, for instance, in</p> <p>10 philanthropy. Because of that.</p> <p>11 Q Who are those people?</p> <p>12 A Just to make one example. I don't know</p> <p>13 whether you're -- a matter of just or not, you</p> <p>14 probably heard the name Quincy Jones.</p> <p>15 You know this name?</p> <p>16 Q That's one person. Who else?</p> <p>17 A No. But that's quite -- quite</p> <p>18 interesting case. Because we signed a contract</p> <p>19 with him --</p> <p>20 Q Mr. Fridman, I need you to answer my</p> <p>21 question.</p> <p>22 My question is, who else?</p>	67	<p>1 Q Anyone else?</p> <p>2 A I could not recall everybody, but it's a</p> <p>3 lot of example like that. I could not just</p> <p>4 mention particular name. But just I think that's</p> <p>5 couple of example is quite enough for understand,</p> <p>6 who are -- for describing the -- the seriousness</p> <p>7 of that -- of the impact of that publication.</p> <p>8 Q Are your parents still alive?</p> <p>9 A Yes. God bless them, they are still</p> <p>10 alive.</p> <p>11 Q What are their names?</p> <p>12 A My mother's name is Evgenia Rothstein.</p> <p>13 Q How do you spell Rothstein?</p> <p>14 A R-O-T-S-H-T -- I don't know. That's</p> <p>15 probably -- I don't know in the English. But of</p> <p>16 course I know in Russian. But R-O-T-S-H-T-E-I-N.</p> <p>17 Q And what's your father's name?</p> <p>18 A The same as myself, Fridman. It's Marat</p> <p>19 Fridman.</p> <p>20 Q Marat.</p> <p>21 A Marat, yeah.</p> <p>22 Q Do they live together?</p>
66	<p>1 A We have the same problem with the -- with</p> <p>2 the Kennedy Center in -- in Washington. And we</p> <p>3 became sponsor of -- I don't know exactly the name</p> <p>4 of those who in charge for that. But that people</p> <p>5 decided not to be in relationship with us because</p> <p>6 of that publication.</p> <p>7 Q Anyone else?</p> <p>8 A Again, you know, we have a couple of</p> <p>9 situation business area connected with this.</p> <p>10 Q Who?</p> <p>11 A So that -- sorry?</p> <p>12 Q Who?</p> <p>13 A For instance, we have been rejected by</p> <p>14 CFIUS, U.S. watchdog for foreign investment,</p> <p>15 despite previously, before this publication, we've</p> <p>16 been approved by CFIUS to invest in U.S. tech</p> <p>17 company. And afterwards, after the publication</p> <p>18 took place, our application for investment, for</p> <p>19 other investment, was rejected.</p> <p>20 So, and we definitely connected the whole</p> <p>21 this changes of position of CFIUS with regards to</p> <p>22 our investment with this publication.</p>	68	<p>1 A Sorry? Yeah, they together. Yeah.</p> <p>2 Q Can you provide me with an address? Can</p> <p>3 you provide me with their address, please?</p> <p>4 MR. LEWIS: Objection. This is</p> <p>5 intrusive, it's harassing. It's not necessary.</p> <p>6 But if you want to take it up with me separately</p> <p>7 outside of the deposition, we can do that.</p> <p>8 MR. LEVY: Sure.</p> <p>9 Q Mr. Fridman, are you claiming</p> <p>10 compensation for the alleged defamatory statements</p> <p>11 affecting your relationship with your parents in</p> <p>12 this lawsuit?</p> <p>13 A No, I'm -- as far as I understand, we are</p> <p>14 claiming this compensation for defamatory</p> <p>15 statement for moral damage and emotional damage</p> <p>16 and damage of our -- of my reputation and so on.</p> <p>17 That's all together, not just particular for</p> <p>18 certain, you know, relationship with my -- my</p> <p>19 parents.</p> <p>20 Q Yeah. And I'm just trying to clarify.</p> <p>21 This is not my client's lawsuit or mine, it's</p> <p>22 yours. And so if you are trying to seek</p>

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69	<p>1 compensation for an altered relationship, my</p> <p>2 clients are going to have to have the right to</p> <p>3 take discovery from those people. And if you're</p> <p>4 not going to claim damage from the relationship</p> <p>5 with your parents, we won't explore it. But if</p> <p>6 you are, we have that right.</p> <p>7 A Please.</p> <p>8 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>9 A You could explore it.</p> <p>10 Q We can serve them with a subpoena.</p> <p>11 MR. LEWIS: Well, if you want to request</p> <p>12 addresses of relatives --</p> <p>13 MR. LEVY: Yes.</p> <p>14 MR. LEWIS: -- you can direct that to me</p> <p>15 personally.</p> <p>16 But he's not going to testify as to his</p> <p>17 parents' addresses in this deposition.</p> <p>18 A If you -- if you're -- if you really wish</p> <p>19 to bring to subpoena my 80 years old parents, you</p> <p>20 could -- you could probably try to do that. I'm</p> <p>21 not sure they could able to do that. But anyway,</p> <p>22 you know ...</p>	71	<p>1 the winner of that race. And we have definitely</p> <p>2 managers who in charge for that.</p> <p>3 And we sign an agreement with Mr. Quincy</p> <p>4 Jones, who is the legendary name in jazz world,</p> <p>5 about his, you know, participation in this jury.</p> <p>6 And of course his name and his professional skills</p> <p>7 will help a lot and will make this race even more</p> <p>8 attractive in eye of young musicians. And he</p> <p>9 signed this agreement, as far as I could recall</p> <p>10 it. And when, after this publication, he decided</p> <p>11 to withdraw from that competition.</p> <p>12 And, of course, he mentioned firmly, as</p> <p>13 far as I heard from those who was in contact with</p> <p>14 him, that he rejected because he afraid to damage</p> <p>15 his reputation. He did not know us personally too</p> <p>16 well, and subsequently he did not know whether</p> <p>17 it's true or -- or fake or lie which was published</p> <p>18 in CIR 112.</p> <p>19 And therefore he decided it would be</p> <p>20 better for him and for his reputation not to be</p> <p>21 associated anyhow with -- with me personally</p> <p>22 because it was our company, and so on and so</p>
70	<p>1 Q Do you have Quincy Jones' contact</p> <p>2 information?</p> <p>3 A Sorry?</p> <p>4 Q Do you have Quincy Jones' contact</p> <p>5 information?</p> <p>6 A I am not in contact with Quincy Jones</p> <p>7 personally. I don't have his -- his personal</p> <p>8 data.</p> <p>9 Q Did you -- did you not have a</p> <p>10 relationship with him before the BuzzFeed</p> <p>11 publication came out in January of 2017?</p> <p>12 A Not me, personally. Not me, personally.</p> <p>13 Q So how did that relationship change once</p> <p>14 CIR 112 went online?</p> <p>15 A That's what I told you. We are</p> <p>16 sponsoring the very kind of prominent jazz</p> <p>17 competition between young musicians, called</p> <p>18 LetterOne Young Jazz Race. And it's every year</p> <p>19 participate hundreds of young jazz musician in</p> <p>20 Europe and the U.S.</p> <p>21 And this -- and we need a jury, the jury</p> <p>22 who will make a decision regarding who would be</p>	72	<p>1 forth.</p> <p>2 Q Who was the agreement between?</p> <p>3 A I don't know exactly details of this</p> <p>4 agreement. But I think if you wish we probably --</p> <p>5 I don't know. You could approach our lawyers, and</p> <p>6 they probably could help you with the detail of</p> <p>7 that information. Okay?</p> <p>8 Sorry, Mr. Levy?</p> <p>9 MR. LEWIS: He seems to be frozen on my</p> <p>10 screen.</p> <p>11 (Discussion off the record; technical</p> <p>12 difficulty.)</p> <p>13 MR. LEWIS: Could I suggest that since we</p> <p>14 have gone off, we take a bathroom break now, five</p> <p>15 to ten minutes?</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>17 (A recess was taken.)</p> <p>18 BY MR. LEVY:</p> <p>19 Q Can you please turn to Document 12.</p> <p>20 A Twelve. Okay.</p> <p>21 Q This should be an e-mail from Alan Lewis</p> <p>22 to me and others on October 2, 2020.</p>

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19 (73 to 76)

73	<p>1 A Okay.</p> <p>2 Q So I just want to clarify. This e-mail</p> <p>3 indicates that plaintiffs will not be seeking</p> <p>4 special damages based on financial losses, and</p> <p>5 therefore there are no damages documents to</p> <p>6 produce.</p> <p>7 Is that correct?</p> <p>8 A Yeah, that's -- e-mail from my lawyer, I</p> <p>9 trust him very much, so I think he's right.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. You had raised the alleged</p> <p>11 rejection of a business opportunity by CFIUS. And</p> <p>12 I just want to ask you if you are claiming damages</p> <p>13 in this lawsuit for any lost business from that</p> <p>14 alleged action by CFIUS.</p> <p>15 A No. But that probably should be claim</p> <p>16 not from my side, but rather from the company.</p> <p>17 Is that correct?</p> <p>18 Q The company is not a plaintiff in this</p> <p>19 lawsuit, is it?</p> <p>20 A Yes, probably, yes. So probably the</p> <p>21 company should, you know, undertake certain legal</p> <p>22 step, if necessary.</p>	75	<p>1 architect, to make the best design for -- for the</p> <p>2 Israeli room in Kennedy Center in Washington.</p> <p>3 And when, after this BuzzFeed</p> <p>4 publication, Kennedy Center decided not to, let's</p> <p>5 say, continue, you know, this relationship. So</p> <p>6 effectively finally that was not done. Which was</p> <p>7 a pity for me as Israeli citizen, by the way.</p> <p>8 So -- so I was not in the contact with</p> <p>9 the -- personally with the Kennedy Center. So,</p> <p>10 but, again, if you approaching Mr. Alan Lewis and</p> <p>11 my lawyers, they probably could provide you enough</p> <p>12 details for getting more information on that</p> <p>13 regard.</p> <p>14 Q But you have no personal knowledge of who</p> <p>15 contacted you from the Kennedy Center?</p> <p>16 A No, I don't remember.</p> <p>17 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. He's</p> <p>18 testified to his knowledge.</p> <p>19 Q Are there any names of any other friends</p> <p>20 of yours whose relationships are different because</p> <p>21 of the publication you're alleging in this</p> <p>22 lawsuit?</p>
74	<p>1 Q Okay. But you --</p> <p>2 A You --</p> <p>3 Q You, personally, are not claiming</p> <p>4 financial loss. Correct?</p> <p>5 A As far as I understand, no.</p> <p>6 Q So you're not claiming that this harm</p> <p>7 from CFIUS is part of this claim for you.</p> <p>8 Correct?</p> <p>9 A That's correct.</p> <p>10 Q I think when we broke inadvertently you</p> <p>11 were telling me about the Kennedy Center.</p> <p>12 Can you tell me who at the Kennedy Center</p> <p>13 contacted you? I just need a name.</p> <p>14 A Again, you know what? I was not in</p> <p>15 personal contact with the Kennedy Center. I was</p> <p>16 in the Kennedy Center, you know, once upon a time.</p> <p>17 And they agreed that we will finance renovation of</p> <p>18 Israeli -- so-called Israeli room there. And as</p> <p>19 LetterOne, I mean.</p> <p>20 And LetterOne made a kind of competition</p> <p>21 among the modern Israeli, you know, kind of</p> <p>22 painters and designers, to make a design -- and</p>	76	<p>1 A I could not mention any particular name,</p> <p>2 because my friends, of course, when I explained to</p> <p>3 them and told them that it's completely fake</p> <p>4 information, they at least verbally said, Okay, we</p> <p>5 understand.</p> <p>6 I don't know whether it change their mind</p> <p>7 about me or not. It's very difficult to measure</p> <p>8 that. Right? But I'm sure that people are so --</p> <p>9 you know, it's definitely a lot of people who</p> <p>10 called me and ask about that. But -- but I could</p> <p>11 not guarantee, or I could not any -- get any</p> <p>12 evidence where they have changed relationship to</p> <p>13 me, because that's personal things, which very</p> <p>14 difficult to make objective measuring on that.</p> <p>15 But I'm sure that those who didn't know</p> <p>16 me and don't know me, I mean, millions of people</p> <p>17 in Russia and other countries, and U.S., they have</p> <p>18 changed relation to me, if any. If they have any</p> <p>19 relation.</p> <p>20 Q Do you have names of any of those people?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Did your relationship with your daughters</p>

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20 (77 to 80)

<p style="text-align: right;">77</p> <p>1 change? You had raised that before.</p> <p>2 A No, I didn't say that my relationship</p> <p>3 with my daughter change. What I said, that --</p> <p>4 that was affected strongly, all this information.</p> <p>5 And, of course, it was a lot of, let's say, moral</p> <p>6 disappointment regarding that.</p> <p>7 You know, probably it's quite natural if</p> <p>8 your daughter would listen that you intervene in</p> <p>9 Russian election or British election illegally or</p> <p>10 bribing president of some country, probably it</p> <p>11 will not too pleasant for her. Right?</p> <p>12 Q What did you tell her?</p> <p>13 A I told her exactly the same. Don't</p> <p>14 believe in that. That story, it is a full -- full</p> <p>15 completely lie what was published there.</p> <p>16 Q And you said that to both of your</p> <p>17 daughters?</p> <p>18 A Sorry?</p> <p>19 Q You said that to both of your daughters?</p> <p>20 A I have actually four daughters.</p> <p>21 Q Four daughters. Pardon me.</p> <p>22 A Yeah. No problem.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">79</p> <p>1 and your daughters is good today?</p> <p>2 A So far so good.</p> <p>3 Q When these different people reached out</p> <p>4 to you, whether it was your parents or your</p> <p>5 daughters or Quincy Jones, did you experience any</p> <p>6 emotional stress?</p> <p>7 A Of course. Of course. Because -- no. I</p> <p>8 mean, because my mother, she is worried about me</p> <p>9 all her life. But in that situation she is</p> <p>10 worried enormously.</p> <p>11 Q Do you get depressed?</p> <p>12 A Get what? Pressed?</p> <p>13 Q Depressed?</p> <p>14 MR. GILLESPIE: Depressed.</p> <p>15 Q Did you go into --</p> <p>16 A Oh, depressed. Sorry. Sorry. No, I</p> <p>17 would not say that I was in depression. But, of</p> <p>18 course, it was very unpleasant.</p> <p>19 Q Did you cry?</p> <p>20 A And first of all -- cry? No, I'm not</p> <p>21 cry, as far as I could recall it.</p> <p>22 Q Did you get --</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">78</p> <p>1 Q Let's clarify then, which daughters --</p> <p>2 A And one son.</p> <p>3 Q Which daughters approached you,</p> <p>4 Mr. Fridman, after the document was published by</p> <p>5 BuzzFeed?</p> <p>6 A My daughter Larisa and my daughter</p> <p>7 Katerina were elder daughters. They already</p> <p>8 adult. So they understood, you know, kind of --</p> <p>9 kind of seriousness of the problem.</p> <p>10 Q And you told them that what was in CIR</p> <p>11 112 was false?</p> <p>12 A Exactly.</p> <p>13 Q And did they believe you, after you told</p> <p>14 them?</p> <p>15 A I think so.</p> <p>16 Q And similarly with your parents, did you</p> <p>17 tell your parents that what was in CIR 112 was</p> <p>18 false?</p> <p>19 A Exactly.</p> <p>20 Q And they believed you?</p> <p>21 A Yeah, I think so.</p> <p>22 Q And your relationship with your parents</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">80</p> <p>1 A But it was really -- no, I was not happy</p> <p>2 to. I was really, really, disappointed.</p> <p>3 Q Did you lose sleep?</p> <p>4 A I was really -- sleep? No. Actually,</p> <p>5 the most of my concern was the kind of health of</p> <p>6 my parents. Because --</p> <p>7 Q Did you have to see a therapist,</p> <p>8 Mr. Fridman?</p> <p>9 A Did you after seen parents?</p> <p>10 Q Yes. Therapist, a psychologist, because</p> <p>11 of the publication?</p> <p>12 A Ah, therapist. Sorry. No. No. No.</p> <p>13 No.</p> <p>14 Q Were you having trouble in bed, sir?</p> <p>15 A Trouble in bed?</p> <p>16 Q Yes.</p> <p>17 A You mean -- you mean my intimate life?</p> <p>18 What do you mean?</p> <p>19 Q Yes.</p> <p>20 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Harassing,</p> <p>21 intrusive.</p> <p>22 A I don't -- I don't think -- I don't think</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">81</p> <p>1 it's a right question for the discussion.</p> <p>2 Q Did you have trouble in your</p> <p>3 relationships with people close to you intimately?</p> <p>4 A I think it's too personal --</p> <p>5 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>6 A -- to discuss it.</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: Intimately?</p> <p>8 Q Did you have -- did you have a lack of</p> <p>9 confidence?</p> <p>10 A No, I have a lot of concern and -- and</p> <p>11 worries about how it will impact, you know, my</p> <p>12 personal life, my business, you know, business</p> <p>13 with other people. I have a lot of, you know,</p> <p>14 definitely concern about this.</p> <p>15 Q Did you seek any medical treatment?</p> <p>16 A No. Specifically not because of that.</p> <p>17 Q Were you --</p> <p>18 A God bless.</p> <p>19 Q Were you embarrassed to go out in public?</p> <p>20 A Embarrass from -- sorry. Say again.</p> <p>21 Embarrass?</p> <p>22 Q Were you embarrassed to go out in public?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">83</p> <p>1 Q A couple of nights?</p> <p>2 A But nevertheless --</p> <p>3 Q Right?</p> <p>4 A I don't remember. Few nights maybe. But</p> <p>5 because I thought about what would be implications</p> <p>6 of that publication.</p> <p>7 Q A few nights' sleep?</p> <p>8 A Sorry?</p> <p>9 Q A few nights' sleep? I just want to --</p> <p>10 it went from none to two to three. I'm trying to</p> <p>11 figure out how many nights' sleep you lost.</p> <p>12 A I don't remember precisely. Probably</p> <p>13 two, three, four, I don't know, when I decided</p> <p>14 that we need to --</p> <p>15 Q Now we're up to four. Two, three, four,</p> <p>16 this is getting better.</p> <p>17 Because the number, Mr. Fridman?</p> <p>18 A Is it -- is it mean -- is it make any</p> <p>19 particular difference is two or four?</p> <p>20 Q It's your lawsuit. You tell me the</p> <p>21 answer. I just want facts.</p> <p>22 A Okay. Let's say four.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">82</p> <p>1 A That was not very pleasant feeling, when</p> <p>2 immediately after publication that was clear that</p> <p>3 a lot of people read about it. And if I'm going</p> <p>4 to certain public place, you know, people knowing</p> <p>5 me were actually, you know, started to whisper</p> <p>6 into each other something, whatever. That was</p> <p>7 clear it was -- I became a subject of, let's say,</p> <p>8 public interest, you know. And then that was, of</p> <p>9 course, not very pleasant feeling. I don't like</p> <p>10 to be in the spotlight.</p> <p>11 Q You don't like to be in the spotlight.</p> <p>12 A No, I don't like to be too much in</p> <p>13 spotlight.</p> <p>14 Q Were you able to go to work after the</p> <p>15 document was published?</p> <p>16 A Yes. I actually -- of course it was not</p> <p>17 pleasant, but I actually, I have a feeling of my</p> <p>18 responsibility for what I am doing. So I -- I</p> <p>19 definitely go for work.</p> <p>20 And maybe -- by the way, maybe you're</p> <p>21 right. Maybe a couple of nights which I slept</p> <p>22 badly.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">84</p> <p>1 Q Did any of these three statements in CIR</p> <p>2 112 cause you emotional stress in any other way?</p> <p>3 A I already mention that, you know, kind of</p> <p>4 all possible way for emotional stress.</p> <p>5 Q Anything else with regard to emotional</p> <p>6 stress?</p> <p>7 A No. That's enough.</p> <p>8 Q And was it the BuzzFeed publication that</p> <p>9 caused this emotional stress?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q Did any of the other publications you're</p> <p>12 alleging cause you emotional stress?</p> <p>13 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. You're --</p> <p>14 you're referring to the preinternet publication of</p> <p>15 the defamatory statements? Are you referring to</p> <p>16 some other publication?</p> <p>17 Q There were other publications that you</p> <p>18 alleged in your responses to interrogatories. And</p> <p>19 I'm asking if any of those publications caused you</p> <p>20 emotional stress.</p> <p>21 A Oh, yeah. Look, actually, that was the</p> <p>22 topic, which was extremely, you know, I would say,</p>

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22 (85 to 88)

<p style="text-align: right;">85</p> <p>1 hot, hot topic. It was very popular. It was</p> <p>2 plenty of discussion regarding that dossier in</p> <p>3 many media sources afterwards, after the first</p> <p>4 publication in BuzzFeed. And of course --</p> <p>5 Q After the --</p> <p>6 A After.</p> <p>7 Q Right. Only after. Correct?</p> <p>8 A Yeah.</p> <p>9 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Form. He didn't</p> <p>10 learn of the publication until BuzzFeed, as he's</p> <p>11 testified already.</p> <p>12 MR. LEVY: He can answer the question.</p> <p>13 A Yeah, but again, you know, I don't</p> <p>14 exactly understand legal substance of meaning</p> <p>15 "publication."</p> <p>16 What I understand from, like, a social</p> <p>17 point of view, the publication means something</p> <p>18 which is appear in media sources, that you could</p> <p>19 read.</p> <p>20 Q Did your emotional stress span into 2017?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q How long did it last?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">86</p> <p>1 A It still lasting.</p> <p>2 Q How so?</p> <p>3 A No, because when you open any internet</p> <p>4 sources regarding me, you could find, you know,</p> <p>5 this mentioning of that -- of that dossier.</p> <p>6 And, of course, it's -- it's for -- I'm</p> <p>7 sure that any -- any, let's say, journalist or any</p> <p>8 other person who contacted me on the business</p> <p>9 purpose or any other purpose, he probably, you</p> <p>10 know, had this information, have this information</p> <p>11 inevitably, from my standpoint.</p> <p>12 Even assuming that he didn't ask me about</p> <p>13 this, the way kind of have in their mind that</p> <p>14 somebody -- maybe not -- somebody may be wrong</p> <p>15 with this guy. And who knows, maybe some sanction</p> <p>16 will be imposed against this guy, or whatever.</p> <p>17 So that -- that all this kind of</p> <p>18 suggestion inevitably could get into the mind of</p> <p>19 those who reading this information. And therefore</p> <p>20 that's damaging emotionally to me still until now,</p> <p>21 I would say.</p> <p>22 Q Did these three statements harm your</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">87</p> <p>1 reputation in any other way, other than what you</p> <p>2 described today?</p> <p>3 A No, I don't think so.</p> <p>4 Q If you go to Exhibit 8, these are the</p> <p>5 second supplemental responses to your</p> <p>6 interrogatories.</p> <p>7 A It's Document Number 12?</p> <p>8 Q It's Exhibit 8. Exhibit 8. The document</p> <p>9 number is Number 6, but it's Exhibit 8.</p> <p>10 A Six?</p> <p>11 Q Yes. Number 6 in your notebook.</p> <p>12 A Okay. Exhibit 8.</p> <p>13 MR. GILLESPIE: No. Number 6.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Number 6. Yeah. Exhibit</p> <p>15 8.</p> <p>16 A Interrogatory number? Sorry. Just one</p> <p>17 second. You know, this is -- the plaintiffs'</p> <p>18 second supplement. Is it correct?</p> <p>19 Q That's correct.</p> <p>20 A What's the page? Could you tell me the</p> <p>21 page, because I could not find this Exhibit 8.</p> <p>22 Q Yeah. Although, hold on. I think this</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">88</p> <p>1 may be the wrong document.</p> <p>2 Turn to the -- I'm sorry. Turn to the --</p> <p>3 MR. LEVY: Andrew, what's the document</p> <p>4 number for the Rule 26(a) disclosures? The</p> <p>5 revised disclosures?</p> <p>6 MR. SHARP: Nine.</p> <p>7 A So Document Number 9?</p> <p>8 Q Number 9.</p> <p>9 A Sorry. And the -- and the --</p> <p>10 MR. LEVY: This is Exhibit 9, please.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Exhibit 8?</p> <p>12 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 9 marked</p> <p>13 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>14 transcript.)</p> <p>15 MR. LEVY: This is Exhibit 9. It's</p> <p>16 document number -- this is the -- this is</p> <p>17 plaintiffs' revised initial disclosures.</p> <p>18 A Okay.</p> <p>19 Q And in it you state that Ed Rogers and</p> <p>20 Richard Burt have knowledge of the harm that</p> <p>21 the --</p> <p>22 (Discussion off the record; technical</p>

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89	<p>1 difficulty.)</p> <p>2 Q So if you look at Page 10 and 11?</p> <p>3 A Ten. Okay. Okay.</p> <p>4 Q At the bottom of Page 10 it lists Ed</p> <p>5 Rogers.</p> <p>6 A Correct.</p> <p>7 Q Do you see that? And it says, Mr. Rogers</p> <p>8 has knowledge concerning the damages caused by</p> <p>9 defendants' publication of the defamatory</p> <p>10 statements at issue.</p> <p>11 A I have a different -- different wording</p> <p>12 there. "Upon information and belief, Mr. Rogers</p> <p>13 has knowledge concerning the falsity of the</p> <p>14 defamatory allegations."</p> <p>15 Is it correct?</p> <p>16 Q Yeah. Keep going.</p> <p>17 A "Upon information and belief, Ambassador</p> <p>18 Burt has knowledge concerning the falsity of the</p> <p>19 defamatory allegation contained in CIR 112 and</p> <p>20 damages caused by defendants' publication of the</p> <p>21 defamatory statements at issue."</p> <p>22 Q Right.</p>
90	<p>1 A Okay.</p> <p>2 Q So you also mentioned today that you</p> <p>3 included your parents, two of your daughters,</p> <p>4 Quincy Jones, as people who also have -- may have</p> <p>5 knowledge of the damages caused to you.</p> <p>6 Why did you not include them in this</p> <p>7 response?</p> <p>8 MR. LEWIS: Objection. This is a</p> <p>9 document, you know, prepared by counsel. His</p> <p>10 testimony about damages stands on its own.</p> <p>11 Q Is there any --</p> <p>12 A I mention it --</p> <p>13 Q Go ahead.</p> <p>14 A As I mention, you didn't ask me. And</p> <p>15 that's impossible to provide all list of people</p> <p>16 who know about that. That's probably, you know,</p> <p>17 kind of millions of people know. And from them,</p> <p>18 dozens and hundreds of people who I know</p> <p>19 personally.</p> <p>20 Q Today --</p> <p>21 A So I -- I didn't mention all -- all</p> <p>22 possible people who -- who was aware about this</p>
91	<p>1 damage. You didn't ask me about that, as far as I</p> <p>2 could recall.</p> <p>3 Q Well, give me the names of somebody</p> <p>4 who -- who's told you that their relationship with</p> <p>5 you is different because of this publication that</p> <p>6 you're alleging, other than what you've told me</p> <p>7 today?</p> <p>8 A I already told you that it's a lot of my</p> <p>9 friends who ask me about this publication. And I</p> <p>10 could mention their name, if you wish. But I</p> <p>11 could not be guarantee -- I could not guarantee</p> <p>12 that necessarily has changed where kind of</p> <p>13 relation to me because of that publication. At</p> <p>14 least they didn't tell me that explicitly.</p> <p>15 Q Can you give me any names --</p> <p>16 A But maybe -- do you need any names?</p> <p>17 Okay. Are you ready to write it? Yeah.</p> <p>18 Q Go ahead.</p> <p>19 A It's Borus -- Borus Kiperman. It's --</p> <p>20 it's Dmitri Azara. It's Dmitri Fridman.</p> <p>21 If you -- are you writing down?</p> <p>22 Q Yeah. What's the first name of</p>
92	<p>1 Mr. Fridman?</p> <p>2 A Dmitri. Like Dmitri. D-M-I-T-R-I.</p> <p>3 Q What did Borus Kiperman tell you about</p> <p>4 the publication of CIR 112?</p> <p>5 A You know, it's -- I don't remember</p> <p>6 exactly because it was already, like, four years</p> <p>7 ago. But the general substance of the question</p> <p>8 was, So what's going on? Did you -- have you seen</p> <p>9 this publication? Is it true? Is it -- is it</p> <p>10 impact your -- your personally, is it -- will it</p> <p>11 impact your -- your business, your life, so on and</p> <p>12 so forth.</p> <p>13 Q And what did you tell him?</p> <p>14 A I told them truth, I told them that it's</p> <p>15 not -- it's completely fake, hundred percent. I</p> <p>16 told them that I do not know how it will impact my</p> <p>17 business, I don't know how it will impact my</p> <p>18 personal life, because I don't know. Because I</p> <p>19 could --</p> <p>20 Q Did he believe you?</p> <p>21 A I don't know. I hope so.</p> <p>22 Q Who is Borus Kiperman?</p>

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93	<p>1 A He is friend of mine for many years. He</p> <p>2 is a businessman.</p> <p>3 Q Is he still your friend?</p> <p>4 A I hope so.</p> <p>5 Q Have you done business with him in the</p> <p>6 past?</p> <p>7 A Many, many years ago. We are</p> <p>8 primarily -- primarily social friends.</p> <p>9 Q When is the last time you did business</p> <p>10 with him?</p> <p>11 A Sorry? When is the last -- probably,</p> <p>12 like, ten years ago.</p> <p>13 Q Okay. Dmitri Azara.</p> <p>14 Is that right?</p> <p>15 A Yes. Correct.</p> <p>16 Q Is he a friend of yours?</p> <p>17 A Again, I hope so.</p> <p>18 Q And when he told you about CIR 112, did</p> <p>19 you tell him it was false?</p> <p>20 A Exactly.</p> <p>21 Q And did he believe you?</p> <p>22 A I -- I don't know. But I hope that he</p>	95	<p>1 supplemental -- first supplemental response to</p> <p>2 interrogatories.</p> <p>3 A Exhibit --</p> <p>4 MR. GILLESPIE: What document is that?</p> <p>5 We don't have the exhibit numbers.</p> <p>6 A Could you just mention the documents</p> <p>7 number, Mr. Levy, if possible.</p> <p>8 Q Number 5 in your notebook.</p> <p>9 A Okay. And what page, probably, would be</p> <p>10 the best way.</p> <p>11 Q If you can turn to where it responds to</p> <p>12 Interrogatory Number 2.</p> <p>13 A Okay. I found it.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And you're looking at this first</p> <p>15 alleged defamatory statement, "Russia/US</p> <p>16 Presidential Election: Kremlin-Alfa Group</p> <p>17 Cooperation."</p> <p>18 Do you see that statement?</p> <p>19 A That's right.</p> <p>20 Q Does this statement include your name in</p> <p>21 it?</p> <p>22 A No.</p>
94	<p>1 believes me.</p> <p>2 Q Are you still friends with him?</p> <p>3 A I hope so. I don't know exactly what's</p> <p>4 his relation to me.</p> <p>5 Q Is -- is he someone with whom you did</p> <p>6 business?</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 Q Dmitri Fridman.</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Is he someone with whom you did business?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q He's a friend of yours?</p> <p>13 A Yes. I hope so.</p> <p>14 Q You told him that CIR 112 was false?</p> <p>15 A Exactly.</p> <p>16 Q Did he believe you?</p> <p>17 A I don't know.</p> <p>18 Q Are you still friends?</p> <p>19 A I hope so, but I -- I don't know for</p> <p>20 sure.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. I'm going to have you turn to what</p> <p>22 we've marked as Exhibit 4. This is the</p>	96	<p>1 Q In the document you're looking at, you</p> <p>2 said this statement, quote, "Suggests that</p> <p>3 plaintiffs and Alfa cooperated with a</p> <p>4 Kremlin-orchestrated illegal campaign to interfere</p> <p>5 with the 2016 U.S. Presidential election."</p> <p>6 Correct?</p> <p>7 A That's correct.</p> <p>8 Q Does this statement or anything else in</p> <p>9 CIR 112 mention Donald Trump?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Does anything in CIR 112 or this</p> <p>12 statement mention the Trump campaign?</p> <p>13 A Yes. This mention Russian/US</p> <p>14 presidential election. It means president</p> <p>15 campaign. Is it correct?</p> <p>16 Q You tell me.</p> <p>17 Do you see the words "Trump campaign"</p> <p>18 there?</p> <p>19 A No, it was not Trump's campaign. That</p> <p>20 was U.S. presidential election.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. Does this statement mention the</p> <p>22 Kremlin-orchestrated illegal campaign?</p>

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97	<p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q You see those words in that statement?</p> <p>3 A No.</p> <p>4 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. You</p> <p>5 didn't ask him if it literally has those words.</p> <p>6 You asked him if it had that meaning. At least</p> <p>7 that's how I understood your question.</p> <p>8 MR. LEVY: I did not ask that question.</p> <p>9 A That's --</p> <p>10 Q I asked whether the statement includes</p> <p>11 the words "a Kremlin-orchestrated illegal</p> <p>12 campaign"?</p> <p>13 A No, that's not include this words.</p> <p>14 Q Does this statement state that you were</p> <p>15 interfering with the 2016 U.S. presidential</p> <p>16 election?</p> <p>17 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form, "does it</p> <p>18 state." That could be understood to mean does it</p> <p>19 literally state that or does it mean that. So</p> <p>20 it's ambiguous.</p> <p>21 Q Does it state that? Does it literally</p> <p>22 state that?</p>	99	<p>1 MR. LEVY: Please let me finish the</p> <p>2 question.</p> <p>3 MR. LEWIS: He has not said -- he has not</p> <p>4 said he sees himself synonymous with Alfa.</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q You're not producing documents from Alfa,</p> <p>7 are you?</p> <p>8 A I am not producing documents on behalf of</p> <p>9 Alfa, no.</p> <p>10 Q Did you produce any documents from Alfa</p> <p>11 in your UK lawsuit against Orbis?</p> <p>12 A No. I think that Alfa's documents should</p> <p>13 be produced by Alfa entity, depending on what kind</p> <p>14 of entity and subsequent documents.</p> <p>15 Q Did you rely on any Alfa documents in</p> <p>16 your UK lawsuit?</p> <p>17 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. Rely.</p> <p>18 A I don't --</p> <p>19 MR. LEWIS: If you are asking what</p> <p>20 documents are in evidence, doesn't the evidentiary</p> <p>21 record speak for it was?</p> <p>22 A Yeah, what do you mean "rely"? It means</p>
98	<p>1 MR. LEWIS: I think don't the literal</p> <p>2 words stand for themselves? I mean, if you like,</p> <p>3 you can ask him to read the words. But a</p> <p>4 succession of questions about what the words say</p> <p>5 doesn't seem like it serves much of a purpose.</p> <p>6 But that's up to you.</p> <p>7 Q Mr. Fridman, how did this statement</p> <p>8 concern you, if it doesn't mention you at all?</p> <p>9 A It doesn't mention me, me personally. I</p> <p>10 mean, this -- I mean, title of the articles. But</p> <p>11 the whole substance of CIR 112 is completely kind</p> <p>12 of related to me personally and to -- to my</p> <p>13 partners, Number 1.</p> <p>14 Number 2, for those who have any</p> <p>15 experience in doing business in Russia, Alfa Group</p> <p>16 of course closely associated with me personally</p> <p>17 and with my partners.</p> <p>18 Q And even though you see yourself as</p> <p>19 closely associated with Alfa, and here synonymous</p> <p>20 with Alfa, you are not producing documents --</p> <p>21 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. He does</p> <p>22 not say --</p>	100	<p>1 what the documents were Alfa was used for -- for</p> <p>2 litigation in the UK? Or what do you mean?</p> <p>3 Q Did you use any of the documents from</p> <p>4 Alfa to help your case?</p> <p>5 A Not me, personally. It's probably our</p> <p>6 lawyers, my lawyers use certain documents from</p> <p>7 Alfa. I don't remember exactly. But probably</p> <p>8 yes.</p> <p>9 Q Can you turn to Document Number 77.</p> <p>10 A Seventy-seven. Seventy-seven. Uh-huh.</p> <p>11 It's here.</p> <p>12 Okay. It's ownership structure, you</p> <p>13 mean?</p> <p>14 Q Yes. It is a document entitled Ownership</p> <p>15 Structure.</p> <p>16 MR. LEVY: And we'll mark it Exhibit 10</p> <p>17 for the deposition.</p> <p>18 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 10 marked</p> <p>19 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>20 transcript.)</p> <p>21 A Sorry. What does it mean, Exhibit 10?</p> <p>22 Q We have to number all of the documents in</p>

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101	<p>1 order as they are introduced for the deposition.</p> <p>2 A Sorry. That's not for me. That's not</p> <p>3 for me information. Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 Q It is, but we're going to make this as</p> <p>5 easy as possible for you by referring to both the</p> <p>6 exhibit numbers and the numbers in your notebook.</p> <p>7 Okay, sir?</p> <p>8 A Okay. Okay. Thank you so much. You're</p> <p>9 very kind.</p> <p>10 Q You're welcome.</p> <p>11 So in this document it says, Alfa-Bank</p> <p>12 Ownership Structure. Correct? And it says --</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q It says Alfa-Banking Group has seven</p> <p>15 beneficial owners, and you are one of them.</p> <p>16 Is that right?</p> <p>17 A Yes, that's right.</p> <p>18 Q It says you own 32.86 percent?</p> <p>19 A Yeah, probably. I don't remember to the</p> <p>20 last digit. But probably, yes.</p> <p>21 Q That's roughly correct?</p> <p>22 A Roughly correct.</p>	103	<p>1 Q So the Slate article could have caused</p> <p>2 them to see or treat you differently?</p> <p>3 A Say again?</p> <p>4 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Objection. Calls</p> <p>5 for speculation. "Could have."</p> <p>6 Q Have you sued Slate or the New Yorker for</p> <p>7 defamation?</p> <p>8 A You mean probably New York Times, because</p> <p>9 New Yorker did not publish in that time, in 2016,</p> <p>10 any articles, as far as I could recall it. New</p> <p>11 York Times probably published certain articles.</p> <p>12 Q There's a New Yorker story from 2018</p> <p>13 about the Alfa server.</p> <p>14 Are you familiar with that?</p> <p>15 A Oh, yes. Yeah. Yeah. That was -- that</p> <p>16 was later on. No, we did not sue, we did not sue</p> <p>17 them. We did not sue them. But -- but we</p> <p>18 undertaken certain measure to understand who was</p> <p>19 behind the whole story.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. But you haven't sued Slate or the</p> <p>21 New Yorker for defamation. Correct?</p> <p>22 A No. No.</p>
102	<p>1 Q It says German Khan owns 20.96 percent.</p> <p>2 Is that roughly correct?</p> <p>3 A As far as I could recall it, yes.</p> <p>4 Q And it says Petr Aven owns 12.4 percent.</p> <p>5 Is that roughly correct?</p> <p>6 A Yes, probably is.</p> <p>7 Q So if you add up the collective ownership</p> <p>8 of the three of you, that's over 66 percent of the</p> <p>9 Alfa Banking Group. Correct?</p> <p>10 A Something like that, probably.</p> <p>11 Q Are you familiar with the October 31,</p> <p>12 2016, Slate article and the October 2018 New</p> <p>13 Yorker article about the Alfa server communicating</p> <p>14 with the Trump server?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q Are you sure it was this top line of CIR</p> <p>17 112, and not previously published statements that</p> <p>18 caused people to view or treat you differently?</p> <p>19 A I think that was also one of the kind of</p> <p>20 information which -- which was very worrying for</p> <p>21 me and probably people could interpret that's</p> <p>22 wrong way.</p>	104	<p>1 Q And are you sure it was this top line in</p> <p>2 CIR 112 that harmed you, and not media about</p> <p>3 Richard Burt writing portions of Trump's foreign</p> <p>4 policy speech?</p> <p>5 A Absolutely. I think that CIR 112 was</p> <p>6 directly address this issue to me. Mr. Richard</p> <p>7 Burt activity was not known for me at all. I</p> <p>8 mean, apart from his relationship with -- with</p> <p>9 LetterOne or Alfa Group. So I think that</p> <p>10 publication regarding Richard Burt could not --</p> <p>11 could not harm me.</p> <p>12 Q You know that the fact of Richard Burt</p> <p>13 writing parts of Trump's foreign policy speech</p> <p>14 were published in the media in 2016. Correct?</p> <p>15 A I did not know about that.</p> <p>16 Q But other people might have, if they had</p> <p>17 seen it. Right?</p> <p>18 A Say it again? Other people might?</p> <p>19 Q I'll withdraw the question.</p> <p>20 A Other people -- okay.</p> <p>21 Q Would you go back to the same document</p> <p>22 you were looking at earlier, the supplemental</p>

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105	<p>1 responses to objections. Sorry, the -- your</p> <p>2 supplemental responses and objections to</p> <p>3 Interrogatory Number 2, where you're talking here</p> <p>4 about the second alleged defamatory statement.</p> <p>5 This is, Significant favors continued to be done</p> <p>6 in both directions --</p> <p>7 A Okay. What --</p> <p>8 MR. LEWIS: Can you just give us the</p> <p>9 document numbers. That's --</p> <p>10 A It's Number 5?</p> <p>11 MR. LEWIS: -- how we have them</p> <p>12 organized.</p> <p>13 MR. LEVY: Give us one minute here.</p> <p>14 Sorry.</p> <p>15 A It's Document Number 5 probably. Right?</p> <p>16 MR. LEWIS: Mr. Fridman, we're going to</p> <p>17 stop because Mr. Levy is frozen, has technical</p> <p>18 problem.</p> <p>19 (Discussion off the record; technical</p> <p>20 difficulty.)</p> <p>21 BY MR. LEVY:</p> <p>22 Q In any event, I'm going to read back this</p>	107	<p>1 purposes of this lawsuit, plaintiffs' claim treats</p> <p>2 the allegation of corruption and bribery,</p> <p>3 exchanging political favors for economic/business</p> <p>4 favors as an allegation of conduct during 2016."</p> <p>5 Does this statement that begins,</p> <p>6 "Significant favors" --</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: I'm sorry. I'm not seeing on</p> <p>8 the Document Number 5. Where you are reading</p> <p>9 from?</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: No, that's in Document</p> <p>11 Number 5, Page 2, last paragraph. Is it correct?</p> <p>12 Second defamatory statement.</p> <p>13 MR. LEVY: Correct.</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: Is it correct?</p> <p>15 MR. LEVY: Correct. You've got it,</p> <p>16 Mr. Fridman.</p> <p>17 A Correct.</p> <p>18 Q So does this statement in CIR 112 that</p> <p>19 begins "significant favors," does it include the</p> <p>20 words "corruption" or "bribery"?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Can you do a favor for somebody without</p>
106	<p>1 full quote to you from the place I began before I</p> <p>2 was interrupted.</p> <p>3 A Okay.</p> <p>4 MR. LEWIS: Can you just tell us which</p> <p>5 document number and what page you're reading from?</p> <p>6 MR. LEVY: This is the supplemental</p> <p>7 responses and objections. It is Document Number</p> <p>8 5, for Mr. Fridman's reference.</p> <p>9 A Okay. And response to --</p> <p>10 MR. LEWIS: And the page you're about to</p> <p>11 read from?</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: It is Page Number 2</p> <p>13 probably. Right?</p> <p>14 MR. LEVY: It's the response --</p> <p>15 MR. LEWIS: Let Mr. Levy tell us what</p> <p>16 page.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Yeah.</p> <p>18 MR. LEVY: Hold on one second, and I will</p> <p>19 tell you the page.</p> <p>20 Page 2, as the witness said.</p> <p>21 A Okay.</p> <p>22 Q So here you state, quote, "For the</p>	108	<p>1 requesting that favor?</p> <p>2 A Say it again? What can I do a favor</p> <p>3 without requesting this favors?</p> <p>4 Q Can you do a favor for somebody on your</p> <p>5 own, without that person asking you for a favor?</p> <p>6 A How it relate to our case? You know, I</p> <p>7 mean, in my life generally when I making a favor</p> <p>8 for somebody who is not asking, I'm doing charity</p> <p>9 for the -- you know, for thousands -- dozens of</p> <p>10 thousands of people they are not asking me about</p> <p>11 that, but I am just doing that because I believe</p> <p>12 they will be better for it.</p> <p>13 Q Is the word "exchanged" in this sentence?</p> <p>14 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Form. The words</p> <p>15 of CIR 112 will speak for themselves. Okay? The</p> <p>16 words are the words.</p> <p>17 Q Do you agree that you are not challenging</p> <p>18 the falsity of this second alleged defamatory</p> <p>19 statement for the time period prior to 2016?</p> <p>20 A I give you challenge what? Defamatory --</p> <p>21 say it again, please.</p> <p>22 Q Is it true that you are not challenging</p>

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109	<p>1 the falsity of this statement for the time</p> <p>2 period --</p> <p>3 A Okay.</p> <p>4 Q -- prior to 2016?</p> <p>5 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>6 A Yeah.</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: After the word "challenging"</p> <p>8 should be "in this lawsuit." I think that's what</p> <p>9 you mean to ask.</p> <p>10 Q In this lawsuit. In this lawsuit.</p> <p>11 A No, I didn't -- I didn't challenge</p> <p>12 that -- that statement before 2016 because --</p> <p>13 because -- so you mean -- you are asking whether</p> <p>14 we are approaching to the litigation before 2016,</p> <p>15 or whether -- whether the effect of exchange of</p> <p>16 favours take place, took place before 2016? Or</p> <p>17 what? What are you asking for?</p> <p>18 Q What I'm asking is, are you challenging</p> <p>19 the falsity of this statement in this lawsuit --</p> <p>20 A Okay.</p> <p>21 Q -- as it applies to facts before 2016?</p> <p>22 A I understand yes, so we are -- we are</p>	111	<p>1 A Yeah, that's -- look, that's -- that's --</p> <p>2 again, that's probably I just repeating that all</p> <p>3 the time, I not a lawyer, so I could not kind of</p> <p>4 clarify why necessary to made this kind of -- you</p> <p>5 know, kind of modification for temporary limited.</p> <p>6 But I understand this for pure legal matters.</p> <p>7 But as a matter of fact, I -- I actually</p> <p>8 denying any mutual favours between me, personally,</p> <p>9 or any company related to -- to myself and my</p> <p>10 partners and Mr. Putin for any period of time.</p> <p>11 Q So you are -- for purposes of this</p> <p>12 lawsuit --</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q -- you are not claiming that this</p> <p>15 statement as applied to events before 2016 defamed</p> <p>16 you.</p> <p>17 A Yes, that's -- I understand from this</p> <p>18 response.</p> <p>19 Q And are you conceding that this statement</p> <p>20 beginning "significant favours," as applied to</p> <p>21 events before 2016, are true?</p> <p>22 A No. That's what I said right now.</p>
110	<p>1 challenging generally the facts of any -- any kind</p> <p>2 of favours from us to Mr. Putin and from Mr. Putin</p> <p>3 to us in any period of time.</p> <p>4 Q Can you turn to Document Number 10, which</p> <p>5 are your responses to the requests for admissions.</p> <p>6 A Document Number 10?</p> <p>7 Q Yes.</p> <p>8 MR. LEVY: And we are going to mark this</p> <p>9 Exhibit 11.</p> <p>10 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 11 marked</p> <p>11 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>12 transcript.)</p> <p>13 A What page? Sorry.</p> <p>14 Q It's -- it's your -- it's the 21st</p> <p>15 request for admission.</p> <p>16 A Okay.</p> <p>17 Q And it says, "To the extent a response is</p> <p>18 required, plaintiff denies that the statement, if</p> <p>19 modified temporally to be limited to allegations</p> <p>20 about conduct preceding January 1, 2016, is</p> <p>21 challenged in this defamation action."</p> <p>22 Is that an accurate statement?</p>	112	<p>1 That's never been true. But just as far as I</p> <p>2 understand for the purpose of this legal -- legal</p> <p>3 claims, we just concentrated on certain period of</p> <p>4 time since January 1st, 2016.</p> <p>5 Q You're claiming that this statement about</p> <p>6 favours harmed you, personally. Correct?</p> <p>7 A That's fine. That's correct.</p> <p>8 Q And are you sure it was this statement</p> <p>9 about favours that harmed you, and not the</p> <p>10 previously published statements in the media that</p> <p>11 have harmed you?</p> <p>12 A Mr. Levy, again, I think what -- what do</p> <p>13 you mean, in a previously published statement?</p> <p>14 Q Well, you acknowledge that prior to</p> <p>15 January of 2017 there were books and articles</p> <p>16 discussing your involvement in corruption and</p> <p>17 bribery. Right?</p> <p>18 A Maybe, yes. I don't remember. But</p> <p>19 probably it was certain publication.</p> <p>20 Q And you're sure it wasn't those books and</p> <p>21 articles that harmed you?</p> <p>22 A I think that the -- I mean, I don't think</p>

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113	<p>1 it was books or so. At least it was not very</p> <p>2 serious publication. I would like to say that, of</p> <p>3 course, that seriousness of allegation made in --</p> <p>4 in Mr. Steele dossier, I think that was by far</p> <p>5 more, you know, strong and actually dangerous for</p> <p>6 my reputation, rather than other previous one.</p> <p>7 And by the way --</p> <p>8 Q So in February of 2016 when the</p> <p>9 Department of Justice sent out a press release</p> <p>10 about VimpelCom's \$795 million settlement of</p> <p>11 bribery charges in Uzbekistan, are you sure that</p> <p>12 wasn't what harmed you?</p> <p>13 A That was not about -- definitely I don't</p> <p>14 think it was -- it was personal harm for me.</p> <p>15 Because that was -- that was regarding one of the</p> <p>16 company where I was and I am the board member.</p> <p>17 And we possess minority stake in that company.</p> <p>18 And that's a public company.</p> <p>19 And it was not at all any kind of claim</p> <p>20 or -- or kind of mentioning of wrongdoing</p> <p>21 regarding me, personally, or any other, by the</p> <p>22 way, member of the board. That were purely --</p>	115	<p>1 Q Are you sure it wasn't the allegations</p> <p>2 that Alfa intimidated and bribed judges in</p> <p>3 connection with Chernogorneft that harmed you?</p> <p>4 A Sorry. Say it again. The connection</p> <p>5 with what?</p> <p>6 Q Are you sure it wasn't the allegations in</p> <p>7 the media that Alfa intimidated and bribed judges</p> <p>8 in connection with Chernogorneft that harmed you?</p> <p>9 A Chernogorneft? No, you probably</p> <p>10 mentioned the wrong -- the wrong name. Probably</p> <p>11 Chernogorneft.</p> <p>12 Again, that was a legal dispute with</p> <p>13 the -- with the BP in that moment. And we won all</p> <p>14 court cases in Russia and elsewhere. And I don't</p> <p>15 think it any how damage my reputation.</p> <p>16 Q So the allegations that appeared in the</p> <p>17 December 2, 1999, Economist article called Rules</p> <p>18 of War didn't harm you?</p> <p>19 A I don't remember that article.</p> <p>20 MR. LEVY: Can you pull up Document</p> <p>21 Number 13.</p> <p>22 A Document Number 13. Okay. Rules of War.</p>
114	<p>1 Q Are you sure it wasn't the February 2016</p> <p>2 Financial Times story about this settlement that</p> <p>3 said that Mikhail Fridman controlled VimpelCom?</p> <p>4 A Yeah, I don't remember that story. But</p> <p>5 as a matter of fact, that was very clear</p> <p>6 conclusion from our relationship with the</p> <p>7 Department of Justice that were -- that was pure</p> <p>8 irresponsibility of certain managers in level of</p> <p>9 Uzbekistan --</p> <p>10 Q And --</p> <p>11 A -- with whom I -- I didn't have any</p> <p>12 personal contact with them.</p> <p>13 Q Are you sure it wasn't the allegations of</p> <p>14 the Norex lawsuit that harmed you?</p> <p>15 A Of course that was a certain allegation.</p> <p>16 Norex, as far as I could recall it, lost. But I</p> <p>17 never, ever had any personal contact with this</p> <p>18 company. I don't know who is -- who is -- you</p> <p>19 know, who is the guy who was -- you know, claim</p> <p>20 were -- so, you know, made their claims.</p> <p>21 But as far as I remember, they lost the</p> <p>22 lawsuit.</p>	116	<p>1 MR. LEVY: Make this Defendants' Exhibit</p> <p>2 13.</p> <p>3 MR. LEWIS: Are you up to Exhibit 13?</p> <p>4 MR. LEVY: No. This is Document 13.</p> <p>5 It's Exhibit 12.</p> <p>6 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 12 marked</p> <p>7 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>8 transcript.)</p> <p>9 A Frankly, I could not find in that article</p> <p>10 my name.</p> <p>11 Q You do see that it included allegations</p> <p>12 of intimidation and bribery of judges. Right?</p> <p>13 A Yeah, I haven't read -- I don't remember.</p> <p>14 Maybe I read at that time, but I haven't read</p> <p>15 right now. But probably you right.</p> <p>16 Q And are you sure it wasn't the April 11,</p> <p>17 2016, bne IntelliNews story that harmed you? This</p> <p>18 is Document 24.</p> <p>19 MR. LEVY: We can make it Exhibit 13.</p> <p>20 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 13 marked</p> <p>21 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>22 transcript.)</p>

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117	<p>1 A And just for your knowledge, in that</p> <p>2 article you mentioned Rules of War, my name was</p> <p>3 not mention at all. I didn't find my name. How</p> <p>4 could it harm my personal reputation, if it didn't</p> <p>5 even mention me?</p> <p>6 Q Aren't you arguing here in this lawsuit</p> <p>7 that the statement beginning "significant favors"</p> <p>8 defamed you, even though it doesn't mention your</p> <p>9 name?</p> <p>10 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>11 A No. I -- I --</p> <p>12 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Form. He's</p> <p>13 already, you know, answered this question by</p> <p>14 explaining that his name is in report 112.</p> <p>15 Q And the statement says Alfa, and not</p> <p>16 Fridman.</p> <p>17 A Yeah. Yeah.</p> <p>18 Q Can you look at Document 24.</p> <p>19 A Okay. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q And in this document, the story says,</p> <p>21 quote, But a straw poll of Moscow analysts</p> <p>22 uniformly guffawed upon hearing of Fridman's</p>	119	<p>1 publication of CIR 112 occurred?</p> <p>2 A No, it was a -- certain amount of</p> <p>3 publication, but I would say despite all this</p> <p>4 publication, our relationship with BP and TNK-BP</p> <p>5 as a joint venture was extremely successful from</p> <p>6 both sides. On both sides.</p> <p>7 Q Can you turn to Document 102.</p> <p>8 A Sorry? Document?</p> <p>9 Q Turn to Document 102.</p> <p>10 MR. LEVY: And mark it Exhibit 14.</p> <p>11 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 14 marked</p> <p>12 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>13 transcript.)</p> <p>14 Q This is your transcript from your</p> <p>15 testimony at the UK trial against Orbis.</p> <p>16 Turn to Day 1, Page 132.</p> <p>17 A One or two? This Opus 2 International.</p> <p>18 That's correct?</p> <p>19 Q Yes. If you can turn to Day 1, Page 132.</p> <p>20 A 132.</p> <p>21 Q You will see little page numbers in the</p> <p>22 minuscrypt. It's 132.</p>
118	<p>1 elevation to a figurehead for good Russian</p> <p>2 corporate governance on the global stage. Fridman</p> <p>3 is no Mary Poppins, a leading Moscow-based</p> <p>4 strategist tells bne IntelliNews, end of quote.</p> <p>5 That didn't harm you?</p> <p>6 A Probably somehow harm --</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. Are you</p> <p>8 asking him whether he knows whether this had any</p> <p>9 harmful impact when it was written, or are you</p> <p>10 asking him whether the harm that he described</p> <p>11 after BuzzFeed's publication he thinks is</p> <p>12 attributable to this article?</p> <p>13 A Yeah, so that's -- let -- let's just</p> <p>14 verify for my understanding.</p> <p>15 Whether it was harmful for me to read</p> <p>16 what this article? For sure, yes. Whether it was</p> <p>17 serious harm for me? Answer is probably no.</p> <p>18 Because it was not comparable with the harm I got</p> <p>19 from CIR 112, for the obvious reason. Look for --</p> <p>20 Q And will you agree that there were</p> <p>21 Western mainstream media articles about you and</p> <p>22 TNK Alfa suggesting impropriety before any</p>	120	<p>1 A 132. Yes, I found it.</p> <p>2 Q And it says:</p> <p>3 "QUESTION: But there have also been</p> <p>4 Western mainstream media articles about you and</p> <p>5 TNK Alfa suggesting impropriety, haven't there?</p> <p>6 "ANSWER: Yeah.</p> <p>7 "QUESTION: Yes?</p> <p>8 "ANSWER: Okay, probably yes."</p> <p>9 Was that your testimony?</p> <p>10 A I hope. I think so, yeah.</p> <p>11 Q And are you sure it wasn't the July 2016</p> <p>12 announcement of Alfa-Bank's sponsorship of the</p> <p>13 2018 FIFA World Cup that harmed you?</p> <p>14 A Please repeat it again. The announcement</p> <p>15 that we will become a sponsorship of World Cup</p> <p>16 harm me? Why it would harm me?</p> <p>17 Q Do you recall that in 2016 FIFA was under</p> <p>18 criminal investigation in the United States?</p> <p>19 A No. What kind of criminal investigation?</p> <p>20 Q And did you know that, of course, the</p> <p>21 2018 World Cup was going to take place in Russia.</p> <p>22 Yes?</p>

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121	<p>1 A Oh, yeah. This I know.</p> <p>2 Q And in July of 2016 weren't -- wasn't</p> <p>3 Alfa the first company to come forward as a</p> <p>4 regional sponsor for Europe?</p> <p>5 A Probably yes. That was not my personal</p> <p>6 decision. That was -- Alfa, you mean Alfa-Bank</p> <p>7 probably. You just, you mentioning Alfa. It's a</p> <p>8 completely different entity with the name Alfa.</p> <p>9 It's actually Alfa-Bank, which is separate from --</p> <p>10 Alfa we calling group of consortium of companies,</p> <p>11 which is not formally connected to each others.</p> <p>12 Alfa-Bank probably was the sponsor, as</p> <p>13 far as I could recall it.</p> <p>14 Q It was Alfa-Bank. It was Alfa-Bank.</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q Yes.</p> <p>17 A Okay. Okay. So what was the question?</p> <p>18 Q The Russian government must have</p> <p>19 appreciated that sponsorship. Yes?</p> <p>20 A We do not care about Russian government.</p> <p>21 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Calls for</p> <p>22 speculation.</p>	123	<p>1 that"?</p> <p>2 A Yeah. During the 1990s, Govorun --</p> <p>3 Q No. That's the first sentence,</p> <p>4 Mr. Fridman. The second sentence, Given. It</p> <p>5 begins, "Given that."</p> <p>6 A "Given that and the continuing</p> <p>7 sensitivity of the Putin-Alfa relationship and</p> <p>8 need for" --</p> <p>9 Q Does that sentence have your name in it?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 MR. LEWIS: Hold on.</p> <p>12 Objection to form.</p> <p>13 Q How does this statement defame you?</p> <p>14 A No. Because the first sentence in the</p> <p>15 same statement mention us, namely me and Mr. Aven.</p> <p>16 And Putin-Alfa in that regards means that Putin</p> <p>17 relation with me, personally, and Mr. Aven.</p> <p>18 Q Haven't Alfa and its owners been accused</p> <p>19 for decades for paying bribes in the 1990s?</p> <p>20 A How Alfa in 19 -- so we to pay bribes?</p> <p>21 Q Yes.</p> <p>22 A Just because --</p>
122	<p>1 A Yes, we do not care about government</p> <p>2 reaction for that. Because that -- as far as I</p> <p>3 understand, Alfa-Bank logic, that was a purely</p> <p>4 commercial decision.</p> <p>5 It was huge, huge advertisement for</p> <p>6 Alfa-Bank, you know, locally and internationally,</p> <p>7 because of huge events which took place in Moscow</p> <p>8 at that time.</p> <p>9 Q Please go back to Document Number 5,</p> <p>10 which is Exhibit 4.</p> <p>11 A Document Number 5. Okay.</p> <p>12 Q And go -- and this is the --</p> <p>13 A Page?</p> <p>14 Q I think it's Page 3.</p> <p>15 A Page 3. Okay.</p> <p>16 Q This is the Govorun statement that you</p> <p>17 were alleging defamed you. Correct?</p> <p>18 A Right.</p> <p>19 Q Does the second sentence of this</p> <p>20 statement mention you?</p> <p>21 A Yeah.</p> <p>22 Q The second sentence, beginning, "Given</p>	124	<p>1 MR. LEWIS: Objection to the word</p> <p>2 "accused." It's not clear what that means.</p> <p>3 Accused by anybody?</p> <p>4 A Yeah, that's -- that's -- that's my</p> <p>5 question.</p> <p>6 Are you asking is anybody accuse us if we</p> <p>7 are paying bribes, or what?</p> <p>8 Q Has anyone in the media or in any</p> <p>9 government made accusations or allegations that</p> <p>10 Alfa or any of your co-owners paid bribes in the</p> <p>11 1990s?</p> <p>12 A I -- I would like to say that it's a lot</p> <p>13 of gutter press in Russia, which made very</p> <p>14 different type of allegation. Not -- I don't</p> <p>15 remember whether it was paying bribes among that</p> <p>16 allegation. But I could assume that it could</p> <p>17 happen. I just don't remember that.</p> <p>18 Because that was a kind of very trivial</p> <p>19 way of competitive kind of -- you know,</p> <p>20 competition between the companies, just to accuse</p> <p>21 each other in wrongdoings. And it was not just</p> <p>22 paying bribes. We have been accused of much more</p>

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125	<p>1 serious crimes in gutter press, I mean.</p> <p>2 I do not remember and I could not recall</p> <p>3 any accusation from the -- from the government</p> <p>4 representatives or from any other officials in</p> <p>5 Russia or elsewhere that accusing us in paying</p> <p>6 bribes in '90s or later on.</p> <p>7 Q Are you familiar with the October 2000</p> <p>8 New York Times article called The Autumn of the</p> <p>9 Oligarchs, that John Lloyd wrote?</p> <p>10 A I don't remember this article, frankly</p> <p>11 speaking.</p> <p>12 Q Can you turn to Document Number 14.</p> <p>13 A Okay.</p> <p>14 MR. LEVY: We'll mark this Exhibit 15.</p> <p>15 A/V TECHNICIAN: Could you repeat that</p> <p>16 document number.</p> <p>17 MR. LEVY: Document 14. It's going to be</p> <p>18 marked Exhibit 15.</p> <p>19 A/V TECHNICIAN: Thank you.</p> <p>20 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 15 marked</p> <p>21 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>22 transcript.)</p>	127	<p>1 written down, but we all understood it."</p> <p>2 Do you recall telling Mr. Lloyd of the</p> <p>3 New York Times that, and do you recall this</p> <p>4 article being in the public?</p> <p>5 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Compound</p> <p>6 question. But it's two questions.</p> <p>7 Q Do you recall this article being in the</p> <p>8 public?</p> <p>9 A Yeah, I don't remember that article. I</p> <p>10 don't remember this interview that took place</p> <p>11 probably too many years ago. But that's fine.</p> <p>12 So what?</p> <p>13 Q Hasn't the Western press also reported in</p> <p>14 the Financial Times in April of 2016 about your</p> <p>15 bribing local police in the 1990s?</p> <p>16 A I don't recall it, frankly.</p> <p>17 MR. LEVY: Can you bring up Document 23,</p> <p>18 and mark that Exhibit 16.</p> <p>19 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 16 marked</p> <p>20 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>21 transcript.)</p> <p>22 Q This is an October 1, 2016, Lunch with FT</p>
126	<p>1 A Okay.</p> <p>2 Q This article quotes you about, quote, the</p> <p>3 Yeltsin days, unquote.</p> <p>4 A Okay.</p> <p>5 Q And it has, quote, "Business was young in</p> <p>6 Yeltsin's days."</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: Can you tell us what page</p> <p>8 you're reading from in this article?</p> <p>9 A What number of page?</p> <p>10 MR. LEVY: Can you put the article on the</p> <p>11 screen, please.</p> <p>12 Q It's Page 3.</p> <p>13 A Page 3. Okay.</p> <p>14 Q The bottom of the page there's a</p> <p>15 paragraph that begins, "Mikhail Fridman and Petr</p> <p>16 Aven."</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q At the end of the paragraph it says,</p> <p>19 "Fridman agreed with him. Business was young in</p> <p>20 Yeltsin's days. And I think it was right that it</p> <p>21 wasn't prosecuted. It was completely informal.</p> <p>22 It was protection from the law. It was never</p>	128	<p>1 article.</p> <p>2 A Okay. So what the page number?</p> <p>3 Q This is a profile on you, sir, isn't it?</p> <p>4 A Yeah, that's -- that's Lunch with FT.</p> <p>5 You mean this one, right? Mikhail</p> <p>6 Fridman.</p> <p>7 Q Yes, that one. That's right.</p> <p>8 A Okay.</p> <p>9 Q And can you turn to Page 6.</p> <p>10 A Okay.</p> <p>11 Q The reporter asked you, "I asked Fridman</p> <p>12 whether he ever looks back at the Russia of the</p> <p>13 1990s" -- I'm sorry, this isn't Page 6. This is a</p> <p>14 different page.</p> <p>15 But it says, "I asked Fridman whether he</p> <p>16 ever looks back at the Russia of the 1990s, when</p> <p>17 many lost their fortunes and some their lives, and</p> <p>18 wonders how he survived. Alfa" --</p> <p>19 A What -- what is the page?</p> <p>20 Oh, yeah, I found. That's the Page</p> <p>21 Number 5, is the second paragraph.</p> <p>22 Q Yes. So --</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">129</p> <p>1 A Okay.</p> <p>2 Q The second paragraph it says, "I asked</p> <p>3 Fridman whether he ever looks back at the Russia</p> <p>4 of the 1990s, when many lost their fortunes and</p> <p>5 some their lives, and wonders how he survived.</p> <p>6 Alfa enlisted the local police. They had no money</p> <p>7 so we would buy them furniture, he says."</p> <p>8 Do you recall telling the reporter that?</p> <p>9 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. You --</p> <p>10 part of it is in quotations, part of it isn't, and</p> <p>11 your question was, Did you tell the reporter that.</p> <p>12 Q Do you recall telling a reporter they had</p> <p>13 no money, so we would buy them furniture?</p> <p>14 A But -- but probably I told that. But it</p> <p>15 doesn't mean that we paid the bribes. We just</p> <p>16 made a sponsorship. We just made a kind of</p> <p>17 sponsorship for police to -- to buy them</p> <p>18 furniture, things like that.</p> <p>19 Q Okay.</p> <p>20 A But that was not a bribe. I didn't pay</p> <p>21 it to police officer for that. We just became</p> <p>22 kind of sponsor for them. Because it was a very</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">131</p> <p>1 MR. GILLESPIE: Next paragraph.</p> <p>2 A Yes. Ah, okay. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Doesn't this article suggest that you</p> <p>4 bribed Russian judges during your dispute with BP?</p> <p>5 A No, I don't agree, I replied in that</p> <p>6 time. And I still don't agree with this</p> <p>7 assessment.</p> <p>8 Q That's your quote. But wasn't the</p> <p>9 reporter suggesting otherwise?</p> <p>10 A He is agree with --</p> <p>11 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. The</p> <p>12 reporter's question is the reporter's question as</p> <p>13 it appears in the article.</p> <p>14 A Yeah.</p> <p>15 MR. LEWIS: What else he was suggesting</p> <p>16 besides what's written, we object to. Calls for</p> <p>17 speculation.</p> <p>18 Q Have any of the companies where you have</p> <p>19 an ownership interest of more than 5 percent been</p> <p>20 accused of breaking the law?</p> <p>21 A As far as I don't know -- as far as I</p> <p>22 know, we -- we didn't break the law.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">130</p> <p>1 difficult time in Russia, and we didn't have money</p> <p>2 for furniture or for anything. And so that was a</p> <p>3 kind of gift for the police station, let's say,</p> <p>4 near us.</p> <p>5 And we just rely on their support. That</p> <p>6 was our duty, frankly speaking, to guard us, to</p> <p>7 certain extent. Because that was risky time and</p> <p>8 quite dangerous time in Russia in that time. But</p> <p>9 it --</p> <p>10 Q Turn the page --</p> <p>11 A -- but it was not at all any kind of</p> <p>12 bribe.</p> <p>13 Q Turn to Page 6 of this article, please.</p> <p>14 A Okay.</p> <p>15 Q Here a statement from the Financial</p> <p>16 Times, quote, "I asked Fridman whether it was true</p> <p>17 that Alfa exploited Russia's ramshackle legal</p> <p>18 system to win favorable judgments against its</p> <p>19 partners."</p> <p>20 A Where is that? In Page Number 6?</p> <p>21 Q Page Number 6, the third paragraph.</p> <p>22 A "Later Alfa was embroiled in a" --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">132</p> <p>1 Q But have you -- have any of those</p> <p>2 companies been accused of breaking the law?</p> <p>3 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form.</p> <p>4 "Accused," very -- too general. What does that</p> <p>5 mean?</p> <p>6 A What you mean? You just mention</p> <p>7 VimpelCom, which was accused of wrong-doings in</p> <p>8 Uzbekistan, and we settled this legal dispute with</p> <p>9 Department of Justice. So they probably one of --</p> <p>10 one of the example.</p> <p>11 Q Right. Are there other examples?</p> <p>12 A I don't remember. I could not recall</p> <p>13 examples like that. But, of course, it was a lot</p> <p>14 of litigation with the tax authority regarding</p> <p>15 paying tax, you know, which is normal for business</p> <p>16 practice I would say in each country, by the way.</p> <p>17 Q Is a bribery accusation normal?</p> <p>18 A No.</p> <p>19 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Argumentative.</p> <p>20 A Bribery accusation probably not normal.</p> <p>21 But I could not recall any bribery accusation</p> <p>22 against any Alfa-related companies.</p>

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133	<p>1 Q Other than VimpelCom?</p> <p>2 A No, I could not recall it.</p> <p>3 Q Have you ever been arrested?</p> <p>4 A Me? No.</p> <p>5 Q Have you ever been the subject of a</p> <p>6 criminal investigation?</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Calls for</p> <p>8 speculation.</p> <p>9 Q Have you ever been told that you were the</p> <p>10 subject of a criminal investigation?</p> <p>11 A I have right now actually investigation</p> <p>12 in Spain, which is ongoing. And I -- and I</p> <p>13 actually kind of participated in that process</p> <p>14 right now.</p> <p>15 Q In that investigation, what is the</p> <p>16 allegation of a legal violation in that case?</p> <p>17 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. I'm not</p> <p>18 sure that there is an allegation. There is an</p> <p>19 investigation.</p> <p>20 Q What is the government of Spain telling</p> <p>21 you they are investigating?</p> <p>22 A They are investigating, actually, the</p>	135	<p>1 sources of bankruptcy of that -- of that company.</p> <p>2 And, you know, that -- they -- we -- I mean, the</p> <p>3 guy who was run this company, and he who was the</p> <p>4 owner of the company, he accused me that I'm</p> <p>5 somehow orchestrated the bankruptcy of that</p> <p>6 company.</p> <p>7 But the problem with this guy, that he</p> <p>8 was sentenced by -- by a court in the UK, and the</p> <p>9 Netherlands, many -- a few times already as a</p> <p>10 complete liar and crook, actually. And it seems</p> <p>11 to me he just tried to find somebody who is in</p> <p>12 charge for bankruptcy of his company, because he</p> <p>13 effectively cheated a lot of shareholders of the</p> <p>14 company and so on.</p> <p>15 And the simplest way for him, probably,</p> <p>16 was just to try to accuse Russian oligarchs, as he</p> <p>17 is describing me, greedy Russian oligarchs, who</p> <p>18 was somehow interested to bankrupt that company.</p> <p>19 But the fact I have no connection at all and no</p> <p>20 relation to that company.</p> <p>21 And this guy I met socially a couple of</p> <p>22 times. I haven't seen him even in my office,</p>
134	<p>1 bankruptcy of the Spanish company, as far as I</p> <p>2 understand. And frankly, if you asking me, I</p> <p>3 don't understand why we actually asking about any</p> <p>4 of my role in that situation. Because that's</p> <p>5 completely baseless, from my stand, and</p> <p>6 groundless.</p> <p>7 Q What is the law, if any, the</p> <p>8 investigators are telling you they're</p> <p>9 investigating?</p> <p>10 A They didn't tell me any particular law</p> <p>11 which they believe I violated. They just -- I</p> <p>12 mean, they just asked me, you know, number of</p> <p>13 question regarding my role in the bankruptcy of</p> <p>14 that company.</p> <p>15 Q Is it --</p> <p>16 A And my role -- and my role was equal to</p> <p>17 zero.</p> <p>18 Q Is it a bribery investigation?</p> <p>19 A No, it's not a bribery investigation.</p> <p>20 Q What legal violations are they looking</p> <p>21 into?</p> <p>22 A They are looking for what -- what was the</p>	136	<p>1 never in my life.</p> <p>2 Q Have you provided testimony to the</p> <p>3 Spanish investigations?</p> <p>4 A Right. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q Did you produce documents to the Spanish</p> <p>6 investigators?</p> <p>7 A Yeah. Not me, personally, but -- but,</p> <p>8 you know, my lawyers. I hired lawyers there, and</p> <p>9 they provide subsequent documents.</p> <p>10 Q Have you been told that you're a subject</p> <p>11 of any other criminal investigation at any time?</p> <p>12 A No. No. No. That's the first.</p> <p>13 Q Has any law enforcement -- has any law</p> <p>14 enforcement agency ever asked you for information</p> <p>15 about a criminal investigation, outside of the</p> <p>16 Spanish one you just discussed?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q Did the special counsel in the United</p> <p>19 States, Robert Mueller, ask you for information?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q Have you suffered any other harm from</p> <p>22 these three alleged defamatory statements that you</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">137</p> <p>1 have not told me about yet today?</p> <p>2 A Say it again? And by the way, we don't</p> <p>3 need any more of this -- this -- this pages.</p> <p>4 Right? So you could -- because I haven't seen --</p> <p>5 Q Yes.</p> <p>6 A Okay.</p> <p>7 MR. LEVY: If the technician could take</p> <p>8 it off the screen.</p> <p>9 A I would like to have the privilege to see</p> <p>10 you personal. Okay?</p> <p>11 Q Thank you.</p> <p>12 Mr. Fridman, did you suffer any other</p> <p>13 harm from the three alleged defamatory statements</p> <p>14 that you have not told me about today?</p> <p>15 A No, probably.</p> <p>16 Q Is it true that your net worth has</p> <p>17 increased substantially since the publication of</p> <p>18 CIR 112?</p> <p>19 A No, that's not true, probably. I don't</p> <p>20 know. But it's a crisis right now. I think that</p> <p>21 all -- all wealth of each -- you know, almost each</p> <p>22 businessman not actually grow too much. It is a</p> <p style="text-align: right;">138</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">139</p> <p>1 A No break?</p> <p>2 Q No break. Sorry.</p> <p>3 A Sorry.</p> <p>4 Q We're putting this document on the</p> <p>5 screen.</p> <p>6 A Okay. Okay. What's the number of the</p> <p>7 document?</p> <p>8 Q It's Number 84 --</p> <p>9 A Okay.</p> <p>10 Q -- in your notebook.</p> <p>11 And this is a picture of you. It's a</p> <p>12 very handsome picture.</p> <p>13 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>14 Q This is from --</p> <p>15 A Thank you.</p> <p>16 Q -- Forbes magazine.</p> <p>17 This indicates your net worth as of</p> <p>18 November 16, '20, at \$15.1 billion, with a B.</p> <p>19 Is that correct?</p> <p>20 MR. LEWIS: Objection. If you could just</p> <p>21 clarify where this document came from?</p> <p>22 That is, are you telling us it comes from</p> <p style="text-align: right;">140</p>
<p>1 serious crisis.</p> <p>2 Q Can you look at Number 84, Document</p> <p>3 Number 84.</p> <p>4 MR. LEWIS: If we can take a break in the</p> <p>5 next five minutes or so?</p> <p>6 MR. LEVY: No problem.</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>8 MR. LEVY: I have five more minutes of</p> <p>9 questions --</p> <p>10 MR. LEWIS: Perfect.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>12 MR. LEVY: -- before the break.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>14 MR. LEVY: Could you mark this Document</p> <p>15 17. And if the technician -- and forgive me,</p> <p>16 Mr. Fridman. If we could put this on the screen.</p> <p>17 A/V TECHNICIAN: Stand by.</p> <p>18 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 17 marked</p> <p>19 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>20 transcript.)</p> <p>21 A So it is a break or --</p> <p>22 Q No.</p>	<p>1 Forbes yesterday?</p> <p>2 Q Did you see the -- you could see the URL</p> <p>3 at the bottom of the page, which tells you</p> <p>4 precisely from the web where the document comes.</p> <p>5 Do you see that, Mr. Fridman?</p> <p>6 A Okay. Yes. Yes. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q And so Page 1 is Forbes' presentation of</p> <p>8 your real-time net worth as of yesterday.</p> <p>9 A I think they know my real-time net worth</p> <p>10 much better than myself. Because I don't know</p> <p>11 what is my real net worth. And I am sure --</p> <p>12 I'm -- I'm assuming that they don't know either.</p> <p>13 Q Can you go to the next page.</p> <p>14 A I'm assuming -- okay.</p> <p>15 Q And turn to the next page.</p> <p>16 You'll see on this page, Page 3, at the</p> <p>17 bottom it says March 2016.</p> <p>18 And according to Forbes, your net worth</p> <p>19 was \$13.3 billion in March of 2016.</p> <p>20 A Okay.</p> <p>21 Q Go to the next page, please.</p> <p>22 By the way, does that sound roughly</p>

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<p>141</p> <p>1 accurate for your net worth in 2016?</p> <p>2 A I think the whole this figures is</p> <p>3 completely inaccurate. I don't know how they</p> <p>4 calculating that, frankly speaking. I don't know,</p> <p>5 so I would not tell whether it's more or less</p> <p>6 that -- you know, I definitely, I will say, pretty</p> <p>7 kind of wealthy person.</p> <p>8 But it's hard for me to say accurately</p> <p>9 what is kind of my worth for the time being here.</p> <p>10 And I think this whole assessment is based on the</p> <p>11 very kind of superficial assumption. And I'm</p> <p>12 quite doubtful that it's very accurate</p> <p>13 representation of my worth.</p> <p>14 Q Well, the page that's on the screen right</p> <p>15 now talks about March 2017 and says that as of</p> <p>16 that date, that month and year, your net worth is</p> <p>17 14 -- was \$14.4 billion. Correct?</p> <p>18 A Yeah, that's -- that's correct, that it's</p> <p>19 written here in this page.</p> <p>20 Q So based on this document --</p> <p>21 A I could -- I could not confirm that it's</p> <p>22 objective assessment of -- of net worth.</p>	<p>143</p> <p>1 Q Did you communicate to Forbes that this</p> <p>2 information was incorrect?</p> <p>3 A No. I'm not care too much what the</p> <p>4 information kind of regarding my net worth</p> <p>5 publishing in media. Media likes to do that.</p> <p>6 MR. LEVY: We can take a break, Alan.</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: Thank you.</p> <p>8 (A recess was taken.)</p> <p>9 BY MR. LEVY:</p> <p>10 Q Mr. Fridman, you have produced in this</p> <p>11 case a portion of a deposition transcript from</p> <p>12 your deposition in the CPI case.</p> <p>13 Are you familiar with that case?</p> <p>14 A Yeah, I remember that case.</p> <p>15 Q Have you been deposed in any other case?</p> <p>16 A You mention already this GPA case in</p> <p>17 London this year.</p> <p>18 Q You testified at trial there. Correct?</p> <p>19 A Yeah.</p> <p>20 Q Have you testified at trial in any other</p> <p>21 case?</p> <p>22 A Probably yes. It was certain claim</p>
<p>142</p> <p>1 Q Has your net worth increased since 2016?</p> <p>2 A I don't think so.</p> <p>3 Q What's your net worth --</p> <p>4 A I don't think so.</p> <p>5 I don't know. It's hard for me to say,</p> <p>6 frankly. I mean, look, you know, we're -- that's</p> <p>7 very kind of superficial assessment of the -- of</p> <p>8 the worth, my guess.</p> <p>9 Q Did --</p> <p>10 A And you know, for instance, one of the --</p> <p>11 of the assets we have as LetterOne is actually oil</p> <p>12 company. You know the oil price dropped down</p> <p>13 from, let's say, \$80 or, you know, to \$40. Right</p> <p>14 now.</p> <p>15 I don't know whether the fact that it</p> <p>16 is -- devaluation of the oil commodity price, oil</p> <p>17 price, first of all, is it included in assessment</p> <p>18 or not? I don't know. So for me hard to comment</p> <p>19 that.</p> <p>20 Q Are you still a billionaire?</p> <p>21 A Probably yes. I don't know. But I'm not</p> <p>22 care too much about my personal worth.</p>	<p>144</p> <p>1 against Mr. Berezovsky many, many years ago,</p> <p>2 probably like 15 years ago or so.</p> <p>3 Q Which court was that in?</p> <p>4 A It's High Court in London.</p> <p>5 Q What was the name of that case?</p> <p>6 A That was -- that was case of -- against</p> <p>7 Mr. Berezovsky. I don't know what was the name of</p> <p>8 that case, but ...</p> <p>9 Q Was it a criminal case or a civil case?</p> <p>10 A No. That was -- I know he accused us --</p> <p>11 he accused me, personally, that in one TV show in</p> <p>12 Russia, which I participated, I mentioned that</p> <p>13 he -- he frightening me, he actually tried</p> <p>14 frightening me. And he actually approached the</p> <p>15 High Court, and he sued me for that, for that.</p> <p>16 Probably it was --</p> <p>17 Q Do you have the transcript? Do you have</p> <p>18 the transcript from that trial testimony?</p> <p>19 A No. No.</p> <p>20 Q Have you testified in any other trial?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Have you been deposed in any other case?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">145</p> <p>1 A No, as far as I could recall it.</p> <p>2 Q If you could turn to Document Number 9.</p> <p>3 This is plaintiff's revised initial disclosures.</p> <p>4 Go to Page 11.</p> <p>5 MR. LEVY: And we can mark this Exhibit</p> <p>6 18.</p> <p>7 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 18 marked</p> <p>8 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>9 transcript.)</p> <p>10 A Document Number 9. Page 11. Right?</p> <p>11 Q Yes.</p> <p>12 A Okay.</p> <p>13 Q Here it says, regarding Rule</p> <p>14 26(a)(1)(A)(ii), quote, "Plaintiffs have limited</p> <p>15 documents that will be used to support their</p> <p>16 claims which are generally located and are being</p> <p>17 preserved in London, England, by representatives</p> <p>18 for plaintiffs. These materials relate primarily</p> <p>19 to falsity of the defamatory allegations."</p> <p>20 What documents are referenced here?</p> <p>21 A I don't know.</p> <p>22 Q Do you know what documents you're using</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">147</p> <p>1 A Probably 2018 or '17. I don't remember</p> <p>2 exactly. I think it's -- it's somehow in the same</p> <p>3 time as we submitted -- submitted documents for</p> <p>4 litigation.</p> <p>5 Q Who issued the document-preservation memo</p> <p>6 to you?</p> <p>7 A Mr. Alan Lewis, as far as I could recall</p> <p>8 it.</p> <p>9 Q Did you take any action to preserve the</p> <p>10 documents?</p> <p>11 A I -- I never ever actually trying to, you</p> <p>12 know, delete the documents. So, you know, I</p> <p>13 didn't make any special -- special action. But</p> <p>14 just not deleting any of the documents.</p> <p>15 Q What are your e-mail addresses?</p> <p>16 A You asking about my personal e-mail?</p> <p>17 Q All of the e-mail addresses you use.</p> <p>18 A I'm using three e-mail addresses. One</p> <p>19 from Alfa-Bank. And --</p> <p>20 Q What is that address?</p> <p>21 A Sorry?</p> <p>22 Q What is that e-mail address?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">146</p> <p>1 to show falsity in this case?</p> <p>2 A That's, you know, as far as I understand,</p> <p>3 we are using a number of documents. It's three</p> <p>4 big books of documents. So I don't know</p> <p>5 particularly what kind of documents you are</p> <p>6 talking about.</p> <p>7 Q What documents are you using? Not the</p> <p>8 documents we've given you. When you say "three</p> <p>9 books of documents," you're talking about the</p> <p>10 documents we gave you. Correct?</p> <p>11 A That's -- that's correct.</p> <p>12 Q Right. What documents are you using,</p> <p>13 sir, to show falsity?</p> <p>14 A I, frankly, don't know exactly, because</p> <p>15 that's -- that's a -- as far as I understand,</p> <p>16 professional duty of my lawyers.</p> <p>17 Q Did you receive a request to preserve</p> <p>18 documents from your counsel in this matter?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q When did you receive that?</p> <p>21 A I don't remember exactly.</p> <p>22 Q What years?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">148</p> <p>1 A I -- you know, I could read it for you,</p> <p>2 if you --</p> <p>3 MR. LEWIS: Objection. I don't think we</p> <p>4 need to put it on the record. You have the e-mail</p> <p>5 address. It's the same e-mail address that we've</p> <p>6 provided you with.</p> <p>7 MR. LEVY: I'm just going to confirm this</p> <p>8 to make sure that we have the e-mail addresses.</p> <p>9 Q We have one e-mail address that's</p> <p>10 MFridman@Alfa-Bank.RU.</p> <p>11 Is that correct?</p> <p>12 A Looks like, yes.</p> <p>13 Q We have another e-mail address that's</p> <p>14 FridmanMM@Gmail.com.</p> <p>15 Is that correct?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q We have MFridman@LetterOne.com.</p> <p>18 Is that correct?</p> <p>19 A That's correct.</p> <p>20 Q Are there any other e-mails that --</p> <p>21 e-mail addresses that you use?</p> <p>22 A No.</p>

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149	<p>1 Q There's also -- well, let me ask you. Do</p> <p>2 you regularly use all three of those e-mail</p> <p>3 addresses?</p> <p>4 A Yeah.</p> <p>5 Q You regularly send e-mail and you</p> <p>6 regularly receive e-mail from those accounts?</p> <p>7 A That's correct.</p> <p>8 Q Is one of those e-mail addresses your</p> <p>9 primary e-mail account?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Did you produce your e-mails from those</p> <p>12 accounts to us?</p> <p>13 A Sorry. Did -- did I produce any e-mail</p> <p>14 from your account? Not -- not me, personally.</p> <p>15 Q Why not?</p> <p>16 A No. Because I ask my assistant to -- to</p> <p>17 provide all necessary information which was</p> <p>18 requested by my lawyers.</p> <p>19 Q Who is your assistant?</p> <p>20 A I have one assistant here in London, and</p> <p>21 I have two assistant in Moscow.</p> <p>22 Q What is the assistant whom you asked to</p>	151	<p>1 and the other assistant is Tatyana Bablieska.</p> <p>2 Q And do you employ Anna and Tatyana, or</p> <p>3 does a company --</p> <p>4 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. You. Are</p> <p>5 you asking him --</p> <p>6 MR. LEVY: I'm clarifying it, Alan.</p> <p>7 Q Did --</p> <p>8 A No. They are working for Alfa-Bank.</p> <p>9 Q They are Alfa-Bank employees?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q Is that true of all the other assistants</p> <p>12 you've named today?</p> <p>13 A Say it again. That --</p> <p>14 Q You named another assistant Nicole, I</p> <p>15 believe.</p> <p>16 A Yes. Nicole Zairova. Right. She is the</p> <p>17 assistant here in LetterOne.</p> <p>18 Q She is a LetterOne employee?</p> <p>19 A That's correct.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. You know that we've asked for your</p> <p>21 e-mails in this case. Correct?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p>
150	<p>1 gather the e-mail? What is that person's name?</p> <p>2 A I think this Ms. Nicole Zairova.</p> <p>3 Q And what is her e-mail address?</p> <p>4 A Frankly, I don't remember. But I could</p> <p>5 check.</p> <p>6 Q You have other assistants who e-mail on</p> <p>7 your behalf?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q There is an e-mail address</p> <p>10 MFOffice@Alfa-Bank.RU.</p> <p>11 Is that --</p> <p>12 A That's correct.</p> <p>13 Q Whose e-mail address is that?</p> <p>14 A This is the e-mail, as far as I</p> <p>15 understand, of my assistant in Moscow.</p> <p>16 Q Nicole?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q Who is this assistant?</p> <p>19 A I have two assistant actually in Moscow,</p> <p>20 where just working. They -- they are the -- one</p> <p>21 other day and changing with each other.</p> <p>22 So I have one assistant is Anna Varisova,</p>	152	<p>1 Q And we've asked for your e-mails at</p> <p>2 MFridman@Alfa-Bank.RU.</p> <p>3 Have you produced those e-mails, your</p> <p>4 e-mails from that account?</p> <p>5 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form, Josh. You</p> <p>6 know that this is the subject of a pending legal</p> <p>7 dispute.</p> <p>8 Q What device or devices do you use to read</p> <p>9 and send e-mails from your Alfa LetterOne</p> <p>10 accounts?</p> <p>11 A What kind of advice I got from --</p> <p>12 Q No. What kind of device.</p> <p>13 A Ah, device. Sorry. You know, primarily</p> <p>14 I have a computer and I have a -- my mobile phone</p> <p>15 and all those possible way.</p> <p>16 Q You just picked up that phone. Right?</p> <p>17 That's in your possession, that phone?</p> <p>18 A Right. That's -- that's my phone.</p> <p>19 Q Can you access that phone any time you</p> <p>20 want?</p> <p>21 A Yes. Primarily, yes.</p> <p>22 Q Can you check e-mails on that phone</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">153</p> <p>1 whenever you'd like?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Similarly with your own computer, you can</p> <p>4 check e-mails on your computer whenever you'd</p> <p>5 like?</p> <p>6 A That's correct.</p> <p>7 Q Do you need permission from anyone to</p> <p>8 check an e-mail on your phone or your computer?</p> <p>9 A For the time being, no.</p> <p>10 Q Are you claiming that you can't access</p> <p>11 those e-mails, your phone, your computer, without</p> <p>12 Alfa or LetterOne's permission?</p> <p>13 MR. LEWIS: Objection to the word</p> <p>14 "can't." I mean, are you asking whether he's</p> <p>15 physically capable of checking it or is there --</p> <p>16 is it a broader question than that?</p> <p>17 Q Can you access --</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q -- your e-mail without the company's</p> <p>20 permission?</p> <p>21 A I have -- I have the physical access to</p> <p>22 my e-mail permanently without any permission.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">155</p> <p>1 approached Alfa-Bank legal department, or lawyers,</p> <p>2 and asked them about that.</p> <p>3 Q Was there any other effort made?</p> <p>4 A I don't know.</p> <p>5 Q Did you, personally, make any effort?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q Who told you that you could not obtain</p> <p>8 your documents from Alfa or LetterOne for this</p> <p>9 lawsuit?</p> <p>10 MR. LEWIS: Objection to the extent --</p> <p>11 A My lawyer.</p> <p>12 MR. LEWIS: -- that it calls --</p> <p>13 Mr. Fridman, don't answer that question,</p> <p>14 to the extent that it would call upon you to</p> <p>15 disclose your communications with me or with</p> <p>16 counsel.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>18 Q Did someone tell you that you could not</p> <p>19 obtain your documents from Alfa or LetterOne from</p> <p>20 this lawsuit, yes or no?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q When was that communication made to you?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">154</p> <p>1 Currently.</p> <p>2 Q And at the same time can you ask your</p> <p>3 assistant employed by Alfa or LetterOne to send</p> <p>4 e-mails on your behalf?</p> <p>5 A No, not really. I'm trying to do it</p> <p>6 myself, if I wish.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. Are you claiming that these</p> <p>8 e-mails, your phone, and the documents in your</p> <p>9 computer are under the control of Alfa or</p> <p>10 LetterOne?</p> <p>11 A As far as I understand, legal status of</p> <p>12 my e-mails, that e-mails in Alfa-Bank belongs to</p> <p>13 Alfa-Bank. My e-mails in LetterOne belongs to</p> <p>14 LetterOne. And my personal e-mails belongs to me</p> <p>15 personally.</p> <p>16 Q Did you instruct Alfa or LetterOne not to</p> <p>17 make these documents available to you for this</p> <p>18 litigation?</p> <p>19 A No, not at all.</p> <p>20 Q Did you make any efforts to obtain these</p> <p>21 documents from Alfa or LetterOne for your lawsuit?</p> <p>22 A As far as I understand, my lawyers</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">156</p> <p>1 A I don't remember. It probably a year</p> <p>2 ago. I don't remember exactly.</p> <p>3 Q And I don't want to hear about a</p> <p>4 privileged communication. But if you can tell me</p> <p>5 a nonprivileged communication, was there a reason</p> <p>6 given as to why you could not access or obtain</p> <p>7 your documents from Alfa or LetterOne for this</p> <p>8 lawsuit?</p> <p>9 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. He hasn't</p> <p>10 testified to any nonprivileged communication.</p> <p>11 A As far as I understand, since we</p> <p>12 submitted claim to the court, Alfa-Bank and</p> <p>13 LetterOne invited their legal counsel, and just</p> <p>14 to, let's say, kind of because they are interested</p> <p>15 party in that particular litigation, and therefore</p> <p>16 they actually following advice as well lawyers</p> <p>17 with regards to how we should proceed with --</p> <p>18 regarding any request from my side. And that's --</p> <p>19 as far as I understand, our lawyers approach their</p> <p>20 lawyers with this, with this request.</p> <p>21 Q Is it fair to say that people in the</p> <p>22 United States often assume that Russian oligarchs</p>

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157	<p>1 are working with the Russian government?</p> <p>2 MR. LEWIS: Calls for speculation.</p> <p>3 "People in the United States"? Any people?</p> <p>4 A Yeah. Any people? What you mean? There</p> <p>5 was a lot of publications on that topic. It's</p> <p>6 probably kind of certain theory and, you know,</p> <p>7 kind of on that -- on that regard.</p> <p>8 Q You've seen those understandings</p> <p>9 expressed in the Western media?</p> <p>10 A No. I have seen quite -- quite sizable</p> <p>11 amount of articles with this kind of type of</p> <p>12 cliché that all Russian oligarchs effectively, you</p> <p>13 know, kind of tightly connected with the Russian</p> <p>14 authority.</p> <p>15 Q And do you also see in the Western media</p> <p>16 a perception that Putin's Russia is a kleptocracy?</p> <p>17 A Yeah, I've read that type of allegations</p> <p>18 as well.</p> <p>19 Q Do you see in the Western news media a</p> <p>20 perception that Russian oligarchs have a close</p> <p>21 relationship with the Kremlin?</p> <p>22 A Yes, I've seen it.</p>	159	<p>1 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 19 marked</p> <p>2 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>3 transcript.)</p> <p>4 Q This is your UK witness statement. This</p> <p>5 is the statement you made in Aven V Orbis.</p> <p>6 A Okay.</p> <p>7 Q If you turn to Page -- I'm sorry, to</p> <p>8 Paragraph 36?</p> <p>9 A Okay.</p> <p>10 Q It says -- this is your witness</p> <p>11 statement. And in it you say, "It is already</p> <p>12 difficult for Russian businessmen operating in the</p> <p>13 West to avoid false and malicious allegations of</p> <p>14 corruption and other wrongdoing, and it is</p> <p>15 important for me to ensure that they are</p> <p>16 corrected."</p> <p>17 Is that accurate?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Does that perception make it harder for</p> <p>20 you to do business in the West?</p> <p>21 A I think so.</p> <p>22 Q Have you, Alfa, LetterOne or your</p>
158	<p>1 Q And do you see perception in the Western</p> <p>2 media that Russian oligarchs came into much of</p> <p>3 their money dishonestly?</p> <p>4 A Yes, I have read this type of article</p> <p>5 also.</p> <p>6 Q And does the Western media consider you</p> <p>7 to be a Russian oligarch?</p> <p>8 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>9 A Ask --</p> <p>10 MR. LEWIS: To the Western media, all of</p> <p>11 the Western media?</p> <p>12 Q Are you a Russian oligarch?</p> <p>13 A I mean, certainly definitely kind of</p> <p>14 portraying me as Russian oligarch.</p> <p>15 Q Are you a Russian oligarch?</p> <p>16 A I don't think so, by the way.</p> <p>17 Q Is German Khan a Russian oligarch?</p> <p>18 A No, I don't think.</p> <p>19 Q Is Petr Aven a Russian oligarch?</p> <p>20 A No, I don't think.</p> <p>21 Q Can you turn to Document 11, which we're</p> <p>22 going to call Exhibit 19.</p>	160	<p>1 partners taken steps to influence the perception</p> <p>2 of you in the West?</p> <p>3 A I think so.</p> <p>4 Q And has part of that effort included your</p> <p>5 meeting with journalists and sitting for</p> <p>6 interviews with them?</p> <p>7 A Yeah. And this litigation is also part</p> <p>8 of this efforts.</p> <p>9 Q Would you agree that your name is often</p> <p>10 mentioned in the news in the West?</p> <p>11 A No, I don't think it's too often</p> <p>12 mentioned in the news.</p> <p>13 Q Is it fair to say that over the course of</p> <p>14 your career you've appeared in over a thousand</p> <p>15 news media publications, including --</p> <p>16 A No, I don't think -- I don't think it's</p> <p>17 thousand of media publications, especially in the</p> <p>18 West. Maybe it's dozen.</p> <p>19 Q One dozen?</p> <p>20 A Dozens. Maybe a couple of dozens.</p> <p>21 Q Dozens.</p> <p>22 Roughly how many media interviews did you</p>

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<p>161</p> <p>1 give in 2016?</p> <p>2 A Sorry?</p> <p>3 Q In 2016 --</p> <p>4 A Okay.</p> <p>5 Q -- roughly how many media interviews did</p> <p>6 you give?</p> <p>7 A I don't remember. But just a few.</p> <p>8 Probably couple of interview.</p> <p>9 I am actually not a big -- big fan of</p> <p>10 making interview.</p> <p>11 Q You appeared in several prominent Western</p> <p>12 news stories in 2016. Correct?</p> <p>13 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Form.</p> <p>14 "Prominent"?</p> <p>15 Q What kind of --</p> <p>16 MR. LEWIS: What's "prominent"?</p> <p>17 A What do you mean "prominent"? It's</p> <p>18 like -- like scandal story, like -- like a server</p> <p>19 relation, connect, connection, or what? What kind</p> <p>20 of stories you mean?</p> <p>21 Q You've appeared in Financial Times</p> <p>22 profiles in 2016. Correct?</p>	<p>163</p> <p>1 MR. LEVY: I believe this is Exhibit 19.</p> <p>2 Is that right? Is that what we're up to?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 A/V TECHNICIAN: I have us up to Exhibit</p> <p>5 20.</p> <p>6 MR. LEVY: All right. Make this Exhibit</p> <p>7 20.</p> <p>8 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 20 marked</p> <p>9 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>10 transcript.)</p> <p>11 Q This is Day 2 of testimony, at Pages 13</p> <p>12 and 14.</p> <p>13 A Okay.</p> <p>14 Q Aven V Orbis case in the UK?</p> <p>15 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>16 Q And here, Page 13, it says, quote,</p> <p>17 Question -- this is from the lawyer. "But now you</p> <p>18 would agree with me, would you not, that there has</p> <p>19 been and had been before this memorandum was</p> <p>20 released by BuzzFeed, a very large amount of</p> <p>21 publicity about you in the mainstream media in the</p> <p>22 West over the years. Yes?"</p>
<p>162</p> <p>1 A Yeah. Yeah, as far as I recall, it was</p> <p>2 2016. Probably yes. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q And you've appeared in other Western</p> <p>4 media as the subject of a profile in 2016.</p> <p>5 Correct?</p> <p>6 A I don't remember too many publication.</p> <p>7 But anyway, maybe couple of more publication like</p> <p>8 that.</p> <p>9 Q And there was press about you prior to</p> <p>10 the publication of CIR 112 in the West. Right?</p> <p>11 A Yeah, there was certain publication, as</p> <p>12 you mentioned. Like, you know, profile and maybe</p> <p>13 some other publication.</p> <p>14 Q And that press included allegations about</p> <p>15 how you and Alfa made your money improperly and</p> <p>16 with the help of the Kremlin.</p> <p>17 Isn't that right?</p> <p>18 A I don't recall that.</p> <p>19 Q Can you turn to Document Number -- sorry,</p> <p>20 103.</p> <p>21 A 103.</p> <p>22 Q Yes. Yes.</p>	<p>164</p> <p>1 You answered, "True."</p> <p>2 Then the lawyer asked, "Again" --</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q -- "some of that contains very serious</p> <p>5 allegations against you and Alfa and about how you</p> <p>6 made your money, doesn't it?"</p> <p>7 And you said, Yes, unfortunately -- I'm</p> <p>8 sorry, you said, "Unfortunately, you're right."</p> <p>9 And then the lawyer asks you, "And some</p> <p>10 of it accuses you of making large amounts of</p> <p>11 money, huge amounts of money, improperly, with the</p> <p>12 knowing assistance of successive Russian</p> <p>13 governments. That's one of the charges that has</p> <p>14 been leveled against you?"</p> <p>15 "ANSWER: Probably yes."</p> <p>16 A Okay.</p> <p>17 Q Is that testimony accurate?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q And we've already talked about some of</p> <p>20 the press about you in 2016 today. Correct?</p> <p>21 A As far as I understand, that my answer</p> <p>22 was not necessarily regarding 2016 publication.</p>

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165	<p>1 It was more broadly. Generally about publication.</p> <p>2 Okay?</p> <p>3 Q Well, sir --</p> <p>4 A That's why I ask and I don't recall</p> <p>5 particular 2016 certain publication. But</p> <p>6 generally you're right.</p> <p>7 Q Please turn to Document 22.</p> <p>8 MR. LEVY: We will mark this as Exhibit</p> <p>9 21.</p> <p>10 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 21 marked</p> <p>11 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>12 transcript.)</p> <p>13 A Twenty-two. Okay.</p> <p>14 Q This is the February 18, 2016, Financial</p> <p>15 Times story about the VimpelCom bribery</p> <p>16 settlement. And in that story --</p> <p>17 A Okay.</p> <p>18 Q And in that story it says, quote,</p> <p>19 VimpelCom is Controlled by Russian Oligarch</p> <p>20 Mikhail Fridman, unquote.</p> <p>21 Do you see that?</p> <p>22 A No. But probably --</p>	166
167	<p>1 Stuart Bruseth who was, as I mentioned him as the</p> <p>2 head of our PR department, he probably was</p> <p>3 approached by FT, but ...</p> <p>4 Q Did you prepare for this interview with</p> <p>5 FT?</p> <p>6 A No. No. I mean, I tried to be as much</p> <p>7 sincere as possible.</p> <p>8 Q As you're trying to be today.</p> <p>9 A Exactly.</p> <p>10 Q And did you meet with PR representatives</p> <p>11 before having this interview with the FT?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q And you met with lawyers before you had</p> <p>14 this deposition today?</p> <p>15 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>16 A Oh, yeah. I spoke, definitely spoke with</p> <p>17 my lawyers. Because that's very professional</p> <p>18 matter, litigation. I should be well prepared for</p> <p>19 it. I am not a lawyer. With a journalist, I</p> <p>20 primarily speaking as a just human being.</p> <p>21 Q Did you meet with any consultants of any</p> <p>22 kind before you met with the FT in April of 2016?</p>	168
169	<p>1 MR. GILLESPIE: Turn the page.</p> <p>2 A Page -- turn the page. Oh, control of</p> <p>3 Russian -- yeah. Okay. So?</p> <p>4 Q So I then want you to turn to Document</p> <p>5 Number 23, which we've called Exhibit 16 today.</p> <p>6 A Okay.</p> <p>7 Q And this is the April 1, 2016, Financial</p> <p>8 Times profile on you called Lunch with the FT:</p> <p>9 Mikhail Fridman.</p> <p>10 A Right.</p> <p>11 Q "The combative oligarch talks about</p> <p>12 battles with BP and the moral duty of rich</p> <p>13 Russians."</p> <p>14 A Okay.</p> <p>15 Q Do you recall sitting for that interview?</p> <p>16 A Yes, I remember that interview.</p> <p>17 Q Who arranged for that interview?</p> <p>18 A I don't remember who arranged it. It was</p> <p>19 probably a request from FT.</p> <p>20 Q Did the FT approach you directly about</p> <p>21 it?</p> <p>22 A No. I think -- I don't know. Maybe</p>	170
171	<p>1 A No. No. No.</p> <p>2 Q This wasn't the first time that the FT</p> <p>3 wrote a profile on you. Correct?</p> <p>4 A I could not -- in that particular form,</p> <p>5 that's probably yes. But it was a probably some</p> <p>6 other articles in FT regarding, you know --</p> <p>7 somehow related to me, let's say.</p> <p>8 Q Can you pull up Document 82.</p> <p>9 A Eighty-two?</p> <p>10 MR. LEVY: This is going to be Exhibit</p> <p>11 22.</p> <p>12 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 22 marked</p> <p>13 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>14 transcript.)</p> <p>15 A Eighty-two. Okay.</p> <p>16 Q This is another Lunch with FT profile</p> <p>17 that was done on you in the Financial Times in</p> <p>18 2003. Right?</p> <p>19 A Oh, I don't remember that, frankly</p> <p>20 speaking.</p> <p>21 Q Looking over it now, do you remember it?</p> <p>22 A Yes, it's very small screen. Could you</p>	172

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169	<p>1 just translate it to the screen, because it's very</p> <p>2 small. It's not possible to read it.</p> <p>3 MR. LEVY: Please put this exhibit on the</p> <p>4 screen.</p> <p>5 A/V TECHNICIAN: Yes, sir. Stand by.</p> <p>6 MR. LEVY: If you can enlarge that.</p> <p>7 Thank you.</p> <p>8 A Okay.</p> <p>9 Q It says Lunch with the FT: Mikhail</p> <p>10 Fridman --</p> <p>11 A Okay.</p> <p>12 Q -- by Robert Cottrell, Financial Times.</p> <p>13 Do you recall sitting for that interview?</p> <p>14 A No, I don't remember, frankly.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. Do you recall the 2015 Financial</p> <p>16 Times profile on you where the headline read,</p> <p>17 "Profile, Mikhail Fridman: From rugs to riches"?</p> <p>18 A Seriously, I don't remember that, no.</p> <p>19 Sometimes it's -- you know, it's happened. Yeah,</p> <p>20 you see that took place in 17 years ago. I don't</p> <p>21 remember that.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Well, this one is in 2015.</p>
170	<p>1 MR. LEVY: Can you pull up Document 78,</p> <p>2 please, and make it Exhibit 23.</p> <p>3 A Seventy-eight?</p> <p>4 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 23 marked</p> <p>5 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>6 transcript.)</p> <p>7 A Oh, so very small.</p> <p>8 Q Do you recall this document, this news</p> <p>9 article?</p> <p>10 A Seventy-eight?</p> <p>11 MR. GILLESPIE: Yes. Not page. Number</p> <p>12 78.</p> <p>13 A No. From rugs to riches.</p> <p>14 Okay. Could you just, yes, increase a</p> <p>15 bit.</p> <p>16 Q Do you recall this article?</p> <p>17 A No, frankly. But it's not about</p> <p>18 interview. That was a kind of, just a type of</p> <p>19 profile of myself, as far as I understand.</p> <p>20 Q And if you -- if you want an interview</p> <p>21 with the Financial Times, if you want to speak</p> <p>22 with the Financial Times, you can arrange that</p>
171	<p>1 yourself. Right?</p> <p>2 A Probably, yes. If I -- no, depending of</p> <p>3 topics. But probably if I have something really</p> <p>4 interesting, they probably could reply positive on</p> <p>5 my request to have a meeting with me.</p> <p>6 MR. LEVY: Can you pull up Document 68</p> <p>7 and make that Exhibit 24.</p> <p>8 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 24 marked</p> <p>9 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>10 transcript.)</p> <p>11 MR. LEVY: And put it on the screen,</p> <p>12 please.</p> <p>13 A Document 68. Okay. Yes. The Alpha</p> <p>14 Oligarchs. Right?</p> <p>15 Q Right.</p> <p>16 MR. LEVY: Can you blow that up, please,</p> <p>17 on the screen so it's a little bit more legible.</p> <p>18 Thank you.</p> <p>19 Q So this is another March 5, 2015, profile</p> <p>20 of you in the Financial Times. Correct?</p> <p>21 A Yeah.</p> <p>22 Q Did you reach out to the Financial Times</p>
172	<p>1 and ask for a correction when they called you an</p> <p>2 oligarch?</p> <p>3 A No.</p> <p>4 Q I want you to go back to what is Document</p> <p>5 23 in Exhibit 16. This is the April 1, 2016,</p> <p>6 Lunch with the FT article.</p> <p>7 A Okay. Document 23?</p> <p>8 Q Document 23, yes.</p> <p>9 A Okay.</p> <p>10 Q This is the article with the big portrait</p> <p>11 of you on the front page. Correct?</p> <p>12 A Say it again?</p> <p>13 Q Do you see the portrait of you in this</p> <p>14 article?</p> <p>15 A Yes. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q Yes.</p> <p>17 A Yes. Unfortunately, yes. It's not very</p> <p>18 handsome. Right?</p> <p>19 Q The -- the FT is a newspaper with which</p> <p>20 you've had many communications over the years.</p> <p>21 Isn't that right?</p> <p>22 A No.</p>

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173	<p>1 Q If you look at this article, it says that</p> <p>2 the reporter had covered your, quote, War with BP</p> <p>3 over their jointly-held Russian oil producer</p> <p>4 TNK-BP, end of quote. And said it was, quote,</p> <p>5 "One of the most spectacular corporate battles of</p> <p>6 the past decade."</p> <p>7 Did this reporter interview you during</p> <p>8 the course of your alleged conflict with BP?</p> <p>9 A I just -- could -- what -- what is --</p> <p>10 MR. GILLESPIE: Page 2.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Page 2.</p> <p>12 MR. GILLESPIE: Second paragraph, "As a</p> <p>13 reporter."</p> <p>14 THE WITNESS: "As a reporter" ...</p> <p>15 A Okay. So that's -- that's reporter</p> <p>16 description of the -- our relationship with BP.</p> <p>17 Is that correct?</p> <p>18 Q This reporter is Guy Chazan.</p> <p>19 Do you know him?</p> <p>20 A I don't recall. But probably, yes. If I</p> <p>21 met him and get lunch, got lunch with him,</p> <p>22 probably I know him.</p>	175	<p>1 correct that statement?</p> <p>2 A No, I don't remember.</p> <p>3 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. You're</p> <p>4 asking about the title that was put upon his</p> <p>5 speech, How I Began an Oligarch?</p> <p>6 Q I'm asking if you or a representative</p> <p>7 asked the FT to correct the statement in this</p> <p>8 article that you had delivered a speech called How</p> <p>9 I Became an Oligarch.</p> <p>10 A And where in this article where they</p> <p>11 mention the speeches? Could you just show me?</p> <p>12 MR. GILLESPIE: It's in the next</p> <p>13 paragraph. Second paragraph on Page 2. "I was</p> <p>14 prepared for a touch of menace."</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.</p> <p>16 MR. GILLESPIE: Do you see that?</p> <p>17 A How I Became an Oligarch. No, I didn't</p> <p>18 approach FT with regards to that mentioning of</p> <p>19 that lecture. But I may have made lecture</p> <p>20 entitled How I Became an Oligarch.</p> <p>21 Q And you've not sued anyone simply for</p> <p>22 calling you an oligarch. Correct?</p>
174	<p>1 Q Do you recall him interviewing you during</p> <p>2 the course of your alleged conflict with BP?</p> <p>3 A No, I don't remember. I don't recall it.</p> <p>4 Q What was that period of time?</p> <p>5 A It was -- you know, we have a joint</p> <p>6 venture since 2003 until 2013. So those ten years</p> <p>7 are very close cooperation with BP.</p> <p>8 Q This article that you're looking at now</p> <p>9 also says that you delivered a speech called How I</p> <p>10 Became an Oligarch.</p> <p>11 Is that correct?</p> <p>12 A No. I didn't make that speech, it seems</p> <p>13 to me.</p> <p>14 Q You didn't make that speech?</p> <p>15 A No; I made the speech. I don't know what</p> <p>16 kind of speech he means. But frankly, I not</p> <p>17 making a speech very often.</p> <p>18 But I never -- I could not recall that</p> <p>19 speeches which was entitled like how I made -- how</p> <p>20 I became an oligarch. I don't remember this type</p> <p>21 of speeches.</p> <p>22 Q Did you or a representative ask the FT to</p>	176	<p>1 A No, I didn't sue anybody for that.</p> <p>2 Because that's too broad meaning of that word</p> <p>3 in -- using for the -- for the media.</p> <p>4 Q And you're a Russian billionaire.</p> <p>5 A I'm Russian businessman. I am -- I would</p> <p>6 say I am international businessman with a lot of</p> <p>7 activity in Russia and elsewhere, by the way.</p> <p>8 Q This reporter also asked you about your</p> <p>9 relationship with Putin and the Kremlin. Correct?</p> <p>10 A Probably, yes. I don't remember what --</p> <p>11 what did he ask for.</p> <p>12 Q And this isn't the first reporter to ask</p> <p>13 you about your relationship with Putin and the</p> <p>14 Kremlin, is it?</p> <p>15 A Yeah, that's -- that's quite -- quite</p> <p>16 usual question.</p> <p>17 Q The article quotes you as saying, quote,</p> <p>18 We never wanted to challenge authority, unquote,</p> <p>19 Fridman says. It also --</p> <p>20 A What's the page? Sorry. What is the</p> <p>21 page?</p> <p>22 MR. GILLESPIE: It's on Page 5. It's the</p>

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177	<p>1 third paragraph.</p> <p>2 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>3 MR. GILLESPIE: He also avoided politics.</p> <p>4 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>5 Q It says: He avoids outright criticism of</p> <p>6 Putin. And then it says, quote, The conversation</p> <p>7 turns to Ukraine. But for the first time in our</p> <p>8 two-hour conversation he -- being you, Fridman --</p> <p>9 clams up. As head --</p> <p>10 MR. GILLESPIE: Where is this?</p> <p>11 Q Quote, As head of a big company I don't</p> <p>12 have the right to comment on the situation, end of</p> <p>13 quote, he said.</p> <p>14 A What? What is the page?</p> <p>15 MR. LEVY: You can put it on the screen.</p> <p>16 MR. GILLESPIE: It's Page 7, bottom of</p> <p>17 Page 7.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. Yes.</p> <p>19 A The last paragraph on the Page 7. Okay.</p> <p>20 Okay.</p> <p>21 So what was the question?</p> <p>22 Q Tell me all the times when you've</p>
178	<p>1 criticized Vladimir Putin in public.</p> <p>2 A Sorry? Tell -- tell me what?</p> <p>3 Q Tell me when you have criticized Vladimir</p> <p>4 Putin in public.</p> <p>5 A No, I didn't.</p> <p>6 Q Have you criticized Vladimir Putin in</p> <p>7 public?</p> <p>8 A I don't -- I could not recall that.</p> <p>9 Q Have you criticized Vladimir Putin about</p> <p>10 the Crimea?</p> <p>11 A No, I don't remember it.</p> <p>12 Q Have you criticized Vladimir Putin about</p> <p>13 the murder of Alexei Navalny or Sergei Skripal?</p> <p>14 A Fortunately, he did not murder it, as far</p> <p>15 as I know.</p> <p>16 Q Have you criticized him -- have you</p> <p>17 criticized Vladimir Putin about Russian</p> <p>18 interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential</p> <p>19 election?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 MR. LEWIS: Just objection to form.</p> <p>22 You -- Mr. Levy, you began by saying, you know,</p>
179	<p>1 criticized in public. You were asking him about</p> <p>2 his public statements.</p> <p>3 You've dropped the "in public" from the</p> <p>4 succession of questions that followed. But I</p> <p>5 understand them all to be asking him about whether</p> <p>6 he has said the things that are the subject of</p> <p>7 your questions in public.</p> <p>8 Q Have you criticized Vladimir Putin in</p> <p>9 public about Russian interference in the 2016 U.S.</p> <p>10 presidential election?</p> <p>11 A No, I didn't.</p> <p>12 Q Have you criticized Vladimir Putin in</p> <p>13 private about Russian interference in the 2016</p> <p>14 presidential election?</p> <p>15 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. To</p> <p>16 anybody?</p> <p>17 A My private life is my private life.</p> <p>18 MR. LEWIS: To everybody? Come on.</p> <p>19 Q Have you spoken with Vladimir Putin and</p> <p>20 told him that you're critical of Russian</p> <p>21 interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential</p> <p>22 election?</p>
180	<p>1 A No, I didn't.</p> <p>2 Q Have you and Vladimir Putin discussed the</p> <p>3 U.S. presidential election of 2016?</p> <p>4 A Never.</p> <p>5 Q Have you criticized Vladimir Putin in</p> <p>6 public for the war in Chechnya?</p> <p>7 A I didn't.</p> <p>8 Q Haven't you, in fact, criticized other</p> <p>9 oligarchs like Gusinsky, who have criticized the</p> <p>10 Kremlin or Putin in public?</p> <p>11 A No, I didn't.</p> <p>12 Q You're careful not to criticize the</p> <p>13 Putin -- I'm sorry. You're careful not to</p> <p>14 criticize the Kremlin and Putin, aren't you?</p> <p>15 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Argumentative.</p> <p>16 A I'm trying not to criticize anybody</p> <p>17 publicly.</p> <p>18 Q Haven't you publicly likened any Russian</p> <p>19 businessman's relationship with Putin as one with</p> <p>20 a hippo, meaning you don't want to get between the</p> <p>21 hippo and the water?</p> <p>22 A No. That was on one of -- that's not, by</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">181</p> <p>1 the way, personally about Mr. Putin. That was a</p> <p>2 question, as far as I could recall it. You know,</p> <p>3 more or less the same as you asking, that, have</p> <p>4 you managed to be politically neutral and</p> <p>5 throughout your life and this whole period of time</p> <p>6 in -- in public lecture in Moscow.</p> <p>7 And I answer that -- I answer just that,</p> <p>8 you know, the most dangerous animal in Africa is</p> <p>9 actually a hippo. Because -- and that most people</p> <p>10 killing by him have been killed not because it's a</p> <p>11 kind of prize for them, but because the hippo is</p> <p>12 actually not a predator. But because if people</p> <p>13 appears between hippo and the water, hippo</p> <p>14 immediately attack, attacking one. Because he</p> <p>15 believes that it's dangerous for him if somebody,</p> <p>16 you know, preventing him to reach the water.</p> <p>17 And I said we should not be between hippo</p> <p>18 and the water as a businesspeople. And I not</p> <p>19 mention -- I not mean for personal President</p> <p>20 Putin.</p> <p>21 What I said, I mean that I think that</p> <p>22 businesspeople should not be between a political</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">183</p> <p>1 press, it seems to me. Right?</p> <p>2 Q Does it say, "Profile: Mikhail Fridman -</p> <p>3 the Teflon oligarch new to Londongrad"?</p> <p>4 A Okay. So what?</p> <p>5 Q This is in English?</p> <p>6 A Probably, yes.</p> <p>7 Q And do you recall if bne IntelliNews</p> <p>8 interviewed you?</p> <p>9 A Sorry? Say again?</p> <p>10 Q Do you recall -- do you recall if bne</p> <p>11 IntelliNews interviewed you?</p> <p>12 A No, I don't remember that. I don't have</p> <p>13 any interview with them.</p> <p>14 MR. LEVY: Can we put up Document 25,</p> <p>15 please. Or if you could just turn to it, we don't</p> <p>16 need to have it up on the screen.</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 MR. LEVY: Make this Exhibit 26.</p> <p>19 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 26 marked</p> <p>20 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>21 transcript.)</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">182</p> <p>1 power and some political goals, you know, where</p> <p>2 trying to reach.</p> <p>3 So what I would like to say to the</p> <p>4 people, that I shouldn't be kind of involve in any</p> <p>5 political fight or whatever, which I very strictly</p> <p>6 follow all of my life.</p> <p>7 Q And Putin is a political power. Correct?</p> <p>8 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>9 A Of course. Putin is the president of the</p> <p>10 country, so he's definitely represent political</p> <p>11 power.</p> <p>12 Q Can you turn to Document 24.</p> <p>13 MR. LEVY: We are going to mark this</p> <p>14 Exhibit 25.</p> <p>15 A Twenty-four. Okay.</p> <p>16 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 25 marked</p> <p>17 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>18 transcript.)</p> <p>19 Q This is an April 11, 2016, bne</p> <p>20 IntelliNews profile on you. Correct?</p> <p>21 A I don't know what this is the edition,</p> <p>22 bne IntelliNews. It is actual some kind of gutter</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">184</p> <p>1 Q This is an op-ed that you published in</p> <p>2 Real Clear Politics on April 29, 2016. Correct?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Do you recall drafting that op-ed?</p> <p>5 A Yeah.</p> <p>6 Q And here you analyze the political</p> <p>7 situation in the United States and around the</p> <p>8 world, and offered your views. Correct?</p> <p>9 A True.</p> <p>10 Q In this op-ed you discuss the U.S.</p> <p>11 presidential election. Correct?</p> <p>12 A No, I am not discussing that. Just</p> <p>13 mention as a matter of fact.</p> <p>14 Q In this article you said, quote -- sorry.</p> <p>15 In this op-ed that you drafted you said --</p> <p>16 MR. LEWIS: Can you give us a page,</p> <p>17 please, of the article?</p> <p>18 MR. LEVY: He can put it up if you'd</p> <p>19 like.</p> <p>20 MR. LEWIS: I don't need you to put it</p> <p>21 up. I have it up. I just want to know where in</p> <p>22 the article you're looking.</p>

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185	<p>1 MR. LEVY: I don't have the exact page.</p> <p>2 MR. LEWIS: Oh, okay.</p> <p>3 A Yeah, I mention U.S. election just in</p> <p>4 one -- in one phrase it seems to me.</p> <p>5 Q You said, quote, "The United States of</p> <p>6 America, which was built on the principles of free</p> <p>7 markets and openness, is rallying to presidential</p> <p>8 candidates who are either propagating socialist</p> <p>9 views or arguing for isolationism."</p> <p>10 To which presidential candidates are you</p> <p>11 referring to here?</p> <p>12 A As far as I understand, that's -- that I</p> <p>13 mean Mr. Bernie Sanders, who from my standpoint is</p> <p>14 expressing very socialist approach to the economy.</p> <p>15 And arguing for isolationism, that's</p> <p>16 probably to Mr. Donald Trump, who actually urged</p> <p>17 to build a kind of wall with the Mexico and, you</p> <p>18 know, forbid -- forbid entrance for representative</p> <p>19 of many countries, and so on.</p> <p>20 So that -- that was -- but that was the</p> <p>21 only phrase it seems to me I mention United States</p> <p>22 in America -- United States of America elections.</p>	187	<p>1 A No, I don't criticize him.</p> <p>2 Q Can you turn to Document 33.</p> <p>3 MR. LEVY: Which we'll call Exhibit 27.</p> <p>4 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 27 marked</p> <p>5 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>6 transcript.)</p> <p>7 A Thirty-three. Right?</p> <p>8 MR. GILLESPIE: Three-three.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>10 A Okay.</p> <p>11 Q This is a July 14, 2016, Bloomberg story,</p> <p>12 where it quotes you from an interview of you in a</p> <p>13 profile on you, Aven, and Khan, called "Russian</p> <p>14 oil billionaires' next big investment - American</p> <p>15 health care."</p> <p>16 Do you recall being interviewed for this</p> <p>17 story?</p> <p>18 A Yeah, I -- yeah, I don't remember that</p> <p>19 particular story, but I remember that we met, it</p> <p>20 seems to me, with a journalist from Bloomberg.</p> <p>21 And they asked a lot of questions, different type.</p> <p>22 And very probably was, as outcome of that meeting,</p>
186	<p>1 Q Why did you choose to place this op-ed in</p> <p>2 Real Clear Politics?</p> <p>3 A That was not my decision. That was</p> <p>4 actually -- I wrote this op-ed in Russian, by the</p> <p>5 way. It was published in Forbes magazine in</p> <p>6 Russian, I can recall it. It was suggestion it</p> <p>7 seems to me from our PR people that it should be</p> <p>8 translated and published in English.</p> <p>9 Q Do you know which PR people?</p> <p>10 A If I could recall, it's probably Stuart</p> <p>11 Bruseth was in charge for that.</p> <p>12 Q Anyone else?</p> <p>13 A No, I don't remember.</p> <p>14 Q In this op-ed you alluded to some of the</p> <p>15 constraints of the former Soviet Union. Correct?</p> <p>16 A Yeah, we are --</p> <p>17 MR. LEWIS: You can't identify for us --</p> <p>18 MR. LEVY: I'm asking him a question,</p> <p>19 Alan.</p> <p>20 A What type of pages? So, yeah, I'm --</p> <p>21 Q You don't criticize Vladimir Putin in</p> <p>22 this op-ed, do you?</p>	188	<p>1 there was couple of publication on that topic.</p> <p>2 Q Did you consult with Stuart Bruseth prior</p> <p>3 to that interview?</p> <p>4 A I don't remember exactly, but probably</p> <p>5 yes. That was -- yeah, we just, let's say, ride</p> <p>6 to London. And it was kind of a nice thing to be</p> <p>7 introduced to the, you know, media society, let's</p> <p>8 say.</p> <p>9 Q Did you consult with anyone else prior to</p> <p>10 that interview?</p> <p>11 A I could not recall it, no.</p> <p>12 Q Did you speak with anyone from BGR?</p> <p>13 A No, I don't remember.</p> <p>14 Q Did you speak with Richard Burt?</p> <p>15 A No, I don't -- no.</p> <p>16 Q Did Bloomberg reach out to you, or did</p> <p>17 you and Bruseth reach out to Bloomberg?</p> <p>18 A I don't know, frankly speaking. I don't</p> <p>19 know.</p> <p>20 Q Do you recall discussing the political</p> <p>21 situation in the United States with these</p> <p>22 reporters?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">189</p> <p>1 A No, I don't remember.</p> <p>2 Q In this article it says, quote -- and</p> <p>3 this is a quote from you. Quote, Our Russian</p> <p>4 background is a disadvantage as businessmen at the</p> <p>5 moment, given the political tensions, but this</p> <p>6 sentiment is changing, end of quote, said Fridman.</p> <p>7 How did you know the sentiment is</p> <p>8 changing?</p> <p>9 A I at that time hoped in a better</p> <p>10 direction. Unfortunately, I was wrong. It's</p> <p>11 rather changed in a -- in a worse direction.</p> <p>12 Q Do you see --</p> <p>13 A Because I -- I actually suppose that, you</p> <p>14 know, that's the rule of the business is quite</p> <p>15 universal for everybody. And I think it would be,</p> <p>16 you know, better understanding that the Russian</p> <p>17 businessman is the same type of businessman as</p> <p>18 anybody else.</p> <p>19 Q This story talks about --</p> <p>20 A Sorry?</p> <p>21 Q No. Go ahead. I didn't want to</p> <p>22 interrupt.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">191</p> <p>1 for? You're asking him to tell you what he's</p> <p>2 known for in general?</p> <p>3 MR. LEVY: I'm asking if that's accurate.</p> <p>4 MR. LEWIS: It's a statement about what</p> <p>5 he is known for by unspecified authors.</p> <p>6 MR. LEVY: I understand, Alan. Alan, the</p> <p>7 statement, as you would say, speaks for itself.</p> <p>8 If Mr. Fridman would tell me whether that</p> <p>9 statement is accurate, I'd like an answer.</p> <p>10 A Could you just tell me where is this</p> <p>11 statement? What's the page?</p> <p>12 MR. LEVY: Andrew, do you have the page</p> <p>13 number?</p> <p>14 MR. SHARP: I'm looking for it here.</p> <p>15 It's Page 3. It's Page 2 and 3. I'm</p> <p>16 going to --</p> <p>17 A Page 2 and 3.</p> <p>18 Q Page 2 --</p> <p>19 A Page 2.</p> <p>20 Q -- has Clinton, Trump. And then under</p> <p>21 that heading there's a paragraph. And in the</p> <p>22 paragraph it says, "So he and his partners, who</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">190</p> <p>1 A No. But -- but that's actually probably</p> <p>2 was the meaning of this quote. I don't remember</p> <p>3 that quote. But from what I listen from you, I</p> <p>4 probably meant exactly what I said. That, of</p> <p>5 course, it's certain cliché about Russian</p> <p>6 oligarchs, so-called. And, you know, that, of</p> <p>7 course, not very helpful for doing a business,</p> <p>8 especially in the West.</p> <p>9 But I suggested -- I supposed at that</p> <p>10 time that steadily the situation will change, will</p> <p>11 change in a better direction.</p> <p>12 Q This article says that you and your</p> <p>13 partners are known for your, quote, mastery,</p> <p>14 unquote, of, quote, administrative resources --</p> <p>15 the aggressive use of connections, courts and cops</p> <p>16 to achieve commercial aims, end of quote.</p> <p>17 Is that accurate?</p> <p>18 A Is my quote?</p> <p>19 Q That's what --</p> <p>20 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Objection to</p> <p>21 form.</p> <p>22 It's a statement that what he's known</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">192</p> <p>1 are both decried and admired for their mastery of</p> <p>2 what is known as administrative resources -- the</p> <p>3 aggressive use of connections, courts and cops to</p> <p>4 achieve commercial aims -- have brought on board</p> <p>5 people with ties to both candidates for</p> <p>6 president."</p> <p>7 What I want to know --</p> <p>8 A I could not --</p> <p>9 MR. GILLESPIE: We could not see this</p> <p>10 anywhere.</p> <p>11 A Oh, yeah. Yeah.</p> <p>12 Q What I want to know from you is whether</p> <p>13 it's accurate that you are both admired and</p> <p>14 decried for your mastery of aggressive use of</p> <p>15 connections, courts and cops to achieve commercial</p> <p>16 aims.</p> <p>17 A Yeah, that's -- I don't agree with this</p> <p>18 assessment. That's not my quote. And there is no</p> <p>19 quotes here. It's just -- that's the statement</p> <p>20 from the journalist, as far as I understand.</p> <p>21 As -- am I correct?</p> <p>22 Q It is a statement from a journalist who</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">193</p> <p>1 interviewed you. And I am asking you if it's</p> <p>2 correct. And that's my question.</p> <p>3 A I -- I disagree with this statement at</p> <p>4 all.</p> <p>5 Q This story talks about how you are going</p> <p>6 to use Richard Burt to help you make inroads in</p> <p>7 the United States.</p> <p>8 Is that correct?</p> <p>9 A Where?</p> <p>10 Q The next paragraph.</p> <p>11 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>12 Q "Advisors to LetterOne's board include</p> <p>13 Richard Burt."</p> <p>14 A Yes. We mention Richard Burt as</p> <p>15 advisors.</p> <p>16 Q Right. And you were using Richard Burt</p> <p>17 to help you make inroads in the U.S. as LetterOne</p> <p>18 was trying to make investments in the United</p> <p>19 States.</p> <p>20 Is that correct?</p> <p>21 MR. GILLESPIE: It doesn't say that. It</p> <p>22 doesn't say that.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">195</p> <p>1 would like to do the business in Russia, and so</p> <p>2 on.</p> <p>3 Q When did you start working with Richard</p> <p>4 Burt?</p> <p>5 A It was probably, like, 20 years ago.</p> <p>6 Q What was he doing for you then?</p> <p>7 A He used to be in that time senior</p> <p>8 representative of BGR in -- in relation with our</p> <p>9 contract with BGR.</p> <p>10 Q And what was he doing for you in 2016?</p> <p>11 A You know, our relation has developed</p> <p>12 since we first time been acquainted.</p> <p>13 And he became a member of the board of</p> <p>14 LetterOne. And he definitely was a very</p> <p>15 knowledgeable and respectful person regarding</p> <p>16 international politics. Not only about in the</p> <p>17 U.S., more generally.</p> <p>18 He is former investor in the Germany and</p> <p>19 so on. So he was really quite unique person from</p> <p>20 point of view of knowledge of international</p> <p>21 affairs, business, and so on.</p> <p>22 Q Between 20 years ago and 2016, did</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">194</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q I am asking if that's true as a factual</p> <p>3 matter.</p> <p>4 A No, that's not -- not about this, this</p> <p>5 paragraph, as far as I understand.</p> <p>6 Q Mr. Fridman, if you could just look at</p> <p>7 me. I'm just asking you a question about what</p> <p>8 actually happened.</p> <p>9 Did you retain Richard Burt to help you</p> <p>10 and your company LetterOne make inroads in the</p> <p>11 United States?</p> <p>12 A No. By the way, we hired Richard Burt</p> <p>13 much earlier rather than LetterOne was</p> <p>14 established. We hired BGR -- I'm saying we. We,</p> <p>15 Alfa-Bank hired BGR as advisor probably 20 years</p> <p>16 ago. That was much way before we decided to -- to</p> <p>17 founded LetterOne.</p> <p>18 So that was not an idea not necessarily</p> <p>19 for an investment in the U.S. We sincerely</p> <p>20 believe that it is important for us to -- to kind</p> <p>21 of to, you know, kind of to be known for, you</p> <p>22 know, businessmen in the U.S., and for those who</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">196</p> <p>1 Mr. Burt continue to work with you?</p> <p>2 A Yes. Not with me personally, but with</p> <p>3 Alfa-Bank and later on with LetterOne.</p> <p>4 Q But you've met him?</p> <p>5 A Yeah, of course I met him many times.</p> <p>6 Q Can you turn to Document 32, please?</p> <p>7 MR. LEVY: We're going to make this</p> <p>8 Exhibit 28.</p> <p>9 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 28 marked</p> <p>10 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>11 transcript.)</p> <p>12 A Twenty -- 32?</p> <p>13 Q Thirty-two.</p> <p>14 A Okay. Billionaire Fridman Redefines Face</p> <p>15 Control for Huge Russian Rave.</p> <p>16 Q Thirty-two should be an Alfa-Bank press</p> <p>17 release.</p> <p>18 A No. I have it --</p> <p>19 MR. LEWIS: No.</p> <p>20 A Thirty-two is what exactly I read to you.</p> <p>21 MR. LEVY: Andrew, what document is the</p> <p>22 Alfa-Bank press release on FIFA?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">197</p> <p>1 MR. SHARP: Thirty-five.</p> <p>2 Q Thirty-five. My apologies.</p> <p>3 A Okay. No problem at all.</p> <p>4 Q Do you recall this press release?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q So you didn't approve it?</p> <p>7 A No, at all.</p> <p>8 Q Do you recall agreeing to have Alfa-Bank</p> <p>9 sponsor the World Cup in 2018?</p> <p>10 A Sorry? I -- I -- I was not participant</p> <p>11 of this discussion.</p> <p>12 By the way, if I could recall it, I was,</p> <p>13 frankly speaking, not very supportive of that</p> <p>14 idea.</p> <p>15 Q In 2016 did LetterOne invest \$200 million</p> <p>16 in Uber?</p> <p>17 A Probably yes, something like that.</p> <p>18 Q In 2016 did LetterOne invest \$50 million</p> <p>19 in FreedomPop, another U.S. company?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q In 2016 did LetterOne seek to invest \$3</p> <p>22 billion in healthcare beginning in the United</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">199</p> <p>1 MR. LEVY: We're going to mark this as</p> <p>2 Exhibit 29.</p> <p>3 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 29 marked</p> <p>4 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>5 transcript.)</p> <p>6 A Okay.</p> <p>7 Q This is the August 30, 2016, Financial</p> <p>8 Times article, Mikhail Fridman Pumps \$50 million</p> <p>9 into FreedomPop.</p> <p>10 A Okay.</p> <p>11 Q Do you recall being interviewed for that</p> <p>12 story?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q Do you recall if the Financial Times</p> <p>15 approached you or if you approached it?</p> <p>16 A No. I don't remember this.</p> <p>17 Q You --</p> <p>18 A I'm sure that was not an interview. I</p> <p>19 think that was just a kind of article regarding</p> <p>20 that investment.</p> <p>21 Q And you see that when the Financial Times</p> <p>22 writes up these investments made by LetterOne, it</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">198</p> <p>1 States?</p> <p>2 A No, we are not invested in the</p> <p>3 healthcare. We just invested in our partner</p> <p>4 company -- I mean our partner, private equity</p> <p>5 company called Pamplona.</p> <p>6 Q Which was in the healthcare industry, or</p> <p>7 is the healthcare industry?</p> <p>8 A No. That -- they were private equity.</p> <p>9 We were investing in a lot of different project,</p> <p>10 including healthcare.</p> <p>11 Q In the United States.</p> <p>12 A Including United States. And not only in</p> <p>13 the United States.</p> <p>14 It's a private equity company. So we</p> <p>15 gave -- we invested money there. And they</p> <p>16 invested, you know, a number of --</p> <p>17 Q Do you recall discussing -- do you recall</p> <p>18 discussing these investments in Uber, FreedomPop,</p> <p>19 and healthcare with the Financial Times in 2016?</p> <p>20 A No, I don't remember. But probably you</p> <p>21 asking about that, and I just mentioned it.</p> <p>22 Q Can you look at Document 38.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">200</p> <p>1 makes you the face of them. Correct?</p> <p>2 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. Financial</p> <p>3 Times? I mean, like every Financial Times</p> <p>4 article?</p> <p>5 MR. LEVY: This article.</p> <p>6 Q This article --</p> <p>7 A Yeah.</p> <p>8 Q -- made you the face of the LetterOne</p> <p>9 investments described in --</p> <p>10 A You mean my photo? You mean my photo on</p> <p>11 the first page?</p> <p>12 Q Yeah.</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q FT readers know who you are. Right?</p> <p>15 MR. LEWIS: Objection. "Readers?"</p> <p>16 Q People read the Financial Times.</p> <p>17 Correct?</p> <p>18 A Some of them probably know who I am.</p> <p>19 Q They know you from the past Financial</p> <p>20 Times profiles that we've discussed today.</p> <p>21 Correct?</p> <p>22 A I don't know where I did get -- where</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">201</p> <p>1 they could get this information. From few</p> <p>2 articles which was published in Financial Times,</p> <p>3 some of their readers probably could know me.</p> <p>4 Q The Lunch with the FT profiles, they've</p> <p>5 read those. Right?</p> <p>6 A I don't know what -- what kind of</p> <p>7 articles they read.</p> <p>8 Q The Financial Times and its readers know</p> <p>9 you to be the founder of Alfa and LetterOne.</p> <p>10 Correct?</p> <p>11 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Is your question</p> <p>12 about what -- what was written in the Financial</p> <p>13 Times?</p> <p>14 I mean, that's a different question than</p> <p>15 what people who read the articles know.</p> <p>16 A Some of them who probably interesting --</p> <p>17 interested with the Russian business should --</p> <p>18 should -- could remember me. But probably not all</p> <p>19 of them. I'm sure that -- I'm reading the</p> <p>20 articles in Financial Times and immediately forget</p> <p>21 all -- all name mentioned that articles.</p> <p>22 Q In 2016, what did Stuart Bruseth do for</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">203</p> <p>1 by "the companies" I mean Alfa and LetterOne.</p> <p>2 A I -- I don't know. LetterOne had a</p> <p>3 certain contract with Teneo, primarily for</p> <p>4 consultants. I know -- VimpelCom, by the way --</p> <p>5 I'm sorry, Veon had a long-term relationship with</p> <p>6 Teneo. So probably we are using Letter -- or,</p> <p>7 sorry, Teneo for certain consultants.</p> <p>8 Q Is there a lead person at Teneo working</p> <p>9 for you in --</p> <p>10 A Sorry?</p> <p>11 Q Is there a lead person --</p> <p>12 A No. You're asking -- working for you,</p> <p>13 asking about me, personally? Nobody working for</p> <p>14 me, personally.</p> <p>15 Q For Alfa or LetterOne?</p> <p>16 A No. As far as I could recall it, no.</p> <p>17 Q Were you working with Akin Gump in 2016?</p> <p>18 A Again, when you asking "you," you mean me</p> <p>19 Mikhail Fridman or Alfa-Bank or LetterOne or</p> <p>20 any --</p> <p>21 Q Let's start with you, sir.</p> <p>22 Were you working with --</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">202</p> <p>1 you?</p> <p>2 A He used to work, and he still working in</p> <p>3 LetterOne as a head of PR, media relationship.</p> <p>4 Q In 2016 how much did you or LetterOne pay</p> <p>5 Mr. Bruseth?</p> <p>6 MR. LEWIS: Objection. What --</p> <p>7 A I didn't pay -- I didn't pay him</p> <p>8 personally. LetterOne, you should ask for</p> <p>9 LetterOne.</p> <p>10 Q Do you know how much LetterOne</p> <p>11 compensated him in 2016?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q How much did LetterOne or you or Alfa</p> <p>14 compensate Richard Burt in 2016?</p> <p>15 A I don't know at all. Me, personally, I</p> <p>16 didn't pay to Mr. Burt.</p> <p>17 Q Did you, Alfa, or LetterOne retain the</p> <p>18 services of Teneo in 2016?</p> <p>19 A I don't remember. Not -- not me,</p> <p>20 personally, for sure. But LetterOne or Alfa, I</p> <p>21 don't know.</p> <p>22 Q Are the companies now using Teneo? And</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">204</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q Were you working with --</p> <p>3 A I don't remember. I don't -- I don't</p> <p>4 remember that. I don't remember in -- that Akin</p> <p>5 Gump work for me, personally in any litigation. I</p> <p>6 could not recall it.</p> <p>7 I know that Akin Gump surely used to work</p> <p>8 for -- for Veon and for VimpelCom many times in</p> <p>9 many kind of legal cases.</p> <p>10 Q Does --</p> <p>11 A I don't know whether it was in two</p> <p>12 thousand -- maybe it was 2016, maybe before, maybe</p> <p>13 later, maybe some other companies.</p> <p>14 We have plenty of different companies,</p> <p>15 big companies. We have permanent ongoing number</p> <p>16 of different litigation on a business purpose and</p> <p>17 so on. So I don't know whether we using Akin</p> <p>18 Gump. We probably could use Akin Gump.</p> <p>19 Q Who is the lead attorney at Akin Gump</p> <p>20 working with you today?</p> <p>21 A I don't know. I don't have any idea.</p> <p>22 Q Do you know how much you paid or your</p>

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205	<p>1 companies paid out Akin Gump in 2016?</p> <p>2 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>3 A I have no idea at all.</p> <p>4 Q Did you, Alfa, or LetterOne use Edelman</p> <p>5 in 2016?</p> <p>6 A What?</p> <p>7 Q Did you --</p> <p>8 A Edelman?</p> <p>9 Q Edelman, E-D-E-L-M-A-N?</p> <p>10 A Edelman. Edelman. That's a kind of PR</p> <p>11 agency, right, it seems to me.</p> <p>12 Q Correct.</p> <p>13 A Me, personally, definitely not. I don't</p> <p>14 remember. Maybe some of our company somehow used</p> <p>15 worked with Edelman. It seems to me Genesis, our</p> <p>16 philanthropy, you know, kind of initiatives, used</p> <p>17 to work with Edelman certain period of time.</p> <p>18 You know, again, Edelman, it's big</p> <p>19 company in that -- in that, let's say, area, in</p> <p>20 public relations. And we have a plenty of company</p> <p>21 which permanently working with a certain</p> <p>22 consultant in PR. So I don't know exactly.</p>	207	<p>1 with them in 2016?</p> <p>2 A Me, personally, no.</p> <p>3 And regarding that other entity which we</p> <p>4 talking about, I would like just to repeat the</p> <p>5 same answer. I -- probably -- maybe yes, maybe</p> <p>6 no.</p> <p>7 I -- Hill+Knowlton is a big company. So</p> <p>8 it's a kind of decent chance that we're working</p> <p>9 with some of that company, maybe not. We</p> <p>10 definitely used to work with Hill+Knowlton I</p> <p>11 remember probably ten years ago or 15 years ago.</p> <p>12 Q And what about Dmitry Vozianov, who had</p> <p>13 been the vice-president of Altimo; did you ever</p> <p>14 work with him?</p> <p>15 A Me, personally? No.</p> <p>16 Q Did he ever do press relations for Alfa?</p> <p>17 A I could not recall it.</p> <p>18 I know this guy. He used to work in</p> <p>19 certain period of time in -- in Altimo. Shortly,</p> <p>20 let's say. And haven't -- I haven't seen him</p> <p>21 probably like, I don't know, six, seven years.</p> <p>22 Q And you worked with RIM for your Russian</p>
206	<p>1 Q Did you work with Stan Polovets in 2016?</p> <p>2 And I'm asking about you.</p> <p>3 A Oh, yeah.</p> <p>4 Q Yeah.</p> <p>5 A No. Me, personally?</p> <p>6 Q You, Alfa, or LetterOne.</p> <p>7 A No. In two thousand -- you know, Stan</p> <p>8 Polovets is head of Genesis Prize Foundations,</p> <p>9 so-called. So he is our partner and co-founder.</p> <p>10 And then he is a CEO of this Genesis Prize</p> <p>11 Foundation.</p> <p>12 So I am -- I am probably the largest</p> <p>13 sponsor of this Genesis Prize Foundation. If</p> <p>14 it's -- if it's possible to describe our</p> <p>15 relationship as a -- he is working for -- not for</p> <p>16 me, personally. He is working for Genesis Prize</p> <p>17 Foundation. And of course I know Mr. Polovets</p> <p>18 pretty well.</p> <p>19 Q How much did the foundation pay him in</p> <p>20 2016?</p> <p>21 A I do not remember.</p> <p>22 Q What about Hill+Knowlton; did you work</p>	208	<p>1 media relations.</p> <p>2 Is that correct?</p> <p>3 A Me, personally?</p> <p>4 Q You, Alfa, either one.</p> <p>5 A RIM? I haven't -- I haven't heard this</p> <p>6 name of the company. RIM?</p> <p>7 Q You don't know them?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Okay.</p> <p>10 MR. LEVY: It's 1:03. And Alan had said</p> <p>11 we should take a break at 1:00 for --</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>13 MR. LEVY: So we'll do that right now and</p> <p>14 go off the record.</p> <p>15 (A recess was taken.)</p> <p>16 BY MR. LEVY:</p> <p>17 Q Mr. Fridman, you mentioned Dmitri</p> <p>18 Fridman.</p> <p>19 Is he a relative of yours?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q Does he have business connections to</p> <p>22 Alfa?</p>

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209	<p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q Does he have business connections to</p> <p>3 Mr. Aven?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Does he have business connections to</p> <p>6 Mr. Khan?</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 Q You also mentioned Dmitri Azarov.</p> <p>9 Is that correct?</p> <p>10 A Yeah.</p> <p>11 Q Is that A-S --</p> <p>12 A Azarov.</p> <p>13 Q Can you spell that?</p> <p>14 A A-Z-A-R-O-V.</p> <p>15 Q And does Mr. Azarov have business</p> <p>16 connections to Alfa?</p> <p>17 A No. You already asked that, but I said</p> <p>18 to you no.</p> <p>19 Q Okay.</p> <p>20 MR. LEVY: Can you turn to Document 53.</p> <p>21 We'll call this Exhibit 30.</p> <p>22 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 30 and</p>	211	<p>1 request from media with regards to this so-called</p> <p>2 server story, if you aware about that. Right?</p> <p>3 Q And why did you reach out to Mr. Barr</p> <p>4 specifically at The Washington Post, as opposed to</p> <p>5 somebody else at The Washington Post?</p> <p>6 A I don't know Mr. Barr personally, but he</p> <p>7 is, as far as I understand, person who is in</p> <p>8 charge for, you know, kind of publishing, you</p> <p>9 know, articles, you know, the main person who is</p> <p>10 in charge.</p> <p>11 And I understand at that time that</p> <p>12 certain articles was prepared in Washington Post</p> <p>13 regarding this so-called server story. And</p> <p>14 therefore, it was my, you know, kind of approach</p> <p>15 to him to avoid any ambiguity or wrong information</p> <p>16 that story.</p> <p>17 Q Who gave you or how did you come by</p> <p>18 Mr. Barr's e-mail address?</p> <p>19 A I don't remember, you know. It's</p> <p>20 probably not a state secret to find his e-mail</p> <p>21 address. But -- but I don't remember who -- who</p> <p>22 personally gave me this address.</p>
210	<p>1 Exhibit 31 marked for identification and are</p> <p>2 attached to the transcript.)</p> <p>3 Q This is a document that your lawyers</p> <p>4 produced to us. It looks to be at the bottom an</p> <p>5 e-mail from your Gmail account on October 1, 2016.</p> <p>6 Is that correct?</p> <p>7 A That's correct.</p> <p>8 Q And then at the top is an e-mail from</p> <p>9 Cameron Barr to you. Correct?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q Same date?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q And do you recall sending the e-mail at</p> <p>14 the bottom of the page?</p> <p>15 A Yeah, I remember the kind of the</p> <p>16 circumstances regarding that. I don't remember</p> <p>17 particular that mail, but I remember, you know,</p> <p>18 the story behind it.</p> <p>19 Q Why did you decide to reach out to</p> <p>20 Cameron Barr, who is listed as the managing editor</p> <p>21 of the Washington Post?</p> <p>22 A Because in that time it was a lot of</p>	212	<p>1 Q Was anyone at Alfa working with you on</p> <p>2 reaching out to Mr. Barr?</p> <p>3 A No. In Alfa, I don't remember. I</p> <p>4 couldn't recall. Maybe Stuart Bruseth, you know,</p> <p>5 who was our kind of head of our media relationship</p> <p>6 and PR relation, public relation, he probably</p> <p>7 could --</p> <p>8 Q He was at LetterOne. Correct?</p> <p>9 A Right.</p> <p>10 Q So if he's at LetterOne, why is he</p> <p>11 helping you respond to reporting about Alfa-Bank?</p> <p>12 A No. Because, actually, that's not</p> <p>13 regarding only to Alfa. That's, as far as I</p> <p>14 understand, touching the legal interest and, you</p> <p>15 know, reputational issue for all company related</p> <p>16 to me, personally.</p> <p>17 And, you know, and then the server story</p> <p>18 was definitely kind of very dangerous story, and</p> <p>19 potentially very damaging for any business.</p> <p>20 Because that was kind of allegation that we have</p> <p>21 some, let's say, illegal hidden channel of</p> <p>22 communication with Mr. Trump.</p>

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213	<p>1 So therefore, you know, he is -- he -- as</p> <p>2 far as I remember, he was asked by journalist,</p> <p>3 actually, at that time from many edition to --</p> <p>4 just to make a comment.</p> <p>5 And that's why it's primarily through his</p> <p>6 desk, let's say, because -- because, you know,</p> <p>7 there was a lot of pressure to provide information</p> <p>8 about that from our side.</p> <p>9 Q When you reached out to The Washington</p> <p>10 Post, did you consult with Mr. Aven or Mr. Khan?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Did you consult with BGR?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q Did you consult with Richard Burt?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q Mr. Barr wasn't one of the reporters</p> <p>17 working on the story, was he?</p> <p>18 A I could not recall precisely, but</p> <p>19 probably yes. Or was he chief editor or the</p> <p>20 journalist?</p> <p>21 Q He's listed here as managing editor. And</p> <p>22 I wanted to know if he was one of the reporters</p>	215	<p>1 with The New York Times, more or less at the same</p> <p>2 time.</p> <p>3 Yeah, that was 1st of October. Exactly.</p> <p>4 I have -- I have a conversation, as far as I could</p> <p>5 recall it, in the end of conversation with -- with</p> <p>6 some journalist -- it seems to me from New York</p> <p>7 Times on the same topic.</p> <p>8 Q Did you e-mail The New York Times?</p> <p>9 A Sorry? I don't remember. I don't</p> <p>10 remember.</p> <p>11 Q Do you recall receiving an e-mail from</p> <p>12 The New York Times?</p> <p>13 A No, I don't remember. It seems to me</p> <p>14 not. It seems to me not. It seems to me that was</p> <p>15 just a telephone conversation, and we tried to</p> <p>16 convince them that their story is a fake story.</p> <p>17 Because --</p> <p>18 Q Who at the New York Times did you speak</p> <p>19 to?</p> <p>20 A I don't remember. I -- probably the</p> <p>21 journalist who was -- who written that article in</p> <p>22 that time.</p>
214	<p>1 who was reaching out to Mr. Bruseth or anyone else</p> <p>2 at Alfa for comment.</p> <p>3 A No. I don't -- I don't know. I don't</p> <p>4 remember who namely approached Mr. Bruseth from</p> <p>5 Washington Post. But as far as I understand,</p> <p>6 Mr. Barr was the -- you know, pretty senior guy</p> <p>7 who was kind of authorized to -- to resolve that</p> <p>8 issue, if necessary.</p> <p>9 Q Why did you send this e-mail from your</p> <p>10 Gmail account?</p> <p>11 A Frankly, I don't know.</p> <p>12 Q At the end of the e-mail to Mr. Barr you</p> <p>13 stated, quote, If there was an opportunity to be</p> <p>14 able to talk to you off the record, I would very</p> <p>15 much like the opportunity to speak with you, end</p> <p>16 of quote.</p> <p>17 Did you wind up speaking off the record</p> <p>18 with Barr or anyone else at The Washington Post?</p> <p>19 A I was in a kind of conference, telephone</p> <p>20 conversation with couple of journalist. Not just,</p> <p>21 by the way, from Washington Post. It seems to me</p> <p>22 I also had a telephone conversation on that regard</p>	216	<p>1 And again, as I said, that was a kind</p> <p>2 of -- hard kind of the calls. You know, because a</p> <p>3 lot of edition tried to call to Mr. Bruseth, you</p> <p>4 know, and some to other, other people, just to --</p> <p>5 to ask a question regarding our relationship with</p> <p>6 Alfa-Bank relationship, my personal relationship,</p> <p>7 Petr Aven's relationship with Donald Trump and so</p> <p>8 on.</p> <p>9 So that was really kind of big, big one</p> <p>10 at that time.</p> <p>11 Q At the time of this e-mail, had you hired</p> <p>12 Mandiant to investigate any connection between the</p> <p>13 Alfa server and the Trump server, or Mandiant?</p> <p>14 MR. LEWIS: Objection. You asked whether</p> <p>15 he hired Mandiant. Are you asking whether Alfa</p> <p>16 or --</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Yeah, yeah.</p> <p>18 Q Whether Alfa, LetterOne, you in your</p> <p>19 business capacity, hired Mandiant.</p> <p>20 A No. I didn't -- I didn't hire Mandiant</p> <p>21 in my personal capacity at all. Either Alfa --</p> <p>22 probably Alfa should hire. Because Alfa was the</p>

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<p>217</p> <p>1 entity mentioned in that, let's say, illegal 2 connection or strange connection, let's say, 3 between the servers, hired Mandiant. 4 I don't remember exactly what was the 5 date of hiring them. Probably it was a bit 6 earlier than the 1st of October. That was 7 probably was in September, according to my 8 recollection of memory. 9 Q At the time of this e-mail, Mandiant 10 hadn't confirmed the absence of a connection 11 between the Alfa server and a Trump server. 12 Correct? 13 A So -- oh, yeah, Mandiant already 14 mentioned there. So this probably was before we 15 hired them. I mean, Alfa-Bank hired them. 16 Q Mandiant had not concluded the 17 investigation at this time. Correct? 18 A Mr. Levy, I don't remember exactly the 19 date of -- probably not. Or probably -- so they 20 made certain conclusion, but not the final one. 21 Q At this time your testimony seems a 22 little unclear. Let me ask you again.</p>	<p>219</p> <p>1 MR. LEVY: And we'll going to call this 2 Exhibit 32. 3 A Fifty-four. 4 MR. LEVY: For the record, if it wasn't 5 clear, 53 was Exhibit 31. 6 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 32 marked 7 for identification and is attached to the 8 transcript.) 9 Q And this is Bates-numbered PDDC 8307. 10 This is a document that your lawyers produced to 11 us. 12 This is a continuation of the e-mail 13 thread we had just looked at. Correct? 14 A Yeah. 15 Q And do you see this e-mail from Stuart 16 Bruseth, to you, on October 1, 2016, at the top of 17 the page? 18 A Yeah. 19 Q Do you recall receiving that e-mail from 20 Mr. Bruseth? 21 A No. 22 Q Do you --</p>
<p>218</p> <p>1 At the time of this e-mail, had Mandiant 2 found that there was no connection between the 3 Alfa server and a Trump server? 4 A It seems to me yes. Yes. That was 5 mention in this e-mail. Right? 6 Q Well, it says -- it says that you have 7 appointed Mandiant. 8 A Right. 9 Q And it says, If you have any more data or 10 information that could help in this endeavor, 11 please share it as a matter of urgency with 12 Mandiant. 13 You're looking for more information here 14 to help Mandiant with its investigation. Correct? 15 A Yeah. Probably yeah. Yes. 16 Q Which seems to indicate that Mandiant had 17 not yet concluded its investigation at this time. 18 Correct? 19 A Reading this e-mail, looks like you're 20 right. So that was just the -- you know, where 21 kind of investigation lasted in that times. 22 Q Okay. Can you turn to Document 54.</p>	<p>220</p> <p>1 A No. 2 Q Do you see that he says, "Dear Mikhail. 3 Please tell him that you are very happy for him to 4 use your comments in his story. And that you are 5 available and would be delighted to talk to him, 6 or Martin Baron, off the record any time." 7 Do you know who Martin Baron is? 8 A No. 9 Q Do you typically get advice from Stuart 10 Bruseth about how to respond to media e-mails? 11 A Yeah. You know, because he is actually 12 professional media guy. So that's his job. 13 Q That's part of what -- 14 A Pardon me. 15 Q That's part of what you pay him to do. 16 A Yeah. 17 Q Do you generally follow his advice? 18 A In -- yes, you know. Kind of mostly, 19 yes. 20 Q And he is one of a number of people who 21 can help you with media relations. Correct? 22 A He probably -- in LetterOne he is</p>

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221	<p>1 probably only one.</p> <p>2 Q But you have considerable resources --</p> <p>3 you have considerable resources to help yourself</p> <p>4 with media relations. Correct?</p> <p>5 A What do you mean, "considerable</p> <p>6 resources"? You mean --</p> <p>7 Q You have a lot of money to help you hire</p> <p>8 people to help you respond to the media.</p> <p>9 A Yeah. Probably if you understanding</p> <p>10 meaning work resources just mine, you are right.</p> <p>11 But I never, ever in my life kind of</p> <p>12 hired personally any kind of -- any professional</p> <p>13 for helping me in media resources, in media</p> <p>14 relationship.</p> <p>15 Q Can you turn to Document 102.</p> <p>16 A Okay.</p> <p>17 Q I don't believe this is in the record</p> <p>18 yet. This is more of your testimony from the UK</p> <p>19 Aven V Orbis, designated as Exhibit 33.</p> <p>20 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 33 marked</p> <p>21 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>22 transcript.)</p>	223	<p>1 communications experts to deal with the media to</p> <p>2 respond and rebut, if appropriate, your own</p> <p>3 comments with the benefit of professional advice."</p> <p>4 And you answered, "Right."</p> <p>5 "QUESTION: Yes?"</p> <p>6 "ANSWER: Correct.</p> <p>7 "QUESTION: Something you take a lot of</p> <p>8 care about?</p> <p>9 "ANSWER: Yeah."</p> <p>10 Is that testimony of yours accurate?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q Did you wind up speaking with Martin</p> <p>13 Baron off the record?</p> <p>14 A Did you what?</p> <p>15 Q Did you wind up speaking with Martin</p> <p>16 Baron off the record?</p> <p>17 A "Wind up," what does mean, "wind up"?</p> <p>18 MR. LEWIS: Did you eventually.</p> <p>19 A Oh, yeah, I don't remember with whom I</p> <p>20 spoke. I don't remember exactly.</p> <p>21 Q Do you know Martin Baron as the executive</p> <p>22 editor of the Washington Post?</p>
222	<p>1 Q And if you could turn to Day 2 at Page</p> <p>2 14.</p> <p>3 A Fourteen. Okay.</p> <p>4 MR. LEWIS: There are two 14s. Day 1 and</p> <p>5 Day 2 are part of the same document.</p> <p>6 MR. LEVY: Day 2, Page 14.</p> <p>7 A Sorry, the Page 14 or Page 214?</p> <p>8 Q Page 14, one four. On Day 2.</p> <p>9 A One --</p> <p>10 MR. GILLESPIE: It's towards the -- it's</p> <p>11 the penultimate page, Mikhail. Go to the -- yeah,</p> <p>12 I think you've got it.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: It's here. Right?</p> <p>14 MR. GILLESPIE: Yeah.</p> <p>15 Q It says, question from the lawyer to you,</p> <p>16 "And you had considerable resources to enable you</p> <p>17 to do that, including professional expertise of</p> <p>18 the sort that's being offered here. Yes?"</p> <p>19 And you answered, "Yeah."</p> <p>20 And then you were asked, "I don't want to</p> <p>21 go through it all, which shows that this is a</p> <p>22 familiar path for you to tread using</p>	224	<p>1 A Yeah, I don't know him personally. So I</p> <p>2 spoke with certain people probably Washington Post</p> <p>3 in that time. I don't remember exactly who was</p> <p>4 the -- the person I spoke -- I spoke with.</p> <p>5 Q So you might have spoken with him; you</p> <p>6 just don't recall.</p> <p>7 A Yes. I probably spoken my life only</p> <p>8 once.</p> <p>9 Q Can you turn to Document 55.</p> <p>10 MR. LEVY: Which we'll call Exhibit 34.</p> <p>11 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 34 marked</p> <p>12 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>13 transcript.)</p> <p>14 A Fifty-five?</p> <p>15 Q Five five.</p> <p>16 A Okay.</p> <p>17 Q This is another e-mail that your lawyers</p> <p>18 produced to us. It's Bates-numbered PDDC 8313.</p> <p>19 A Yeah.</p> <p>20 Q Do you recall --</p> <p>21 A Yeah.</p> <p>22 Q -- receiving this e-mail from Mr. Barr in</p>

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225	<p>1 which he --</p> <p>2 A No, I don't remember. Yeah, but that's</p> <p>3 exactly, you know, you know, kind of it's</p> <p>4 continuation of the -- of the -- of the previous</p> <p>5 exchange of e-mails. Right?</p> <p>6 Q Right. And Mr. Barr in this e-mail said,</p> <p>7 quote, Martin Baron would appreciate it if you</p> <p>8 would call him. And then -- unquote. And then</p> <p>9 Mr. Barr provided you with Mr. Baron's phone</p> <p>10 number.</p> <p>11 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>12 Q Had you already known who Mr. Baron was</p> <p>13 before Stuart Bruseth sent this e-mail to you?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q Did you meet in person with anyone at The</p> <p>16 Washington Post regarding the Alfa server matter?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q Do you recall receiving this e-mail?</p> <p>19 A Frankly, I don't remember that. But, you</p> <p>20 know, I remember that I had a conversation with a</p> <p>21 journalist in that time.</p> <p>22 Q Can you turn to Document 40.</p>	227	<p>1 Q 2003, the year this Financial Times story</p> <p>2 ran, was the same year that Alfa and BP</p> <p>3 consummated the TNK-BP deal. Correct?</p> <p>4 A Yeah.</p> <p>5 Q Vladimir Putin had to approve that deal.</p> <p>6 Correct?</p> <p>7 A No; he was witnesses of signing of -- of</p> <p>8 this deal. Because he was in the state visit here</p> <p>9 in London. And he and Prime Minister Blair, both</p> <p>10 of them participated in the signing ceremony.</p> <p>11 Q Had you supported Putin's candidacy for</p> <p>12 presidency?</p> <p>13 A Me, personally? I didn't participate in</p> <p>14 the election. I didn't vote; so, therefore, I am</p> <p>15 not actually somehow supporting that.</p> <p>16 Q Before 2003 had Alfa supported Putin's</p> <p>17 presidency?</p> <p>18 A I mean, look, I -- what -- are you asking</p> <p>19 Alfa? What -- what do you mean? How could a</p> <p>20 business entity support, you know, kind of certain</p> <p>21 president? Publicly not.</p> <p>22 Q Did Alfa fund his campaign prior to 2003?</p>
226	<p>1 MR. LEVY: We're going to call this</p> <p>2 Exhibit 35.</p> <p>3 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 35 marked</p> <p>4 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>5 transcript.)</p> <p>6 A Forty. Okay.</p> <p>7 Q And turn to Page 5.</p> <p>8 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 Q This is the October 31, 2016, Slate</p> <p>10 article about the Alfa server.</p> <p>11 And in this article it included a quote</p> <p>12 from you that had run in a 2003 Financial Times</p> <p>13 story in which you said, quote, "Of course we</p> <p>14 benefitted from events in the country over the</p> <p>15 past ten years. Of course we understand that the</p> <p>16 distribution of state property was not very</p> <p>17 objective. I don't want to lie and play this</p> <p>18 game. To say one can be completely clean and</p> <p>19 transparent is not realistic."</p> <p>20 Do you recall telling the Financial Times</p> <p>21 that?</p> <p>22 A No, frankly speaking.</p>	228	<p>1 A Never.</p> <p>2 Q Did they help fund his campaign prior to</p> <p>3 2003?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Did they help give any money to political</p> <p>6 parties that supported --</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 Q -- Vladimir Putin?</p> <p>9 A No. No.</p> <p>10 Q Can you turn to Document 15, please.</p> <p>11 MR. LEVY: And make that Exhibit 36.</p> <p>12 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 36 marked</p> <p>13 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>14 transcript.)</p> <p>15 A Fifteen. Okay.</p> <p>16 Q This is an August 31, 2003, article in</p> <p>17 Institutional Investor called The Evolving</p> <p>18 Oligarch.</p> <p>19 And on Page 6 of this article, at the</p> <p>20 very top of the page, it says, "Like most</p> <p>21 oligarchs, however, Fridman is a heavy contributor</p> <p>22 to the United Russia Party, the political entity</p>

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229	<p>1 most closely linked to Putin who remains" --</p> <p>2 A That is --</p> <p>3 Q -- "highly popular and heavily favored to</p> <p>4 win a second term."</p> <p>5 Is that accurate?</p> <p>6 A That is -- no. That's completely</p> <p>7 inaccurate.</p> <p>8 Q Did you --</p> <p>9 A We never, ever contributed any money to</p> <p>10 United Russia.</p> <p>11 Q Did you contact the Institutional</p> <p>12 Investor and ask for a correction?</p> <p>13 A I could not -- I -- probably not.</p> <p>14 Q Were you a heavy contributor to Nashi,</p> <p>15 N-A-S-H-I, a Kremlin youth political organization?</p> <p>16 A Never ever.</p> <p>17 Q Can you turn to Document Number 17.</p> <p>18 A Yes. Okay.</p> <p>19 Q This is an August 2, 2017, Stratfor</p> <p>20 report?</p> <p>21 A Right.</p> <p>22 MR. LEVY: We're going to mark this</p>	231	<p>1 of event during that visit, which was side, was</p> <p>2 TNK-BP deal.</p> <p>3 Q Both Tony Blair, the Prime Minister of</p> <p>4 the UK at the time, and Vladimir Putin were</p> <p>5 present for the signing ceremony of your business</p> <p>6 acquisition. Correct?</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 MR. LEWIS: Objection to, "your business</p> <p>9 acquisition." But --</p> <p>10 A It's not my -- it's not my acquisition.</p> <p>11 You know, that was a, first of all, merger between</p> <p>12 BP asset and TNK asset.</p> <p>13 Q Were Tony Blair and Vladimir Putin</p> <p>14 present at the signing ceremony for that merger?</p> <p>15 A Yeah. I just told you this.</p> <p>16 Q Were you there?</p> <p>17 A Yeah.</p> <p>18 Q Was Mr. Aven present?</p> <p>19 A No. No.</p> <p>20 Q Was Mr. Khan present?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Were the Western press in attendance?</p>
230	<p>1 Exhibit 37.</p> <p>2 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 37 marked</p> <p>3 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>4 transcript.)</p> <p>5 Q And if you go to Page 17.</p> <p>6 A Okay.</p> <p>7 Q At the very top of that page it says,</p> <p>8 "Alfa Group offers heavy financial support for the</p> <p>9 Nashi (Ours!) youth political organization."</p> <p>10 Is that correct?</p> <p>11 A No. That's completely wrong.</p> <p>12 Q Your TNK-BP deal was the largest direct</p> <p>13 foreign investment in Russia since the sale of</p> <p>14 Alaska.</p> <p>15 Is that correct?</p> <p>16 A I don't know. Maybe. One of the</p> <p>17 largest, definitely.</p> <p>18 Q And as you noted, there was a signing</p> <p>19 ceremony in London to consummate the TNK-BP deal.</p> <p>20 Correct?</p> <p>21 A It was state visit of President Putin</p> <p>22 to -- to the UK. And one of the, you know, kind</p>	232	<p>1 A Western press was there, right.</p> <p>2 Q And when President Putin came to London</p> <p>3 for that state visit, was that at the invitation</p> <p>4 of Tony Blair?</p> <p>5 A I really don't know. It seems to me</p> <p>6 state visit is invitation from the Queen.</p> <p>7 Q Are you aware of any other business</p> <p>8 merger in which the UK Prime Minister and the</p> <p>9 Russian President or the Head of State for Russia</p> <p>10 appeared at a joint press conference to announce</p> <p>11 the business deal?</p> <p>12 A I don't know really, actually. That was</p> <p>13 a time of, let's say, honeymoon between Mr. -- Mr.</p> <p>14 Putin and Mr. Blair. They had been very friendly</p> <p>15 and very close to each other. And it was a good</p> <p>16 reason to appear for the journalists.</p> <p>17 Q Ten years later --</p> <p>18 A So I think --</p> <p>19 Q Ten years later --</p> <p>20 A Okay.</p> <p>21 Q -- in 2013 you sold TNK-BP back to</p> <p>22 Russia. Correct?</p>

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233	<p>1 A No. Back to -- we sold TNK-BP -- we sold</p> <p>2 our shares in TNK-BP to Rosneft, actually, to</p> <p>3 state-run company.</p> <p>4 Q Which is effectively Russia. Correct?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Does Russia --</p> <p>7 A That's a -- that's a -- that's a joint</p> <p>8 stock company, so that's a shareholders company.</p> <p>9 So that majority of shares owned by Russia, but</p> <p>10 minority of shares owned by private individuals</p> <p>11 or, you know, entities.</p> <p>12 Q When you sold TNK --</p> <p>13 A For instance, BP owned -- BP owned 20</p> <p>14 percent of Rosneft, just for your understanding.</p> <p>15 Q Right. And Russia owned the majority.</p> <p>16 A Yes, that's correct.</p> <p>17 Q When you sold TNK-BP to Rosneft, did</p> <p>18 members of the Western press and the Western</p> <p>19 business community question your relationship with</p> <p>20 the Kremlin?</p> <p>21 A That's -- that's question from time to</p> <p>22 time always arised. And I don't remember exactly.</p>	235	<p>1 Western media that your investment in the West is</p> <p>2 permitted by Vladimir Putin because you're</p> <p>3 promoting Russian interests here?</p> <p>4 A I don't know what is the perception of</p> <p>5 Western media. It's too broad topics to say.</p> <p>6 But I think for those journalists who</p> <p>7 knows me personally and activity of Alfa,</p> <p>8 LetterOne, it's not at all. They are not given</p> <p>9 for us as a kind of -- you know, those who caring</p> <p>10 the interest of Mr. Putin or Russia.</p> <p>11 We are private businesspeople. And we</p> <p>12 are, first of all, trying to -- kind of to, you</p> <p>13 know, fulfill our own, you know, kind of business</p> <p>14 plans.</p> <p>15 Q And if you turn to -- back to Document</p> <p>16 40, which is Exhibit 35, this is the Slate</p> <p>17 article. And you turn to Page 5 in that Slate</p> <p>18 article.</p> <p>19 A Okay.</p> <p>20 Q In the second-to-last-paragraph it says,</p> <p>21 quote, "According to a former U.S. official, Putin</p> <p>22 tolerates this condition because Alfa advances</p>
234	<p>1 But probably it was certain situation regarding</p> <p>2 our relationship with the Kremlin.</p> <p>3 Q In 2013 did you use some of the proceeds</p> <p>4 from the sale of your shares in TNK-BP to help</p> <p>5 form LetterOne?</p> <p>6 A Yes. Certainly part of proceeds.</p> <p>7 Q Did you create LetterOne in no small part</p> <p>8 to invest in the United States?</p> <p>9 A Say it again, please?</p> <p>10 Q Did you create LetterOne in part to</p> <p>11 invest in the United States?</p> <p>12 A We invested -- we created LetterOne with</p> <p>13 the idea to invest in, you know, any opportunity.</p> <p>14 Q Including United States?</p> <p>15 A Doesn't -- including United States</p> <p>16 possibly.</p> <p>17 Q Have you made efforts to improve your</p> <p>18 image in the Western press to help improve your</p> <p>19 investment opportunities in the West?</p> <p>20 A Yeah, we tried to do our best to explain</p> <p>21 our business philosophy and who we are.</p> <p>22 Q And isn't there also a perception in the</p>	236	<p>1 Russian interests. It promotes itself as an</p> <p>2 avatar for Russian prowess."</p> <p>3 A Sorry. Sorry. I could not find it.</p> <p>4 Q The second-to-last paragraph on Page 5,</p> <p>5 the second-to-last sentence of that paragraph.</p> <p>6 The third line. It says what I just read to you.</p> <p>7 A No. Just one second. The second</p> <p>8 paragraph from the -- from the bottom is,</p> <p>9 "Spectrum accounted for" --</p> <p>10 Q No. On Page 5. On Page 5, sir. If</p> <p>11 you --</p> <p>12 A That's the Page 5. For me that's the</p> <p>13 Page 5. Is Page 5 of 15.</p> <p>14 MR. SHARP: It may be on Page 10 of the</p> <p>15 printout that you have.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: Okay. Let me just -- other</p> <p>17 iteration. Right?</p> <p>18 MR. SHARP: Yeah.</p> <p>19 A Okay. The Page 10, interest to</p> <p>20 promote -- "Fridman and Aven have significant</p> <p>21 business interests to promote in the West."</p> <p>22 Q Right.</p>

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237	<p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q The sentence I'm focusing on here --</p> <p>3 A "According to former U.S. official, Putin</p> <p>4 tolerates this condition because Alfa advances</p> <p>5 Russian interest, it promotes itself as an avatar</p> <p>6 of Russian prowess."</p> <p>7 Q Right.</p> <p>8 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 Q Is that something you had heard from</p> <p>10 other U.S. officials before?</p> <p>11 A No. I could not recollect that I</p> <p>12 personally listen that. But that's a kind of</p> <p>13 perception which is quite widely spreaded</p> <p>14 sometimes. Not about Alfa, but more generally</p> <p>15 about any Russian entity.</p> <p>16 Q Alfa submitted a statement to Slate for</p> <p>17 what would become its October 31, 2016, story.</p> <p>18 Correct?</p> <p>19 A Submitted what? Submitted?</p> <p>20 Q A statement.</p> <p>21 A A statement. I don't -- I don't</p> <p>22 remember. Maybe yes.</p>	239	<p>1 Q And if you could go to Document 81.</p> <p>2 MR. LEVY: We'll going to call this</p> <p>3 Exhibit 38.</p> <p>4 A Eighty-one?</p> <p>5 Q Correct.</p> <p>6 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 38 marked</p> <p>7 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>8 transcript.)</p> <p>9 A Okay.</p> <p>10 Q At the bottom of this e-mail, this is an</p> <p>11 e-mail from Jeff Birnbaum at BGR?</p> <p>12 A Okay.</p> <p>13 Q To Franklin Foer.</p> <p>14 A Okay.</p> <p>15 Q Do you know who Jeff Birnbaum is?</p> <p>16 A Yeah, I know who is Jeff Birnbaum. He is</p> <p>17 working for BGR, as far as I remember.</p> <p>18 Q And was BGR working with Alfa or</p> <p>19 LetterOne at this time, October 28, 2016?</p> <p>20 A Probably yes. I think so.</p> <p>21 Q And here was Birnbaum sending a statement</p> <p>22 to the reporter at Slate on behalf of Alfa or</p>
238	<p>1 Q Did you employ BGR to respond to Slate's</p> <p>2 reporter before or after the story was published?</p> <p>3 MR. LEWIS: When you say "you," do you</p> <p>4 mean Alfa?</p> <p>5 A Yeah. Yeah, again, if you're saying me,</p> <p>6 you mean me in my personal capacity?</p> <p>7 Q It's all the same, you and Alfa. You're</p> <p>8 responding to this --</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q -- article on behalf of Alfa.</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Did Alfa --</p> <p>13 A I don't -- no, on behalf of Alfa I am not</p> <p>14 the person who authorized to make this type of</p> <p>15 contract or whatever.</p> <p>16 Q You're contacting --</p> <p>17 A You have --</p> <p>18 Q You're contacting The Washington Post to</p> <p>19 correct a story about Alfa-Bank. Correct?</p> <p>20 MR. LEWIS: Objection.</p> <p>21 A Yeah, that's true.</p> <p>22 MR. LEWIS: Asked and answered.</p>	240	<p>1 LetterOne?</p> <p>2 A You mean this mail?</p> <p>3 Q Yes.</p> <p>4 A Yes, he sent this mail probably on behalf</p> <p>5 of Alfa-Bank. Because that's the type and title</p> <p>6 like response from Alfa-Bank.</p> <p>7 Q At this time was Alfa-Bank retaining BGR?</p> <p>8 A I don't remember. I don't know.</p> <p>9 Q Was Letter --</p> <p>10 A I'm not in charge -- I'm not in charge in</p> <p>11 Alfa-Bank for contact with BGR.</p> <p>12 Q Do you have knowledge of a contract</p> <p>13 between BGR and Alfa-Bank in 2016?</p> <p>14 A I -- I just -- I could -- I know -- I</p> <p>15 knew definitely that its contract probably exist.</p> <p>16 Because, as I already mention to you, we establish</p> <p>17 this contract probably like in beginning of 2000s.</p> <p>18 So therefore -- and they still -- and I</p> <p>19 know that BGR was involved with couple of program</p> <p>20 with Alfa-Bank. So therefore, it's probably</p> <p>21 existed in that time.</p> <p>22 Q Did you authorize --</p>

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241	<p>1 MR. LEWIS: Mr. Levy, just for a moment.</p> <p>2 I'm noticing that there is no Bates number on this</p> <p>3 document. Can you tell me if it was produced?</p> <p>4 MR. LEVY: We can send you a version with</p> <p>5 a Bates number. This was produced to us by BGR.</p> <p>6 The Bates number may not have shown up on the</p> <p>7 e-mail. This is something we've already shared</p> <p>8 with plaintiffs' counsel.</p> <p>9 Q The e-mail that Mr. Birnbaum says makes</p> <p>10 statements about you by name. Correct?</p> <p>11 A I haven't read it, so just ...</p> <p>12 Q It says, "Neither Alfa-Bank nor its</p> <p>13 principals, including Mikhail Fridman and Petr</p> <p>14 Aven, have or have had any contact with Mr. Trump</p> <p>15 or his organization."</p> <p>16 Do you see that?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q Then there's a sentence below it that</p> <p>19 mentions you by name. Correct?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q Did you authorize Mr. Birnbaum to make a</p> <p>22 statement about you by name?</p>	243	<p>1 And you'll see that for 2016, it</p> <p>2 indicates that BGR was paid by LetterOne \$110,000</p> <p>3 in each of the four quarters for 2016.</p> <p>4 Do you see that?</p> <p>5 A Right.</p> <p>6 MR. LEWIS: Mr. Levy, was this produced?</p> <p>7 I don't see a Bates number on this.</p> <p>8 MR. LEVY: This is from the web. This is</p> <p>9 from the internet. This is publicly available.</p> <p>10 A Yeah.</p> <p>11 Q Is that consistent with your</p> <p>12 understanding of what LetterOne paid BGR in 2016,</p> <p>13 \$440,000?</p> <p>14 A I -- I have no idea how much LetterOne</p> <p>15 paid to BGR.</p> <p>16 Q Can you turn to Document 41.</p> <p>17 MR. LEVY: We're going to call this</p> <p>18 Exhibit 40.</p> <p>19 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 40 marked</p> <p>20 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>21 transcript.)</p> <p>22 A Forty-one? Okay.</p>
242	<p>1 A I -- I, personally, did not authorize</p> <p>2 him. But I anticipate that probably I authorized</p> <p>3 subsequent people in Alfa-Bank who was in charge</p> <p>4 of that to -- to provide for him that information.</p> <p>5 Q Do you know how much LetterOne was paying</p> <p>6 BGR in 2016?</p> <p>7 A No. I don't have any idea. In 2016, by</p> <p>8 the way, it seems to me that was already not a</p> <p>9 contract with Alfa-Bank, but the contract was with</p> <p>10 the LetterOne, my guess.</p> <p>11 Q Can you look at Document 72.</p> <p>12 MR. LEVY: We're going to call this</p> <p>13 Exhibit 39.</p> <p>14 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 39 marked</p> <p>15 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>16 transcript.)</p> <p>17 A Seventy-two. Right?</p> <p>18 Q It's one page.</p> <p>19 A Okay. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q This is a lobbying disclosure from the</p> <p>21 Lobbying Disclosure Act database that the United</p> <p>22 States Senate holds online.</p>	244	<p>1 Q This is a November 2, 2016, Fortune</p> <p>2 magazine story by Geoffrey Smith, G-E-O-F-F-R-E-Y.</p> <p>3 And it's called Meet the Russian Bank With Ties to</p> <p>4 Donald Trump.</p> <p>5 Were you aware of this story?</p> <p>6 A Frankly speaking, no.</p> <p>7 Q You see that this story talked about Alfa</p> <p>8 and the Trump organization possibly communicating.</p> <p>9 Right?</p> <p>10 A Right.</p> <p>11 Q Did you, Alfa, or any representative from</p> <p>12 Alfa, LetterOne, speak with Fortune magazine or</p> <p>13 Mr. Smith for this story?</p> <p>14 A I don't recall this fact. I didn't speak</p> <p>15 with Fortune magazine on this story.</p> <p>16 Q This story says, quote, But Alfa's</p> <p>17 success owes at least as much to its political</p> <p>18 clout in Moscow as to its business acumen, end of</p> <p>19 quote.</p> <p>20 It also says, quote, Over the years Alfa</p> <p>21 has come out on top in bitter power struggles even</p> <p>22 with people closely linked to Vladimir Putin. It</p>

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245	<p>1 defended its telecoms empire against Leonid 2 Reiman, Putin's communication minister, who 3 ultimately left the government after a string of 4 disclosures about his links to an offshore 5 company, end of quote. 6 Is that true? 7 A Uh-huh. 8 Q Is that statement I read to you true? 9 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Compound 10 question. There are many statements in there. 11 A Yes, I think that a lot of statement in 12 this -- in this sentence. The truth is actually 13 we have been in litigation with a company which 14 was associated with the Minister Reiman. The 15 company called Megaphone is one of the telecom 16 operator in Russia. That's true. 17 I don't know regarding closeness of 18 Mr. Reiman to Mr. Putin. I don't -- I could 19 not -- he was minister in the government, but it's 20 hard for me to make a assessment how close he was 21 or he is to President Putin. And -- and that's 22 it.</p>	247	<p>1 company which was associate with Mr. Reiman, you 2 know, allegedly, suing us. That was not our 3 initiative to suing Mr. Reiman. 4 The company which was by rumors 5 associated with Mr. Reiman tried suing us because 6 we bought the shares of the -- of the -- this 7 telecom operator Megaphone. And they claim that 8 we do not -- we didn't have right to buy this 9 shares. And that was the -- the litigation in 10 Switzerland. 11 So we did not initiate this litigation. 12 We have been actually not a claimant, we've been 13 defendant in time -- in that litigation. 14 And finally, we just won this litigation, 15 and that's it. 16 Q Before the litigation was filed, did you 17 have an active dispute with this company that was 18 owned in part by Minister Reiman? 19 A No, we didn't have any dispute. 20 As I said, you know, we bought the shares 21 of the telecom operator. And that other company, 22 which also was the shareholder of the same</p>
246	<p>1 Q Did Vladimir Putin dismiss Minister 2 Reiman in May of 2008? 3 A I think in that time he was dismissed by 4 the President Medvedev. 5 Q Was he dismissed as a consequence of your 6 battle with Reiman? 7 A I don't know. 8 Q Did anyone in the Russian government 9 oppose your pursuit of that litigation? 10 A No. 11 Q Did you suffer any consequences from 12 filing that litigation? 13 A No. 14 Q Did you have anything to do with the 15 dismissal of Mr. Reiman? 16 A Did you what? 17 Q Did you -- 18 A No. 19 Q Did you have any fear in taking on a 20 Russian government minister? 21 A No. We are not -- we are not suing him. 22 We are suing -- actually the company, one of the</p>	248	<p>1 company, they claim that we did not have right to 2 buy this shares, because we had a option to buy 3 that shares. And therefore, they came to the 4 litigation to the Switzerland. 5 Q Did you provide a statement to Fortune 6 magazine or did Alfa provide a statement to 7 Fortune magazine in response to this article? 8 A No. No. 9 Q Did you or Alfa or LetterOne sue Fortune 10 magazine for defamation -- 11 A No. 12 Q -- over this article? 13 A No. 14 Q We've gone over stories today from 2016 15 in Bloomberg, the Financial Times, Politico, 16 Slate, and Fortune magazine -- 17 A Uh-huh. 18 Q -- all raising questions about your 19 relationship with the Kremlin and Putin. 20 Is that correct? 21 A Yeah. In different form, yes. 22 Q And you've been fielding similar</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">249</p> <p>1 questions for years from Western media. Correct?</p> <p>2 A From time to time.</p> <p>3 Q And do you field certain -- do you field</p> <p>4 the same kinds of questions from U.S. government</p> <p>5 officials from time to time?</p> <p>6 A No, I have -- I don't remember. I could</p> <p>7 not recall any question from government officials</p> <p>8 regarding, you know, my personal or our corporate</p> <p>9 relationship with Mr. Putin.</p> <p>10 Q Would you agree that many in the West</p> <p>11 understand that Russian oligarchs are corrupt</p> <p>12 because Putin is corrupt?</p> <p>13 A It's very general question.</p> <p>14 I think, you know, a lot of people,</p> <p>15 general public I would say, probably got a feeling</p> <p>16 that Russian business general corrupted, without</p> <p>17 having any particular perception regarding</p> <p>18 particular name of the companies or way of</p> <p>19 corruption and so on. Generally, you know, bad</p> <p>20 image of Russian business with regards to</p> <p>21 corruption in the country.</p> <p>22 Q Mr. Bruseth is one of these people that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">251</p> <p>1 could definitely impact image of LetterOne.</p> <p>2 Q Did you also hire BGR -- and again, you,</p> <p>3 Alfa, LetterOne, did any of you hire BGR to help</p> <p>4 with the Western media's perception of you, Alfa,</p> <p>5 or LetterOne?</p> <p>6 A I think -- I think that the initial goal</p> <p>7 for hiring BGR was just to develop, you know,</p> <p>8 different program with the American</p> <p>9 businesspeople, with American, you know, kind</p> <p>10 of -- generally with the -- between Russia and the</p> <p>11 American business -- businessman in general and</p> <p>12 between the people.</p> <p>13 As you probably aware, we -- we are</p> <p>14 sponsoring program which called Alfa Fellowship.</p> <p>15 It's quite popular program for, you know, kind of</p> <p>16 dozens of American professionals to spend year or</p> <p>17 so in Russia.</p> <p>18 So but also, of course, one of the reason</p> <p>19 was just to -- to improve our image and profile</p> <p>20 and to make aware regarding our business</p> <p>21 philosophy, you know, principles, beliefs, and so</p> <p>22 on.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">250</p> <p>1 LetterOne has hired that you and Alfa use to help</p> <p>2 with that perception. Correct?</p> <p>3 MR. LEWIS: Objection. To help with the</p> <p>4 perception that Russian businessmen in general are</p> <p>5 corrupt?</p> <p>6 A Yeah. Yes.</p> <p>7 Q You.</p> <p>8 A Yes, we did -- we did not hire him for</p> <p>9 trying to protect the image of Russian business as</p> <p>10 a whole.</p> <p>11 Q But for you and for Alfa and LetterOne.</p> <p>12 Yes?</p> <p>13 A For LetterOne primarily, yes.</p> <p>14 Q But he's also communicating with The</p> <p>15 Washington Post about an article regarding</p> <p>16 Alfa-Bank and you. Correct?</p> <p>17 A Yeah. Because, you know -- yeah, I'm</p> <p>18 actually one of the individuals in both companies.</p> <p>19 Therefore inevitably, you know, he protecting my</p> <p>20 personal -- he is not protecting my personal</p> <p>21 image; he is protecting the image of LetterOne.</p> <p>22 But any damage for my personal image</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">252</p> <p>1 Q Did BGR help you set up Alfa Fellowship?</p> <p>2 A Yes. BGR played very active role since</p> <p>3 the beginning in, you know, kind of establishing</p> <p>4 this problem.</p> <p>5 Q Who at BGR helped you set up the Alfa</p> <p>6 Fellowship?</p> <p>7 A Rick Burt as a -- as a former ambassador.</p> <p>8 And then Ed Rogers. So I think, you know, all</p> <p>9 these principal people from BGR was very -- they</p> <p>10 were very helpful to us.</p> <p>11 Q Did you establish the Alfa Fellowship in</p> <p>12 2004?</p> <p>13 A I don't remember exactly, but something</p> <p>14 like that. In the beginning of 2000s.</p> <p>15 Q Since then has it provided fellowships to</p> <p>16 over 200 people?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q Does that include a Washington Post</p> <p>19 reporter?</p> <p>20 A I don't know.</p> <p>21 Q Can you turn to Document 65.</p> <p>22 MR. LEVY: We're going to call it Exhibit</p>

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253	<p>1 41.</p> <p>2 A Sixty-five. Okay.</p> <p>3 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 41 marked</p> <p>4 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>5 transcript.)</p> <p>6 Q I'm sorry, 66.</p> <p>7 MR. LEVY: We'll call 66 Exhibit 42.</p> <p>8 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 42 marked</p> <p>9 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>10 transcript.)</p> <p>11 A Okay. Alfa Fellowship Program.</p> <p>12 Q You see this does have Bates numbers at</p> <p>13 the bottom of it, CV 003 to 006.</p> <p>14 And do you recall this Alfa Fellowship</p> <p>15 publicity that was released with your photos under</p> <p>16 the heading Message From the Benefactors?</p> <p>17 Do you see your photo on the second page?</p> <p>18 It's Bates Number CV 004.</p> <p>19 A Yeah, I have seen my photo and Mr. Aven</p> <p>20 photo and the other pages photo together with the</p> <p>21 members of this Alfa Fellowship program.</p> <p>22 Right.</p>	255	<p>1 the premises of the Russian Embassy or the</p> <p>2 Rossotrudnichestvo?</p> <p>3 A What?</p> <p>4 Q Let me ask it in two parts.</p> <p>5 Does the Alfa Fellowship Program ever use</p> <p>6 the premises of the Russian Embassy in Washington,</p> <p>7 DC?</p> <p>8 A I don't -- I don't think so. I don't</p> <p>9 remember at all.</p> <p>10 Q Did you ever attend an Alfa Fellowship</p> <p>11 event at the Russian Embassy in Washington, DC?</p> <p>12 A I don't remember.</p> <p>13 Q You've been to Washington, DC. Correct?</p> <p>14 A Yeah, I been many times in Washington,</p> <p>15 DC. But I don't remember that we -- we made any</p> <p>16 event of Alfa Fellowship in Russian Embassy.</p> <p>17 Q Do you know if the Alfa Fellowship</p> <p>18 Program has used the premises of the</p> <p>19 Rossotrudnichestvo? R-O-S-S-O --</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q -- T-R-U-D-N-I-C-H --</p> <p>22 A I -- I understand. I never, ever heard</p>
254	<p>1 Q Do you recall -- that's right.</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Do you recall delivering the keynote</p> <p>4 address in Washington, DC, to mark the anniversary</p> <p>5 of the Alfa Fellowship program?</p> <p>6 A I -- I participated couple of times in a</p> <p>7 kind of alumni event of Alfa Fellowship Program.</p> <p>8 And on that event I made kind of, you know, short</p> <p>9 speeches just to welcome, welcome them.</p> <p>10 Q Can you pull up Document 67.</p> <p>11 MR. LEVY: We'll call this Exhibit 43.</p> <p>12 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 43 marked</p> <p>13 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>14 transcript.)</p> <p>15 A Okay.</p> <p>16 Q Do you recall this press release?</p> <p>17 A No.</p> <p>18 Q It talks about you making a keynote</p> <p>19 address.</p> <p>20 Is that accurate?</p> <p>21 A I hope. I think so.</p> <p>22 Q Does the Alfa Fellowship Program ever use</p>	256	<p>1 about that.</p> <p>2 As far as I could recall it, we made this</p> <p>3 reception of alumni in the restaurant.</p> <p>4 Q You said that you had been working with</p> <p>5 BGR for 20 years.</p> <p>6 Is that right? I want to get this right.</p> <p>7 A Yeah, something around 20 years.</p> <p>8 Q Do you know how much money Alfa-Bank has</p> <p>9 paid BGR in that 20-year time period?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Is it fair to say that between 2004 and</p> <p>12 2012, Alfa-Bank paid BGR \$2 million to lobby on</p> <p>13 its behalf?</p> <p>14 A Two million?</p> <p>15 Q Yes.</p> <p>16 A No. It's probably too much. No. For</p> <p>17 lobbying? For what lobbying? What kind of</p> <p>18 lobbying?</p> <p>19 Q Can you turn to Document 44.</p> <p>20 MR. LEVY: We'll call this Exhibit 44.</p> <p>21 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 44 marked</p> <p>22 for identification and is attached to the</p>

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257	<p>1 transcript.)</p> <p>2 A You mean within a period of time?</p> <p>3 Forty-four? I don't know how much money we paid.</p> <p>4 Forty-four. No, it's not here.</p> <p>5 Q Go to Page 4 of this document. This is a</p> <p>6 Jackson Press --</p> <p>7 MR. GILLESPIE: Forty-four.</p> <p>8 Q This a Jackson Press story from October</p> <p>9 2, 2019.</p> <p>10 And on Page 4, in the middle of the page,</p> <p>11 right next to Haley Barbour's picture --</p> <p>12 A On the Page 4. Okay.</p> <p>13 Q Yeah. Right next to Haley Barbour's</p> <p>14 picture it says, "Moscow-based Alfa-Bank also paid</p> <p>15 BGR \$2 million during that time to lobby on its</p> <p>16 behalf." And it refers above to the period 2004</p> <p>17 to 2012, during Barbour's Mississippi sabbatical.</p> <p>18 Does that number sound right to you?</p> <p>19 A Look, I could not comment regarding it</p> <p>20 now. But you mean that was in eight years we paid</p> <p>21 \$2 million effectively like 200,000 per year or</p> <p>22 \$250,000 per year.</p>
258	<p>1 Q Right.</p> <p>2 A Maybe yes. I don't know. Maybe yes. I</p> <p>3 definitely did not know and don't know what kind</p> <p>4 of -- what particular amount of money we paid to</p> <p>5 them.</p> <p>6 Q Have you been pleased with the service</p> <p>7 that BGR has rendered for Alfa-Bank?</p> <p>8 A I think yes. I mean, it's not just from</p> <p>9 my opinion about that. It's opinion of the</p> <p>10 Alfa-Bank, first of all, important. Right? But I</p> <p>11 think that all together, you know, that was okay.</p> <p>12 Q And BGR has other clients as well.</p> <p>13 Right?</p> <p>14 A Probably, yes. I don't know.</p> <p>15 Q Those clients include among others</p> <p>16 Pfizer, Raytheon, Johnson & Johnson, Chevron, the</p> <p>17 Republic of India, the American Healthcare</p> <p>18 Association.</p> <p>19 Is that right?</p> <p>20 A I don't know. Good luck for them, you</p> <p>21 know, if they have so reliable clients. That's</p> <p>22 great.</p>
259	<p>1 Q Is it true that BGR is one of the most</p> <p>2 powerful and influential lobbying firms in</p> <p>3 Washington, DC?</p> <p>4 A I don't really know. You should know</p> <p>5 better than me.</p> <p>6 Q Were you paying -- well, I'm not the one</p> <p>7 paying them. Alfa-Bank is. And I just want to</p> <p>8 know what you all are paying \$2 million for over a</p> <p>9 span of eight years.</p> <p>10 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Asked and</p> <p>11 answered.</p> <p>12 A What you're saying, you're saying that</p> <p>13 the most powerful and most influential entity in</p> <p>14 Washington for lobbying. And I am not living in</p> <p>15 Washington. It's hard for me to make a judgment</p> <p>16 the most powerful or the worst powerful. Because</p> <p>17 you should know that better because you are the</p> <p>18 local one. Right?</p> <p>19 Q I asked if it was one of the -- I'm</p> <p>20 asking if it was one of the most influential</p> <p>21 lobbying firms in Washington, DC.</p> <p>22 MR. LEWIS: Asked and answered. He says</p>
260	<p>1 he doesn't know.</p> <p>2 Q You have a lot of choice when it comes to</p> <p>3 a lobbying firm.</p> <p>4 Isn't that correct?</p> <p>5 A I don't know how lobbying firm wishes to</p> <p>6 work with the -- with the Russian entity, you</p> <p>7 know.</p> <p>8 Q How much were you paying BGR in 2017 and</p> <p>9 2018?</p> <p>10 A I don't know. You just mentioned the</p> <p>11 documents where it mentioned we paying like 440 --</p> <p>12 I mean LetterOne paying \$440,000 per year.</p> <p>13 Probably you are right. I don't know.</p> <p>14 Q Do you know that Daniel Hoffman is on</p> <p>15 BGR's advisory board?</p> <p>16 A Yeah, I know who is he.</p> <p>17 Q Can you look at Document 80.</p> <p>18 MR. LEVY: This is Exhibit 45.</p> <p>19 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 45 marked</p> <p>20 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>21 transcript.)</p> <p>22 A Okay.</p>

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261	<p>1 Q And this is from BGR's website. And it</p> <p>2 shows --</p> <p>3 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 Q -- that Daniel Hoffman is an advisory</p> <p>5 board of BGR -- is on the advisory board of BGR.</p> <p>6 Correct?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q Did you pay him to publish op-eds about</p> <p>9 Christopher Steele's memoranda known as the</p> <p>10 dossier?</p> <p>11 A Me? I didn't pay to him at all.</p> <p>12 Q Did Alfa or LetterOne pay BGR or Daniel</p> <p>13 Hoffman to publish op-eds about the dossier?</p> <p>14 A I don't know about regarding Daniel</p> <p>15 Hoffman. I know that LetterOne, as far as you</p> <p>16 know, paying certain, you know, kind of fees on a</p> <p>17 regular basis to BGR.</p> <p>18 Q Can you turn to Document 56, please.</p> <p>19 MR. LEVY: And we'll mark this Exhibit</p> <p>20 46.</p> <p>21 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 46 marked</p> <p>22 for identification and is attached to the</p>	263	<p>1 Did you direct him not to disclose that</p> <p>2 position for purposes of these op-eds?</p> <p>3 A I didn't have any personal contact with</p> <p>4 him, so I definitely could not anyhow direct him.</p> <p>5 Q Do you know if Alfa or LetterOne directed</p> <p>6 him not to disclose his position on the BGR</p> <p>7 advisory board to the Wall Street Journal and the</p> <p>8 Washington Times when submitting these op-eds?</p> <p>9 A I -- I don't know regarding any contact</p> <p>10 of either Alfa or -- or LetterOne with</p> <p>11 Mr. Hoffman. So I'm quite doubtful that anybody</p> <p>12 directed him to not disclose his position in BGR.</p> <p>13 But I don't know.</p> <p>14 MR. LEWIS: Can we take a break shortly?</p> <p>15 MR. LEVY: We can take a break right now.</p> <p>16 (A recess was taken.)</p> <p>17 BY MR. LEVY:</p> <p>18 Q Mr. Fridman, can you look at Document 57,</p> <p>19 please.</p> <p>20 MR. LEVY: We'll call this Exhibit 47.</p> <p>21 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 47 marked</p> <p>22 for identification and is attached to the</p>
262	<p>1 transcript.)</p> <p>2 A Fifty-six?</p> <p>3 Q Yes. Fifty-six is a composite of op-eds</p> <p>4 publicly available, all from Daniel Hoffman.</p> <p>5 One is January 28, 2018, Wall Street</p> <p>6 Journal. The headline of this opinion commentary</p> <p>7 piece is The Steele Dossier Fits the Kremlin</p> <p>8 Playbook.</p> <p>9 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>10 Q Next one is from May 7, 2020, Washington</p> <p>11 Times. And this is a piece by Daniel Hoffman.</p> <p>12 Headline is Lessons Learned from the Steele</p> <p>13 Dossier Fiasco.</p> <p>14 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>15 Q And third is a Daniel Hoffman piece in</p> <p>16 the Washington Times from July 30, 2020. And this</p> <p>17 opinion piece is entitled Steele's Failings Go Far</p> <p>18 Beyond Dodgy Dossier.</p> <p>19 A Okay.</p> <p>20 Q In the description of Daniel Hoffman in</p> <p>21 each of these op-eds, it does not disclose that</p> <p>22 he's on the advisory board of BGR.</p>	264	<p>1 transcript.)</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q This is a document from the Kennedy</p> <p>4 Center's website. It says at the top, The Kennedy</p> <p>5 Center. And then it says, The Corporate Fund</p> <p>6 Board. It names the chairman and then it has a</p> <p>7 number of vice chairs.</p> <p>8 A Right.</p> <p>9 Q Do you see your name included?</p> <p>10 MR. GILLESPIE: Right-hand column, third</p> <p>11 down.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: In the first -- first</p> <p>13 column?</p> <p>14 MR. GILLESPIE: Right-hand column, third</p> <p>15 line.</p> <p>16 A Right. Third line.</p> <p>17 Q Fourth line.</p> <p>18 A Yes. Yes. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Are you still a vice-chair of the Kennedy</p> <p>20 Center Corporate Fund Board?</p> <p>21 A No, it seems to me.</p> <p>22 Q You're not?</p>

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265	<p>1 A It seems to me not. Because I don't know</p> <p>2 exactly. But it seems to me this relationship, as</p> <p>3 I already mentioned to you, was stopped.</p> <p>4 Q The Kennedy Center has not taken your</p> <p>5 name off of its website, has it?</p> <p>6 A I don't know. Is it from -- from</p> <p>7 website, from the today's website --</p> <p>8 Q Yes.</p> <p>9 A -- or from the old one?</p> <p>10 Q It's from this week.</p> <p>11 A Yes. Maybe. I don't know what was the</p> <p>12 rule of that. Maybe that was like once upon a</p> <p>13 time I contributed certain money that I already</p> <p>14 became a kind of vice-chairman for the permanent</p> <p>15 time.</p> <p>16 Q Have you received any written</p> <p>17 communication from the Kennedy Center indicating</p> <p>18 that you're no longer a vice-chair of its</p> <p>19 corporate fund board?</p> <p>20 A No, I haven't. I was not in the personal</p> <p>21 contact with the Kennedy Center, as I mentioned to</p> <p>22 you.</p>	267	<p>1 its prize to Itzhak Perlman?</p> <p>2 A That's correct. It's not my personal</p> <p>3 Genesis Foundation. It's the Genesis Foundation</p> <p>4 made a prize together with the Office of Prime</p> <p>5 Minister of Israel and Jewish agency and with the</p> <p>6 Speaker of Israeli Knesset, and so on.</p> <p>7 So that's the kind of prize of the, you</p> <p>8 know, the -- let's say State of Israel and</p> <p>9 people -- Jewish people, let's say. So we just</p> <p>10 funded this prize, but not -- we are not deciding</p> <p>11 who is the winner.</p> <p>12 Q The Israeli Prime Minister in 2016 was</p> <p>13 Bibi Netanyahu?</p> <p>14 A Right.</p> <p>15 Q Did you ask the Jerusalem Post to publish</p> <p>16 your remarks from that 2016 event as an op-ed?</p> <p>17 A No, I did not ask them. I just made the</p> <p>18 speeches there. And probably they just published</p> <p>19 it because of, you know, that was big around</p> <p>20 there.</p> <p>21 Q Can you look at Document Number 31.</p> <p>22 MR. LEVY: And we'll mark this as Exhibit</p>
266	<p>1 Q How long were you on that board?</p> <p>2 A Sorry?</p> <p>3 Q How long were you on that board? How</p> <p>4 long --</p> <p>5 A How long.</p> <p>6 Q -- did you serve on the Corporate Fund</p> <p>7 Board of the Kennedy Center?</p> <p>8 A That probably since, you know, I think</p> <p>9 2015 or two thousand -- end of two thousand -- I</p> <p>10 don't -- I don't remember exactly the timing. But</p> <p>11 as I already said to you, that was connected with</p> <p>12 the program for innovation and refurbishment of</p> <p>13 the -- redesign of the so-called Israeli room in</p> <p>14 Kennedy Center.</p> <p>15 Q Do you see that other members of the</p> <p>16 Corporate Fund Board, other vice-chairs, include</p> <p>17 people like David Rubenstein at Carlyle; Mary --</p> <p>18 A Right.</p> <p>19 Q -- Barra at General Motors, GM; and Henry</p> <p>20 Kravis at KKR?</p> <p>21 A Right. Right.</p> <p>22 Q In 2016 did your Genesis Foundation award</p>	268	<p>1 48.</p> <p>2 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 48 marked</p> <p>3 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>4 transcript.)</p> <p>5 A Thirty-one. Okay.</p> <p>6 Q Is this -- is this your remarks that were</p> <p>7 published in the Jerusalem Post on June 23, 2016?</p> <p>8 A Looks like. Probably, yes.</p> <p>9 Q And at the bottom it says that you are</p> <p>10 the founder of the Genesis prize?</p> <p>11 A That's correct.</p> <p>12 Q The Jerusalem Post is a newspaper whose</p> <p>13 articles are in English. Correct?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q Are you familiar with the very big</p> <p>16 readership in the United States that the Jerusalem</p> <p>17 Post enjoys?</p> <p>18 A No, frankly.</p> <p>19 Q Did you know that the Jerusalem Post's</p> <p>20 online readership is 9.6 percent from Israel and</p> <p>21 50.3 percent from the United States?</p> <p>22 A No, I don't know the statistics.</p>

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269	<p>1 Q You're listed on the Jerusalem Post as a</p> <p>2 contributor author.</p> <p>3 Is that correct?</p> <p>4 A I a couple of times wrote the articles</p> <p>5 which was published in Jerusalem Post. I don't</p> <p>6 know what kind of status they gave me. But, you</p> <p>7 know, I'm not the kind of in connection with the</p> <p>8 Jerusalem Post on a regular basis. Probably a</p> <p>9 couple of my articles was published there.</p> <p>10 Q Did you found the Genesis Philanthropy</p> <p>11 Group in 2007?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q In 2016 were you a trustee of the Genesis</p> <p>14 Philanthropy Group?</p> <p>15 A Yeah, I'm co-founder. I don't know what</p> <p>16 legal status. But probably trustee, yeah.</p> <p>17 Because I am contributing money on annual basis to</p> <p>18 Genesis Philanthropy Group.</p> <p>19 Q Does the Genesis Philanthropy Group</p> <p>20 annually award a million dollar prize, and that's</p> <p>21 called the Genesis Prize?</p> <p>22 A No. That's two separate entity. Genesis</p>	271	<p>1 Q Okay.</p> <p>2 A Okay?</p> <p>3 Q And its recipients have included people</p> <p>4 like Robert Kraft in 2019, Natalie Portman in</p> <p>5 2018, Michael Douglas in 2015, Michael Bloomberg</p> <p>6 in 2014?</p> <p>7 A That's correct.</p> <p>8 Q And Bibi Netanyahu has appeared at</p> <p>9 Genesis ceremonies for photo ops with recipients.</p> <p>10 Correct?</p> <p>11 A For making a speeches, for congratulating</p> <p>12 recipients.</p> <p>13 Q He makes a speech?</p> <p>14 A He make his speech every year, annually.</p> <p>15 Q And the press is there?</p> <p>16 A Of course. You know, it's Prime</p> <p>17 Minister, so the press must be there.</p> <p>18 Q And so Bibi Netanyahu gets to stand next</p> <p>19 to Michael Douglas or Itzhak Perlman and takes a</p> <p>20 picture?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q And you're there too sometimes, with the</p>
270	<p>1 Philanthropy Group; primarily doing a lot of</p> <p>2 different program for the Russian-speaking Jews</p> <p>3 worldwide. And not just for Russian-speaking</p> <p>4 Jews. But initially from the Russian-speaking</p> <p>5 Jews; but right now for other Jewish societies in</p> <p>6 many countries.</p> <p>7 And -- and the Genesis Prize is a</p> <p>8 separate entity, with a separate foundation, let's</p> <p>9 say. Which is providing the once-per-year kind of</p> <p>10 prize for the most outstanding Jew in the world,</p> <p>11 it's called like, you know, Jewish Nobel Prize.</p> <p>12 Q Is that entity that awards the million</p> <p>13 dollar prize the Genesis Foundation?</p> <p>14 A No. It is separate entity. They not</p> <p>15 connected to each other.</p> <p>16 Q What is --</p> <p>17 A The same --</p> <p>18 Q What is the entity that awards the</p> <p>19 million dollar prize?</p> <p>20 A Genesis Prize Foundation, GPF.</p> <p>21 Q Okay.</p> <p>22 A Genesis Prize Foundation.</p>	272	<p>1 photo ops?</p> <p>2 A No, I'm not making the -- to the scene</p> <p>3 for making the prize. I just a couple of times</p> <p>4 made the speeches on behalf of founders. But</p> <p>5 normally that's, you know -- I try to -- to be a</p> <p>6 bit more humble.</p> <p>7 Q When you make your speeches, the press</p> <p>8 are present. Correct?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q In 2016 were you and German Khan on the</p> <p>11 supervisory board of the Babi Yar Holocaust</p> <p>12 Memorial Center?</p> <p>13 A Correct.</p> <p>14 Q Do you regularly contribute to the</p> <p>15 European Jewish Fund?</p> <p>16 A From time to time, yeah.</p> <p>17 Q Have you been supporting the Lifeline</p> <p>18 Charity Fund for ten years?</p> <p>19 A Lifetime?</p> <p>20 Q The Lifeline Charity Fund.</p> <p>21 A Oh, Lifeline. It's a completely</p> <p>22 different. It's actually -- because previously</p>

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273	<p>1 that was the Jewish philanthropy. Lifeline is</p> <p>2 actually the philanthropy group for, you know --</p> <p>3 for healing kids in Russia, primarily.</p> <p>4 Q And you've contributed to that for ten</p> <p>5 years?</p> <p>6 A Not -- not me, personally. I think that</p> <p>7 as a Alfa-Bank contributed that. But I -- I to</p> <p>8 certain extent was -- was the person who initiated</p> <p>9 this fund.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. Since 2013 have you been standing</p> <p>11 up -- well, sorry. Strike that.</p> <p>12 In 2013 did you create Alfa Endo?</p> <p>13 A No. That's -- Alfa Endo, as far as I</p> <p>14 could recall, that was a part of Lifeline, this</p> <p>15 charity and foundation.</p> <p>16 Q Does it have an affiliation with Alfa?</p> <p>17 A No. No. But that actually called Alfa</p> <p>18 Endo because that was subsidized by Alfa-Bank, as</p> <p>19 far as I could recall it.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. So in 2013 did Alfa begin</p> <p>21 subsidizing Alfa Endo?</p> <p>22 A Yeah, as far as I could recall, yes.</p>	275	<p>1 Correct?</p> <p>2 A I don't remember, frankly speaking. But</p> <p>3 Alfa-Bank you mean?</p> <p>4 Q Alfa-Bank.</p> <p>5 A Maybe yes. Alfa-Bank is sponsor of</p> <p>6 dozens of different events in the country. It's</p> <p>7 a -- probably third largest Russian bank right</p> <p>8 now. So that's a lot of sponsorship.</p> <p>9 Q And does -- tell me, is Valdai like a</p> <p>10 Russian Davos, where people from the Russian</p> <p>11 business community and others come together and</p> <p>12 talk about global trends?</p> <p>13 A No. No. It's not -- it's like the</p> <p>14 Russian type of -- of, let's say, Munich</p> <p>15 Conference for International Affairs.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. And --</p> <p>17 A That's -- that's a -- that's a conference</p> <p>18 dedicated to international affairs primarily.</p> <p>19 Q Is Valdai private or is it</p> <p>20 government-run?</p> <p>21 A No. That's -- that's seems to be certain</p> <p>22 thinks tank which is kind of initiated and running</p>
274	<p>1 Q And Alfa Endo is set up to help support</p> <p>2 child care in Russia, child healthcare?</p> <p>3 A Yeah, that's endocrinology. It's</p> <p>4 primarily for those who suffering from certain</p> <p>5 disease connected with endocrinology.</p> <p>6 Q Did Alfa contribute \$100 million to Alfa</p> <p>7 Endo?</p> <p>8 A No. 100 million? No. No.</p> <p>9 Q Can you --</p> <p>10 A That's probably contribute certain</p> <p>11 hundred -- couple of hundred thousand dollars,</p> <p>12 maybe million.</p> <p>13 MR. LEVY: Can you bring up Document</p> <p>14 Number 69, and we'll call this Exhibit 49.</p> <p>15 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 49 marked</p> <p>16 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>17 transcript.)</p> <p>18 A Sixty-nine. Okay.</p> <p>19 Q This is a document from Valdai Partners,</p> <p>20 V-A-L-D-A-I.</p> <p>21 A Okay.</p> <p>22 Q Alfa is sponsor of the Valdai Partners.</p>	276	<p>1 this Valdai forum.</p> <p>2 Q If you turn to Page 3, there's a</p> <p>3 description of Valdai.</p> <p>4 A Page 3?</p> <p>5 Q On my version it's Page 3.</p> <p>6 A Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Okay.</p> <p>7 Q It says that Alfa-Bank donated U.S. \$100</p> <p>8 million --</p> <p>9 MR. LEWIS: Can you just help us to</p> <p>10 identify where in the document you're reading</p> <p>11 from?</p> <p>12 MR. LEVY: Can the technician please put</p> <p>13 the document on the screen. This is Document</p> <p>14 Number 69, Exhibit 49?</p> <p>15 A That's probably mistake.</p> <p>16 Q Hold on, Mr. --</p> <p>17 MR. LEWIS: Let's just wait for the</p> <p>18 question. Let's wait for the --</p> <p>19 MR. LEVY: Scroll down, please. Stop.</p> <p>20 Go up a little bit. All right. Stop there.</p> <p>21 Q So here in the middle of the page it</p> <p>22 says, Donating U.S. \$100 million to support a</p>

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277	<p>1 healthcare program for Russian children called</p> <p>2 Alfa Endo.</p> <p>3 A No. That's probably a mistake. We</p> <p>4 never, ever -- I mean, as Alfa-Bank, as far as I</p> <p>5 could recall it, we never, ever contribute so huge</p> <p>6 amount of money.</p> <p>7 Maybe it was a kind of general commitment</p> <p>8 for I presume long period of time to contribute up</p> <p>9 to \$100 million. I don't know. But it's -- it's</p> <p>10 definitely not the fact. They never, you know,</p> <p>11 committed to -- and it seems to be that's a</p> <p>12 mistake. I don't know who wrote this</p> <p>13 introduction, but my guess that's just mistake.</p> <p>14 Q Did you or anyone from Alfa or LetterOne</p> <p>15 or any of its or your representatives ever reach</p> <p>16 out to the Valdai Partners to say this is</p> <p>17 incorrect?</p> <p>18 MR. LEWIS: Objection. To his knowledge?</p> <p>19 Q To your knowledge.</p> <p>20 MR. LEWIS: Are you asking him to</p> <p>21 speculate about what a lot of other people might</p> <p>22 have done?</p>	279	<p>1 Q This is a --</p> <p>2 MR. LEVY: We're going to call this</p> <p>3 document Exhibit 50.</p> <p>4 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 50 marked</p> <p>5 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>6 transcript.)</p> <p>7 Q This is a November 10, 2015, Reuters</p> <p>8 story. The headline reads, Putin's Older</p> <p>9 Daughter: A Specialist in Biomedical Science.</p> <p>10 And on the second page of the story it</p> <p>11 says, quote, "Maria is a Ph.D. candidate."</p> <p>12 And here it's Maria Putin, Putin's</p> <p>13 daughter. Yes?</p> <p>14 A Maybe. I -- I am not familiar with her.</p> <p>15 I haven't seen her.</p> <p>16 Q "Maria is a Ph.D. candidate at the</p> <p>17 Endocrinology Research Center in Moscow."</p> <p>18 A Okay.</p> <p>19 Q "Which runs a charity project, Alfa Endo,</p> <p>20 that helps children affected by endocrine</p> <p>21 ailments. The project's website includes a</p> <p>22 presentation by Maria."</p>
278	<p>1 Q What you know. What you know.</p> <p>2 A No, I don't know about that approach.</p> <p>3 And me, personally, didn't do that. But -- but I</p> <p>4 think that is just kind of mistake.</p> <p>5 Q How much money has Alfa contributed to</p> <p>6 Alfa Endo?</p> <p>7 A I don't know. But again, as I said,</p> <p>8 that's probably could be kind of scale million</p> <p>9 dollars per year or something like that.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. Do you know that Vladimir Putin's</p> <p>11 daughter worked on an Alfa Endo project?</p> <p>12 A According to my best knowledge, he never,</p> <p>13 ever -- she never, ever worked for this project.</p> <p>14 There were a lot of rumors in that case. And that</p> <p>15 seems to be certain speculation in the media. But</p> <p>16 as far as I know, she never been in any capacity</p> <p>17 did to in this project.</p> <p>18 Q Can you turn to Document Number 26,</p> <p>19 please.</p> <p>20 MR. LEVY: Take this document down,</p> <p>21 please, from the screen.</p> <p>22 A Twenty-six. Okay.</p>	280	<p>1 Do you -- do you understand this to be</p> <p>2 true?</p> <p>3 A I never -- I never heard that she used to</p> <p>4 work for Alfa Endo. Never, ever.</p> <p>5 Q Do you know if anyone from Alfa Endo or</p> <p>6 Alfa-Bank ever sent a correction or a statement to</p> <p>7 Reuters about this story?</p> <p>8 A I don't know anybody who did it. But as</p> <p>9 far as I know, she -- she is not working for --</p> <p>10 for Alfa Endo, and did not work for Alfa Endo.</p> <p>11 And I don't know her -- I never seen</p> <p>12 her -- I even do not have any kind of perception</p> <p>13 how she looks like, frankly speaking. I don't</p> <p>14 know where they get this information that she is</p> <p>15 working for Alfa Endo.</p> <p>16 Q Is it true that Alfa-Bank has sponsored a</p> <p>17 scholarship program called Alfa Chance for the</p> <p>18 last 20 years?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q Since 2003 when you consummated the deal</p> <p>21 with BP for TNK-BP, you received a number of</p> <p>22 awards. Correct?</p>

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281	<p>1 A No. What kind of awards you mean?</p> <p>2 Q If you go to Document 4, which is your</p> <p>3 answer to interrogatories. I believe it's Exhibit</p> <p>4 6, for the record.</p> <p>5 And you turn to your Answer to</p> <p>6 Interrogatory 17, you've listed a number of</p> <p>7 awards.</p> <p>8 A Yeah.</p> <p>9 Q Are those all accurate?</p> <p>10 A I would not call it -- it's -- yeah,</p> <p>11 that's probably accurate. But that's not the kind</p> <p>12 of award. That's the kind of title. Like,</p> <p>13 because award, I mean, like -- like, you know,</p> <p>14 like making -- say award, you know.</p> <p>15 But that's a kind of title made by -- by</p> <p>16 Russian newspapers. And does not -- not too much</p> <p>17 work was in, like, 30 years of my business career.</p> <p>18 It's, like, just --</p> <p>19 Q You didn't include that qualification in</p> <p>20 your answers to interrogators, did you,</p> <p>21 Mr. Fridman?</p> <p>22 A Sorry?</p>	283	<p>1 Q Justice Scalia.</p> <p>2 What about Shimon Peres?</p> <p>3 A Oh, I know who was Shimon Peres.</p> <p>4 Q Sure. Plácido Domingo?</p> <p>5 A Plácido Domingo of course I know.</p> <p>6 Q These are internationally known people.</p> <p>7 Yes?</p> <p>8 A Correct.</p> <p>9 Q So are you. Correct?</p> <p>10 A Sorry?</p> <p>11 Q As are you.</p> <p>12 A I am not internationally known person,</p> <p>13 fortunately or unfortunately.</p> <p>14 Q You've used the media to help you in</p> <p>15 business, haven't you?</p> <p>16 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Argumentative.</p> <p>17 Q Have you used --</p> <p>18 MR. LEWIS: That's not really a question.</p> <p>19 MR. LEVY: It was a question.</p> <p>20 Q Have you used the media to help you in</p> <p>21 business?</p> <p>22 A I'm using media to -- actually to provide</p>
282	<p>1 Q You didn't include that qualification of</p> <p>2 your answer in response to Interrogatory 17, did</p> <p>3 you?</p> <p>4 A Yeah, maybe yes. Maybe I didn't include</p> <p>5 that. Because, anyway, it was certain kind of</p> <p>6 sign of recognition, which is pleasant anyway.</p> <p>7 But --</p> <p>8 Q One of the awards you listed is the</p> <p>9 Golden Plate Award.</p> <p>10 Did President Clinton present that award</p> <p>11 to you in 2003?</p> <p>12 A That's correct. Right.</p> <p>13 Q Do you recall that some of the other</p> <p>14 recipients in 2003 were people like Bob Dylan and</p> <p>15 Justice Scalia?</p> <p>16 A Yeah, I remember it was a big ceremony,</p> <p>17 and I had a pleasure to get this award from hands</p> <p>18 of Mr. Clinton.</p> <p>19 Q Those are people who are internationally</p> <p>20 known. Right?</p> <p>21 A I know Bob Dylan. I don't know the other</p> <p>22 guy you mentioned. What's his name?</p>	284	<p>1 my kind of view and kind of my business</p> <p>2 philosophy, my principle, my beliefs, my business</p> <p>3 approach. And I hope that helpful -- good helpful</p> <p>4 for my business.</p> <p>5 Q It's part of your business strategy to</p> <p>6 use the media, is it not?</p> <p>7 A Not -- no. No, I'm not very -- I'm not</p> <p>8 very --</p> <p>9 MR. LEWIS: Objection to form. He has</p> <p>10 explained why, in response to your previous</p> <p>11 question, what his use of the media.</p> <p>12 A I'm not very often try to contact with</p> <p>13 media. I do that on a certain regular basis from</p> <p>14 time to time because I think it is important to be</p> <p>15 transparent and to inform media with regards to</p> <p>16 what we are doing in our business.</p> <p>17 But I have not -- I would not call that</p> <p>18 we are, you know, permanently using media for, you</p> <p>19 know, doing our business.</p> <p>20 Q When you were fighting for control of</p> <p>21 Megaphone, did you use the media to expose</p> <p>22 Minister Reiman's control of the company?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">285</p> <p>1 A What do you mean? I, personally, did not 2 meet with any media on that topic, never. 3 Q Did Alfa use the media to try to expose 4 Minister Reiman's control of the company? 5 A You know, saying Alfa, what you are 6 saying? It was not Alfa-Bank who was in 7 litigation with Mr. Reiman; it was other entity. 8 It's completely different. Which was kind of 9 owned by us, called Altimo, as far as I could 10 recall it. I don't know. 11 We probably was -- that is the case was 12 very kind of visible and very kind of loud because 13 it was the name of the minister mentioned in the 14 materials of that case. So that was a lot of 15 attention of media to that -- to that case. 16 Q What was your ownership in Altimo at the 17 time? 18 A I don't remember exactly the number of 19 shares. But probably something similar to my 20 ownership in Alfa-Bank, probably from 30 to 40 21 percent. 22 Q Can you turn to Document 42, please.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">287</p> <p>1 Q Did you send a correction to bne 2 IntelliNews? 3 A No. Frankly, I never -- what is the 4 edition? I never heard about this edition, bne 5 IntelliNews. 6 Q You've had meetings with U.S. government 7 officials over the years. Correct? 8 A Yes. 9 Q Do you use those meetings with government 10 officials in the United States to help educate 11 them about your relationship with the Kremlin and 12 Vladimir Putin in part? 13 A No. No. That was not my job. 14 Q Are U.S. government officials -- sorry, 15 there is an echo. 16 Are U.S. government officials generally 17 skeptical of Russian businessmen? 18 A I don't know. But looks like they are 19 quite skeptical. 20 Q Do U.S. government officials suspect that 21 successful Russian businessmen have a close 22 relationship with Vladimir Putin?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">286</p> <p>1 MR. LEVY: We'll mark this as Exhibit 51. 2 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 51 marked 3 for identification and is attached to the 4 transcript.) 5 A Okay. 6 Q And if you go to Page 5 of the document? 7 A Sure. 8 Q There's a May 10, 2017, profile on you 9 published in the bne IntelliNews. And in the 10 second full paragraph on Page 5, the first 11 sentence, it says, "Fridman's strategy was to 12 embarrass Reiman into backing off by exposing his 13 control of the company." 14 Is that correct? 15 A No. Look. Journalists very often, you 16 know, kind of making a mixture between strategy of 17 our entity and my personal strategy. It just 18 could be very different. Right? 19 And, you know, that was a company which 20 was the side of the litigation. You know, of 21 course I was aware about that, but I didn't have 22 any particular strategy.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">288</p> <p>1 MR. LEWIS: Objection. The question is 2 so vague, you know, it's about U.S. government 3 officials as a group as to what they think. So 4 objection to the form of that question on that 5 ground. 6 A I think they are different -- different 7 people have different view regarding Russian 8 businesspeople. And I think those who have a 9 personal knowledge about Russian business, they 10 have a different opinion about kind of particular 11 business, you know, person, business group or 12 whatever. So I would not just mix it up in one 13 assessment. 14 Q Have you found, in your experience 15 meeting with U.S. government officials over the 16 last ten-plus years, that some of them have a 17 perception that Russian businessmen have a close 18 relationship with Vladimir Putin? 19 A Some of them definitely has this, this 20 perception. 21 Q And -- 22 A I -- but I think not necessarily about</p>

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289	<p>1 us. Because the fact they met me probably means</p> <p>2 that they did not anticipate that we have so close</p> <p>3 relationship with Mr. Putin.</p> <p>4 Q Do your meetings with those U.S.</p> <p>5 government officials help with that perception as</p> <p>6 it is applied to you and your companies?</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: Objection. It calls --</p> <p>8 A I don't think so.</p> <p>9 MR. LEWIS: -- for speculation.</p> <p>10 It calls upon him to say what the</p> <p>11 perception is of others for him. It's a question</p> <p>12 about what's in their minds.</p> <p>13 A I hope so. I hope this is not the case.</p> <p>14 I hope the meeting with this government official</p> <p>15 help them to have a more objective view regarding</p> <p>16 Alfa or LetterOne and me, personally. And, you</p> <p>17 know, just to be more kind of knowledgeable</p> <p>18 regarding what we are doing in the business.</p> <p>19 Q There's a virtue of you meeting in person</p> <p>20 with those government officials to you as opposed</p> <p>21 to picking up the phone or sending a letter.</p> <p>22 Correct?</p>	291	<p>1 met. That was a kind of, you know, meeting by the</p> <p>2 way mostly arranged by BGR, that was a part of</p> <p>3 kind of these activities, they arrange this</p> <p>4 meeting. And we just went there to introduce Alfa</p> <p>5 and LetterOne and us personally. And just to</p> <p>6 answer certain question, so ...</p> <p>7 Q Who at Letter -- I'm sorry. Who at BGR</p> <p>8 helped you with those White House meetings?</p> <p>9 A That was, you know, kind of old kind of</p> <p>10 principal members of BGR. It's -- it's Ed Rogers,</p> <p>11 it's Rick Burt, it's Walter -- what's his name? I</p> <p>12 forget. But anyway, yeah, all principal partners</p> <p>13 of BGR.</p> <p>14 Q Did you have meetings at the White House</p> <p>15 in May of 2010, May of 2011, and May of 2012?</p> <p>16 A I don't remember, frankly speaking.</p> <p>17 Probably. We have a -- during this three --</p> <p>18 during this three on an annual basis.</p> <p>19 We just normally went to Washington for</p> <p>20 few days, and just to have a kind of number of</p> <p>21 meeting like, you know, seven, eight, ten meeting</p> <p>22 in different -- with different people just to try</p>
290	<p>1 A No. I think actually it's much -- much</p> <p>2 more, let's say, practical and much more useful to</p> <p>3 meet in person, if possible.</p> <p>4 Q And you've had meetings at the White</p> <p>5 House?</p> <p>6 A Yeah, probably was in the last, as you</p> <p>7 mentioned, ten-plus, probably 15 or more years. I</p> <p>8 have couple of meetings with -- in the White House</p> <p>9 with a certain kind of statesman.</p> <p>10 Q Who was the certain kind of statesman?</p> <p>11 A I remember we met once upon a time</p> <p>12 with -- let's see, this financial advisor of</p> <p>13 President Bush. Larry Summers. That was, you</p> <p>14 know, many years ago.</p> <p>15 Q Larry Summers was the advisor to</p> <p>16 President Obama. Correct?</p> <p>17 A President Obama. Sorry. President</p> <p>18 Obama.</p> <p>19 Q Did you meet with any --</p> <p>20 A So we met --</p> <p>21 Q -- other White House officials?</p> <p>22 A I don't remember exactly with whom we</p>	292	<p>1 to build, you know, kind of our image and, you</p> <p>2 know, explain what we are doing, so on.</p> <p>3 Q Can you turn to Document 71.</p> <p>4 MR. LEVY: I'm going to call this Exhibit</p> <p>5 52.</p> <p>6 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 52 marked</p> <p>7 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>8 transcript.)</p> <p>9 A Okay.</p> <p>10 Q These are -- these are publicly available</p> <p>11 documents. They're called W-A-V, period, files.</p> <p>12 WAV files. And they state who has visited the</p> <p>13 White House at a particular time.</p> <p>14 Do you see your name on each of these</p> <p>15 pages, indicating that you visited the White House</p> <p>16 in May of 2010, May of 2011, and May of 2012?</p> <p>17 A Yeah. Yeah.</p> <p>18 Q And --</p> <p>19 A Yeah. Aven, Burt, Fridman, and the last</p> <p>20 one.</p> <p>21 Q Stephen Rademaker?</p> <p>22 A Rademaker, yes. That's one of the member</p>

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293	<p>1 of the BGR group, as far as I could recall it.</p> <p>2 Q In May of 2010 with whom did you meet at</p> <p>3 the White House? It says David Lipton and Groslyn</p> <p>4 Burton.</p> <p>5 Do you recall meeting with them?</p> <p>6 A Yeah. We met with probably – we met few</p> <p>7 times probably with David Lipton.</p> <p>8 Q What did you discuss?</p> <p>9 A I think, you know, he asked about –</p> <p>10 we – we told what we are doing. He ask about</p> <p>11 banking sector. He ask about other sector of</p> <p>12 Russian economy. So primarily, you know, as you</p> <p>13 know, we are active in different businesses, oil</p> <p>14 and gas, telecoms, banks, insurance, retails. So</p> <p>15 it's a lot of businesses we are invested in</p> <p>16 Russia.</p> <p>17 So therefore it was a lot of topic for</p> <p>18 discussion with economic advisor like David</p> <p>19 Lipton.</p> <p>20 Q Why did you set up this meeting?</p> <p>21 A I think it is important to – for us as a</p> <p>22 businesspeople, because we always believe that we</p>	295	<p>1 necessarily only in the U.S., but more general.</p> <p>2 Q And then is that the same purpose you had</p> <p>3 for meeting with White House officials in 2011 and</p> <p>4 2012?</p> <p>5 A Yes. Exactly the same.</p> <p>6 Q You've also had meetings at the</p> <p>7 Department of State for the United States</p> <p>8 government. Correct?</p> <p>9 A Probably, yeah.</p> <p>10 Q Do you recall when those meetings</p> <p>11 occurred, the years?</p> <p>12 A No. I think because we've been in</p> <p>13 Washington probably like ten or 12 time, it's not</p> <p>14 just the three times we've been there. We've been</p> <p>15 many times in Washington. And we are on the</p> <p>16 regular – as I said, on the regular basis.</p> <p>17 So we met with certain representative of</p> <p>18 department of the state kind of on the regular</p> <p>19 basis probably.</p> <p>20 Q Do you recall what the purpose of those</p> <p>21 meetings were? Was it the same as the White House</p> <p>22 meeting?</p>
294	<p>1 are not just Russian investor; we are always</p> <p>2 believe that we would like to invest worldwide.</p> <p>3 And therefore, it would be important to have a</p> <p>4 right perception about, you know, who we are.</p> <p>5 Right?</p> <p>6 Because as you already mention, a lot of</p> <p>7 people, and American administration, could be</p> <p>8 preoccupied with a certain prejudice regarding</p> <p>9 Alfa – sorry, regarding Russian, Russian</p> <p>10 businessmen. And especially so-called oligarchs.</p> <p>11 And because we are part of that group, we</p> <p>12 are part of the big Russian businesspeople, so it</p> <p>13 is important for us to explain, you know, our</p> <p>14 position with regards to, you know, our approach</p> <p>15 to business.</p> <p>16 And we always try to explain that we are</p> <p>17 focused primarily on the private sector, on</p> <p>18 market, sector of market, you know, economy, and</p> <p>19 we stick to, let's say, fair competition and rule</p> <p>20 of the game, so on and so forth.</p> <p>21 And we hope that it will be helpful for</p> <p>22 us for our investment in the future. Not</p>	296	<p>1 A That was – that was the same type of</p> <p>2 meetings. Just to introduce Alfa, what we are</p> <p>3 doing, what's going on in certain sector of</p> <p>4 Russian economy, so on so forth.</p> <p>5 Q Did you have State Department meetings</p> <p>6 between 2010 and 2016?</p> <p>7 A Probably yes. Probably yes. As I said,</p> <p>8 we made this trip to Washington on regular basis.</p> <p>9 Q Did you travel to Washington in 2016?</p> <p>10 A I don't – I don't recall it. 2016? I</p> <p>11 don't remember. Maybe yes.</p> <p>12 Q What about 2015?</p> <p>13 A I could check it with my schedule. But</p> <p>14 I'm not sure. So we did it almost every year</p> <p>15 until probably –</p> <p>16 Q Where do you keep your schedule?</p> <p>17 A Sorry?</p> <p>18 Q Where do you keep your schedule?</p> <p>19 A In my computer.</p> <p>20 Q Is that something you can produce to us?</p> <p>21 A Sorry?</p> <p>22 Q Can you produce your schedule to us?</p>

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297	<p>1 A I don't know.</p> <p>2 MR. LEWIS: Objection. I think you're</p> <p>3 asking him about his Alfa e-mail and computer,</p> <p>4 which is a subject, as you know, of a pending</p> <p>5 motion.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: Yeah.</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: May I ask, you described the</p> <p>8 document which is Document 71 as a White House</p> <p>9 document. I'm not questioning that, but I don't</p> <p>10 see it on the document.</p> <p>11 If you could, please, if that's here, if</p> <p>12 you could point to it or otherwise provide some</p> <p>13 indication besides, you know, that this is a White</p> <p>14 House document.</p> <p>15 MR. LEVY: We can certainly provide the</p> <p>16 link to you.</p> <p>17 MR. LEWIS: Thank you.</p> <p>18 BY MR. LEVY:</p> <p>19 Q You've had meetings on what we call the</p> <p>20 Hill. You've had meetings with the house and the</p> <p>21 Senate in Washington, DC?</p> <p>22 A Yeah. Yeah.</p>	299	<p>1 Q And that's part of why you pay them.</p> <p>2 Right? They're in communication with some of</p> <p>3 these Washington government officials on a regular</p> <p>4 basis. Correct?</p> <p>5 A Yeah, we are paying them primarily for</p> <p>6 advising us how to build our, you know, profile</p> <p>7 properly, and how to develop certain programs, as</p> <p>8 Alfa Fellowship you mentioned and some other</p> <p>9 programs. So, yeah.</p> <p>10 Q In 2012 do you recall meeting with U.S.</p> <p>11 lawmakers?</p> <p>12 A Tell me what kind of meetings you talking</p> <p>13 about. I try to do my best to recall it.</p> <p>14 Q Were you having in-person meetings with a</p> <p>15 Senator or a Congressman in Washington, DC, in the</p> <p>16 year --</p> <p>17 A Yeah, if -- I just like to repeat. If it</p> <p>18 was 2012, because we did it almost on an annual</p> <p>19 basis, but not every year. So some probably year</p> <p>20 we missed this, this kind of journey. But if it</p> <p>21 had been 2012, and as far as I understand from</p> <p>22 your information, that was the case. So we</p>
298	<p>1 Q You've met with -- you've met with</p> <p>2 Senators. Correct?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q You've met with Congressmen. Correct?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q Did you meet with any Senate or House</p> <p>7 members in 2016?</p> <p>8 A Again, I don't remember whether I been in</p> <p>9 Washington in 2016. If so, we probably met with</p> <p>10 the Congressmen and Senators.</p> <p>11 Q Do you know if any of Alfa or LetterOne's</p> <p>12 representatives met with members of the House or</p> <p>13 the Senate in 2016?</p> <p>14 A You mean -- what do you mean saying</p> <p>15 representatives? Do you mean BGR, or whom?</p> <p>16 Q Yeah, BGR, Richard Burt, Ed Rogers.</p> <p>17 A I think this guys meeting with the</p> <p>18 Senators and Congressmen on daily basis, as far as</p> <p>19 I understand.</p> <p>20 Q That's part of --</p> <p>21 A Not necessary -- not necessarily on</p> <p>22 behalf of Alfa, but because that's their job.</p>	300	<p>1 probably met with the different people, including</p> <p>2 Senators and Congressmen.</p> <p>3 Q And do you recall meeting with Senators</p> <p>4 and Congressmen about WTO accession for Russia?</p> <p>5 A That was a lot of discussion on that</p> <p>6 topic. But, you know -- you know, a lot of people</p> <p>7 ask us about, you know, what is our position</p> <p>8 regarding WTO. And we try to explain what is our</p> <p>9 position regarding WTO entrance from point of view</p> <p>10 of our own business.</p> <p>11 Q And you explained that the WTO accession</p> <p>12 for Russia was something that the U.S. government</p> <p>13 should support. Correct?</p> <p>14 A No. No. I would not say this. We told</p> <p>15 that more particular things like, you know, our</p> <p>16 position was always, like, we believed that</p> <p>17 generally for the Russian business it would be</p> <p>18 challenging, but longer term that would be useful,</p> <p>19 at least for our own business. Because we believe</p> <p>20 it would create the fair competition environment</p> <p>21 for Russian, for Russian companies.</p> <p>22 Q Do you recall the topic of the Magnitsky</p>

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301	<p>1 Act coming up in these conversations with Senators 2 and Congressmen in 2012?</p> <p>3 A No, really, I don't remember that topic.</p> <p>4 Q Do you recall opposing the Magnitsky Act 5 in these meetings?</p> <p>6 A No, I don't remember.</p> <p>7 Q Can you turn to Document Number 88. 8 MR. LEVY: We're going to call this 9 Exhibit 53. 10 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 53 marked 11 for identification and is attached to the 12 transcript.)</p> <p>13 Q This is a June 29, 2012, Wall Street 14 Journal article called Q&A: Russia's Mikhail 15 Fridman.</p> <p>16 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>17 Q If you go to Page 6 of this article, the 18 Wall Street Journal asks you --</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q -- at the bottom of the page, What was 21 your message to U.S. legislators when you were in 22 Washington in May. And you replied --</p>	303	<p>1 your communications with Senators and Congressmen 2 about the Magnitsky Act and your opposition to --</p> <p>3 A Yeah, I'm not sure -- I'm not sure that 4 was a question -- that was a topic for discussion 5 with the Congressmen and Senators. But maybe yes. 6 You know, okay. You know, I would -- I'm ready to 7 kind of to support this view I expressed in this 8 answer.</p> <p>9 Q You were asked -- answering a question, 10 What was your message to U.S. legislators. 11 Correct?</p> <p>12 A Yeah. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q Did you -- did you seek to print a 14 correction with the Wall Street Journal here?</p> <p>15 A No. I think maybe that's true. I just 16 don't remember whether we discuss Magnitsky Act 17 during this visit or not. That was, like, eight 18 years ago. Maybe it was important topic for 19 discussion.</p> <p>20 Q If you turn to Document 74. 21 MR. LEVY: We're going to call this 22 Exhibit 54.</p>
302	<p>1 A What's the page? Sorry.</p> <p>2 Q Page 6 at the bottom.</p> <p>3 A Six. Okay.</p> <p>4 Q The Wall Street Journal asked you, What 5 was your message to U.S. legislators when you were 6 in Washington in May.</p> <p>7 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>8 Q Mr. Fridman, quote, We support Russia's 9 WTO accession. We think it's the right decision, 10 end of quote.</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q It then says, quote, We were asked about 13 the Magnitsky Act. We said we think it isn't 14 quite the right approach because it involves 15 specific bureaucrats. But the broader problem is 16 corruption, end of quote.</p> <p>17 A Okay.</p> <p>18 Q And then it says, It shouldn't be linked 19 to WTO accession, quote, We think they are 20 different things, end of quote.</p> <p>21 A Yeah. Okay.</p> <p>22 Q Does this refresh your recollection about</p>	304	<p>1 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 54 marked 2 for identification and is attached to the 3 transcript.)</p> <p>4 Q And before you look at that document, 5 Mr. Fridman, was it your understanding in 2012 6 that the Kremlin opposed the Magnitsky Act?</p> <p>7 A Yeah, I know that Kremlin was quite 8 strongly against this.</p> <p>9 Q And was it your understanding in 2012 10 that the Kremlin wanted the WTO accession?</p> <p>11 A I -- I don't know what was the Kremlin 12 position with regards to that.</p> <p>13 Q Back to Document 74, which is Exhibit 54. 14 These are publicly available lobbying 15 reports that BGR submitted. And if you look at 16 Pages 5 and 6, you see this is a lobbying report 17 from BGR Government Affairs. The client's name is 18 LetterOne, S.A.</p> <p>19 A Okay.</p> <p>20 Q And in the index it says that the 21 specific lobbying issues include strategic 22 guidance and counsel on developing relationships</p>

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<p>305</p> <p>1 with the United States government officials. 2 Is that accurate for the year 2016? 3 A Tell me what's the page? U.S. Russian 4 and WTO negotiations. 5 Q I am reading from what I think is the 6 penultimate page of the document, the 7 second-to-last page. 8 A The second-to-last page. Okay. 9 Q At the top it says Specific Lobbying 10 Issues. And then it says, "Strategic guidance and 11 council on developing relationships with U.S. 12 government officials." 13 MR. LEWIS: Sorry. This is in 74? 14 MR. LEVY: This is in 2016, in Document 15 74. 16 MR. LEWIS: No. The document number. 17 MR. LEVY: Document 74, Exhibit 54. 18 MR. LEWIS: I'm sorry. I just don't see 19 where you're reading from. 20 A Yes, I couldn't find it either. The 21 second last page from the -- from the end. 22 Strategic guidance. Ah. And counsel on </p>	<p>307</p> <p>1 have meetings on reputational issues, especially 2 after all this story with the servers and -- and 3 Trump this year. And he participated -- 4 participating in that -- in that meetings. 5 Q In 2016 how often would you communicate 6 with Ed Rogers? 7 A No, not very often. During -- 8 Q During 2016? 9 A No. The same. I normally, you know, met 10 with him once per year, when we went to -- to 11 Washington and spent a couple of days there. 12 Q How often would you communicate with 13 Richard Burt in 2015 and 2016? 14 A Probably the same. The same density. 15 Q You had meetings over the years with the 16 U.S. Treasury Department as well. Correct? 17 A Yeah. As I said, you know, we met 18 different, you know, representative of America -- 19 of administration and -- and of legislative power 20 and so on. 21 Q When you have meetings with U.S. 22 government officials at the White House, is there </p>
<p>306</p> <p>1 developing relationship with United States 2 government officials. Okay. 3 Q Yes. 4 A Yeah, I found it. It's in a -- in a -- 5 it's a -- it's a Paragraph Number 16. Right? 6 Q Yes. 7 A Specific lobbying issue. 8 Q Yes. 9 A Okay. 10 Q That's accurate, to your knowledge? 11 A Yeah, that's -- you know, it seems to me 12 it's a bit more narrow description. It's more 13 broadly. But -- but fine. 14 Q This document also lists Ed Rogers as one 15 of your lobbyists. 16 How often do you communicate with Ed 17 Rogers? 18 A Personally, not very often. 19 Q When you communicate with Ed Rogers, how 20 do you communicate? 21 A I think, you know, he is from -- 22 sometimes we have kind of here in LetterOne we </p>	<p>308</p> <p>1 a memo about what's said at those meetings? 2 A No. 3 Q When you meet with other U.S. government 4 officials, are you familiar with memoranda written 5 about those meetings? 6 A You mean memoranda written by us or 7 memoranda written by them? 8 Q Written by anybody at Alfa or LetterOne, 9 including you. 10 A No. I never, ever heard of any 11 memoranda. I didn't read any memoranda for that 12 type of meetings. 13 Q Did anyone at BGR ever type up memoranda 14 about your meetings with U.S. government 15 officials? 16 A I could not remember that. They probably 17 make a kind of briefing to us who, who we meet 18 with, you know, what kind of interest environment, 19 what kind of particular business activity could be 20 interested, what kind of introduction we should do 21 regarding our business and so on. But primarily I 22 don't -- I could not recall any written </p>

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309	<p>1 memorandum.</p> <p>2 Q After your meetings with U.S. government</p> <p>3 officials, do you report to the board of your</p> <p>4 companies or does BGR report to the board of your</p> <p>5 companies on those U.S. meetings?</p> <p>6 A We didn't make any formal report to the</p> <p>7 board, you know. We just, you know -- we just use</p> <p>8 it for more better -- for better understanding of,</p> <p>9 you know, how it works. Because U.S. is important</p> <p>10 country, is effectively superpower. So that's</p> <p>11 important to understand what is actually the view</p> <p>12 of the U.S. officials regarding business in</p> <p>13 Russia, regarding businessmen, Russian</p> <p>14 businessmen.</p> <p>15 Q Can you recall any of the people at the</p> <p>16 State Department with whom you've met?</p> <p>17 A Oh, we met I think with a few people</p> <p>18 there.</p> <p>19 Q Names?</p> <p>20 A You know, we met with -- we met with the</p> <p>21 ex-ambassadors in Russia, there was many of them.</p> <p>22 And we met with Victoria Nuland. We met with some</p>	311	<p>1 ambassador to Russia, we met.</p> <p>2 So it was all of them as ambassador, we</p> <p>3 try to build, you know, pretty kind of good</p> <p>4 relationship.</p> <p>5 Q Did you meet with the U.S. ambassador to</p> <p>6 Russia in 2016?</p> <p>7 A Who was in that time?</p> <p>8 Q I'm asking you.</p> <p>9 MR. LEWIS: 2016?</p> <p>10 MR. LEVY: I don't know who just spoke,</p> <p>11 but let the witness testify, please.</p> <p>12 A I -- I don't remember who was 2016. John</p> <p>13 Tefft was probably. I don't know. But as I said,</p> <p>14 you know, with the American ambassador in Russia,</p> <p>15 we met, let's say, quite regularly.</p> <p>16 Q Did you meet with John Tefft in Moscow or</p> <p>17 Washington, DC, or both in 2016?</p> <p>18 A Oh, in 2016? I don't remember. I don't</p> <p>19 remember exactly. But if he was ambassador, we</p> <p>20 definitely met him in Moscow.</p> <p>21 Q Did you meet with Victoria Nuland in</p> <p>22 2016?</p>
310	<p>1 other people. So we have a number of different</p> <p>2 meetings.</p> <p>3 Q Who was the former U.S. ambassador to</p> <p>4 Russia with whom you met?</p> <p>5 A Oh, we met -- not necessarily in State</p> <p>6 Department. But generally we met with Mike</p> <p>7 McFaul, with John Tefft, with Bill Burns. You</p> <p>8 know, with many, many people.</p> <p>9 Q Did you meet with them while they were</p> <p>10 the U.S. ambassador or after they were the U.S.</p> <p>11 ambassador?</p> <p>12 A Who was? So we met them, all of them</p> <p>13 when they been U.S. ambassador, U.S. ambassador in</p> <p>14 Moscow. Few times, quite regularly. I mean, from</p> <p>15 time to time we wanted to keep, you know,</p> <p>16 connection with the U.S. ambassador in Moscow</p> <p>17 because we believe it's useful for -- you know,</p> <p>18 for our business purpose.</p> <p>19 And -- and, of course, we retain certain</p> <p>20 relationship as well. And when we get the chance</p> <p>21 to meet with them in the U.S. soil, we probably</p> <p>22 try to do that. But Alex Vershbow, who was</p>	312	<p>1 A Again, I don't remember exactly the date.</p> <p>2 But we met with her a few times.</p> <p>3 Q When did you first come into contact with</p> <p>4 Victoria Nuland?</p> <p>5 A I don't remember. But -- I don't</p> <p>6 remember exactly. But --</p> <p>7 Q Who introduced you to her?</p> <p>8 A I have no idea. I don't remember that.</p> <p>9 But probably it was in one of that type of visit</p> <p>10 to the United States that was arrange the meeting</p> <p>11 with her, we met with her.</p> <p>12 Q Has she ever had a commercial</p> <p>13 relationship with Alfa or LetterOne?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q Do you trust her judgment?</p> <p>16 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Judgment in</p> <p>17 general, on all things? Anything in particular?</p> <p>18 Q Would you answer the question --</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q -- Mr. Fridman.</p> <p>21 A Yes. What kind of judgment you mean?</p> <p>22 Q On U.S./Russian relations.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">313</p> <p>1 A She is professional. I think she is</p> <p>2 pretty well aware about U.S./Russian relations.</p> <p>3 That was her job, as far as I understand.</p> <p>4 Q Can you turn to Document 52.</p> <p>5 MR. LEVY: And we'll call this Exhibit</p> <p>6 55.</p> <p>7 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 55 marked</p> <p>8 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>9 transcript.)</p> <p>10 A Fifty-two.</p> <p>11 Q This is PDDC 8303, a document that your</p> <p>12 lawyers produced to us. It's an e-mail from</p> <p>13 Victoria Nuland to you, March 5, 2015, following</p> <p>14 up on an e-mail you sent her on the same day.</p> <p>15 Do you recall sending this e-mail to her?</p> <p>16 A Yeah.</p> <p>17 Q Do you recall receiving the e-mail from</p> <p>18 her in reply?</p> <p>19 A Let me just read this e-mail.</p> <p>20 Okay. Yeah. Yeah. I -- I don't</p> <p>21 remember the e-mail, but I understood, you know,</p> <p>22 what was the topic of this e-mail.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">315</p> <p>1 A I don't -- I don't remember.</p> <p>2 Q Did you use your Gmail account for this</p> <p>3 e-mail?</p> <p>4 A As far as I understand, yes. Looking for</p> <p>5 address.</p> <p>6 Q Have you met her in person?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q In this e-mail exchange you stated,</p> <p>9 quote, I firmly believe that the problems in</p> <p>10 political relations between the two countries</p> <p>11 should not interfere with the cooperation in the</p> <p>12 humanitarian sphere, in the sphere of science,</p> <p>13 should not be an obstacle to investment of</p> <p>14 independent private Russian business into Western</p> <p>15 economy and Western to Russia. Had you</p> <p>16 communicated -- end of quote.</p> <p>17 Had you communicated with Nuland in the</p> <p>18 past about political relations?</p> <p>19 A I don't remember that, you know. She is</p> <p>20 primarily asked me, as far as I could recall it,</p> <p>21 regarding, you know, condition of the business;</p> <p>22 you know -- you know, situation in business. But</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">314</p> <p>1 Q Do you see that she signed her e-mail,</p> <p>2 Best, comma, t, lower case T?</p> <p>3 A I don't know.</p> <p>4 Q What does that T refer to?</p> <p>5 A I don't really know what does it mean, T.</p> <p>6 Q Had you been in contact with Ms. Nuland</p> <p>7 before this e-mail exchange?</p> <p>8 A Yes. As I said, we met few times in</p> <p>9 Washington.</p> <p>10 Q How many times had you communicated or</p> <p>11 met with her before this e-mail exchange?</p> <p>12 A I don't remember. By the way, it seems</p> <p>13 to me she was the part of ran preparation session,</p> <p>14 which ran preparation established for two times</p> <p>15 per year in Russia, in Moscow, in Washington. And</p> <p>16 we participate in that.</p> <p>17 Actually, probably knew her since this</p> <p>18 ran preparation meetings. That probably was way</p> <p>19 before she became, you know, kind of important --</p> <p>20 important person in State Department.</p> <p>21 Q Have you e-mailed her before this e-mail</p> <p>22 on March 5, 2015?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">316</p> <p>1 primarily topic was focused on -- on a business</p> <p>2 issues.</p> <p>3 Q After this e-mail exchange, did you speak</p> <p>4 with her about political relations?</p> <p>5 A No. We met once upon a time, later on in</p> <p>6 2017, it seems to me. And that was already</p> <p>7 afterwards this dossier publications.</p> <p>8 Q Did you discuss political relations with</p> <p>9 other U.S. government officials?</p> <p>10 A I don't --</p> <p>11 MR. LEWIS: Objection to the form. I</p> <p>12 don't agree that this e-mail discusses political</p> <p>13 relations. It makes a reference to political</p> <p>14 relations to say that whatever they might be to</p> <p>15 advocate for certain things that the e-mail</p> <p>16 advocates for.</p> <p>17 So to characterize this as discussing,</p> <p>18 you know, political relations, I don't think is</p> <p>19 faithful to the meaning of the document, which</p> <p>20 speaks for itself.</p> <p>21 MR. LEVY: Alan, I didn't ask him to</p> <p>22 characterize the e-mail. I asked if he discussed</p>

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317	<p>1 political relations with other government 2 officials from the United States. 3 MR. LEWIS: But when you say -- 4 MR. LEVY: I prefer you not testify for 5 the witness. 6 MR. LEWIS: The inference was that he 7 discussed political relations with Victoria 8 Nuland. 9 MR. LEVY: Alan, if you are going to make 10 an objection, make an objection. But I just need 11 to move on here. 12 Q Mr. Fridman, did you discuss political 13 relations with U.S. government officials other 14 than Tori Nuland? 15 A I didn't discuss political relation, at 16 least according to my personal recollection. I 17 probably -- 18 Q Did you discuss political relations with 19 Russian government officials? 20 A Sorry? 21 Q Did you discuss political relations with 22 Russian government officials?</p>	319	<p>1 A Probably, you know, like probably ten or 2 more years ago. 3 Q In 2003 did you establish the Russian and 4 Russian-American relations lecture series at the 5 Council on Foreign Relations? 6 A Say it again? What? What as -- 7 Q In 2003 did you establish -- 8 A Yes. 9 Q -- the Russia and Russian-American 10 relations lecture series at the Council on Foreign 11 Relations? 12 A Yeah. As far as I could recall, if they 13 ask us to help them to invite some prominent 14 Russian speakers to Washington. And because, you 15 know, I have honor to be there, member of advisory 16 board, so I help them to arrange this type of 17 lecture. 18 That was not my lecture. That was the 19 lecture of some Russian politician by invitation 20 of council for foreign relation. 21 MR. LEWIS: Josh, can we take a short 22 break within the next five or ten minutes?</p>
318	<p>1 A No. No. 2 Q Did you communicate again with Ms. Nuland 3 in 2015 or 2016? 4 A But I already told you. You asked me 5 already that we met with her few times. I don't 6 remember exactly the date, but probably it was 7 2015 or 2016 when -- during our regular trip to 8 the U.S., annual trip. 9 Q How -- are you serving on the 10 International Advisory Board of the Council on 11 Foreign Relations? 12 A Yeah. 13 Q Were you serving on the International 14 Advisory Board of the Council on Foreign Relations 15 in 2016? 16 A That seems to me kind of permanent 17 position. So once you have been kind of -- kind 18 of involved there, you know, approved there as a 19 member of advisory board, you will be there 20 until -- until your life, let's say. 21 Q When were you approved to be a member of 22 the board?</p>	320	<p>1 MR. LEVY: Let's take one right now. 2 (A recess was taken.) 3 BY MR. LEVY: 4 Q Mr. Fridman, the Valdai discussion club 5 is a Moscow-based think tank. 6 Is that correct? 7 A What? How do you call, what? 8 Q Valdai, V-A-L-D-A-I, the Valdai 9 discussion group. 10 A Yeah. 11 Q That's a Moscow-based think tank? 12 A Valdai is the name of the club which is 13 normally taking part in the -- in Volga region. 14 But think tank arranged that. That's Moscow 15 based, it seems to me. 16 Q And are you familiar with the fact that 17 in the Western press it's described as being 18 closely linked with Vladimir Putin, and Vladimir 19 Putin's favorite platform? 20 A You know, in the Western press everything 21 in Russia is described as close to Mr. Putin, as 22 far as I understand.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">321</p> <p>1 Q Has Vladimir Putin appeared at the club's</p> <p>2 annual conference every year since its founding in</p> <p>3 2004?</p> <p>4 A Frankly, I don't know. I never, ever</p> <p>5 been in that meetings of that club. I never -- I</p> <p>6 never been a member of that club.</p> <p>7 Q Isn't it the case that for a businessman</p> <p>8 to succeed as you have in Russia, you need to have</p> <p>9 close communications with the Russian government?</p> <p>10 A What do you mean, say in "close</p> <p>11 communications"?</p> <p>12 Q Look at Document 102, which is Exhibit</p> <p>13 14.</p> <p>14 This is your trial transcript testimony</p> <p>15 from Aven V Orbis in the UK. Can you turn to Page</p> <p>16 107 of Day 1?</p> <p>17 A 107. Okay.</p> <p>18 Q You'll see it says -- and this is you</p> <p>19 testifying -- "You know, it's a bit different</p> <p>20 from, let's say, practice here in the UK. In</p> <p>21 Russia, with control of the government over</p> <p>22 day-to-day business activity, it's much tighter.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">323</p> <p>1 A Wait. Wait. Wait. They work for</p> <p>2 Alfa-Bank in the last -- last period was probably</p> <p>3 1999. So that was -- by the way, they left Alfa</p> <p>4 even before Mr. Putin became president.</p> <p>5 Q So you've known them a long time.</p> <p>6 A I knew them since, you know -- look.</p> <p>7 Alfa is a big company. They have probably</p> <p>8 altogether 500,000 employees. And it's a lot of</p> <p>9 people who used to work in Alfa. But two of them</p> <p>10 of course I knew, both of them. And they used to</p> <p>11 work not very long period of time, couple of years</p> <p>12 of Alfa-Bank. And both left and used to work in</p> <p>13 Kremlin administration, president administration.</p> <p>14 Q Surkov joined Alfa in 1995. Correct?</p> <p>15 A No. In 1996 probably.</p> <p>16 Q Was he the director of Alfa-Bank?</p> <p>17 A No. He was head of kind of government</p> <p>18 relations department of Alfa-Bank.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. And was Surkov the deputy chairman</p> <p>20 of Alfa's board?</p> <p>21 A No. No.</p> <p>22 Q Prior to forming Alfa, did you study with</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">322</p> <p>1 So to have just normal cooperation, to just -- to</p> <p>2 have a normal regime of doing business, you should</p> <p>3 have certain channel for providing your view.</p> <p>4 That was one of the duties of Mr. Aven."</p> <p>5 Is that testimony accurate?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q In 2016, did you associate with the</p> <p>8 Russian business elite?</p> <p>9 A Probably yes.</p> <p>10 Q In 2016 did you associate with Russian</p> <p>11 politicians at high levels of government?</p> <p>12 A Not at all.</p> <p>13 Q In 2016 were Vladislav Surkov and</p> <p>14 Alexander Abramov working at the Kremlin advising</p> <p>15 Vladimir Putin?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q And prior to that didn't they both work</p> <p>18 for Alfa?</p> <p>19 A Yeah, they work for Alfa in end of '90s.</p> <p>20 So that was 16 years later.</p> <p>21 Q They worked -- they worked with you at</p> <p>22 Alfa?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">324</p> <p>1 Surkov, Alexei Kuzmichev, and Khan at university,</p> <p>2 specifically the Institute for Steel and Alloys?</p> <p>3 A Yeah, we -- you know, Mr. Surkov was the</p> <p>4 student of the same university, but he did not</p> <p>5 finish this university. So we started to get a --</p> <p>6 you know, we been in different -- in different</p> <p>7 department of the university, let's say. But we</p> <p>8 started together 1981, in 1982. This is then.</p> <p>9 Q And after you were all in school</p> <p>10 together, did you stay in touch with Mr. Surkov?</p> <p>11 A Not really, actually, because I -- I, you</p> <p>12 know, restore relationship with him in '90s</p> <p>13 already.</p> <p>14 Q So by the time you were in the mid '90s,</p> <p>15 you had reestablished the relationship with him</p> <p>16 when he was working at Alfa. Correct?</p> <p>17 A No; when he was working in the other</p> <p>18 companies, and when I invited him to work in Alfa.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. And from 2013 through two</p> <p>20 thousand -- sorry, from 2013 to 2020, am I correct</p> <p>21 that Surkov served as a personal advisor to</p> <p>22 Vladimir Putin?</p>

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325	<p>1 A No, I don't think so. He was actually</p> <p>2 like – there was official title, advisor, not</p> <p>3 personal advisor.</p> <p>4 Q Okay.</p> <p>5 A That's a kind of – that's a certain</p> <p>6 group of advisors. It's like in the U.S., you</p> <p>7 know, advisors for certain type of policy. He was</p> <p>8 advisor for relationship with the former Soviet</p> <p>9 Union countries.</p> <p>10 Q And he advised President Putin on those</p> <p>11 matters.</p> <p>12 A I don't know. Probably yes.</p> <p>13 Q Can you pull up Document 19.</p> <p>14 MR. LEVY: We'll call this Exhibit 56.</p> <p>15 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 56 marked</p> <p>16 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>17 transcript.)</p> <p>18 A Nineteen?</p> <p>19 MR. GILLESPIE: One nine.</p> <p>20 A Okay.</p> <p>21 MR. LEVY: And if you could put it on the</p> <p>22 screen, please.</p>	327	<p>1 once, twice per year or three times per year,</p> <p>2 occasionally in certain meetings and so on.</p> <p>3 Q Would that include the years 2013 through</p> <p>4 2016?</p> <p>5 A Yeah, probably. But he is busy person,</p> <p>6 so I met him from times to times. And I'm busy</p> <p>7 person. So it's not very regular.</p> <p>8 But normally that's on certain occasion;</p> <p>9 like, you know – you know, certain kind of</p> <p>10 reception or whatever.</p> <p>11 Q Did anyone else from Alfa speak with</p> <p>12 Surkov between 2013 and 2016?</p> <p>13 A I don't know. You know, maybe.</p> <p>14 Q Can you pull up Document 88.</p> <p>15 (A discussion was held off the record.)</p> <p>16 A Eighty-eight. Okay.</p> <p>17 MR. LEVY: I'm sorry, not 88.</p> <p>18 Andrew, what is the document number for</p> <p>19 the e-mail, the Surkov e-mail?</p> <p>20 MR. SHARP: That's not in the documents</p> <p>21 that we sent because the translation didn't come</p> <p>22 in until last night.</p>
326	<p>1 A/V TECHNICIAN: Yes. Stand by.</p> <p>2 A Okay.</p> <p>3 MR. LEVY: Can you scroll down, please.</p> <p>4 Keep going, please. Keep going. Keep going.</p> <p>5 Stop.</p> <p>6 Q Mr. Fridman, who are the people in this</p> <p>7 picture?</p> <p>8 A Even this – on the top of the page?</p> <p>9 Q Yes.</p> <p>10 A That Mr. Surkov and Mr. Putin.</p> <p>11 Q And does it look like Mr. Putin is</p> <p>12 leaning over and saying something to Mr. Surkov?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 MR. GILLESPIE: Stupid question.</p> <p>15 MR. LEVY: I'd like the counsel to</p> <p>16 refrain from criticizing any questions in this</p> <p>17 deposition. I find it highly unprofessional.</p> <p>18 A Okay.</p> <p>19 Q When is the last time you or anyone at</p> <p>20 Alfa communicated with Surkov?</p> <p>21 A I – I'm not very often seeing him,</p> <p>22 probably at once per couple of, you know, like</p>	328	<p>1 MR. LEVY: All right. We're going to</p> <p>2 introduce a new document called Exhibit 57. This</p> <p>3 is a Russian e-mail and an English translation of</p> <p>4 it that we've received last night. We found the</p> <p>5 Russian e-mail online.</p> <p>6 Andrew, can you -- can the technician</p> <p>7 first take this document down off the screen.</p> <p>8 A/V TECHNICIAN: Yes, sir. I'm pulling</p> <p>9 the new exhibit up right now.</p> <p>10 MR. LEWIS: Can you e-mail the document</p> <p>11 and the translation to us?</p> <p>12 MR. LEVY: Yes. Yes we can.</p> <p>13 Andrew, can you do that, please?</p> <p>14 MR. SHARP: I will.</p> <p>15 MR. LEVY: Thank you.</p> <p>16 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 57 marked</p> <p>17 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>18 transcript.)</p> <p>19 Q Mr. Fridman, this looks to be an October</p> <p>20 14, 2014, e-mail in Russian that you had sent to</p> <p>21 Vladislav Surkov.</p> <p>22 Is that correct?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">329</p> <p>1 A Maybe. Maybe, yes. 2014, six years ago.</p> <p>2 MR. LEVY: I'm going to ask the court</p> <p>3 reporter to put up the English translation.</p> <p>4 Is that scrolling down in this document,</p> <p>5 Andrew?</p> <p>6 MR. SHARP: Yes.</p> <p>7 MR. LEVY: Okay.</p> <p>8 Q Here, according to the English</p> <p>9 translation of this e-mail, it says -- it has you</p> <p>10 saying, Mr. Fridman, quote, Good afternoon. Not</p> <p>11 in the city. I can call you. Breaks down all the</p> <p>12 time. Call. Dinner at 20 to 30, question mark.</p> <p>13 We transfer the reserve to 20 to 30."</p> <p>14 Is that your e-mail address, Mr. Fridman?</p> <p>15 A What's the address here? I couldn't see</p> <p>16 it. It just -- office, probably address of -- of</p> <p>17 my assistant. And read assistant to Mr. Fridman.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. And do you occasionally send</p> <p>19 personal e-mails from your Alfa-Bank assistant's</p> <p>20 e-mail address?</p> <p>21 A I'm not necessarily think that this</p> <p>22 personal e-mails. That's maybe kind of type of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">331</p> <p>1 Q 2013.</p> <p>2 A -- is probably --</p> <p>3 Q Mr. Fridman, 2013?</p> <p>4 A '13? But this e-mail -- but that's the</p> <p>5 date of this e-mail is 2014. You mean in 2013 --</p> <p>6 Q Yes.</p> <p>7 A -- did we discuss with him TNK-BP?</p> <p>8 I don't remember. Maybe.</p> <p>9 Q In 2016 did you discuss the U.S.</p> <p>10 presidential election with Vladislav --</p> <p>11 A I don't think so. I don't think so. He</p> <p>12 is not any how responsible for foreign policy.</p> <p>13 That's not his subject of his interest. He is</p> <p>14 primarily responsible for certain relationship</p> <p>15 with the -- with the former Soviet Union</p> <p>16 countries. And before hands he was in charge for</p> <p>17 some internal politics and so on.</p> <p>18 Q Do you know if Surkov had an active</p> <p>19 role --</p> <p>20 (Discussion off the record; technical</p> <p>21 difficulty.)</p> <p>22 Q Did Surkov have an active role in shaping</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">330</p> <p>1 business e-mails or business meetings that we</p> <p>2 have.</p> <p>3 Q What would you discuss those two or three</p> <p>4 times a year with Mr. Surkov while he was advising</p> <p>5 President Putin?</p> <p>6 A We primarily speaking with Vlad, you</p> <p>7 know, about business, about situation in the</p> <p>8 country, you know. He is very knowledgeable, very</p> <p>9 well-connected person. So that's interesting for</p> <p>10 me to listen his view on certain issues. And so</p> <p>11 on. So that's -- that's useful. He is a kind of</p> <p>12 important statesman.</p> <p>13 Q Did you discuss with him what was going</p> <p>14 on at Alfa?</p> <p>15 A Not -- not too much. He's not --</p> <p>16 sometimes he's asking what's going on in banks,</p> <p>17 what's going on in other businesses. And, you</p> <p>18 know, I am telling him.</p> <p>19 Q In 2013 did you discuss with him the</p> <p>20 TNK-BP negotiations?</p> <p>21 A I don't remember what we discuss in 2014.</p> <p>22 2014 October --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">332</p> <p>1 Nashi, N-A-S-H-I, the Russian youth organization?</p> <p>2 A Yeah. Yes. Yeah, that was a kind of</p> <p>3 attributed to him, this initiative, in the media</p> <p>4 at least.</p> <p>5 Q Did Mr. Surkov advise you or direct you</p> <p>6 or Alfa to make certain contributions to</p> <p>7 charitable organizations?</p> <p>8 A Never, ever. We never discuss with him</p> <p>9 any kind of, you know, contribution to certain</p> <p>10 political movement, or political parties.</p> <p>11 Q Can you turn to Document 17, which we</p> <p>12 earlier marked Exhibit 37.</p> <p>13 A Seventeen. Okay.</p> <p>14 Q Yes. This is the Stratfor 2007 report.</p> <p>15 A Okay.</p> <p>16 Q On Page 17 it says, "Many of Alfa's</p> <p>17 charitable organizations and donations also come</p> <p>18 in direct response to Surkov's diktats."</p> <p>19 Is that correct?</p> <p>20 A Sorry. Tell me 17, what's the paragraph?</p> <p>21 Q Page 17, I don't know the paragraph is.</p> <p>22 A What -- what the first word of the</p>

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333	<p>1 paragraph?</p> <p>2 Q It's not a -- sorry, the technician has</p> <p>3 the Exhibit 17 up. It's Page 17 of Exhibit 37.</p> <p>4 A/V TECHNICIAN: Apologies.</p> <p>5 A Oh, sorry. 37?</p> <p>6 Q No. For you, Mr. Fridman, it's Number</p> <p>7 17. And it's page --</p> <p>8 A What the page?</p> <p>9 Q Page 17 of Number 17, which is Exhibit</p> <p>10 37.</p> <p>11 A Okay. What the paragraph started, from</p> <p>12 what words?</p> <p>13 Q I don't know. But I'll read you the</p> <p>14 quote, and you just tell me whether this is</p> <p>15 accurate or not. "Many of Alfa's charitable</p> <p>16 organizations and donations also come in direct</p> <p>17 response to Surkov's diktats."</p> <p>18 Is that correct?</p> <p>19 MR. LEWIS: Yeah. So this quoted portion</p> <p>20 of what you read is in the third full paragraph</p> <p>21 that begins with, "The Nashi movement." And it's</p> <p>22 in that paragraph.</p>	335	<p>1 hit list or to secure Kremlin assistance in a</p> <p>2 business battle, and Fridman complies completely."</p> <p>3 Is that true?</p> <p>4 A No. That's a kind of -- very kind of,</p> <p>5 you know, big fantasy of those who wrote this,</p> <p>6 this memo or what it is, survey.</p> <p>7 Q Did you ever communicate with Stratfor to</p> <p>8 let them know that this was incorrect?</p> <p>9 A No. I don't know who is that. I don't</p> <p>10 know what is the organization Stratfor.</p> <p>11 Q Did any of Alfa or your representatives</p> <p>12 communicate with Stratfor to let them know this</p> <p>13 was incorrect?</p> <p>14 A I don't know, really. And I don't think</p> <p>15 so.</p> <p>16 Q Have you been serving as a member of the</p> <p>17 public chamber of Russia since 2005?</p> <p>18 A Yeah; very shortly. One year, seems to</p> <p>19 be.</p> <p>20 Q One year you were on the public chamber</p> <p>21 in 2005 and then no longer?</p> <p>22 A No.</p>
334	<p>1 A Yes. Okay.</p> <p>2 Yes, I found. It is the last sentence of</p> <p>3 this paragraph. "Many of Alfa's charitable</p> <p>4 organization and donations also come in direct</p> <p>5 response to Mr. Surkov's diktats."</p> <p>6 It is completely wrong at all.</p> <p>7 Mr. Surkov never, ever asked me, or as far as I</p> <p>8 know, any Alfa entity, to donate any money to</p> <p>9 certain, you know, charitable organizations or so</p> <p>10 on. Never, ever.</p> <p>11 Q Would Surkov tell you what to do in order</p> <p>12 to stay on the Kremlin's good side?</p> <p>13 A What to do in order to what?</p> <p>14 Q Stay on the Kremlin's good side.</p> <p>15 A No. Look, you know, he's -- he's doing</p> <p>16 what he is doing in his job. I am doing what I am</p> <p>17 doing. And we in the business, we have our own</p> <p>18 view what should we do to stay in a constructive</p> <p>19 relationship with the Russian authority.</p> <p>20 Q You look at Page 16 of the same document.</p> <p>21 It says, quote, "Surkov tells Fridman precisely</p> <p>22 what he needs to do to stay off of the Kremlin's</p>	336	<p>1 Q Were you in the public chamber in 2015</p> <p>2 and 2016?</p> <p>3 A No.</p> <p>4 Q Did Surkov help you obtain a \$2 billion</p> <p>5 letter of credit from state-owned VEB in 2008?</p> <p>6 A No. Surkov? No.</p> <p>7 Q Did anyone else --</p> <p>8 A What kind of --</p> <p>9 Q Did anyone else -- what's that?</p> <p>10 A I don't -- I don't remember that to be</p> <p>11 endorsed from VEB. For what purpose we want this</p> <p>12 money?</p> <p>13 MR. LEVY: Can the technician take the</p> <p>14 document off the screen, please.</p> <p>15 A/V TECHNICIAN: Sure.</p> <p>16 Q Was Putin the chair of VEB in 2008?</p> <p>17 A VEB? I don't -- I don't know. He</p> <p>18 probably was. According to my knowledge, VEB is a</p> <p>19 state-run agency. And the head of the government</p> <p>20 automatically became a chairman. If Mr. Putin in</p> <p>21 that time was the head of the -- this chairman of</p> <p>22 the government, he -- he automatically should be</p>

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<p>337</p> <p>1 chairman of VEB.</p> <p>2 Q And weren't you granted a \$2 billion</p> <p>3 letter of credit from VEB in 2008?</p> <p>4 A \$2 billion?</p> <p>5 Q Pardon me?</p> <p>6 A No, I don't remember \$2 billion of letter</p> <p>7 of credit. I think you probably --</p> <p>8 Q Can you --</p> <p>9 A You probably mean that that was during</p> <p>10 the crisis of 2008. And VEB provided and created</p> <p>11 facility for the company for repayment of the debt</p> <p>12 to foreign banks. And we have just been part of</p> <p>13 that program, and part of -- and with many other</p> <p>14 big Russian entities.</p> <p>15 Because if you recall it, it was a huge,</p> <p>16 huge, fall down of the market in 2008 because of</p> <p>17 Lehman Brothers situation. And therefore, it was</p> <p>18 event of default for many Russian companies.</p> <p>19 And the government established a special</p> <p>20 type of program for -- you know, for big Russian</p> <p>21 entity, who was obliged to pay back immediately</p> <p>22 loan to the foreign banks. Because foreign banks,</p>	<p>339</p> <p>1 down probably like 30 percent, 40 percent, I don't</p> <p>2 remember.</p> <p>3 Q Right. Lehman collapsed in September of</p> <p>4 2008. Correct?</p> <p>5 A Yes. That was immediately the market</p> <p>6 collapse, and therefore the stock price went down</p> <p>7 for like -- I don't remember exactly, but huge,</p> <p>8 huge portion.</p> <p>9 Q And in October of 2008, you received the</p> <p>10 letter of credit. Correct?</p> <p>11 A Yeah, in parallel, in parallel with many</p> <p>12 other Russian companies. Because all the Russian</p> <p>13 company made an asset-based financing in the</p> <p>14 Western bank. And because of diminution of the</p> <p>15 assets, very sharp, effectively that was event of</p> <p>16 default, and the foreign banks demanded to pay</p> <p>17 back immediately the loan. So therefore</p> <p>18 subsequently that was huge necessity to pay back.</p> <p>19 And government, you know, they funded the program</p> <p>20 for -- you know, for supporting these companies.</p> <p>21 Q And that saved your 44 percent. Correct?</p> <p>22 A Yeah, that's -- that's -- that's allow us</p>
<p>338</p> <p>1 because of fall down of the market, that</p> <p>2 three-year kind of margin calls. So effective</p> <p>3 they demanded immediate payback.</p> <p>4 And it was government-approved program</p> <p>5 for many Russian companies for financing repayment</p> <p>6 of the debt. Even -- and we made very short</p> <p>7 borrowing from VEB to pay back the debt. And when</p> <p>8 within months we pay back money to VEB.</p> <p>9 But that was not specifically for Alfa or</p> <p>10 for whoever. That was a kind of pretty massive</p> <p>11 program for many Russian companies.</p> <p>12 Q At the time of this letter of credit,</p> <p>13 Deutsche Bank was close to seizing 44 percent of</p> <p>14 VimpelCom. This was your 44 percent stake in</p> <p>15 VimpelCom. Correct?</p> <p>16 A Maybe, yeah, it is correct. That was --</p> <p>17 that was collateralized by the loan of Deutsche</p> <p>18 Bank. And that is exactly what I am saying, what</p> <p>19 I am talking about.</p> <p>20 Q Right. And that --</p> <p>21 A So there was a sharp decline in the stock</p> <p>22 price because of Lehman. The stock price went</p>	<p>340</p> <p>1 to pay back the debt. And when we just in few,</p> <p>2 let's say, probably six month or so pay back this,</p> <p>3 this loan to VEB.</p> <p>4 Q Was Alexander Abramov one of Surkov's</p> <p>5 deputies at Alfa?</p> <p>6 A Yeah.</p> <p>7 Q Was Abramov deputy chairman of Alfa's</p> <p>8 board from 1997 to 1999?</p> <p>9 A No, I don't remember that. He probably</p> <p>10 was deputy executive board, but not the board.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Thank you for that clarification.</p> <p>12 Has Abramov been in the Russian</p> <p>13 government for over the last 20 years?</p> <p>14 A Sorry. Say again?</p> <p>15 Q As Abramov been -- Abramov been serving</p> <p>16 in the Russian government for over the last 20</p> <p>17 years?</p> <p>18 A No. He is actually used to work in the</p> <p>19 president administration within probably last 15</p> <p>20 or 16 years. So he left Alfa-Bank in 1999. And</p> <p>21 since then he used to work in -- in -- in</p> <p>22 president administration.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">341</p> <p>1 Q So he's worked in the Russian government</p> <p>2 since 1999.</p> <p>3 A Yeah. It's not completely Russian</p> <p>4 government. It is a bit different. But anyway,</p> <p>5 that's -- that's a bit different, let's say,</p> <p>6 branches, you know. But Russian authority, let's</p> <p>7 say.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Has he been advising Vladimir</p> <p>9 Putin since 2004?</p> <p>10 A I don't -- yeah, probably he was kind of</p> <p>11 advisor. As I said to you, that a certain group</p> <p>12 of advisor. Probably like 15 people who are</p> <p>13 advising on different matters. It's official</p> <p>14 position in the Kremlin administration.</p> <p>15 Q His bio on the Kremlin website says that</p> <p>16 he was an aide to Vladimir Putin in 2004 and then</p> <p>17 became an advisor to Vladimir Putin in 2012.</p> <p>18 Do you have any reason to believe that's</p> <p>19 incorrect?</p> <p>20 A No. Probably it's correct. Yeah, they</p> <p>21 have a special group of advisor, a special group</p> <p>22 of aides. But it's -- actually, it's just a title</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">343</p> <p>1 A No. He's very distant from oil and gas</p> <p>2 and things like that.</p> <p>3 Q Did you meet with him in 2015 or 2016?</p> <p>4 A I don't remember. When did he leave</p> <p>5 the -- the present position? Probably 2016 he</p> <p>6 left already. Right?</p> <p>7 Q Did you discuss the U.S. presidential</p> <p>8 election with Abramov in 2016?</p> <p>9 A No. Not at all.</p> <p>10 Q The Kremlin website bio for Mr. Abramov</p> <p>11 says that he was still serving the Russian</p> <p>12 government as an advisor to Putin in 2016.</p> <p>13 Is the Kremlin's website incorrect on</p> <p>14 that point?</p> <p>15 A I -- I think they are correct. I just</p> <p>16 don't remember that.</p> <p>17 Q In 2016 was Mikhail Fradkov the head of</p> <p>18 the SVR?</p> <p>19 A Yes. Probably, yes.</p> <p>20 Q What is the SVR?</p> <p>21 A Service for external intelligence.</p> <p>22 Q It's the Russian foreign intelligence</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">342</p> <p>1 for the -- you know, for -- for people who are</p> <p>2 serving for president administration.</p> <p>3 Q Have you stayed in touch with Abramov?</p> <p>4 A Not really. Not very often.</p> <p>5 Q Have you met him while he's been an aide</p> <p>6 to Vladimir Putin?</p> <p>7 A He probably -- you know, I don't --</p> <p>8 certainly met from time to time. But probably</p> <p>9 even less often rather than this Mr. Surkov.</p> <p>10 Q How many times a year do you see him?</p> <p>11 A Last ten years, you know -- I haven't</p> <p>12 seen him long time, practically speaking. But</p> <p>13 during his -- during his stay in administration,</p> <p>14 probably once per year.</p> <p>15 Q Do you discuss Alfa business with him?</p> <p>16 A You know, look. He ask about the</p> <p>17 business. I ask about, you know, kind of certain</p> <p>18 things, what's going on in politics, certain, you</p> <p>19 know, changes so on, which is very important topic</p> <p>20 for discussion.</p> <p>21 Q Did you discuss the TNK-BP negotiations</p> <p>22 with him?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">344</p> <p>1 service. Correct?</p> <p>2 A That's correct.</p> <p>3 Q It's the old KGM Main Directorate 1.</p> <p>4 Correct?</p> <p>5 A Yeah. I don't know. I am not very</p> <p>6 familiar with the structure of KGM.</p> <p>7 Q It's the part of the Russian intelligence</p> <p>8 service that recruits foreign assets, isn't it?</p> <p>9 A Sorry, the part of recruit foreign --</p> <p>10 what is recruit foreign assets?</p> <p>11 Q It's the part of the Russian foreign</p> <p>12 intelligence service that recruits other people to</p> <p>13 give information to the Russian government.</p> <p>14 Correct?</p> <p>15 A Yes. Probably. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q It works with human sources of</p> <p>17 intelligence. Correct?</p> <p>18 A I'm not professional intelligence. But</p> <p>19 whatever they wrote in the book, that's true.</p> <p>20 Q Fradkov was Petr Aven's deputy minister</p> <p>21 of foreign economic relations in 1992. Correct?</p> <p>22 A I don't know. You should ask Mr. Aven.</p>

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<p>345</p> <p>1 Q We will.</p> <p>2 When did you first meet Fradkov?</p> <p>3 A I never met -- no. I met him once when</p> <p>4 he was the prime minister.</p> <p>5 Q In 2004 did you and Mr. Aven back Fradkov</p> <p>6 to become the Russian prime minister?</p> <p>7 A No. We don't have any chance to -- to</p> <p>8 support him or, you know, or back him. Nobody ask</p> <p>9 us.</p> <p>10 Q You didn't suggest to Vladimir Putin that</p> <p>11 Mr. Fradkov should become the prime minister in</p> <p>12 2004?</p> <p>13 A No. I don't think it would be the kind</p> <p>14 of advice Mr. Putin will like to listen.</p> <p>15 Q In 2004 Mr. Fradkov became the prime</p> <p>16 minister of Russia. Correct?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q And in 2007 Vladimir Putin appointed him</p> <p>19 to become the head of the SVR. Correct?</p> <p>20 A I don't remember, but I rely on your</p> <p>21 preciseness of your information.</p> <p>22 Q And from 2007 through 2016 Mr. Fradkov</p>	<p>347</p> <p>1 A Why you ask -- why you asking me about</p> <p>2 relationship between the head of Russian</p> <p>3 intelligence and president? I am not state</p> <p>4 service man. I'm never, ever used to work in the</p> <p>5 government. Why you asking me about that? I</p> <p>6 don't know about that, anything.</p> <p>7 Q So you can't -- can you confirm or deny</p> <p>8 whether you work with the Russian intelligence</p> <p>9 service?</p> <p>10 A Me? I'm never, ever used to work in</p> <p>11 Russian intelligence service. And I strictly deny</p> <p>12 this assumption.</p> <p>13 Q What percentage of your success do you</p> <p>14 attribute to the Russian intelligence service?</p> <p>15 A Zero.</p> <p>16 Q Have you ever met one on one with</p> <p>17 Vladimir Putin since May 2000 --</p> <p>18 A No. No.</p> <p>19 MR. LEVY: Can you turn to your witness</p> <p>20 statement in Aven V Orbis. This is Document 11 in</p> <p>21 your notebook. And we have designated it ...</p> <p>22 COURT REPORTER: It's Exhibit 19.</p>
<p>346</p> <p>1 remained the head of the SVR.</p> <p>2 Is that right?</p> <p>3 A Okay. I hope you are right.</p> <p>4 Q What does that say about Mr. Fradkov's</p> <p>5 relationship with Vladimir Putin?</p> <p>6 A I don't have anything about their</p> <p>7 relationship whatsoever.</p> <p>8 Q Do you know --</p> <p>9 A I don't know. I did not know, and I</p> <p>10 don't know at all.</p> <p>11 Q If the head of the SVR continues in that</p> <p>12 position for nine years, during that nine-year</p> <p>13 period, wouldn't he have a strong relationship</p> <p>14 with the president of Russia?</p> <p>15 A I do not have any idea about that,</p> <p>16 frankly speaking, what kind of relationship they</p> <p>17 had in that time. Probably they should have</p> <p>18 pretty constructive working relationship.</p> <p>19 Q And Mr. Fradkov would have briefed</p> <p>20 President Putin regularly during that time period.</p> <p>21 Correct?</p> <p>22 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Speculation.</p>	<p>348</p> <p>1 MR. LEVY: Thank you very much.</p> <p>2 A What's the --</p> <p>3 Q Can you go to Paragraph 10, please.</p> <p>4 A Ten. Okay.</p> <p>5 Q I'm sorry. Can you turn to Document</p> <p>6 Number 49.</p> <p>7 A Forty-nine. Okay. Okay.</p> <p>8 MR. LEVY: And I don't think we have</p> <p>9 created an exhibit for this yet. This is Exhibit</p> <p>10 58. This is -- no, this is document -- oh, it's</p> <p>11 57. Thank you. And this is Document 49.</p> <p>12 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 58 marked</p> <p>13 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>14 transcript.)</p> <p>15 Q This is an excerpt from your CPI</p> <p>16 deposition.</p> <p>17 A Okay.</p> <p>18 Q If you go to Page 444.</p> <p>19 A Four -- 444. Okay.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. You testified, "According to my</p> <p>21 schedule you have seen this. I have met with</p> <p>22 Putin. I have met with Voloshin and other people.</p>

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349	<p>1 So it will be stupid to tell you that I have no</p> <p>2 links with Kremlin. I have:</p> <p>3 Was that testimony true?</p> <p>4 Is it true today?</p> <p>5 A Yes, I met with him, but not one-on-one.</p> <p>6 Q Did you produce a schedule -- you met</p> <p>7 with him, but not one-on-one.</p> <p>8 A Right.</p> <p>9 Q Did you meet with Voloshin one-on-one?</p> <p>10 A Yes. When he was a head of president</p> <p>11 administration, probably.</p> <p>12 Q Did Mr. Voloshin function as Mr. Putin's</p> <p>13 chief of staff?</p> <p>14 A Yes. Until 2003, probably.</p> <p>15 Q Did Mr. Vaino function as Mr. Putin's</p> <p>16 chief of staff in 2016? V-A-I-N-O?</p> <p>17 A No. It seems to me it was the other head</p> <p>18 of administration. Probably Mr. Ivanov was the</p> <p>19 head of president administration at that time.</p> <p>20 Q Did you meet with him in 2016?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Did you produce a schedule to the</p>	351	<p>1 Q A few dozen times is 36 times. Right?</p> <p>2 A A few dozen? No. A few dozen. Dozen</p> <p>3 means ten. Right? Few dozen is --</p> <p>4 Q Twelve. It's 12.</p> <p>5 A Twelve. Few dozen means, I don't know</p> <p>6 from 36 to 48 for, I don't know, few dozen.</p> <p>7 Q So 36 to 48 times since May of 2000</p> <p>8 you've met with Vladimir Putin and other people.</p> <p>9 In these meetings would other prominent</p> <p>10 Russian figures be present, like the prime</p> <p>11 minister of Russia, or the head of the Russian</p> <p>12 central bank?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q What was discussed --</p> <p>15 A Normally, yes.</p> <p>16 Q What was discussed --</p> <p>17 A Normally, yes.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. What was discussed at these</p> <p>19 meetings where Putin was present?</p> <p>20 A That was normally discussing regarding</p> <p>21 legislation, I mean economical legislation,</p> <p>22 primarily. Certain tax issue, certain business</p>
350	<p>1 defendants in the CPI case?</p> <p>2 A I don't remember.</p> <p>3 Q It says here that you did. It says,</p> <p>4 "According to my schedule you have seen this."</p> <p>5 A Maybe. I don't remember that.</p> <p>6 Q Can you produce your schedule in this</p> <p>7 case?</p> <p>8 A I don't know. That's -- that's a matter</p> <p>9 of legal issue, as far as I understand. Because</p> <p>10 my schedule belongs to my e-mail of Alfa-Bank.</p> <p>11 Q How many times have you attended a</p> <p>12 meeting with Vladimir Putin since the year 2000</p> <p>13 where you were not the only person present?</p> <p>14 A I think it was twice per year in average,</p> <p>15 something like that.</p> <p>16 Q Twice per year for the last 20 years?</p> <p>17 A Probably -- yeah, probably yes.</p> <p>18 Q If I told you that in your witness</p> <p>19 statement that you submitted to the UK you said a</p> <p>20 few dozen times, is that correct?</p> <p>21 A Yeah. But twice per year, I mean, that's</p> <p>22 exactly a few dozen times.</p>	352	<p>1 issue, in certain kind of industries.</p> <p>2 You know, general view, president often</p> <p>3 just making his own, you know, explanation of</p> <p>4 what's going on, some political friends, let's</p> <p>5 say, foreign policy challenges and things like</p> <p>6 that. But more introductory. So we are normally</p> <p>7 listen what he's saying, and from time to time,</p> <p>8 you know, few people from us, from our group,</p> <p>9 making certain kind of presentation for certain</p> <p>10 topics.</p> <p>11 Q Did you attend these meetings in 2015 and</p> <p>12 2016?</p> <p>13 A Yes. Probably yes.</p> <p>14 Q Did you attend these meetings 2017, 2018,</p> <p>15 2019, 2020?</p> <p>16 A I think so.</p> <p>17 Q Is a photo op part of these meetings?</p> <p>18 A No, not really. Not photo op. Just</p> <p>19 normally certain proposal from the business</p> <p>20 community which president listening. And normally</p> <p>21 he make a kind of, let's say, assignment to -- to</p> <p>22 where either to the government or to the, you</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">353</p> <p>1 know, other staff, ministers or whatever. And 2 then kind of follow up on a more working level 3 between -- because we are normally meeting -- that 4 meeting is a kind of Russian union of business -- 5 entrepreneur and -- and businessmen and 6 entrepreneurs. So -- 7 Q Mr. Fridman, can you turn to Document 11, 8 that's Exhibit 19. This is your UK witness 9 statement. 10 A Okay. 11 Q In Aven V Orbis. 12 A Yes. 13 Q If you go to Paragraph 10, you're talking 14 about these meetings. And you say, quote, "There 15 is a photo opportunity at the start where the 16 media is permitted to take photographs." 17 Is that a true statement? 18 A Yes. 19 Q Did the media photograph you with 20 Vladimir Putin and the other attendees from 2017 21 through 2020? 22 A I don't know. I don't -- I didn't make</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">355</p> <p>1 A Probably yes. 2 Q Is there other documentation that you're 3 aware of that would have reflected that date and 4 time of that meeting? 5 A No. I don't know any other 6 documentation. 7 Q Did you participate in these meetings and 8 photo ops from 2000 through 2015? 9 A Probably yes. I don't -- I don't 10 remember exactly, but should be like that. 11 Q Do you understand the public to see it as 12 an honor to attend these meetings with Vladimir 13 Putin? 14 A I think it's important for the business 15 community because that's a kind of sign of your 16 kind of, let's say, importance for the -- for the 17 business, for the economy of Russia, if you 18 invited for that type of meetings. 19 Q And if he were to see you as an 20 embarrassment, he would not want you in a photo op 21 with him, would he? 22 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Asking this</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">354</p> <p>1 any photo. But probably shoot these certain 2 photographs. 3 Q In 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, did anyone 4 from the Russian government ask you specifically 5 not to appear in a photo op? 6 A No. No. 7 Q Did you attend this meeting in 2016, or 8 one of these meetings in 2016? 9 A Probably yes. 10 Q If you look at the same document, sir, 11 you'll see Paragraph 27. It says -- 12 A Okay. 13 Q It says, "The only one I attended that 14 year was on 19 December, 2016, at 15:30 local 15 time." 16 A Correct. That's -- that's I check my 17 schedule. Probably. Okay. 18 Q Yeah. How -- you checked your schedule 19 to figure that out? 20 A Sorry? 21 Q Did you check your schedule to figure out 22 that precise date and time?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">356</p> <p>1 witness to testify about what somebody else would 2 want calls for speculation. It's not a proper -- 3 A I don't know. But if -- so your question 4 whether if he would have embarrassment with my 5 behavior, he probably would not invite me. Was it 6 the question? I don't know. But probably that's 7 normal reaction for -- for that. 8 Q And if it were bad for business for you 9 to meet with Vladimir Putin at these meetings, you 10 wouldn't attend, would you? 11 A No. If I was invited for that meeting, I 12 probably -- it would be impolite not to attend 13 this meeting. It's president of the country. 14 Right? 15 Q Does that meeting with Vladimir Putin and 16 these other individuals help you in your business? 17 A Not really. Not really. It's just a 18 matter of, let's say, of recognition of importance 19 of Alfa as a kind of sizable player in the Russian 20 market. 21 Q Does it help you personally? 22 A No, I don't think it's for my personal</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">357</p> <p>1 benefit. It's primarily for the benefit of the</p> <p>2 business.</p> <p>3 Q Does it help Mr. Aven or Mr. Khan?</p> <p>4 A On a personal capacity? No, I don't</p> <p>5 think so.</p> <p>6 Q In a business capacity?</p> <p>7 A In a business -- first of all, you should</p> <p>8 ask them, you will get a chance to ask them.</p> <p>9 But I think if they participate in that</p> <p>10 meeting, it's of course could be helpful to them</p> <p>11 in their business activity.</p> <p>12 Q In addition to these meetings with</p> <p>13 Vladimir Putin that you've discussed today, have</p> <p>14 you also attended RSPP Bureau of Management</p> <p>15 meetings with Russia's president?</p> <p>16 A Yeah. But that's exactly the type of</p> <p>17 meeting I am talking about.</p> <p>18 Q That's the Russian Union of</p> <p>19 Industrialists and Entrepreneurs?</p> <p>20 A Correct.</p> <p>21 Q And you attended those meetings when both</p> <p>22 Yeltsin and Putin were president. Correct?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">359</p> <p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q Did you discuss the TNK-BP joint venture</p> <p>3 at these meetings?</p> <p>4 A No. We have got separate meetings with</p> <p>5 the -- with the Lord Browne and couple of other</p> <p>6 people with Mr. Putin.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. So -- so you did speak with</p> <p>8 Mr. Putin about the TNK-BP meetings -- BP</p> <p>9 negotiations; those were just different meetings</p> <p>10 with Mr. Putin. Correct?</p> <p>11 A No. We -- what kind of negotiations you</p> <p>12 mean?</p> <p>13 Q Look at Paragraph 15 of the same</p> <p>14 document.</p> <p>15 It says, quote, "I was involved in</p> <p>16 meetings with President Putin on a few occasions,</p> <p>17 during the period" --</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q -- "of my involvement with the TNK-BP</p> <p>20 venture to discuss specific" --</p> <p>21 A Exactly.</p> <p>22 Q -- "issues to do with the joint venture."</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">358</p> <p>1 A No; just only since Putin became a</p> <p>2 president. I attended couple of meeting with the</p> <p>3 President Yeltsin, but in that time that was not,</p> <p>4 like, a formal entity, which is, like, union of</p> <p>5 the Russian businesspeople.</p> <p>6 I was just invited because of, you know,</p> <p>7 we being one of the already kind of pretty big</p> <p>8 business group in that time.</p> <p>9 Q Did the business community select you to</p> <p>10 the RSPP's Bureau of Management?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q How often are those elections held?</p> <p>13 A Once per three years, seems to me.</p> <p>14 Q When was the last one held?</p> <p>15 A I don't remember. But I already was</p> <p>16 selected, like, six or seven -- six or seven times</p> <p>17 in row.</p> <p>18 Q And you continue to be on the RSPP Bureau</p> <p>19 of Management. Correct?</p> <p>20 A That's correct.</p> <p>21 Q Did Putin's chief of staff and the prime</p> <p>22 minister also attend these meetings with you?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">360</p> <p>1 A Correct.</p> <p>2 Q Is that accurate?</p> <p>3 A Yes, that's accurate.</p> <p>4 Q Did you and Lord Browne meet together</p> <p>5 with Vladimir Putin?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q And you discussed the --</p> <p>8 A And also --</p> <p>9 Q You discussed --</p> <p>10 MR. LEWIS: He's not finished with his</p> <p>11 answer. I think he was going to answer the rest</p> <p>12 of the question.</p> <p>13 A That was not just two of us. That was</p> <p>14 also Mr. Dudley who was a CEO of TNK-BP, and</p> <p>15 Mr. Vekselberg was deputy CEO of TNK-BP. So it</p> <p>16 was four of us. And we met, like, probably two</p> <p>17 times with Mr. Putin.</p> <p>18 Q Is Alfa-Bank Russia's largest private</p> <p>19 commercial bank today?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q How long has that been the case?</p> <p>22 A How long we've been largest private bank?</p>

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361	<p>1 Q Yes.</p> <p>2 A Probably since beginning -- since the end</p> <p>3 of '90s.</p> <p>4 Q And that's when, end of '90s, 1999, or</p> <p>5 earlier?</p> <p>6 A Probably 1998.</p> <p>7 Q 1998. And the next year, December 1999,</p> <p>8 Vladimir Putin became President of Russia.</p> <p>9 Correct?</p> <p>10 A What year Putin became the president, in</p> <p>11 2000.</p> <p>12 Q In 2000. He became prime minister in</p> <p>13 '99?</p> <p>14 A He became a prime minister in end of '99,</p> <p>15 and when he was elected as president in March of</p> <p>16 2000.</p> <p>17 Q So during this time while Vladimir</p> <p>18 Putin's been president, you, your partners, and</p> <p>19 Alfa have prospered. Correct?</p> <p>20 A We've been pretty successful even before</p> <p>21 Mr. Putin was the president. So we -- and not</p> <p>22 just, by the way, in banking business. In many</p>	363	<p>1 A Is Opus, Opus 2. Right?</p> <p>2 Q Opus 2, Day 1 of your testimony, Page 153</p> <p>3 to 154.</p> <p>4 A Okay.</p> <p>5 Q It says:</p> <p>6 "QUESTION: It would be fair to say that</p> <p>7 you and Alfa Group prospered after 2000 under the</p> <p>8 Putin regime?</p> <p>9 "ANSWER: Yes, we prospered but -- okay,</p> <p>10 prospered.</p> <p>11 "QUESTION: This wasn't true of other</p> <p>12 oligarchs, was it, in the Yeltsin group of seven,</p> <p>13 but who became vocal opponents of the regime?</p> <p>14 "ANSWER: Yes."</p> <p>15 Is that true?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q There's no Semi Bank Rinchine today, is</p> <p>18 there?</p> <p>19 A Say it again, please?</p> <p>20 Q There is no Semi Bank Rinchine today.</p> <p>21 S --</p> <p>22 A No.</p>
362	<p>1 other businesses.</p> <p>2 Q But unlike you, the other original</p> <p>3 oligarchs have not prospered under Vladimir Putin.</p> <p>4 Correct?</p> <p>5 A You -- who namely you talking about?</p> <p>6 Q Berezovsky.</p> <p>7 A Because Mr. Berezovsky was political</p> <p>8 broker, not a businessman.</p> <p>9 Q So he didn't prosper. Correct?</p> <p>10 A He didn't prosper --</p> <p>11 Q Gusinsky?</p> <p>12 A -- he didn't prosper.</p> <p>13 Exactly the same story. It was a lot of</p> <p>14 people in Russia who tried to play political</p> <p>15 games. We never, ever -- you never, ever even try</p> <p>16 to do that.</p> <p>17 Q Right. If you look at Document 102,</p> <p>18 which I don't know which exhibit -- it's Exhibit</p> <p>19 14. This is your trial transcript from Aven V</p> <p>20 Orbis.</p> <p>21 A 102?</p> <p>22 Q Document 102.</p>	364	<p>1 Q How do you pronounce it? I don't know</p> <p>2 Russian. Please pronounce the words.</p> <p>3 A No. It's fine. It's fine. It's Semi</p> <p>4 Bank Rinchine.</p> <p>5 MR. LEVY: That's spelled -- for the</p> <p>6 court reporter, that's S-E-M-I B-A-N-K --</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: Correct. Correct.</p> <p>8 MR. LEVY: -- R-I-N --</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: I understood.</p> <p>10 MR. LEVY: -- C-H --</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: I understood.</p> <p>12 MR. LEVY: -- I-N-E.</p> <p>13 A I understand. I get it. No worries.</p> <p>14 Now go ahead.</p> <p>15 So there is no -- I mean, that was a kind</p> <p>16 of just nickname for the group of kind of big,</p> <p>17 relatively big Russian businessmen at that time.</p> <p>18 Q You were one of them. Right?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q And --</p> <p>21 A There have been --</p> <p>22 Q And you got together with them at one</p>

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365	<p>1 point to help save Boris Yeltsin from political</p> <p>2 ruin at the hands of the communists. Correct?</p> <p>3 A No, I didn't make any support to</p> <p>4 Mr. Yeltsin.</p> <p>5 Q You and Mr. Aven were both part of this</p> <p>6 group. Right?</p> <p>7 A Yeah, we've been part of that group. But</p> <p>8 as I told you already, we never, ever tried to</p> <p>9 play any political role.</p> <p>10 Q And it was the two of you and these five</p> <p>11 other oligarchs. Correct?</p> <p>12 MR. LEWIS: Objection. He testified he</p> <p>13 doesn't believe himself to be an oligarch.</p> <p>14 MR. LEVY: Except when he has testified</p> <p>15 that he does.</p> <p>16 Q But go ahead.</p> <p>17 A Just could you repeat again? Two of</p> <p>18 you --</p> <p>19 Q There were five oligarchs with you in</p> <p>20 this group. Correct?</p> <p>21 A No. There was much more. That was just</p> <p>22 nickname, like seven. But it was much more. This</p>	367	<p>1 of ways. But, you know, I didn't make any kind of</p> <p>2 financial contribution or so for -- for Yeltsin</p> <p>3 support.</p> <p>4 Q The -- look at Document 49.</p> <p>5 MR. LEVY: Andrew, is that the CPI</p> <p>6 deposition transcript?</p> <p>7 A Forty-nine?</p> <p>8 Q Forty-nine. And that's Exhibit 57.</p> <p>9 But look at Document 49, Page 149.</p> <p>10 A Forty-nine. Page?</p> <p>11 Q Look at 148 first. Sorry.</p> <p>12 A 148.</p> <p>13 Q Yes. You recall testifying in the CPI</p> <p>14 case. Correct?</p> <p>15 MR. LEWIS: This starts in the 300s.</p> <p>16 A Yes. Correct, 313, 314.</p> <p>17 MR. LEVY: Andrew, do we have 148 of the</p> <p>18 CPI deposition transcript?</p> <p>19 MR. SHARP: Yes. Sorry. They're --</p> <p>20 plaintiffs produced two parts to this deposition.</p> <p>21 So the second -- the first part is Document 105.</p> <p>22 Q Let's turn to that Document 105.</p>
366	<p>1 was broader group. It probably was ten people or</p> <p>2 whatever.</p> <p>3 Q Right.</p> <p>4 A It is a historical -- it's historical</p> <p>5 nickname for the Russian history.</p> <p>6 Q An historical nickname for the Russian</p> <p>7 oligarchs. Correct?</p> <p>8 A It was historical nickname for the group</p> <p>9 of influential people around the Czar, during the</p> <p>10 Czar time.</p> <p>11 Q And for that group of people, communism</p> <p>12 was going to be bad for business. Correct?</p> <p>13 MR. LEWIS: Objection. This is</p> <p>14 argumentative. Communism is bad for business, I</p> <p>15 think we would all agree.</p> <p>16 Q And you supported Yeltsin at the time</p> <p>17 because you didn't want the communists to get him</p> <p>18 out of power. Correct?</p> <p>19 A I'm not supported Yeltsin in a meaning of</p> <p>20 political support.</p> <p>21 I, personally, kind of was in favor of</p> <p>22 market economy capitalism, liberal -- liberal kind</p>	368	<p>1 MR. LEVY: And if we haven't entered it</p> <p>2 into the record already, we're going to call it</p> <p>3 Exhibit 58.</p> <p>4 MR. LEWIS: Sorry, but as part of this</p> <p>5 Document 49 I don't see a page number like that.</p> <p>6 It starts in the 300s.</p> <p>7 A So what is the page?</p> <p>8 Q It's Page 148.</p> <p>9 MR. LEVY: Andrew, is it Document 105?</p> <p>10 MR. SHARP: I'm confirming.</p> <p>11 MR. LEVY: Okay.</p> <p>12 A 148. Okay.</p> <p>13 MR. LEWIS: It's not in 49. So we're</p> <p>14 waiting for them to tell us which document.</p> <p>15 MR. LEVY: Alan, we've said it's not</p> <p>16 Document 49. It's 105.</p> <p>17 MR. SHARP: It's Document 105.</p> <p>18 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>19 BY MR. LEVY:</p> <p>20 Q Page 148, Mr. Fridman, the lawyer asks</p> <p>21 you, "Did you participate in underwriting</p> <p>22 Yeltsin's re-election campaign in 1996?"</p>

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369	<p>1 And you answered yes.</p> <p>2 MR. LEWIS: Can you just -- can you just</p> <p>3 let me get there. Page 148?</p> <p>4 A Okay.</p> <p>5 Q Yes. 148.</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q Is that --</p> <p>8 A So -- so what I answer, as far as I</p> <p>9 understand, I think yes according to law, the</p> <p>10 elected law, the election law, I mean. We can</p> <p>11 provide some financial support to Yeltsin</p> <p>12 campaign.</p> <p>13 So we probably contributed certain amount</p> <p>14 of money to -- to election campaign, but not to</p> <p>15 Mr. Yeltsin.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. On Page 149, the next page, your</p> <p>17 testimony says, "We support Yeltsin because it was</p> <p>18 a very simple choice for us between Yeltsin and</p> <p>19 communists."</p> <p>20 Is that accurate?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q This Group of Seven, as it's known,</p>	371	<p>1 Q Can you turn to Document 85.</p> <p>2 MR. LEVY: And we'll mark this as Exhibit</p> <p>3 59.</p> <p>4 (Defendants' Deposition Exhibit 59 marked</p> <p>5 for identification and is attached to the</p> <p>6 transcript.)</p> <p>7 A Eighty-five.</p> <p>8 Q Yes.</p> <p>9 A Okay.</p> <p>10 Q This was an excerpt from Beyond Business,</p> <p>11 which is Lord Browne's memoir.</p> <p>12 A Okay.</p> <p>13 Q Are you familiar with this book, sir?</p> <p>14 A Yeah. Yeah, I haven't read it, but I --</p> <p>15 you know, I -- you know, I have seen this</p> <p>16 booklets' say.</p> <p>17 Q And in it, at the page you have before</p> <p>18 you, it says, quote --</p> <p>19 MR. LEWIS: What page is that?</p> <p>20 MR. LEVY: It's the -- I think there's</p> <p>21 only one page in there.</p> <p>22 MR. LEWIS: There are two pages.</p>
370	<p>1 created the Loans for Shares Program. Correct?</p> <p>2 A No. No. The Group of Seven, the Loans</p> <p>3 for Shares was created by the government.</p> <p>4 Q Did the Group of Seven suggest the</p> <p>5 program to the government?</p> <p>6 A Not the Group of Seven. That's a certain</p> <p>7 particular person from -- from the business</p> <p>8 community was kind of initiated that program.</p> <p>9 Q Did you participate in that program?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Didn't Lord Browne write in his memoir</p> <p>12 that you told him you participated in the Loan for</p> <p>13 Shares Program?</p> <p>14 A I never, ever told to Mr. Browne that I</p> <p>15 participate in this program. I never participated</p> <p>16 in that program. TNK was bought later on in a</p> <p>17 kind of open tender for huge amount of money.</p> <p>18 Q He offered to buy 10 percent of Sidanko,</p> <p>19 which had been acquired through the Loans for</p> <p>20 Share Program. Correct?</p> <p>21 A We didn't buy shares of Sidanko. We</p> <p>22 didn't own any shares of Sidanko.</p>	372	<p>1 MR. LEVY: It's the second.</p> <p>2 MR. LEWIS: 141 and 142.</p> <p>3 MR. LEVY: It's the second page, I</p> <p>4 believe.</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q It says, "Fridman explained to me what</p> <p>7 had happened." And this is Lord Browne's memoir,</p> <p>8 so he is writing in the first person.</p> <p>9 Quote, "There had been a private</p> <p>10 arrangement between Fridman and Potanin in 1995</p> <p>11 around a Loan for Shares scheme."</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q "I had failed to realize how many things</p> <p>14 in Moscow rested on that event. Fridman had put</p> <p>15 up \$40 million towards the purchase of Sidanko and</p> <p>16 had got one-third of the company in return."</p> <p>17 Is that true?</p> <p>18 A Not -- I mean, that's true, but it's not</p> <p>19 exactly the detail here.</p> <p>20 So we didn't participate in this Loan for</p> <p>21 Shares auction. Mr. Potanin won this auction.</p> <p>22 And but he needs money. He didn't have money now.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">373</p> <p>1 And we gave him \$40 million.</p> <p>2 And he promise in exchange, when he buy</p> <p>3 out the shares of Sidanko, to give us back</p> <p>4 one-third of his shares. But afterwards he</p> <p>5 decided not to fulfill his obligation and</p> <p>6 effectively return back money to us.</p> <p>7 Q And in 1996 --</p> <p>8 A That's it.</p> <p>9 Q -- you were on the board of Sidanko.</p> <p>10 Correct?</p> <p>11 A Yes. Like, he bought -- when he -- when</p> <p>12 he won this Loan for Shares auction, because we</p> <p>13 provide the money for him, he invited us to the</p> <p>14 board, to the board of Sidanko.</p> <p>15 But when afterwards, very short period of</p> <p>16 time, he pay us back this money, and effectively</p> <p>17 we left the company. And he did not just sell us</p> <p>18 shares. He own all the -- all the company.</p> <p>19 Q Isn't it true that eight days after you</p> <p>20 were cross-examined about Lord Browne's statements</p> <p>21 at your UK trial of Aven V Orbis, news broke that</p> <p>22 Lord Browne stepped down as chairman of the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">375</p> <p>1 A I don't know.</p> <p>2 Q Wasn't it the case that he and Vladislav</p> <p>3 Surkov were close?</p> <p>4 A I don't know.</p> <p>5 Q It was reported that Govorun was</p> <p>6 considered the man of Surkov.</p> <p>7 Is that correct?</p> <p>8 A I don't know.</p> <p>9 Q Both Govorun and Surkov were at Alfa</p> <p>10 before they both served in the Russian government.</p> <p>11 Isn't that right?</p> <p>12 A Yeah. Maybe yes because he used to work,</p> <p>13 as far as I could recall, in the department with</p> <p>14 Mr. Surkov.</p> <p>15 Q Govorun reported to Surkov at Alfa.</p> <p>16 Correct?</p> <p>17 A That's correct.</p> <p>18 Q From 1997 to 1998?</p> <p>19 A Yeah, he is -- he, as far as I could</p> <p>20 recall, he very shortly used to work in Alfa-Bank.</p> <p>21 Q Surkov was the first deputy chairman of</p> <p>22 Alfa-Bank from '97 to '98?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">374</p> <p>1 advisory board at LetterOne?</p> <p>2 A I don't -- no. First of all, Lord Browne</p> <p>3 is still, you know, chair -- chairman of our</p> <p>4 LetterOne energy division, business unit. So I</p> <p>5 don't understand what kind of stepping down you</p> <p>6 mentioned.</p> <p>7 Q On March 25, 2020, Intelligence Online</p> <p>8 stated that he had stepped down from the advisory</p> <p>9 board at LetterOne.</p> <p>10 A He actually -- he had -- he haven't -- he</p> <p>11 haven't been in the advisory board. He was and he</p> <p>12 is a chairman of LetterOne Energy, our kind of</p> <p>13 business unit. So he is like executive chairman,</p> <p>14 in executive position.</p> <p>15 Q Oleg Govorun also worked for the Russian</p> <p>16 government, didn't he?</p> <p>17 A Who? Oleg Govorun?</p> <p>18 Q Yes.</p> <p>19 A Yes. As far as I remember, yes.</p> <p>20 Q In 2016 he was the head of Donbas,</p> <p>21 Abkhazia, and South Ossetia for the Russian</p> <p>22 government. Correct?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">376</p> <p>1 A As I said to you, he was first deputy</p> <p>2 chairman of executive board of Alfa-Bank, not of</p> <p>3 the board. Not of the board of directors.</p> <p>4 Q And Govorun was Alfa-Bank vice-president</p> <p>5 during that time and reported to Surkov. Yes?</p> <p>6 A Probably yes.</p> <p>7 Q Did both men, Govorun and Surkov, both</p> <p>8 enter the Russian government and remain close</p> <p>9 there?</p> <p>10 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Calls for</p> <p>11 speculation.</p> <p>12 Q If you know.</p> <p>13 A I don't know.</p> <p>14 Q Was it the case that when Surkov lost a</p> <p>15 turf battle with Vyacheslav Volodin, Govorun was</p> <p>16 dismissed from his position in the Russian</p> <p>17 government as head of the domestic --</p> <p>18 A I have no idea. I have no idea about --</p> <p>19 Q Mr. Fridman, you need to let me finish</p> <p>20 this question. I'm going to repeat it.</p> <p>21 A Okay.</p> <p>22 Q Wasn't it the case that when Surkov lost</p>

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377	<p>1 a turf battle with Vyacheslav Volodin -- pardon my</p> <p>2 pronunciation --</p> <p>3 A No problem.</p> <p>4 Q -- Govorun was dismissed from his</p> <p>5 position as head of the Domestic Policy</p> <p>6 Administration for the Kremlin?</p> <p>7 MR. LEWIS: Objection. Assumes facts not</p> <p>8 in evidence, calls for speculation.</p> <p>9 A I -- I already said I have no idea</p> <p>10 regarding that.</p> <p>11 Q All right. At this time we can stop our</p> <p>12 questions for the time being.</p> <p>13 MR. LEWIS: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>14 MR. LEVY: Reserving time.</p> <p>15 MR. LEWIS: Let's take a ten-minute</p> <p>16 break. Maybe let's take a 15-minute break. I may</p> <p>17 have ten minutes' worth of questions.</p> <p>18 MR. LEVY: Okay. And we'll reserve time</p> <p>19 to ask questions if we need to after that.</p> <p>20 MR. LEWIS: Okay.</p> <p>21 (A recess was taken.)</p> <p>22 BY MR. LEVY:</p>	379	<p>1 Mr. Simpson and asked him --</p> <p>2 A I don't know.</p> <p>3 Q -- what he knew about the Alfa server in</p> <p>4 2016?</p> <p>5 A I don't know about this.</p> <p>6 Q When did you first become aware of Glenn</p> <p>7 Simpson?</p> <p>8 A When it was publication of dossier.</p> <p>9 Because that was mention since the beginning that</p> <p>10 dossier was provided -- was written by Mr. Steele</p> <p>11 and provided by Mr. Glenn Simpson and Fusion by</p> <p>12 the order of DNC, it seems to me. Right?</p> <p>13 Q Did you know of him --</p> <p>14 (Discussion off the record; technical</p> <p>15 difficulty.)</p> <p>16 Q Let me repeat the question.</p> <p>17 A Yeah.</p> <p>18 Q Did you know of him earlier than that</p> <p>19 when he was writing for the Wall Street Journal?</p> <p>20 A Not -- not really.</p> <p>21 Q Were you familiar with his bylines and</p> <p>22 articles covering your disputes with Megaphone and</p>
378	<p>1 Q Mr. Fridman, we talked earlier about the</p> <p>2 October 31, 2016, Slate story on the Alfa server.</p> <p>3 This was Document 40, and Exhibit 35.</p> <p>4 A Forty. Okay.</p> <p>5 MR. GILLESPIE: Document 40.</p> <p>6 MR. LEWIS: I'm sorry, which document?</p> <p>7 MR. LEVY: Number 40, Exhibit 35.</p> <p>8 A Okay.</p> <p>9 Q After this story was published in October</p> <p>10 of 2016, did you task --</p> <p>11 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>12 Q Did you or Alfa task BGR to reach out to</p> <p>13 Glenn Simpson and Fusion GPS?</p> <p>14 A No, as far as I could recall.</p> <p>15 Q Did LetterOne task BGR to reach out to</p> <p>16 Glenn Simpson and Fusion GPS?</p> <p>17 A I don't know.</p> <p>18 Q Did you, Alfa, or LetterOne task BGR with</p> <p>19 reaching out to Glenn Simpson?</p> <p>20 A I have no idea. I didn't ask, for sure.</p> <p>21 I don't know regarding Alfa or LetterOne.</p> <p>22 Q Did you know that BGR reached out to</p>	380	<p>1 the IPOC situation?</p> <p>2 A No. I mean, you know, it was a certain</p> <p>3 articles in the Wall Street Journal about that.</p> <p>4 But I didn't mention who was the author of this</p> <p>5 article.</p> <p>6 Q Okay.</p> <p>7 MR. LEVY: Nothing further. Reserving</p> <p>8 time for additional questions after plaintiffs'</p> <p>9 attorneys have an opportunity to ask you</p> <p>10 questions.</p> <p>11 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>12 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS</p> <p>13 BY MR. LEWIS:</p> <p>14 Q Thank you. Mr. Fridman, just a few</p> <p>15 questions.</p> <p>16 A Right.</p> <p>17 Q So, of course, I'm Alan Lewis. And for</p> <p>18 the record, I'm your lawyer.</p> <p>19 Is that right?</p> <p>20 A That's correct.</p> <p>21 Q So you were shown a 2016 article from the</p> <p>22 Financial Times -- it's Document 23 -- which</p>


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<p style="text-align: right;">381</p> <p>1 referenced a 2010 lecture. And the document is</p> <p>2 entitled How I Became an Oligarch.</p> <p>3 Do you remember looking at that article</p> <p>4 today?</p> <p>5 A Yeah.</p> <p>6 Q Okay. Is the title that's written on</p> <p>7 that article, How I Became an Oligarch, is that a</p> <p>8 title that you gave to the lecture?</p> <p>9 A Yeah, that's -- that's exactly the point</p> <p>10 which I already mentioned to Mr. Levy. I never,</p> <p>11 ever made a lecture with the title, How I Became</p> <p>12 an Oligarch. You know, that was a --</p> <p>13 Q Did you give it a different -- go on.</p> <p>14 A Yeah, as far as I could recall it, that</p> <p>15 was a lecture which I made in Lviv, in my native</p> <p>16 city, actually, where I came from, where my</p> <p>17 parents live and so on.</p> <p>18 And so I was there, and I made a lecture</p> <p>19 over the topic how to become -- not about me, but</p> <p>20 how to become a successful entrepreneur, or</p> <p>21 something like that. That was the kind of title</p> <p>22 of my lecture. I don't know why it was retitled,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">383</p> <p>1 know, elsewhere, regarding certain suspicion that</p> <p>2 Russia tried to impact result of American</p> <p>3 election.</p> <p>4 Q After hearing those allegations in the</p> <p>5 media in 2016, did you ever publicly express a</p> <p>6 viewpoint regarding this question of whether</p> <p>7 Russia attempted to influence the 2016 U.S.</p> <p>8 election?</p> <p>9 MR. LEVY: Objection.</p> <p>10 Q Go ahead and answer. Did you ever</p> <p>11 hear --</p> <p>12 A No. No, as far as I could recall it, I</p> <p>13 never made any public statement on that topic.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Mr. Fridman, prior to the</p> <p>15 publication of the dossier, did you ever take a</p> <p>16 public position on whether the so-called Russian</p> <p>17 oligarchs were beholden to Putin in some way?</p> <p>18 A No, I don't recall that I made any public</p> <p>19 statement on that regard.</p> <p>20 Q Mr. Fridman, would it be fair to say that</p> <p>21 Vladimir Putin, as the President of Russia, is the</p> <p>22 subject of a lot of media reporting?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">382</p> <p>1 rephrase in how I became an oligarch. That's I</p> <p>2 don't know.</p> <p>3 Q Mr. Fridman, at any time before BuzzFeed</p> <p>4 published the dossier in January of 2017, at any</p> <p>5 time before that had you ever heard of an</p> <p>6 allegation against you according to which in the</p> <p>7 1990s Govorun delivered cash for you to Vladimir</p> <p>8 Putin?</p> <p>9 A No. That was the first time this kind of</p> <p>10 fantasy arised, you know? I never, ever heard,</p> <p>11 even in the -- a lot of this gutter press, which</p> <p>12 was publish a lot of dirty things about us, that</p> <p>13 was never mention about Mr. Govorun role for</p> <p>14 participating or bribing Mr. Putin. That was</p> <p>15 completely new creation.</p> <p>16 Q Mr. Fridman, during 2016 did you become</p> <p>17 aware that there were media reports of allegations</p> <p>18 of attempted efforts by Russia to influence the</p> <p>19 outcome of the U.S. presidential election?</p> <p>20 A During 2016, as far as I could recall it,</p> <p>21 that was number of publication in the</p> <p>22 international medias and American medias and, you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">384</p> <p>1 A Yes. A lot of interest of media to</p> <p>2 Mr. Putin.</p> <p>3 Q So, Mr. Fridman, have you ever done</p> <p>4 anything publicly to try to shape how the public</p> <p>5 views Vladimir Putin?</p> <p>6 A Me?</p> <p>7 Q Yes.</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Have you --</p> <p>10 A No. I am trying not to make any public</p> <p>11 comments on a political topic, and especially on</p> <p>12 Mr. Putin.</p> <p>13 MR. LEWIS: I have no further questions.</p> <p>14 Thank you.</p> <p>15 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANTS</p> <p>16 BY MR. LEVY:</p> <p>17 Q Mr. Fridman, when you were having this</p> <p>18 dispute over Megaphone, did you recall Dmitry</p> <p>19 Vozianov reaching out to the Wall Street Journal?</p> <p>20 A Me? No.</p> <p>21 Q Do you recall --</p> <p>22 A No.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">385</p> <p>1 Q Do you recall which Alfa or Altimo</p> <p>2 representatives were in contact with the Wall</p> <p>3 Street Journal about Megaphone?</p> <p>4 A I don't really know.</p> <p>5 Q Do you recall --</p> <p>6 A I don't know.</p> <p>7 Q -- who was doing Altimo or Alfa's press</p> <p>8 at the time?</p> <p>9 A No, I don't remember who was in charge</p> <p>10 for press relation for the -- for public relations</p> <p>11 and for the media relations. I don't remember who</p> <p>12 name.</p> <p>13 MR. LEWIS: Objection to the questions so</p> <p>14 far are not responsive to the very few questions</p> <p>15 that I asked. So I would ask that any additional</p> <p>16 questions be responsive to the questions that I</p> <p>17 just asked.</p> <p>18 Q I'd just like you to answer one last</p> <p>19 question.</p> <p>20 You know Dmitry Vozianov. Correct?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 MR. LEVY: Nothing further.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">386</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">387</p> <p>1 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPONENT</p> <p>2 I, MIKHAIL FRIDMAN, do hereby acknowledge</p> <p>3 that I have read and examined the foregoing</p> <p>4 testimony, and the same is a true, correct and</p> <p>5 complete transcription of the testimony given by</p> <p>6 me, and any corrections appear on the attached</p> <p>7 Errata sheet signed by me.</p> <p>8</p> <p>9 _____</p> <p>10 (DATE) (SIGNATURE)</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p style="text-align: right;">388</p>
<p>1 MR. LEWIS: Nothing further from us.</p> <p>2 Thank you, everyone.</p> <p>3 (Off the record at 5:17 p.m. EST.)</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p>	<p>1 CERTIFICATE OF SHORTHAND REPORTER - NOTARY PUBLIC</p> <p>2 I, Debra A. Whitehead, the officer before whom the</p> <p>3 foregoing proceedings were taken, do hereby certify</p> <p>4 that the foregoing transcript is a true and correct</p> <p>5 record of the proceedings; that said proceedings</p> <p>6 were taken by me stenographically and thereafter</p> <p>7 reduced to typewriting under my supervision; that</p> <p>8 reading and signing was not requested; and that I am</p> <p>9 neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by any</p> <p>10 of the parties to this case and have no interest,</p> <p>11 financial or otherwise, in its outcome.</p> <p>12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and</p> <p>13 affixed my notarial seal this 30th day of November,</p> <p>14 2020.</p> <p>15</p> <p>16 My commission expires:</p> <p>17 October 31, 2023</p> <p>18</p> <p>19 </p> <p>20 -----</p> <p>21 E-NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE</p> <p>22 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA</p>

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