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MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon. This is the supplemental transcribed interview of Ike Kaveladze.

On October 18th, 2017, Chairman Grassley sent Mr. Kaveladze a letter, stating that the Judiciary Committee was seeking information related to a meeting held on June 9th, 2016, at Trump Tower, as well as related matters. The letter requested an interview and certain categories of documents. In response, Mr. Kaveladze, through his counsel, produced documents and participated in a voluntary interview on November 3rd, 2017.

On February 7th, 2018, Mr. Kaveladze's counsel submitted errata to the transcript of the November 3rd interview, and his counsel notified the committee that the errata contained substantive changes to portions of Mr. Kaveladze's testimony.

Committee counsel subsequently sought this supplemental transcribed interview with Mr. Kaveladze to inquire about the new information. Mr. Kaveladze has, through his counsel, agreed to voluntarily participate in this supplemental
transcribed interview. The interview is being conducted via videoconference.

Would the witness please state your name for the record?

MR. KAVELADZE: Ike Thomas Kaveladze.

MR. DAVIS: I'm sorry, can you say that again?

MR. KAVELADZE: Ike Thomas Kaveladze.

MR. DAVIS: On behalf of the Chairman, I want to thank Mr. Kaveladze again for speaking with us. As you may recall, my name is Patrick Davis, and I am the Deputy Chief Investigative Counsel with the committee's majority staff. I will ask everyone else from the committee who is here to introduce themselves as well. We will get to Mr. Kaveladze's counsel in a few moments.

MR. PARKER: Daniel Parker, Investigative Assistant, Chairman Grassley.

MR. LOWRY: John Lowry, Legislative Correspondent with Senator Feinstein.

MS. SAWYER: Heather Sawyer, General Counsel with Senator Feinstein.

MR. PRIVOR: Brian Privor, Senior Counsel with Senator Feinstein.
MR. DAVIS: I would like to restate a few key points we mentioned at your initial interview. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not apply to any of the committee's investigative activities, including transcribed interviews. There are some guidelines we follow, and I will go over those again now.

Our questioning will proceed in rounds. The majority staff will ask questions for the first 30 minutes. Then the minority staff will have the opportunity to ask questions for an equal amount of time. We will go back and forth until there are no more questions and the interview is over.

We typically take a short break at the end of each hour, but should you need to take a break at any other time, please just let us know. We have an official reporter taking down everything we say to make a written record, so we ask that you give verbal responses to all questions.

Do you understand?

MR. KAVELADZE: I do.

MR. DAVIS: So that the court reporter can take down a clear record, we will do our best to limit the number of people directing questions to
you during any given half hour to those whose turn it is. It is also important that we don't talk over one another or interrupt each other, if we can help it. That goes for everybody present at today's interview.

While Senators on the committee may observe, the chairman and ranking member have agreed that only staff will ask questions.

We encourage witnesses who appear before the committee to consult freely with counsel, if they so choose. You are appearing via videoconference with counsel.

Counsel, could you please state your name, for the record?

MR. BALBER: Yes, this is Scott Balber from Herbert Smith Freehills on behalf of Mr. Kaveladze. And we do want to express our appreciation to the committee for allowing us to do this by phone to obviate the need to travel to D.C.

MR. O'DONNELL: And also, this is John O'Donnell of Herbert Smith Freehills, also appearing on behalf of Mr. Kaveladze.

MR. DAVIS: Thank you.

Mr. Kaveladze, we want you to answer our
1 questions in the most complete and truthful manner possible, so we will take our time. If you have any questions or if you don't understand any of our questions, please let us know. If you honestly don't know the answer to a question or don't remember, it is best not to guess. Just give us your best recollection. It is also okay to tell us if you learned of information from someone else, if you indicate how you came to know the information. If there are things that you don't know or can't remember, we ask that you inform us to the best of your knowledge who might be able to provide a more complete answer to the question.

It is this committee's practice to honor valid common-law privilege claims as an accommodation to a witness or party when those claims are made in good faith and accompanied by sufficient explanation, so that the committee can evaluate the claim. When deciding whether to honor a privilege, the committee weighs its need for the information against any legitimate basis for withholding it. The committee typically does not honor contractual confidentiality agreements.

You should understand that although the
interview is not under oath, by law, you are
required to answer questions from Congress
truthfully.

Do you understand that?

MR. KAVELADZE: Yes, I do.

MR. DAVIS: Thank you.

Witnesses who knowingly provide false
statements could be subject to criminal
prosecution and imprisonment for up to 5 years.

Do you understand this?

MR. KAVELADZE: Yes, I do.

MR. DAVIS: Is there any reason you are
unable to provide truthful answers to today's
questions?

MR. KAVELADZE: No, there is not.

MR. DAVIS: Finally, we ask that you not
speak about what we discuss in this interview with
anyone else outside of who is participating in the
videoconference today, in order to preserve the
integrity of our investigation.

Is there anything else that my colleagues
from the minority want to add?

MS. SAWYER: Only one thing.

Mr. Balber, I don't know if it is possible
for you --
MR. BALBER: Yes?

MS. SAWYER: Yes, sorry. I don't know if it is possible for you to put your device on mute, because there is a lot of background noise. It is a little hard to hear your client.

MR. BALBER: Yeah, if I can figure it out, I am happy to.

MS. SAWYER: Great. And, obviously, we certainly don't want to interfere with your ability to communicate with your client, if you need to. But we will be watching you on video as well, so if you want to flag for us if there is something you want to interject, we will make sure we catch it. Thank you.

MR. DAVIES: The time is now 1:12, and we will get started with the first 30 minutes of questions.

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE MAJORITY

BY MR. DAVIES:

Q. Mr. Kaveladze, according to page 16 of the transcript of your November interview with us, you were asked, "Are you aware of any instances in which Aras Agalarov sought to arrange meetings between Mr. Trump or his associates and Russian Government officials?"
At the time, you responded, "No, I am not aware."

When your attorney submitted the errata sheet for that transcript, this answer was changed to yes, with the explanation, "Mr. Kaveladze has recalled a conversation since testifying."

What was that conversation?

A. I had a -- I mean, the conversation I was referring to was not really a conversation. It was witnessed -- I had witnessed a part of a telephone conversation with -- between Mr. Agalarov and a Russian Government official where Mr. Agalarov requested that -- he informed the government official about the contest, the Miss Universe contest, and then secretly requested the meeting between Mr. Trump and Mr. Putin.

I only, unfortunately, witnessed a part of the conversation, because I was at the office of Mr. Agalarov at that time, and he received a call on his cell phone, and he started conversing with -- obviously, it was not a speakerphone. It was a regular phone call. And he started this conversation, and he gave this first introductory information and request, and, you know, communicated a request for a meeting. And then he
1 kind of left to the adjacent room for the privacy.
2 He would do it pretty frequently. When
3 he wants to have a private conversation, he would
4 leave the room. And so I heard a part of it.
5 But, yes, it was a conversation about the
6 request --
7 Q. And do you -- go ahead.
8 A. -- a request between Mr. Putin and Mr.
9 Trump.
10 Q. And do you recall when this phone call
11 occurred?
12 A. I cannot tell for sure, but I think it
13 was maybe around 40 days prior to the contest,
14 plus/minus 10 days, I would say. Unfortunately, I
15 don't have an exact recollection of the date.
16 Q. Okay. And as you understood it, he was
17 requesting a meeting specifically between Mr.
18 Putin and Mr. Trump? Is that correct?
19 A. Yes, I did.
20 Q. Do you know which official in the Russian
21 Government Mr. Agalarov was speaking with?
22 A. My assumption was that it was Dmitry
23 Peskov.
24 Q. What was the basis for that assumption?
25 A. During the prior organizational meetings,
Mr. Goldstone, Rob Goldstone, had requested that call from Mr. Agalarov suggesting -- he was the first one who actually related that topic to us. He said -- you know, he came to Moscow. He said he had meeting with Trump people, and he said they requested that meeting. And so he related that information to us.

So -- and he said, can we have a meeting or phone conversation or relate the request to Mr. Peskov? So I assumed Mr. Agalarov was speaking to Mr. Peskov, Dmitry Peskov. That is the press attaché of President of the Russian Federation, press representative, I believe.

Q. Okay, I am not quite sure I followed your last answer in full, so I am going to ask a few follow-up questions.

When you say he requested the meeting with Putin, was that Mr. Trump was requesting it through Mr. Goldstone, or was that Mr. Goldstone was making the request?

A. No, it was Mr. Trump requesting through Mr. Goldstone.

Q. And did you know that the request originated with Mr. Trump because of things Mr. Goldstone had told you? Or how did you know where
the request originated?

A. Yes, in meetings, he related that to us.

We had group organizational meetings dedicated to
Miss Universe pageant, and during one of the
meetings, he said that he has that message.

Q. Now, you said that this call you observed
occurred at Mr. Agalarov's office. Is that
correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. Were you aware of any follow-up to the
call?

A. No, I was not. I read some media
reports, but I was not part of or was aware of
anything else, so.

Q. Do you know if such a meeting between Mr.
Putin and Mr. Trump did occur?

A. Again, from media reports, I know it did
not occur.

Q. But do you have any firsthand knowledge
of that?

A. No, I do not.

Q. Okay.

MR. BALBER: And, Mr. Kaveladze, let's keep
your observation of media reports out of the
equation.
MR. KAVELADZE: Sure. Okay.

MR. BALBER: I think counsel wants only what you have personal knowledge of.

MR. KAVELADZE: Okay, I -- understood.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. Did Mr. Agalarov ever explain to you why he was passing along this request, what his personal motivations were?

A. No, I don't believe we ever had any discussions with Mr. Agalarov about that request, further discussions, let me put it this way.

Q. In the prior meetings in which Mr. Goldstone had mentioned this, did he explain what the purpose of such a meeting would be?

A. No, he did not.

Q. What prompted you to recall this meeting after our interview?

A. I had numerous -- actually, two meetings after the -- after your initial interview, I had meetings with other interested committees and other organizations, and I was asked this question again, more precisely, though. They asked the question not about the Russian Government but of President Putin. And when they asked this question, I had that recollection.
So at that point, I thought I need to make a correction in my Judiciary Committee interview transcript.

Q. Aside from your memory, did you have any documents or other records reflecting your awareness of this call?

A. Of -- of -- of that particular call, no, there's no documents about that call.

Q. Okay.

A. No.

Q. The errata your attorney submitted also made changes to clarify that, after your trip to New York for the June 9th, 2016, Trump Tower meeting, you did not depart New York to return home to California as you had told us previously, but, instead, traveled from New York to Moscow. The reason provided was that, "Per request, Mr. Kaveladze reviewed travel records."

And the errata sheet also states, "Note that Mr. Kaveladze traveled from Russia from June 10th, 2016, through approximately July 14th, 2016."

Is it correct that you departed New York City for Russia on June 10th, 2016, the day after the Trump Tower meeting?
A. To be more specific, I departed -- on June 10, I have left New York City for Frankfurt, Germany, and I believe I arrive to Moscow on June 11.

Q. And is it correct that you stayed in Russia for more than a month, from June 10th through July 14th? Is that correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. What was the purpose of this trip?

A. It was personal and business. Well, let me put it, business and personal. And at that time, I worked, you know, for Crocus International as a senior vice president, so I spent half of my time in Moscow. So it was pretty typical.

Q. Was it typical for your trips to be so long? This one was over a month long. Or did you usually take shorter trips?

A. For summertime, it was pretty typical. Yeah, it was pretty typical.

Q. Did you discuss the Trump Tower meeting with anyone in Russia?

A. I had a very quick conversation with Mr. Agalarov. I didn't have much to add to the phone conversations I had, which -- the only thing I added is that I reiterated the statement that it
1 would have been better if the meeting was held
2 between Mrs. Veselnitskaya and attorneys, and not
3 with the individuals who have met.
4 Q. Did you have any interactions with any
5 Russian Government officials during the trip?
6 A. No, I did not.
7 Q. Did you have any interactions with anyone
8 you knew to be affiliated with the Internet
9 Research Agency during that trip?
10 A. No, I did not.
11 Q. Have you ever had communications with
12 anyone you knew to be affiliated with the Internet
13 Research Agency?
14 A. No, I have not.
15 Q. Do you know Yevgeny Prigozhin?
16 A. No, I do not. No.
17 Q. Do you know if Aras Agalarov knows him?
18 A. I have no knowledge of that.
19 Q. Do you know Mikhail Bystrov, B-Y-S-T-R-O-
20 V?
21 A. No, I do not. No.
22 Q. Mikhail Burchik, B-U-R-C-H-I-K?
23 A. No, I do not.
24 Q. Mikhail Abramov, A-B-R-A-M-O-V?
25 A. No, I do not.
Q. Aleksandra Krylova, K-R-Y-L-O-V-A?
A. No, I do not.
Q. Do you know Anna Bogacheva, B-O-G-A-C-H-E-V-A?
A. No, I do not.
Q. Sergei Polozov, P-O-L-O-Z-O-V?
A. No, I do not.
Q. Maria Bovda, B-O-V-D-A?
A. No, I do not.
Q. Just a few more here. Maria Belyaeva?
That is B-E-L-Y-A-E-V-A.
A. No, I do not.
Q. What about Robert Bovda, B-O-V-D-A?
A. Could you spell the last name again, please?
Q. B-O-V-D-A.
A. No, I do not.
A. No, I do not.
Q. What about Jay Aslanov?
A. No, I do not.
Q. Vadim Podkopaev, P-O-D-K-O-P-A-E-V?
A. Podkopaev?
Q. Right, I think that is the correct pronunciation.

A. No, I do not.

Q. And do you know Vladimir Venkov, V-E-N-K-O-V?

A. No, I do not.

Q. Do you know if Mr. Agalarov knows any of those people I just asked you about?

A. I do not know.

Q. Okay. So returning to your activities during your summer 2016 trip to Moscow, what kind

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MR. O'DONNELL: Patrick, this is John O'Donnell. Can I just ask a quick question?

MR. DAVIS: Sure.

MR. O'DONNELL: The first person that you asked about, Prigozhny?

MR. DAVIS: That's right, Prigozhin.

MR. O'DONNELL: What was that? Can you spell that for me?


MR. O'CONNELL: G-O-Z-H?

MR. DAVIS: I-N.

MR. O'CONNELL: Okay, and what was the next one?
MR. DAVIS: It was Mikhail Bystrov, B-Y-S-T-R-O-V.

MR. O'CONNELL: Okay, great. Thank you.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. So, Mr. Kaveladze, returning to your Moscow trip during the summer of 2016, what type of business did you engage in during that trip?

A. Well, there was numerous projects I was involved in at that time. Most of them were related to a refinancing of company -- corporate debt. We also were trying to secure new financing for the airplane. And I think that -- that's mostly what I was busy with.

Q. In terms of refinancing the corporate debt, do you recall if you worked with any or interacted with any banks as part of that project?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Do you recall which ones?

MR. BALBER: I'm sorry. This is Scott Balber. I mean, obviously, you are entitled to some leeway on these issues, but we are back here to answer the two questions that were implicated by the errata sheet. I'm not sure what the identity of banks that Crocus Group was potentially refinancing with have that is relevant
MR. DAVIS: Well, if they were the same banks that members of the Trump campaign otherwise had contact with, we would probably want to know.

BY MR. DAVIS:

Q. So I guess I can just ask, was Sberbank one of the banks involved?

A. Well, yes, because Sberbank is a main creditor of Crocus. And so we are in constant, constant fight with them to get a better -- better conditions of financing, basically, reduce their interest rate and increase the balloon payment at the end of the loan, which, that way, it would reduce the amount of monthly payments.

This is what we are fighting for mostly. And Sberbank was one of the banks, obviously, because they credit -- I mean, they work with us. And the other bank was Otkritie, Bank Otkritie.

Q. Thank you. Did you have any contact with Ms. Veselnitskaya while you were in Russia on that trip?

A. No. No. I did report about my contacts with Ms. Veselnitskaya. But not during that trip, no.
Q. You reported that to whom?
A. To you, to your committee.
Q. And what about with Mr. Akhmetshin? Did you have any contact with him during that trip to Russia?
A. No. My only contact -- no, I didn't have any contacts during that trip. Again, that's reported, my contact with him, but not during that trip.
Q. Other than your conversation with Mr. Agalarov about the Trump Tower meeting, did you undertake any actions connected in any way to the Trump Tower meeting while you were in Russia, any follow-up activities or conversations?
A. No, I did not. We all qualified that meeting as a complete loss of time, so it would be -- no.
Q. Did the Crocus Group pay for your travel while you were in Russia for that trip?
A. Pay for my travel when I was in Russia?
Did they pay for my travel expenses? Yes.
Q. Yes.
A. I collect salary from them, so.
Q. So were you reimbursed for the particular travel, or did you just pay it out of your salary?
A. For which particular travel? Yeah, I was reimbursed. Yeah.

Q. The travel from the summer of 2016.

A. Yeah, I was reimbursed.

Q. Okay, I think this is --

A. The Crocus Group --

Q. Go ahead.

A. There is a certain limit. You know, they didn't reimburse all of my travel tickets, but, like, I believe six times a year, I could travel at the expense of Crocus, and that was one of those travels.

Q. So as I recall the news, the first leaks of information obtained from the hack of the Democratic National Committee happened in mid-June of 2016. Do you recall seeing news reports about that while you were in Russia?

A. I don't recall if I was in Russia, but I certainly did -- did see the news. Yeah, I saw the news.

Q. And what was your personal reaction at the time?

A. Surprise, outrage.

MR. DAVIS: I think we are at a good stopping point for me right now, so we will go off
1 the record for a moment, and then begin with the
2 minority. We will go off the record at 1:31 p.m.
3 [Break.]
4 MR. PRIVOR: We are back on the record. It
5 is now 1:32.
6 Go ahead, Mr. Kaveladze.
7 MR. KAVELADZE: During my time in Moscow,
8 like months or something, more than months, I
9 spent approximately 8 days in Georgia. I took a
10 vacation, and we did a family trip to Georgia. My
11 roots, my ethnic roots, are from Georgia, and we
12 have relatives who live there, so we went to visit
13 relatives. I don't know if it is important or
14 not, but just.
15 MR. PRIVOR: Okay, very good. Thank you for
16 that clarification.
17 As you will recall from last time when we
18 took testimony, because we go in rounds, we will
19 sometimes overlap with one another. I will do my
20 best not to repeat questions that Mr. Davis has
21 already asked, but I will be touching on the same
22 topics, so please indulge us as we ask some
23 questions that might sound a little bit
24 repetitive, but we are trying to get some more
25 clarification.
So we started with -- the first question was about this telephone call between Mr. Agalarov and Mr. Peskov, and I wanted to ask you a few more questions about that.

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE MINORITY

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. You stated that this originated with a request from Mr. Goldstone to Mr. Agalarov, conveying Donald Trump's request for a meeting with Putin. Was that Donald Trump Sr. that had made the request?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And when did the request for Mr. Goldstone come in? What were the circumstances of that? Was that an in-person meeting, or was that a telephone request?

A. I think it was an in-person meeting. He was in Moscow.

Q. Do you recall when that was?

A. My guess is sometime in September. I --

Q. Roughly, how long before you heard the -- overheard at least one side of the telephone conversation between Mr. Agalarov and Mr. Peskov, approximately how long before that was the meeting with Mr. Goldstone?
A. Roughly, I would say from a week to 10 days.

Q. Do you recall how long Mr. Goldstone was in Moscow?

A. I do not. No, I do not. He usually would come for a few days, though, like between three and seven. But I don't recall that specific visit, no.

Q. Do you recall the particular purpose of that visit by Mr. Goldstone? Did it have a particular purpose?

A. Usually, there were two purposes for these visits, I mean, at that time. One was Mr. Emin Agalarov's musical career, so he would come, and they do work with Emin and try to, you know, plan their future concert activity and whatever. I mean, unfortunately, I never -- I would miss their meetings. And the other one at that period of time was preparation for Miss Universe, so.

Q. With regard to his role in connection with the Miss Universe pageant, who was Mr. Goldstone representing at that time when he came to meet in Moscow?

A. It is hard for me to say. I know he was communicating the message he received in U.S., but
1 who exactly was he representing? Unfortunately, I
do not know, no.

Q. Were you present for that meeting?
A. Yes.

Q. Do you recall who else was present for
that meeting?
A. I remember Emin Agalarov, and I remember
numerous people who work for Emin and who were
involved in organizational aspects of the pageant.

Q. And was there anyone else?
A. No.

Q. How about -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.
A. No Agalarov Sr.

Q. Agalarov --
A. Agalarov Sr. was not present at that
meeting.

Q. Was there anyone else with Mr. Goldstone,
working with Mr. Goldstone?
A. No, I don't believe so.

Q. Was there anyone from the Trump
Organization at that meeting?
A. No, definitely not.

Q. Was there anyone else at all other than
you, Mr. Goldstone, Emin, and Emin's colleagues or
employees?
A. No. No one, no. Russian employees of Crocus International involved in organizational aspects of Miss Universe.

Q. Did anyone participate in that meeting by telephone?
A. No.

Q. With regard to this particular meeting and Mr. Goldstone conveying Donald Trump's request for a meeting, can you tell us, as best as you can recall, precisely what Mr. Goldstone said or asked with regard to setting up a meeting?
A. He said he requested the meeting. I don't remember what precisely he said, but I definitely remember that request. But I don't remember the details, unfortunately.

Q. And when you say, "he requested," do you mean Donald Trump requested a meeting?
A. Through Mr. Goldstone, yes. Donald Trump through Mr. Goldstone requested that meeting, Donald Trump Sr.

Q. Apart from that meeting, were there any other conversations in between that meeting and the telephone call with Mr. Peskov that you have described in which there was any discussion about arranging a meeting between Donald Trump and
Vladimir Putin?

A. No, sir.

Q. Before that meeting took place, do you recall whether there were any other conversations in which someone from the Trump side was requesting a meeting with Vladimir Putin?

A. The only source about that meeting I had was Rob Goldstone. I didn't see any requests from anybody else.

Q. And the only source being Mr. Goldstone, is that exclusively the meeting you have just described? Or were there any other communications about it?

A. We -- again, we might have had some quick talk with him about, with Goldstone, but it is Goldstone. I didn't have any -- I mean, that's not -- it wasn't my topic, you know. I wasn't really involved in those, you know, aspects of meetings and stuff like that, so, no.

Q. Did you ever communicate with anybody from the Trump Organization about setting up a meeting?

A. No.

Q. Do you know whether Mr. Agalarov communicated with anyone from the Trump
Organizational about setting up a meeting?

A. I have no knowledge of this.

Q. So is your knowledge, then, limited to the meeting with Mr. Goldstone in which he reconveyed the request, as well as the telephone call for which you overheard just one half of the conversation?

A. That is correct.

Q. Okay, so just those two points in time, those are the only two in which this meeting came up that you are aware of -- or, I'm sorry, requests for a meeting came up that you are aware of?

A. I also believe there was an email from Mr. Goldstone to Mr. Emin Agalarov with the same topic where I was copied.

Q. Do you recall approximately when that email came?

A. Sometime in September.

Q. Was it before the meeting with Mr. Goldstone or after?

A. I don't remember. I think it is like simultaneously. I don't remember that.

Q. Do you recall if anyone else was copied or received that email as well as you?
A. I only know that it was addressed to Emin Agalarov. I didn't see who else was copied. I was copied.

Q. Was the sender Rob Goldstone?
A. Yes.

Q. Okay, so as best you can recall, it was an email from Rob Goldstone to Emin copied to you?
A. That is correct, yes. That is correct.

Q. Did you do anything with that email when you received it? For instance --
A. No.

Q. -- did you forward it to anyone?
A. No, I did not.

Q. Did you have any further discussions with anybody about that email?
A. No, sir.

Q. And did you have any other discussions about either the email or the meeting request from Rob Goldstone concerning setting up a meeting between Mr. Trump and Mr. Putin?
A. No, I have not.

Q. All right, so I just want to summarize and make sure I've kind of captured your recollection.

The best you can recall is there was an
email request from Rob Goldstone. There was an
in-person meeting request from Rob Goldstone to
arrange this meeting. And then there was a
television call between Aras Agalarov and Mr.
Peskov. And those are the --
A. Yes, I would like --
Q. Is that everything you remember?
A. I would like to specify. I assumed it
was Mr. Peskov.
Q. I'm sorry, could you say that again?
A. I assumed that the person on the other
side of the phone conversation was Mr. Peskov.
Q. I see. Thank you.
A. Okay.
Q. With regard to that email that Rob
Goldstone sent, do you recall what it said? Can
you recall any of the language that was used?
A. It was request for a meeting. I don't
remember it, I mean.
Q. Do you still have that email?
A. I believe I do.
Q. And is that something that you can
produce to the committee, if you have it still
available?
MR. BALBER: Mr. Kaveladze, I would really
caution you to be very certain when you say that you -- that this email exists and that you have it. If you are, so be it.

But I will tell the committee, we've released everything that we are aware of in Mr. Kaveladze's custody or control that is responsive to the request, but if there is another email that Mr. Kaveladze has, then, obviously, we will provide it.

MR. PRIVOR: Okay, very good. We understand the caveat. Thank you.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. With regard to the telephone call between Mr. Agalarov and the person that you have assumed was Mr. Peskov, why did you think that it was Mr. Peskov?

A. Because all requests from Rob Goldstone were to talk to Mr. Peskov about, so --

Q. So going back to the email, do you recall whether the email from Mr. Goldstone to Emin specified that he wanted to speak to or convey a message to Mr. Peskov?

A. I believe so, yes.

Q. And likewise, with regard to the in-person meeting with Mr. Goldstone, did he specify
wanting to convey the message to Mr. Peskov?

A. I think Goldstone, during the meeting, I remember him saying that he wanted to meet -- even meet with Mr. Peskov and discuss that potential meeting.

Q. Do you know whether Mr. Goldstone had ever met Mr. Peskov before then?

A. I do not know that.

Q. Do you know whether he had ever communicated with Mr. Peskov before then? For example, via email or telephone?

A. No, I do not know that.

Q. Do you know if he had any relationship at all with Mr. Peskov before then?

A. I have no -- I do not know that.

Q. How about with regard to Aras Agalarov? Do you know what, if any, relationship he had with Mr. Peskov before the request was made?

A. At that time, I know they knew each other, but I don't -- I can't say what kind of relationship they had.

Q. Do you know how they knew each other?

A. No, I do not know.

Q. With respect to the telephone call, was that a call received by Mr. Agalarov, or did Mr.
1 Agalarov place the call to Mr. Peskov?
2 A. I believe it was received by Mr. Agalarov.
3 Q. Do you know what prompted Mr. Peskov's call to Aras? In other words, was there some other call that you are aware of that was outgoing to Mr. Peskov first?
4 A. There probably was a call, but, no, I am unaware of that.
5 Q. Do you know if there was any email communication with Mr. Peskov that asked for a call or would have prompted a return call?
6 A. No.
7 Q. Do you know whether there was any in-person meeting that would have asked for or prompted a return call from Mr. Peskov?
8 A. No.
9 Q. Before that call took place, had you ever had a conversation with Mr. Agalarov about arranging a meeting between Mr. Trump and Mr. Putin?
10 A. No.
11 Q. And after that call took place, did you have any further conversation with Mr. Agalarov about that topic?
A. No, I don't believe so. Like I said, it was not my topic, you know, I was --

Q. With regard to the original request from Mr. Goldstone, do you recall whether he specified any particular reason that Mr. Trump wanted a meeting with Mr. Putin?

A. I don't believe he specified any reason.

Q. Did you ever ask if there was a reason?

A. No, it was not my topic.

Q. Were you ever present when the topic of a meeting between Trump and Putin was discussed?

Even if you didn't participate in the conversation, did you observe any conversations, other than --

A. Nothing -- nothing outside of that organizational meetings, Emin Agalarov -- and in conversation at Mr. Agalarov's office I told you about.

Q. With respect to the telephone conversation, which we understand you only heard one side of it, were you able to infer from what you could hear what President Putin's reaction was to the request for a meeting?

A. No.

Q. Were you able to tell at all if he wanted
1 to have a meeting or not, or whether he was
2 rejecting the request for a meeting?
3 A. No idea, no.
4 Q. Do you know how often Mr. Agalarov
5 communicates, if at all, with Donald Trump?
6 A. Are you talking about current status or
7 --
8 Q. I'm sorry. I should have given you a
9 time period.
10 Putting yourself back in time, at the
11 time of that telephone call, do you know whether
12 Mr. Agalarov and Mr. Trump had communicated
13 directly before then?
14 A. Before that was the meeting in Vegas when
15 we signed the documents for Miss Universe, so I am
16 sure they communicated. Agalarov -- Agalarovs
17 were present, and Mr. Trump was there as well.
18 Q. Do you know how -- after that meeting in
19 Vegas to sign the paperwork for the Miss Universe
20 pageant, and until the telephone call between Mr.
21 Agalarov and Mr. Peskov, or who you assume was Mr.
22 Peskov, do you know how often Mr. Agalarov
23 communicated with Mr. Trump in that time period?
24 A. I have no knowledge of this.
25 Q. Were you ever present for a communication
1 between Mr. Agalarov and Mr. Trump?
A. Never.
Q. Were you ever present for any communications between Mr. Agalarov and a representative of Mr. Trump? For example, someone from the Trump Organization?
A. No.
MR. BALBER: Again, just for clarity, obviously, Mr. Kaveladze has already testified previously about the events of the Miss Universe pageant in Moscow, the events of the Miss USA pageant in Moscow. So I assume, Mr. Privor, you are talking about communications in the interim?
Is that fair?
MR. PRIVOR: Yes, sir. Yes. Thank you.
MR. KAVELADZE: No. The answer is no.
BY MR. PRIVOR:
Q. So with respect to, again, Mr. Goldstone making this request on behalf of or conveying a request to Mr. Trump, you communicated that one, or it was eventually communicated by Mr. Agalarov to Mr. Peskov, or whom you believe to be Peskov. Were there other requests that you can recall in which Mr. Goldstone had conveyed a request or any information to Mr. Peskov on behalf --
A. No, sir. No --

Q. -- on behalf of Mr. Trump?

A. No, that was the only occasion.

Q. So that's the only one where you can recall that a request was made from Goldstone to Peskov?

A. Correct.

Q. And I apologize, because I think you may have answered this. I just don't recall your response. Do you know Mr. Peskov at all?

A. I do not know Mr. Peskov.

Q. And you've never met him or communicated with him directly?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever discuss with Mr. Agalarov what his relationship is with Mr. Peskov?

A. No, I did not.

Q. Do you know of any instances in which Mr. Agalarov and Mr. Peskov have discussed Mr. Trump, other than the one telephone call that you have described? And again --

A. No, I do not.

Q. Again, I recognize you weren't certain it was Mr. Peskov. But setting that aside, do you recall any other instances in which Agalarov and
1 Peskov had discussed Trump?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Do you know what Mr. Agalarov's relationship is with President Putin?

4 A. I don't know if there is any relationship, but I know that Mr. Agalarov was a contractor on numerous government projects, so that's all.

5 Q. Do you know if Mr. Agalarov communicates directly with Mr. Putin? Or does it always go through Mr. Peskov?

6 A. I'm not sure as to what Mr. Peskov anybody else -- I don't know about the --

7 MR. BALBER: And maybe a foundational question would be appropriate, which is whether Mr. Kaveladze is aware of any communications with Mr. Putin directly or indirectly, period.

8 MR. PRIVOR: Fair enough. We will pose that as a question. Thank you, Scott.

9 MR. KAVELADZE: Between Mr. Putin and Mr. Agalarov?

10 MR. PRIVOR: Yes, sir.

11 MR. KAVELADZE: I know there was some official meetings, like dedicated to either World Cup starting construction or Russian Island
construction project, where Mr. Agalarov was
elected to attend, along with many other people.
But I am not aware of any face-to-face meetings.

BY MR. PRIVOR:
Q. Whether face-to-face or not, are you
aware of any communications directly between Mr.
Agalarov and President Putin in which they
discussed Donald Trump?
A. I'm unaware of this.
Q. I'm sorry, you are unaware?
A. I am unaware of this.
Q. And same question, slightly different,
are you aware of any communications between Mr.
Agalarov and President Putin in which they
discussed the presidential election in the United
States?
A. No, I'm unaware of this.
Q. With respect to the call that you had
heard one half of it, or one side of it, did you
discuss that, what you had heard, with anyone
else, other than your counsel?
A. I have not discussed that with anybody.
MR. BALBER: Again, just to caveat it, I
assume you are excluding other representatives of
the U.S. Government, the other congressional
committees or Special Counsel's Office, et cetera.

MR. PRIVOR: Yeah, I think that is fair, Scott.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. I am interested, just for clarification, Mr. Kaveladze, did you contemporaneously, sometime around the time of that call, did you discuss that call with anyone else?

A. No, I did not.

Q. And do you know whether Mr. Agalarov discussed that call with anyone else?

A. I have no knowledge of this.

Q. Do you know if there was anyone else, other than the request conveyed by Mr. Goldstone, do you know if anyone else had tried to arrange a meeting between Mr. Trump and any Russian Government officials in connection with the Miss Universe pageant?

A. I have no knowledge of this.

Q. You stated, in response to Mr. Davis' question, that you did not know whether a meeting occurred between Mr. Putin and Mr. Trump. Is that right?

A. That is correct.

Q. Did you attend the Miss Universe pageant?
A. Yes, I did.

Q. And while you were at the pageant, you never observed the two of them together? Is that right?

A. That is a correct statement.

Q. Do you know whether there was any meeting between Mr. Trump and another representative of the Russian Government in connection with the Miss Universe pageant?

A. I have no knowledge of meetings like that.

Q. Are you aware of any other instances in which Mr. Agalarov sought to arrange any meetings between Mr. Trump or his associates and Russian Government officials, apart from that telephone call?

A. No, sir.

Q. Are you aware of any other instances in which Mr. Peskov might have been involved in trying to arrange meetings between Mr. Trump or his associates and Russian Government officials?

A. No, sir.

Q. Have you ever had any conversation with Mr. Trump or his representatives about setting up a meeting with Russian officials?
A. No, sir.

Q. Are you aware of any other instances in which anyone from the Trump Organization sought to arrange a meeting between Mr. Trump and Russian Government officials, whether it was through Mr. Agalarov, Mr. Peskov, or anyone else?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of any other instances in which anyone from the Trump Organization has reached out to Mr. Peskov to communicate with him for any reason?

A. No.

Q. I believe you testified last time you were before the committee that you do not know Michael Cohen. Do I have that correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. Michael Cohen is or was a lawyer for the Trump Organization. Does that help you at all? Is that somebody you have ever communicated with?

A. No, sir. I have never communicated with Michael Cohen.

Q. Okay.

MS. SAWYER: Mr. Kaveladze, just a couple of quick follow-up questions.

BY MS. SAWYER:
Q. You had indicated that the request from Mr. Goldstone came in person, you thought around September 2013, and that Mr. Goldstone had, you said, expressed an interest in Mr. Goldstone even wanting to meet with Mr. Peskov to discuss the potential meeting.

Do you know if any such meeting ever took place between Mr. Goldstone and Mr. Peskov?

A. I have no knowledge of a meeting like that.

Q. Do you know if there was any meeting between Mr. Goldstone and any other representative of the Russian Government?

A. I have no knowledge of the meetings like that.

Q. And was this the -- it sounds like there were more than one meeting about the Miss Universe pageant. Did Mr. Goldstone attend more than once, more than this one time?

A. I did not attend all organizational meetings dedicated to Miss Universe pageant, but I believe I've attended two or three. But that was the only one where Mr. Goldstone was present. The --

Q. And at the other -- go ahead.
A. The other meetings were, you know, we were discussing some organizational aspects of the pageant between ourselves.

Q. Okay. And at the other two or three meetings that you attended, was there any representative of the Trump Organization present at those other meetings?

A. No, ma'am.

MR. PRIVOR: We are going to go off the record at 2 o'clock.

[Break.]

MR. PRIVOR: We are going to go back on the record. It is 2:01 p.m.

We are going to continue now with the second topic, your travel to Russia in June and July of 2016. We have some additional follow-up questions on that topic as well.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. So with regard to the trip, I understand from your prior testimony that you left New York City on June 10th and went to Frankfurt, arriving in Moscow the next day, on June 11. Was this particular trip preplanned, that you were going to be leaving the United States on June 10th?

A. Well, it was planned that I should be in
1 Moscow at that time.
2 Q. When were the arrangements made to make
3 this trip? In other words, putting it in time
4 with the June 9th meeting, had it been decided
5 ahead of time that you were going to be traveling
6 to Moscow or Russia after the June 9th meeting?
7 Or was that decision made after the June 9th
8 meeting?
9 A. I was supposed to be in Moscow at that
time, and the reason for that being not really a
11 business reason but more a personal reason. My
12 family member had an event, and he was in Moscow
13 at that time, and I had to be at family event.
14 Q. When you were before the committee a
15 couple months ago and testified previously, we had
16 asked you about a telephone conversation with Aras
17 Agalarov, and we had shown you a telephone bill
18 that showed the time of the call was 5:14 p.m. on
19 June 9th after the meeting. In between that
20 telephone call and your arrival in Moscow, did you
21 have any other conversations that you can recall
22 with Mr. Agalarov?
23 A. I have no recollection of that,
24 conversations.
25 Q. How about once you arrived in Moscow?
You, obviously, from your testimony, it sounds like you met with Mr. Agalarov. Did you also speak with him on the telephone when you arrived in Moscow?

A. Did I speak with him on the telephone? I might have. I mean, I don't think so. I mean, I usually discuss, you know, issues with him face-to-face. We don't do many telephone conversations. I mean, he calls me, but I don't usually call him.

Q. When you were speaking with our colleague, Mr. Davis, a little bit ago, you said that there was one additional conversation with Aras Agalarov in which you had reiterated that you felt it would be better if the meeting between Ms. Veselnitskaya would be with lawyers rather than with the personnel who met her on June 9th.

A. Yes.

Q. Other than that conversation with Aras, do you recall any other conversations with Mr. Agalarov in which you discussed the June 9th meeting?

A. No.

Q. And I'm sorry, I should've put it in context.
MR. BALBER: In that period of time.

MR. PRIVOR: In that period of time, while you were in Russia.

MR. KAVELADZE: No, sir. We did not discuss.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. So it was just the one conversation with Mr. Agalarov that you can recall?

A. Yes, that is correct.

Q. Was that particular conversation in person?

A. The -- yeah, in person. Yeah, it was part of a group of people. But, you know, we had a personal conversation, I guess. But, yeah.

Q. Do you recall when that meeting took place?

A. A few days after my arrival. I don't recall exact date.

Q. Was the meeting at Mr. Agalarov's office?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was anyone else present for that meeting?

A. Not for that topic. I mean, I had met -- we had like a private meeting, but you know how there is like -- there is like a big room, and there is like people getting in for different
1 issues, and I had like -- I had 2 minutes of his
2 privacy and had this quick conversation.
3 Q. And with respect to that conversation, as
4 it pertained to the June 9th meeting, was anyone
5 else participating by telephone? Or was it just
6 you and Mr. Agalarov?
7 A. Just me and Mr. Agalarov.
8 Q. Do you recall anything else from that
9 conversation, other than having reiterated your
10 belief that it would've been better to have Ms.
11 Veselnitskaya meet with lawyers?
12 A. No, I do not.
13 Q. Setting aside your conversation with Aras
14 Agalarov, did you speak with anyone else about the
15 June 9th meeting while you were in Russia?
16 A. No, I don't believe so.
17 Q. So, for instance, did you have any
18 conversations with Emin Agalarov about the June
19 9th meeting?
20 A. No, definitely not.
21 Q. Do you recall whether Mr. Agalarov had
22 any reaction to your comment about Ms.
23 Veselnitskaya should've met with lawyers?
24 A. I think he agreed with my statement.
25 Q. Do you recall whether he had any other
verbal response to you? Did he have any input at all?

A. No, sir.

Q. Other than that brief conversation, do you recall any other communication with Aras Agalarov? For instance, over email, in which you discussed the June 9th meeting?

A. No, sir.

Q. And do you recall communications with anyone else other than Mr. Agalarov about the June 9th meeting while you were in Russia? For instance, an email with any other person?

A. I don’t believe so, no.

Q. Did you ever discuss Donald Trump or the election with anyone while you were in Russia during that June-July time frame?

A. Did I -- could you please repeat your question?

Q. Sure. And let me split it into two. Did you ever discuss with anybody Donald Trump while you were in Russia in June and July of 2016?

A. I could've discussed -- it's an electoral campaign, so I could've had discussions, some general discussions, but no specific discussions,
1 no.
2 Q. Do you --
3 A. That topic was widely discussed in
4 Moscow, put it this way.
5 Q. But do you recall any specific
discussions about Donald Trump?
6 A. No.
7 Q. Same question except the election. Do
you recall any specific discussions about the U.S.
election while you were in Russia in June and July
of 2016?
8 A. I mean, maybe Mr. Agalarov would ask me
questions, but I don't recall the specifics, you
know, "What are the candidates' chances? What are
Donald's chances?" or something like that, "What's
my opinion?" Stuff like that.
17 MR. BALBER: Do you have a memory -- do you
have a memory of those conversations with him when
you were in Moscow?
20 MR. KAVELADZE: No. I mean, no. No, I
don't have a memory of specific conversations.
22 No.
23 MR. O’DONNELL: Then don't speculate.
24 MR. KAVELADZE: Okay.
25 BY MR. PRIVOR:
Q. Last time we spoke, when you testified a couple months ago, we had asked you about -- we showed you your phone records, and we asked you about some phone numbers from your phone bill.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And at the time, you didn't recall who those numbers belonged to. Now that you recall that you were in Russia during that time period, does that at all help refresh your recollection about who you would've spoken to on the telephone? And I am happy to give you the telephone numbers again, if that is helpful.

A. Yeah, go ahead.

Q. The first one is [redacted]. It is designated as a Russian mobile number. Do you recognize the number at all?

A. I don't. [Redacted].

Q. [Redacted].

A. I don't think I do.

MR. PRIVOR: And just for reference, for your counsel, in case he cares to look, this was Exhibit 16, and this shows up on page 166 of the transcript, if you need to reference it later.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. So you don't remember that phone number?
Is that right?

A. I don't.

Q. Okay. The second phone number was ——. Do you recognize that phone number?

A. -- can you repeat the number, please?

Q. Of course. ——.

A. No, I don't remember that. No. I don't recognize that number.

Q. Okay. Back when you had -- when you testified in November, I had asked about those same phone numbers and asked whether you would be able to identify them in your phone book or electronic directory. You and your counsel had agreed that you would check on those numbers.

Is that something you would be able to check for us now or in the near future and get back to us, if you --

A. I -- I definitely can check my phone book. Yes, sir.

Q. Okay. We would renew that request, then, with your counsel, to see if you can identify those two phone numbers.

We also asked, when we spoke to you in November, we asked why there was a gap in your telephone bill from, roughly, June 10th to June
And by gap, I mean there were no telephone calls on your record, except for a few roaming telephone calls on June 15th and June 16th. And you had testified that you didn't know why there was a gap, but the roaming, obviously, suggested you were in Russia.

A. Yes.

Q. Now that we have confirmed that you were, in fact, in Russia during that time period, do you recall who you spoke to for those roaming telephone calls on June 15th and June 16th?

A. No, sir. What I, you know, might suggest is that it was my --

MR. BALBER: Either you know who you spoke to or you don't know who you spoke to.

MR. KAVELADZE: No, I do not.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. Okay. There was one telephone number on there that it actually showed the telephone number, as opposed to just "unavailable." That phone number, I would like to see if you remember. It was somebody in New York. Does that ring a bell with you?

A. New York?

Q. New York.
A. No. What's --

Q. I'll give you the telephone number. Let us know if you recognize it. [redacted]. Do you recognize that phone number?

A. I do not.

Q. There were only, as I noted, during that time period between June 10th and June 20th, I believe it is five phone calls showing on June 15th and June 16th. Do you recall whether you used your phone more often than that while you were traveling in Russia?

A. No, I don't recall that.

Q. Do you use any other telephone while you are traveling in Russia, other than that cell phone?

A. Sometimes I would use local phone, yes.

Q. Like a local -- a second cell phone or do you mean a landline in an office?

A. A landline in an office or sometimes local cell phone, yes. They provide me -- sometimes they provide me with a local phone.

Q. And that "they provide," do you mean the Agalarovs or the Crocus Group provides you another mobile phone?

A. That is correct.
Q. Do you use that second mobile phone for any personal business?
A. Not really.

Q. Do you recall whether you had used that other mobile phone to discuss the June 9th meeting with anybody while you were in Russia?
A. No, I don't recall it.

Q. Do you recall whether you used that other Russian mobile phone to speak to anybody about Donald Trump or the presidential election?
A. No, sir. I don't recall that.

Q. Do you know whether either Aras or Emin Agalarov discussed the June 9th meeting with anyone else, other than you've discussed one conversation you had with Aras?
A. No. No, I -- I know that they discussed -- Aras discussed it also with Ms. Veselnitskaya after, but nothing more than that.

Q. Were you present for his conversation with Ms. Veselnitskaya?
A. As you might remember, you know, I was talking to him and she asked for a few minutes, to hand the phone to her for a few minutes. And she thanked him -- thanked Mr. Agalarov for the meeting, and they had a quick conversation.
Q. Is there anything else you can recall from that conversation?
A. No, sir.

Q. Any other conversations that you are aware of between either of the Agalarovs and Ms. Veselnitskaya while you were in Russia?
A. No, I don't recall those conversations.

Q. Mr. Davis had asked you already about Mr. Akhmetshin, and you said you didn't have any contact with him and you didn't have any contact with Ms. Veselnitskaya while you were in Russia.
A. Correct.

Q. Did you have any communications with any of the participants at the June 9th meeting while you were in Russia?
A. No, sir.

Q. How about Mr. Goldstone? Did you communicate with him at all?
A. I don't recall that time. No, I don't remember.

Q. Did you communicate at all with Mr. Roman Beniaminov while you were in Russia?
A. No. I --

Q. Did you communicate -- I'm sorry?
A. I told you about the conversation prior
1 to the meeting with Roman Beniaminov, but I didn't
2 have any.
3 Q. Right, I'm asking, though, while you were
4 in Russia.
5 A. No, sir.
6 Q. While you were in Russia, did you
7 communicate with anyone from the Trump
8 Organization?
9 A. No.
10 Q. Did you communicate with anyone from the
11 Trump campaign while you were in Russia?
12 A. No, sir.
13 Q. Did you communicate with any Russian
14 officials while you were in Russia?
15 A. No, sir.
16 Q. One sort of general question, you've
17 described your trip as being from June 10th until
18 approximately July 14th. I'm just curious why
19 "approximately"? Do you not know the date that
20 you left Russia?
21 A. I think not approximately. I think it is
22 precise. I mean, yeah, I think it was July 14th.
23 MS. SAWYER: Mr. Kaveladze, just a couple
24 quick follow-ups.
25 BY MS. SAWYER:
Q. My colleague had asked you about the arrangements to travel. Do you recall, now that you have gone back to look at your travel records, when your trip to New York was scheduled? Was it scheduled before your trip to Moscow or after? To New York to attend the June 9th meeting.

A. It was, I believe --

MR. BALBER: I'm sorry, can I ask it differently? I want to make sure I understand the question.

MS. SAWYER: Sure.

MR. BALBER: Is the question -- is the question, had he already planned his trip to Russia before he had planned his trip to New York or was it the opposite? Is that the question?

MR. KAVELADZE: I planned the trip, definitely, because of my [REDACTED], but I'm not sure about exactly when I purchased tickets and stuff like that. But I definitely planned to be in Moscow.

MS. SAWYER: And --

MR. BALBER: Is it --

MS. SAWYER: Go ahead, Scott.

MR. BALBER: I'm sorry. I was just going to ask, is it fair to say that you had intended to be
in Moscow in that period of time long before you
knew you had to go to New York for the meeting at
Trump Tower?

MR. KAVELADZE: Definitely.

MR. BALBER: Is that right?

MR. KAVELADZE: Definitely.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. And if I may ask, when is the family event? What day?

A. Family event is June 13, but we had the party on June 12th, because I believe June 13 was Monday, and we wanted to have a party like on that weekend. And so -- and so we decided to do a party on June 12th. The reason I am saying that is because I saw that Evite card.

Q. Okay. And you mentioned that you were, during the time that you were in Russia in June and July, you spent 8 days in Georgia, and you characterized it as a family trip. When in that month did those 8 days fall?

A. I don’t remember. I’m sorry.

Q. Do you think it was at the beginning of the trip or more toward the end?

A. I don’t know. Again, I can check my travel records and see and can get back to you.
Q. Yeah, and if you do check your records, just if you could get back to us with the dates that the trip to New York was booked and the date that you booked your trip to Moscow, I would appreciate that.

A. Sure.

Q. And then just one quick question, you spoke with my colleague about the discussion that you had with Mr. Agalarov in person while you were in Moscow about the June 9 meeting. And what you recalled from it was that you reiterated kind of that you thought that Ms. Veselnitskaya should have met with lawyers rather than the folks from the campaign that she did meet with. Did anything come up, given that you knew before you went into that meeting that there was supposed to be dirt about Hillary Clinton? Did you have any mention with Mr. Agalarov about that aspect of what the meeting was supposed to be about?

A. Can you repeat that question, because I -

Q. Sure. When you spoke with Mr. Agalarov -

A. I discussed no dirt with Mr. Agalarov.

Q. Did anything come up about -- you had --
1 you referenced with my colleague that you had
2 spoken with Mr. Beniaminov prior to the meeting,
3 and my recollection of that from your last
4 testimony -- I don't want to go back to that, but
5 I just want to reference it -- was that he had
6 alerted you to the fact that the Russian lawyer
7 who was meeting would have information on Hillary
8 Clinton.
9
10 Given that that was what the expectation
11 was, did you ever speak with Mr. Agalarov when you
12 talked with him about the fact that that was
13 supposed to be part of the meeting?
14 A. Well, if you remember my testimony, the
15 only person who related that information to me was
16 Roman Beniaminov. Mr. Agalarov never suggested
17 anything related to dirt on Ms. Clinton. He, from
18 day one, he was suggesting it was about the
19 Magnitsky Act, so -- and it was about the
20 Magnitsky Act. So, no. I mean, why would I
21 discuss it with him?
22 Q. Did anything come up about the reaction
23 of the Trump campaign to the meeting when you
24 spoke with him while you were in Moscow right
25 after the meeting?
26 A. No. No. Yeah, I -- I basically had
those conversations right after the meeting, and
so I relayed the reaction of the Trump campaign.
So it's -- you know, the suggestion that we
should've met with attorneys is partially like
related to the reaction of the Trump campaign,
that we should have met his attorneys and not with
his people.

Q. Okay. Thank you.
A. Thank you.

MR. PRIVOR: Okay, just a few more
questions. I want to ask you about a few other
events that occurred while you were in Russia.

BY MR. PRIVOR:

Q. There was an international economic forum
in St. Petersburg on or about June 17th. Did you
attend that conference?
A. No, sir.
Q. Did you discuss that conference with
anyone?
A. No.
Q. I think Mr. Davis had asked you about the
leaks or announcement of release of emails that
occurred starting around June 14th. DCLeaks had
made a release, and then Guccifer on June 15th
started a blog saying it was responsible for the
1 DNC hack.

2 Is that something you recall while you were in Russia? Did you hear anything about it while you were in Russia?

3 A. I don't remember hearing about it in Russia.

4 Q. On June 17th, Mr. Trump had sent Emin a thank-you note for a birthday gift. Were you aware of that thank-you note?

5 A. I -- I think eventually somebody told me about that, but not at that time, no.

6 Q. You never discussed it with anyone while you were in Russia?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Are you familiar with the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs?

9 A. Am I familiar with the ministry? I know it exists, but nothing other than that.

10 Q. Have you ever met with anybody from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs while you were in Russia?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. Did you ever discuss the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs while you were in Russia during that time period?
A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know Len Blavatnik?

A. From the media. He is an oligarch.

Q. Do you know him at all personally?

A. No.

Q. I'm sorry?

A. No. The answer is no.

Q. Have you ever communicated with him?

A. No, sir.

Q. How about Viktor Vekselberg? Have you ever --

A. No, sir.

Q. You never communicated with him?

A. No.

Q. Oleg Deripaska, have you ever communicated with him?

A. No.

Q. Do you know Konstantin Kilimnik?

A. No.

Q. You never communicated with him?

A. No, sir.

Q. Never discussed him with anyone?

A. No.

Q. Are you familiar with the New Economic School in Moscow?
A. New Economic School in Moscow? No, I'm not familiar with that.

Q. I take it, then, you've not discussed the New Economic School with anyone while you were in Moscow, while you were in Russia?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you know Carter Page?

A. No. From the media reports. No personal knowledge.

Q. Never had any communications about him?

A. No, sir.

BY MS. SAWYER:

Q. And Mr. Page was in Moscow during the time that you were there. Did you hear anything about Mr. Page while you were in Moscow?

A. No, ma'am. I have not.

MR. PRIVOR: Okay, we don't have any further questions.

Go ahead, Scott.

MR. KAVELADZE: You had something?

MR. BALBER: No, no. No, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to -- nothing to say. Apologies.

MR. DAVIS: Okay. I don't think we have anything further either, so I guess, with that in mind, we will go off the record at 2:29 p.m.
Thank you very much.

[Whereupon, the proceedings were adjourned at 2:29 p.m.]
NOTE: The court reporter initially transcribed this word as "secretly" and re-confirmed it after reviewing the audio. Mr. Kaveladze and his counsel requested the word "secretly" be deleted, disputing he had said it. Committee staff did not believe the word should be deleted.

After raising the issue with the counsel for the witness, the counsel asked to review the audio with his client to refresh his recollection. Upon reviewing the audio, his counsel indicated that the witness believes he said "sequently" not "secretly."

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