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IN RE: INTERVIEW OF JAMES BAKER

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Interview of James Baker

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campaigns, to include presidential campaigns on the Democratic side. Did you generally have a sense that they represented, that their political law practice had a Democratic clientele?

MR. BAKER: Maybe I should have, but I didn't really understand it at the time.

MS. TERZAKEN: Is that right?

MR. BAKER: I did not, no.

MS. TERZAKEN: Okay.

MR. BAKER: I came to understand, you know, that, that Perkins-Coie was playing a role with respect to the DNC hack. But the, the extensiveness of their contacts with the Democratic Party, I did not, at the time, have an understanding about, that I recall.

MS. TERZAKEN: Okay.

MR. BAKER: Just back up, also on Bower and the other guy. Sitting here today, I don't recall having any conversations with them, just to be careful. I don't think I've even met either one of them in person. But, -.

MS. TERZAKEN: Okay. With Michael Sussman, your conversations with him before the election, if you could briefly describe how the conversations came about, what information he provided to you.

MR. BAKER: So, I'll go into the Sussman stuff, yeah, okay. So he came in, he, he, all of this is gone
over in the transcript with the committee, so I won't, I'll try to just summarize briefly.

My basic recollection is, in some way, shape, or form, Michael reached out, and wanted to come in and meet with me. And so we scheduled that. So Michael came in and met with me. And he had some amount of information, physical evidence, printed out, and also a thumb drive or two, that he said related to strange interactions that some number of people that were his clients, who were, he described as I recall it, sort of cyber-security experts, had found about some strange connection between some part of Donald Trump's organizations and Alfa Bank, which was described as being controlled by the Kremlin. And that it appeared to be the case that this was a, it was, it, it was surmised that this was a back-channel, what do you call it, a back-channel of electronic communications. That, that somehow the Trump organization and Alfa Bank were using this, what looked like a, basically a surreptitious channel to communicate with each other.

And so he presented me with this information. I listened to him. I, you know, took the information from him, and I think immediately called up, I believe it was Priestap, and I either went down to Priestap, or he sent somebody to get it, but I got it out of my hands, like, you know, that afternoon or that day, whatever it was.