

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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(U//~~FOUO~~) On June 6, 2016, [redacted] date of birth [redacted] social security number [redacted] was interviewed by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and SA [redacted] at the FBI Washington Field Office, 601 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC 20535. Also present for the interview was FBI Intelligence Analyst [redacted]. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] works for [redacted] a defense contractor specializing in the areas of missile, space, and intelligence. In addition, [redacted] owns [redacted] a company focused on domestic data acquisition which [redacted] established in [redacted] has several products to include [redacted] as well as other products drawn from the over 60 billion records in [redacted] possession. [redacted] Dark Horse Data, Inc. (DHD), a company owned by former Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence REGINALD HYDE. DHD works with foreign data, can contract directly with the government, and frequently embeds its personnel with clients.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) In June or July 2015, [redacted] a senior staff member of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, contacted [redacted] out of concerns data from HILLARY CLINTON's email server might end up overseas. Specifically [redacted] wanted to determine if there was an intrusion into CLINTON's server and, if so, whether exfiltrated data fell into the hands of a foreign power. [redacted] was concerned any exfiltrated data could endanger her three sons, who are Marines. Additionally, she was upset as a citizen and Senate Staff Member that this situation could occur. Therefore, [redacted] asked [redacted] if it was possible to determine if CLINTON's server had been compromised. [redacted] stated he would have to look for data that was genuine, authentic, and relevant. [redacted] defined those three terms as follows:

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- Genuine – data originating from CLINTON's server
- Authentic – data that had not been altered
- Relevant – data from CLINTON's server that was moved outside of the United States to a place where a foreign actor could access it

(U//~~FOUO~~) Since [redacted] did not have funding for the project described above, in August or September 2015 she met with NEWT GINGRICH and asked [redacted] to brief GINGRICH on the project.

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By SA [redacted]

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[REDACTED] GINGRICH, and [REDACTED] were all bothered by the potential that data from CLINTON's server had been compromised. GINGRICH wanted to speak with others about the project and in December 2015, recommended [REDACTED] speak with [REDACTED] at Judicial Watch. [REDACTED] briefed the project as four phases to [REDACTED]. The phases were to determine if:

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- Phase 1 –CLINTON's server was directly or indirectly attacked
- Phase 2 –SIDNEY BLUMENTHAL's server was directly or indirectly attacked
- Phase 3 – data was exfiltrated outside the United States
- Phase 4 – data was exposed to a foreign actor

As [REDACTED] briefed the project, he raised the question of what the course of action would be if classified information was uncovered. The three discussed it and decided Judicial Watch's legal counsel should be consulted. [REDACTED] never received an answer, but was of the opinion that if he uncovered data he thought might be classified, he would be obligated to report it to the appropriate authorities.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) In January or February 2016, Judicial Watch's legal counsel advised the project was feasible, but could not involve accessing any systems without authorization. The project could review open source data following the four phases described above. After these initial discussions with Judicial Watch [REDACTED] concluded the motivation of Judicial Watch's actions was not centered on the elections.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) [REDACTED] advised there are three potential funding streams for the types of projects his company undertakes. They can be funded by his company, a government contract, or a data arbitrageur. In this situation, the arbitrageur would invest in litigation on the prospect of a judge awarding the arbitrageur attorney's fees.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) In February or March 2016, [REDACTED] company, [REDACTED] was given \$32,000 by Judicial Watch to proceed with Phase 1. Judicial Watch awarded the contract to [REDACTED] because they were confident he understood both the Deep Web and Dark Web. After receiving the contract, [REDACTED] had to determine the best place to obtain the necessary data for the project. Based on the terms outlined by Judicial Watch's counsel, CLINTON and BLUMENTHAL's respective servers were off limits, as were offshore servers. [REDACTED] turned to [REDACTED] a former executive at [REDACTED] a cyber intelligence company which ingests data from the Deep Web and Dark Web and, then, indexes the data. By leveraging [REDACTED] data, [REDACTED] could search the Deep Web and Dark Web without exposing his searches to the Internet. [REDACTED] paid [REDACTED] \$2,500 to have [REDACTED] conduct searches based on search terms provided by [REDACTED]. These search terms included, but were not limited to, HILLARY CLINTON, SIDNEY BLUMENTHAL, and an Internet Protocol (IP) address range obtained from an email provided to [REDACTED] by Judicial Watch. In return, [REDACTED] provided the results of those searches to [REDACTED] which was the exclusive data source used by [REDACTED] for this project.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) [REDACTED] reviewed the data provided by [REDACTED] and found files from BLUMENTHAL's server on a server in Romania. [REDACTED] believed BLUMENTHAL had a personal

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server because he found some of BLUMENTHAL's files on the server in Romania, but not any of BLUMENTHAL's emails. The Romanian server contained approximately 200 Microsoft Word, Excel, and other file types belonging to BLUMENTHAL.

(U//~~FOUO~~) In reference to a May 22, 2009 alleged intrusion of CLINTON's server appearing in a draft version of a report on \_\_\_\_\_'s project \_\_\_\_\_ stated he could not recall where he learned of the hack or the specific date. \_\_\_\_\_ speculated it was possibly from a public report, but he had looked for the source and could not find it. Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ planned to remove the reference from future iterations of the report.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) During \_\_\_\_\_'s review of the data obtained by \_\_\_\_\_ he found one sensitive Excel file listing the names of known or suspected jihadists in Libya. \_\_\_\_\_ added that a portion of the file was in Russian. The file did not come from BLUMENTHAL's server, but contained a reference to an IP address range that included the IP address of CLINTON's server. Upon viewing this file, \_\_\_\_\_ became concerned he had found a classified document and stopped the project. This work completed Phase 1 and \_\_\_\_\_ planned to deliver the final report to Judicial Watch soon.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) \_\_\_\_\_ stated some of the BLUMENTHAL files were dated on or about January 2012, which was the same timeframe when \_\_\_\_\_ contacted \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the Libyan Rogue Nation Judgment Recovery Program (LRNJR). \_\_\_\_\_ claimed he was hired by the Libyan opposition government to recover the assets of the MUAMMAR GADDAFI government. \_\_\_\_\_ also met with TYLER DRUMHELLER regarding the same matter. \_\_\_\_\_ speculated BLUMENTHAL, if involved in the LRNJR, could have written the memos as a "shake and bake" tactic.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) A copy of the original interview notes and documents provided to the FBI by \_\_\_\_\_ during the interview are enclosed in a 1A envelope.

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