



Vatnik Soup @P_Kallioniemi

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In today's Vatnik Soup, made together with chef invité @Martinlaineolen, we discuss the extensive links between pedophile sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein and Russian officials and intelligence operatives, and how Western politicians reinforced these links.

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While MAGA influencers remain silent on Epstein, pro-Kremlin propagandists and bot farms have expectedly launched an anti-Ukraine online operation, spreading fake narratives that connect Ukraine, its politicians, and the late sex trafficker.

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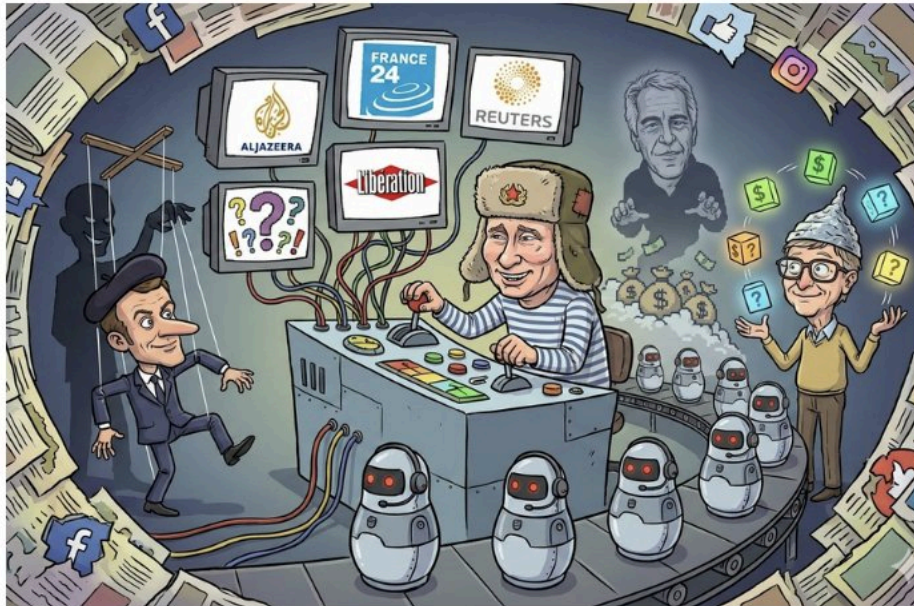


NEWS

Russia's Matryoshka bots begin Epstein-themed disinfo campaign, focusing false claims against Ukraine and France

The Insider

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The Kremlin-linked bot network known as "Matryoshka" has launched a disinformation campaign following the release by the U.S. Justice Department of new documents in the case of Jeffrey Epstein. The campaign was identified by researchers from the Bot Blocker project (@antibot4navalny), who shared their findings with *The Insider*.

Social media posts presented in the guise of content from major Western media outlets included the false claims that:

- Ukrainian children allegedly became a key resource in Epstein's operations following the country's 2014 Revolution of Dignity. A fake video said Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky was aware of the situation and that he communicated with visitors to Epstein's island.
- In a video posing as a report from *France 24*, actress Catherine O'Hara, who died on Jan. 30, was said to have accused French President Emmanuel Macron of protecting a "lobby of pervers." In reality, the late actress made no such statements.

But the emails paint a very different picture: in reality, Epstein had very close connections with Russian officials and intelligence operatives, and even built bridges and arranged meetings between MAGA figures and the Kremlin.

Epstein built ties to Russians and sought to meet Putin, files show

Justice Department files show that Jeffrey Epstein sought help from a Russian official after claiming a woman from Moscow was blackmailing “powerful businessmen” in New York.

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Let's start with Epstein's visits to Russian intelligence agencies. In one of his Russian visa applications, Epstein listed “MOO Vympel” as the organization to be visited. Vympel is a special forces unit of the FSB/KGB, and MOO Vympel is its veterans' organization.

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VISA APPLICATION

IMPORTANT! Please type or print using ballpoint

I declare that data supplied by me is correct and complete. I am aware that any false statements will lead to my application being rejected or to the annulment of a visa already granted and may also render me liable to prosecution under Russian law. I undertake to leave the territory of the Russian Federation upon the expiry of the visa, if granted. I understand that possession of a visa does not entitle its bearer to enter Russia. I will not seek compensation if I am refused to enter Russia.

** - not to be filled by holders of diplomatic and official passports

1. Nationality (if you formerly had USSR or Russian citizenship, please indicate when and why you lost it)

USA

6. Purpose of visit

BUSINESS

7. Category and type of visa

BUSINESS

2. Last name (as in passport)

EPSTEIN

8. Number of entries

Single entry ☐

Double entry ☐

Multiple entry ☒

3. First and middle names (as in passport)

JEFFREY EDWARD

9. Date of entry in Russia

10. Date of departure from Russia

4. Date of birth (dd/mm/yy)

20/01/53

5. Sex

M ☒

F ☐

18 01 11 (dd/mm/yy)

18 01 12 (dd/mm/yy)

11. Passport No

469911707

Date of issue (dd/mm/yy)

27/05/10

Valid until (dd/mm/yy)

26/05/20

12. Type of passport

diplomatic ☐

official ☐

tourist ☒

other ☐ please specify

13. Russian institution or organization to be visited? (for tourists - name and reference number of the host tourist company; for businessmen - name of the host organization and town; for private persons - last name, first name, middle name and home address of the host)

MOO ВЫМПЕЛ, МОСКВА

14. Itinerary (dates of visit)



So far, this is the clearest documented link between Jeffrey Epstein & Russian intelligence, yet certainly not the only one. In Jul 2015, Epstein arranged a meeting between former Russian minister & FSB Academy graduate Sergey Belyakov & Peter Thiel, a key Trump sponsor.

From: Сергей Беляков <[REDACTED]>
To: Alisa Bekins <[REDACTED]>
Сс: Болякина Елена Константиновна <[REDACTED]>, jeffreypstein
<jeevacation@gmail.com>, Peter Thiel <[REDACTED]>, Беляков Сергей
<[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: HA: Re:
Date: Mon, 06 Jul 2015 18:39:12 +0000

Thank you Alisa!

Looking forward to meeting

6 Июл 2015 г. 13:37 пользователь "Alisa Bekins" <[REDACTED]> написал:
Greetings,

Yes, we would love to schedule some time. I will be sending over some options for July 8 very shortly.

Warmly,
Alisa

Alisa Bekins
Executive Office of Peter Thiel
1 Letterman Drive
Building C, Suite #400
San Francisco, CA 94120
Direct [REDACTED]
Mobile [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]

** sent from my iPhone
** please excuse typos/abbreviations

> On Jul 6, 2015, at 11:07 AM, Беляков Сергей <[REDACTED]> wrote:
>
> Hi Alisa
>
> Could you please propose some timeslots for our meeting with Mr Thiel on July 8th?
> Looking forward to your reply.
>
> Best regards,
> Sergey Belyakov
>

In one email, Epstein asked Belyakov to look into a Russian woman he claimed was trying to blackmail powerful businessmen. The FSB Academy graduate replied he would need a few days to get information and soon delivered a profile on her.

Text you tomorrow

Отправлено с iPhone

27 июля 2015 г., в 19:13, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> написал(а):

thank you very much

On Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 12:12 PM, Беляков Сергей <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Got it

Отправлено с iPhone

27 июля 2015 г., в 19:10, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> написал(а):

saying pwerful men taking advantage of women like her etc.

On Mon, Jul 27, 2015 at 11:32 AM, Сергей Беляков <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jeffrey!

tomorrow I'm meeting with a guy who knows her/about her. if you have any details about case you have mentioned it could help

2015-07-24 23:16 GMT+03:00 jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>:

i very much appreciate it. hope your summer is filled with fun

On Fri, Jul 24, 2015 at 2:58 PM, Сергей Беляков <[REDACTED]> wrote:

i'm fine.

give me a few days to get information about her

2015-07-24 19:02 GMT+03:00 jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>:

how are you , I need a favor , there is a russian girl from moscow. [REDACTED] , she is attempting to blackmail a group of powerful biznessman in New York, , it is bad for business for everyone involved. she arrived new york saturday of last week staying at [REDACTED] . Suggestions?

2015-07-28 23:34 GMT+03:00 jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> >:

thanks no need to contact=her. thank you very much

On Tue, Jul 28, 2015 at=4:02 PM, [REDACTED]

<mailto:[REDACTED]> wrote:

So

1. The girl arran=es this business each summer in the US and other locations
3. She has nobody behind her. At least tho=e who know her say she has no patronage
4. So far she has been e=gaged in numerous hard stories with no consequences for the other particip=nts
5. Therefore your information surprises. An effort to contac= her has been made but she has not answered - looks like business problems= That may be a reason for blackmailing.
6. Deny of the acc=ss to the US would be a great threat to her business

<=iv>

2015-07-28 19:04 GMT+03:00 [REDACTED]

<mailto:[REDACTED]>

Meeting will be in 3 hours. Text you after

Отп=D1авлено с iPhone

28 =D0юля 2015 г., в 19:01, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com </=> написал(а):

Soon after, Epstein drafted a letter that appears to respond to the Russian woman in question. In it, he wrote, "I felt it necessary to contact some friends in FSB."

This suggests Epstein himself strongly believed Belyakov was FSB.

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From: "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>
To: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd:
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2015 18:34:04 +0000



----- Forwarded message -----

From: jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 14, 2015 at 2:29 PM
Subject:
To: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>

I've decided to help you. However I am very disappointed by the fact that you felt it necessary to threaten me. I think you should apologize to me. You and I have been together a long time. So I know you must have been quite upset to do such an outrageous thing. You should also know that I felt it necessary to contact some friends in FSB, and I thought I did not give them your name. They explained to me in no uncertain terms that especially now, when Russia is trying to bring in outside investors, as you know the economy sucks, and desperately investment that a person that would attempt to blackmail a US businessman would immediately become in the 21st century, what they terms "vrag naroda" meant in the 20th they translated it for me as the enemy of the people, and would be dealt with extremely harshly, as it threatened the economies of the country. So I expect never ever to hear a threat from you again. That being said, I think 50k per month for the next two years. And I will help you get a visa, is very generous. If you decide to stay in Moscow, it's OK with me,

Another important contact, Russian UN ambassador Vitaly Churkin, was an extremely close friend of Epstein. The two met constantly for coffee and lunch. At one point, Churkin's son Maxim even began doing "confidential work" for Epstein.

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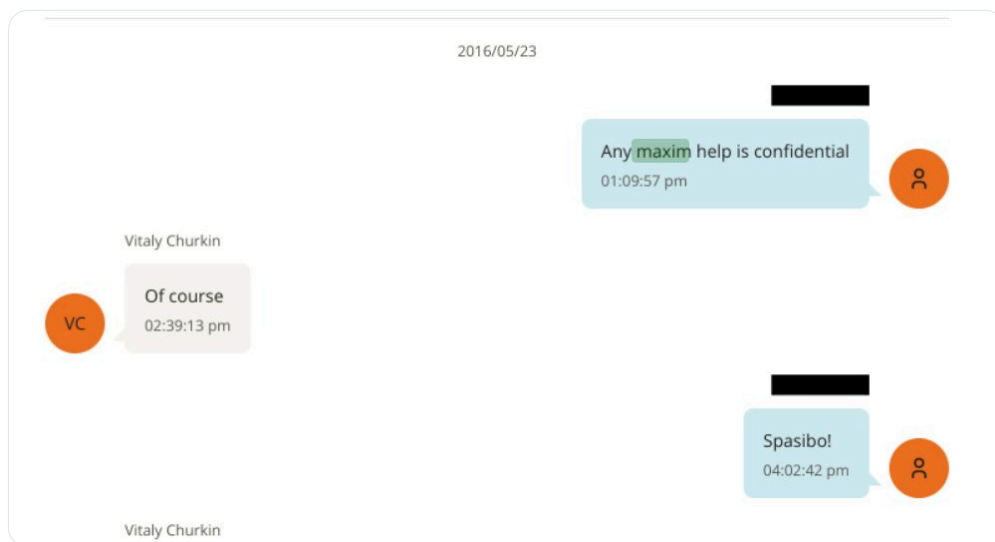
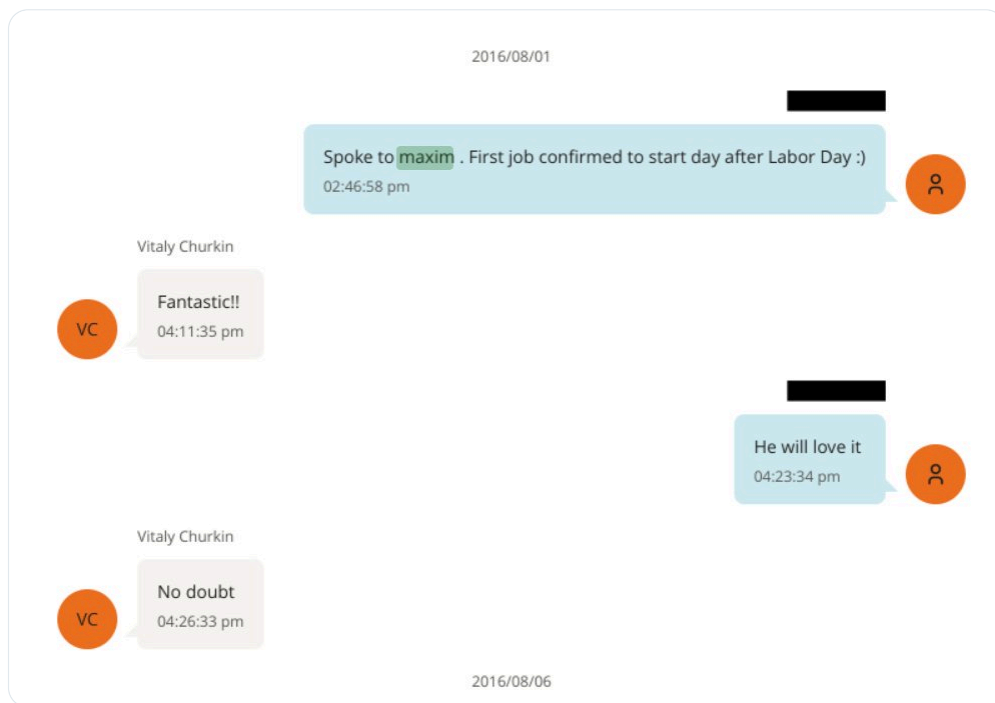
The screenshot shows a WhatsApp chat interface. At the top, a contact's name is redacted with a black bar. The chat history includes the following messages:

- Redacted Contact:** "Coffee?" (07:48:42 pm)
- Redacted Contact:** "Yes, sorry I thought we might catch up. Either tomorrow early or Thursday" (08:20:02 pm)
- Vitaly Churkin (VC):** "Sure! 4.30 Thursday?" (08:31:49 pm)
- Redacted Contact:** "Great yours or mine" (08:32:31 pm)
- Vitaly Churkin (VC):** "Yours" (08:48:26 pm)

A date separator indicates the conversation continued on 2016/07/29.

- Redacted Contact:** "I very much enjoy my ignorance and naiveté of the game. Thank you for your time" (12:13:11 pm)

At the bottom, the name "Vitaly Churkin" is partially visible.



Naturally, this relationship extended to Peter Thiel too: Epstein, Churkin, and the sweaty Palantir billionaire held regular meetings and lunches in 2015, 2016, and 2017.

To: [REDACTED]; Jojo

Fontanilla([REDACTED], merwin dela cruz)

From: Lesley Groff

Sent: Wed 10/5/2016 1:04:13 AM

Subject: Important Lunch Friday w/Thiel and Churkin

Jeffrey has an important lunch on Friday with Peter Thiel and Vitaly Churkin...I will get back to you with timing but probably 12:30 ish..

From: "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>

To: Peter Thiel <[REDACTED]>

Subject:

Date: Mon, 03 Oct 2016 12:44:00 +0000

vitaly churkin, russian ambassador, most involved , he and lavrov control . if you give me a time i will try to set up , just us

To: [REDACTED]

From: jeffrey E.

Sent: Mon 10/3/2016 12:59:48 PM

Subject: Re: Churkin? Thiel?

no

On Mon, Oct 3, 2016 at 7:51 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Do you wish me to coordinate with Churkin and Thiel appointments for tomorrow?

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lesley Groff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2016 11:53 AM
To: Karyna Shuliak
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Jojo Fontanilla
Subject: Fwd: What for lunch today at 12:30?

Morning Karyna. Jeffrey would like you to be in charge of the important lunch today. It is for 3pp at 12:30! =Peter Thiel and Vitaly Churkin will be coming

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com>>
Date: October 7, 2016 at 7:43:06 AM EDT
To: Lesley Groff <[REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]>>
Subject: Re: What for lunch today at 12:30?

=div dir="ltr">karyna,

On Fri, Oct 7, 2016 at 7:41 AM, Lesley Groff <[REDACTED] <mailto:[REDACTED]>> wrote:

What would you like for lunch today at 12:30 with Thiel and Churkin? Who to organize?

Sent from my iPhone

Epstein also organized multiple meetings between Churkin and his friend Tom Barrack. Barrack is a longtime friend and adviser to Donald Trump, and currently serves as US ambassador to Turkey and special envoy for Syria in Trump's administration.

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To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com]; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; merwin dela cruz [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@gmail.com]
From: Lesley Groff
Sent: Sun 8/28/2016 5:22:22 PM
Subject: Churkin to join lunch tomorrow as well

Vitaly Churkin will also join the lunch tomorrow...it is now JE, [REDACTED], Tom Barrack and Churkin.
4 total

Mon. Aug. 29, 2016

Reminder: [REDACTED] 7J Aug. 29-Sept 12

Reminder: [REDACTED] holiday Aug. 29,30,31

Reminder: [REDACTED] taking off Aug. 29, 30

Reminder: Academy of Art

**12:30pm LUNCH w/ [REDACTED] Barak, Tom Barrack and Vitaly Churkin ([REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Tom [REDACTED]) (Churkin [REDACTED])**

6:00pm Appt w/ [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2016/08/28

[REDACTED]
Don't know if you have any interest . Ehud Barak and TOM Barrack at house tomorw .
You are always welcome

11:28:32 am

Vitaly Churkin

VC Thank u.what time?

12:21:33 pm

[REDACTED]
1?

01:07:05 pm

Vitaly Churkin

VC Good

01:12:47 pm

From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 3/9/2016 5:32:21 PM
To: Tom Barrack Private [REDACTED]@colonyinc.com]
Subject: Re:

send photos of you and child. -- make me smile

In 2015, former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak met Russian oligarchs and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. Barak later thanked Epstein for arranging these contacts.

Barak, Thiel, and Epstein were also co-investors in the Israeli surveillance company Carbyne.

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From: jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2015 5:38 PM
To: Ehud Barak
Subject: Re: SPEIF

of course, glad you found it useful

On Sat, Jun 20, 2015 at 5:36 PM, Ehud Barak <[REDACTED]> wrote:

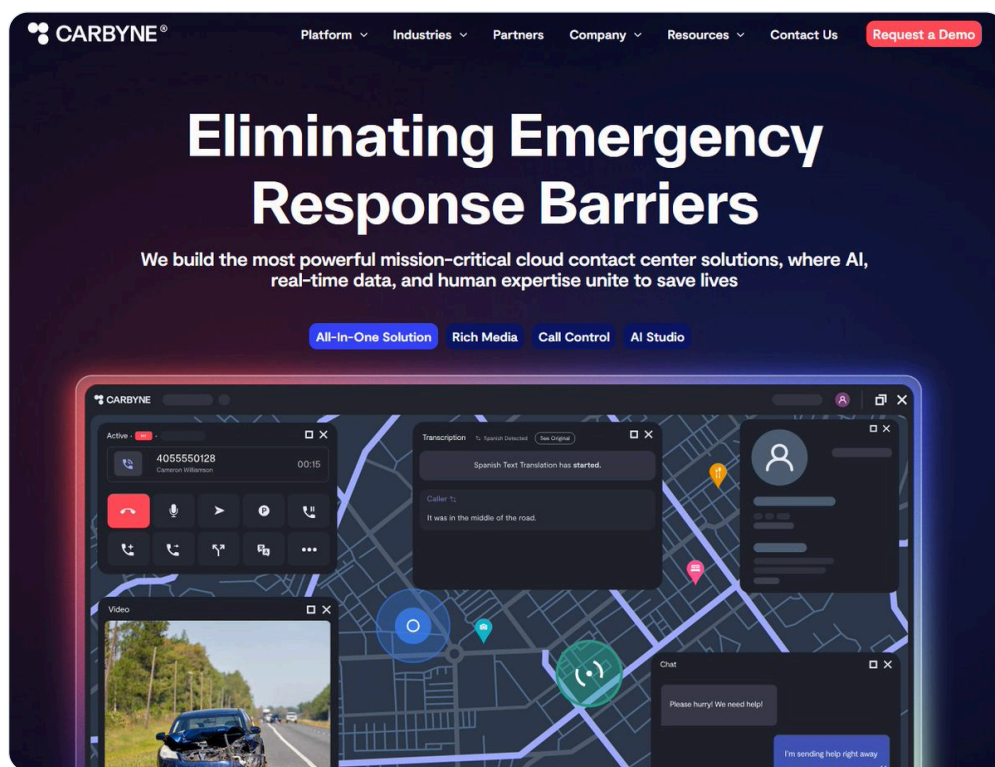
Hi Jeff
Thx for setting the whole thing together.
Best
EB

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 19, 2015, at 21:14, [REDACTED]

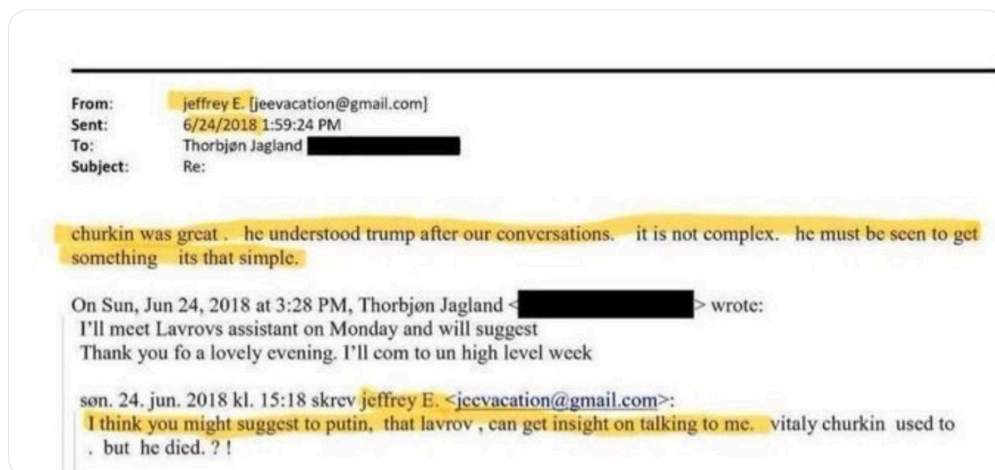
Hi Jeff
Great meetings.
I've met Sergey and thanked him for everything.
I've met SS. He expressed interest in finding some area for actual cooperation.
I proposed that we will discuss it with you.
Meetings with central bank governor Ms. Nabiulina and foreign Min. Lavrov were both very good.
I've also briefly met Kudrin, Kostin (VTB) and Gref (Sberbank).
And several former heads of state (sitting together through Putin interview with Charlie Rose). As well as Lord Mandelson.
I've also met the man that accompanied the Baroness when we met at your place. And several senior people from David's branch of the R family.
I still have to appear on one panel tomorrow.
Let's stay in touch. Late next week we're in NY.
Best
EB

Sent from my iPhone



In 2017, Churkin died. Epstein then sought to re-establish contact with Russia, offering Lavrov and Putin insight into Donald Trump. He attempted this via former Norwegian PM and diplomat Thorbjørn Jagland, and Jagland was happy to pass the message along.

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Thorbjørn acknowledged the sensitivity, asking to keep quiet (“not to make noise”) about a meeting (“same procedure as last time”) that he planned to have with Epstein in Paris after meeting directly with Putin, Lavrov, and Medvedev.

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From: Thorbjørn Jagland <[REDACTED]>
To: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Subject:
Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2018 21:27:17 +0000

Hi Jeffrey, Terje invited me to come to you in Paris on Thursday. Can you confirm it. Is it same procedure as last time, that I can stay with you, promise not to make noise or ruin you
I'm coming directly from Moscow, meeting with Putin, Lavrov og Medvedev
T

Jagland and Epstein were clearly discussing how to improve Russia's position in the world while undermining the Western position, and Epstein repeatedly tried to meet Putin through Jagland.

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To: Thorbjørn Jagland <[REDACTED]>
From: Jeffrey Epstein
Sent: Tue 5/14/2013 3:14:47 PM
Subject: Re:

ok, you can explain that he had investors to sochi last year, and this year again it is planned for st petersburg. on june 20 It does not work,, it is not the right structure or big enough ideas. He is in a unique position to do something grand, like sputnik did for the space race, You can tell him that you and I are close, and that i advise Gates. this is confidential, . I would be happy to meet him, but for a minimum of two to three hours, not shorter.

On Tue, May 14, 2013 at 11:11 AM, Thorbjørn Jagland <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jeffrey, all this is not easy for me to explain to Putin. You have to do it. My job is to get a meeting with him. Can I say this:
I know that you want to attract foreign investment to diversify russian economy and that you had a meeting with several investors last time you were in US. But not much has come out of it. I have a friend that can help you to take the necessary measures (and then present you) and ask wether it is interesting for him to meet with you.
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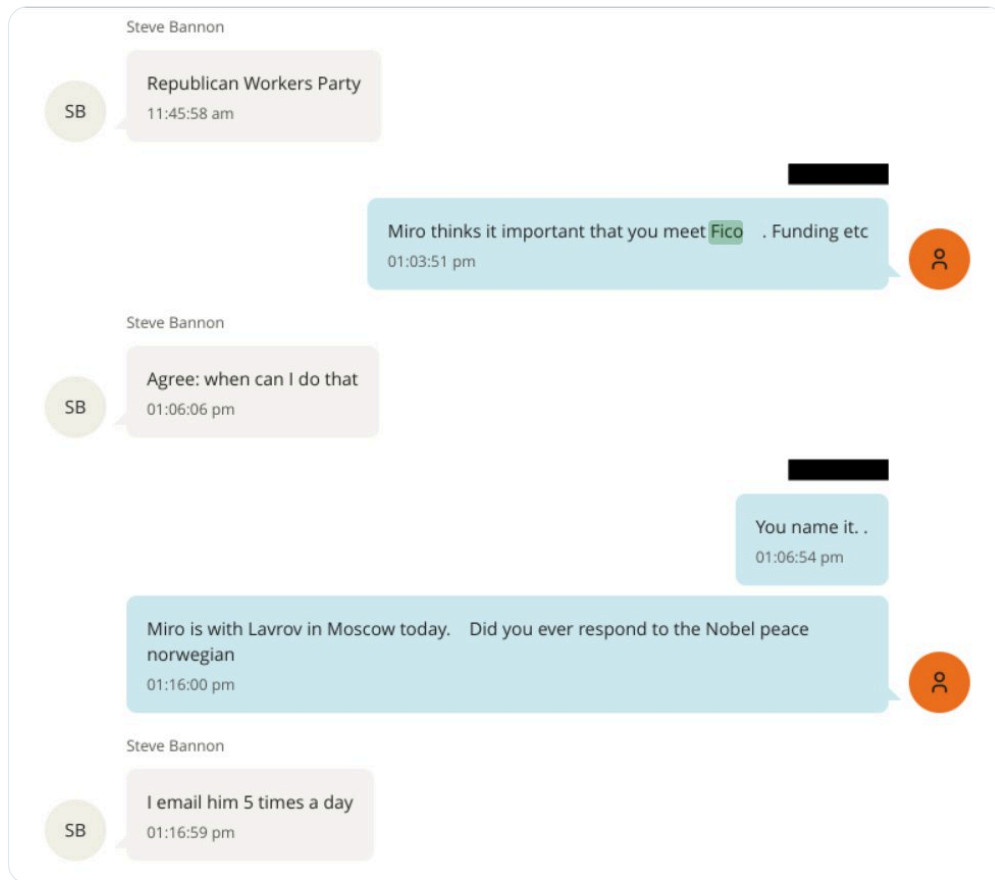
2013/5/10 Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>

When sputnik was announced, the West was caught flatfooted.

The same can now happen with Russia taking the lead in finance. Instead of competing with the west for nano tech, copying silicon valley, looking for start ups, playing catch up to Microsoft, apple google and the like, Russia can get out in front and leapfrog the global community by reinventing the financial system of the 21 st century,

Epstein wrote to MAGA strategist Steve Bannon that "Miro" urged a meeting with Slovak PM Robert Fico about "funding." "Miro" referred to Miroslav Lajčák, a Fico adviser who later left government after Epstein link revelations.

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Epstein and “Miro” also discussed the Lavrov meeting directly.

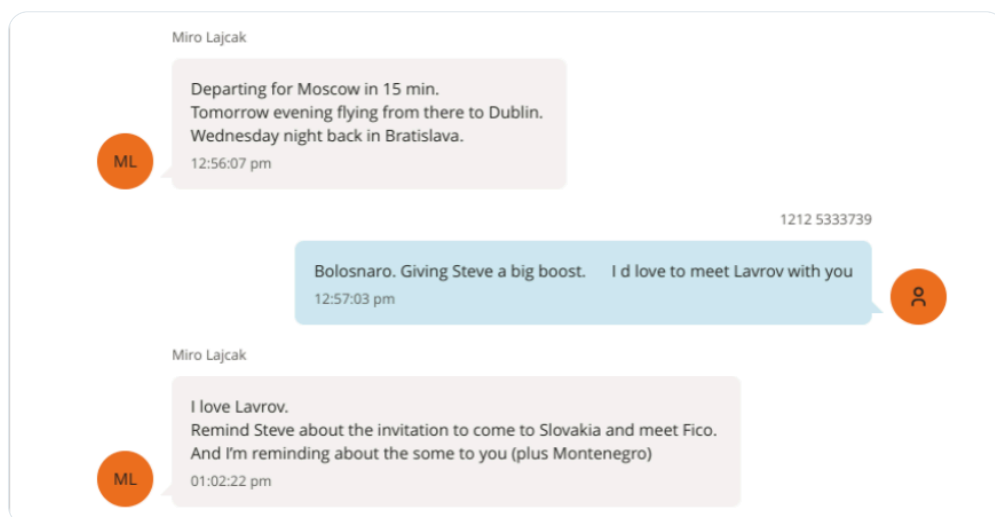
Epstein: “I’d like to meet Lavrov together.”

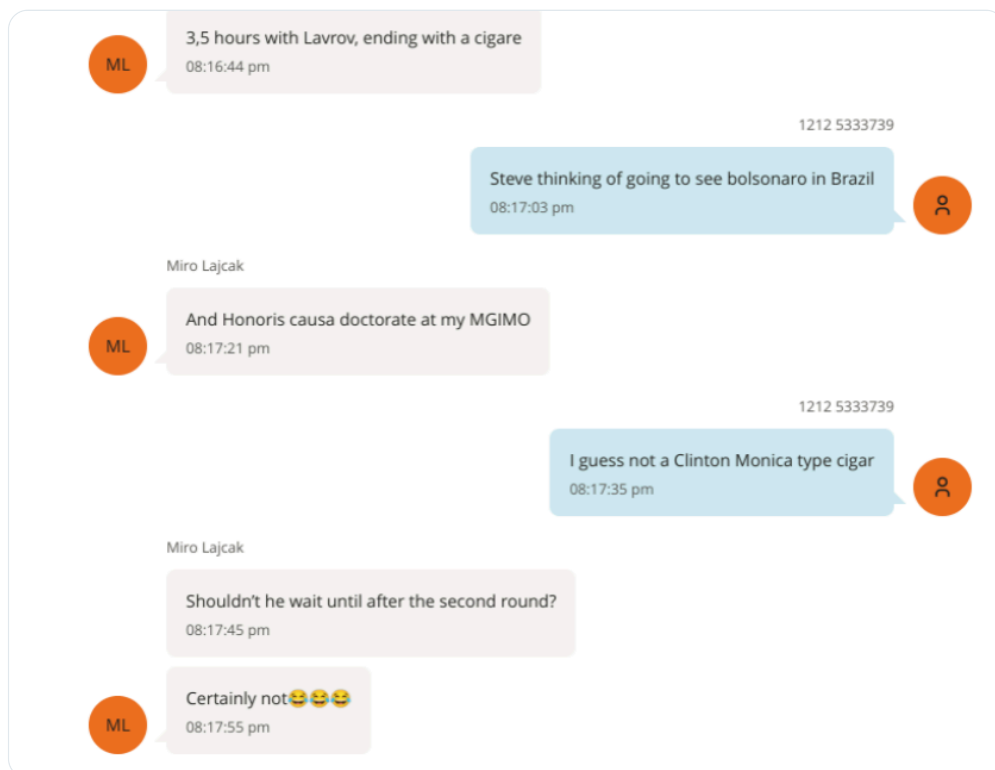
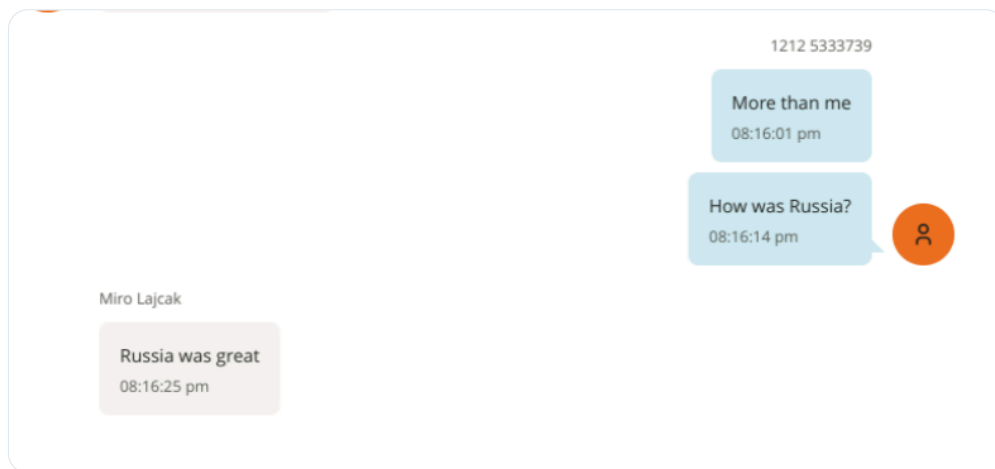
Miro: “I love Lavrov.”

“Russia was great. 3.5 hours with Lavrov, ending with a cigar”

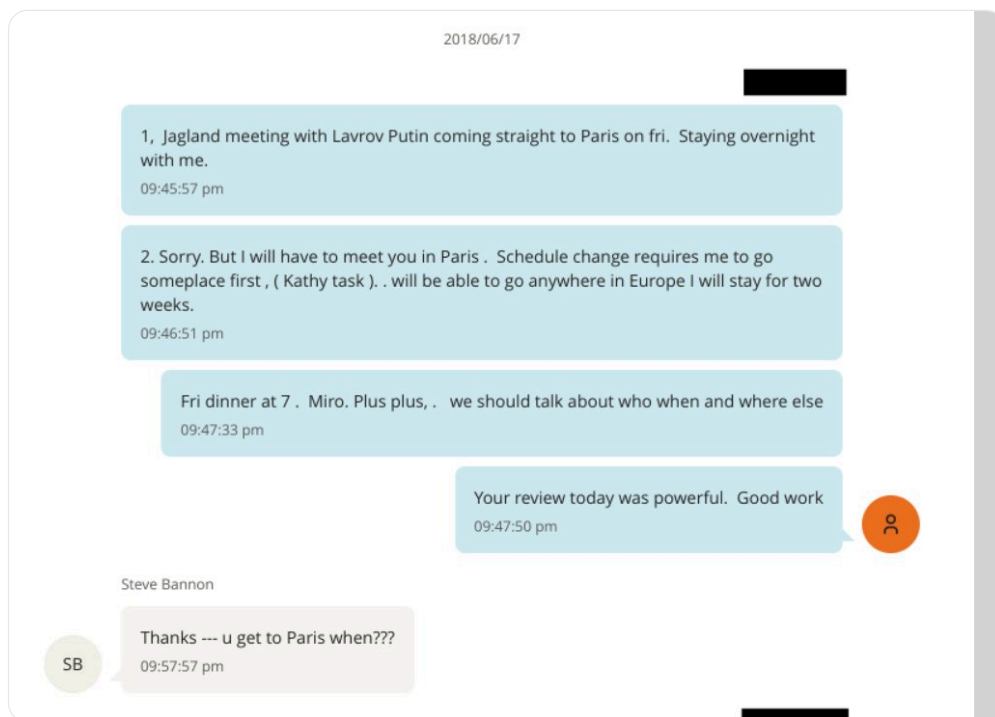
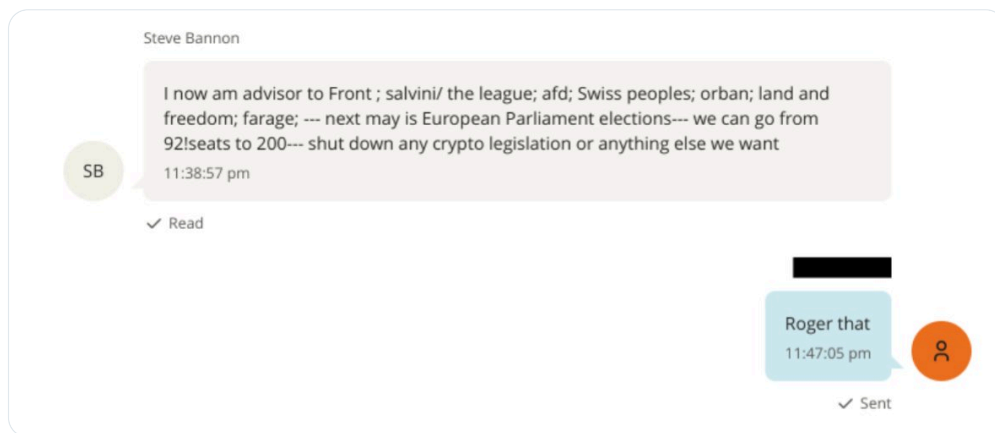
They sound so friendly!

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Bannon boasted he advised much of the European far right, and even claimed he “brought down the Belgian government in 2018.” At the same time, Epstein kept him in the loop about the Russian side of the equation.



In 2018, Bannon remarked that it was “Epstein’s guy” who helped arrange Putin’s Vienna meeting, most likely referring to Austria’s then chancellor Sebastian Kurz, former leader of the far right FPÖ.

And who does Kurz work for today? Peter Thiel.

From: "Steve Bannon" <[REDACTED]>
To: "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Trump promises to host Italian prime minister Giuseppe Conte at White House to honor him
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2018 12:35:20 +0000
Importance: Normal

Putin in vienna --your guy setting up and hosting
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2018 06:37:25 -0600
To: Steve Bannon<[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Trump promises to host Italian prime minister Giuseppe Conte at White House to honor him

good work

On Sun, Jun 10, 2018 at 6:23 AM Steve Bannon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.usatoday.com/amp/687949002>

It Begins

Steve Bannon

SB

I want to meet him
11:14:52 am

[REDACTED]
Kurz wants to meet you
11:13:17 am



[REDACTED]
He said he has been busy with the EU . ready to meet
11:20:48 am



Steve Bannon

SB

Great
11:23:26 am

[REDACTED]
Epstein Bannon Kurz. A little too close to Bronshtein , goebbels
01:10:05 pm

"The most vengeful man in Silicon Valley": This is Sebastian Kurz's new boss

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The former chancellor will work for billionaire Peter Thiel in the future. According to his biographer, the entire tech industry is said to fear the German-born executive. Why?



Former Chancellor Sebastian Kurz and US investor Peter Thiel © Twitter/Sebastian Kurz

Another close Norwegian contact, whose kids were even in Epstein's will, was diplomat Terje Rød-Larsen with strong Russia ties. He once asked Epstein to check with Bill Burns, later CIA director under Biden, about meeting a deputy head of Russia's central bank.

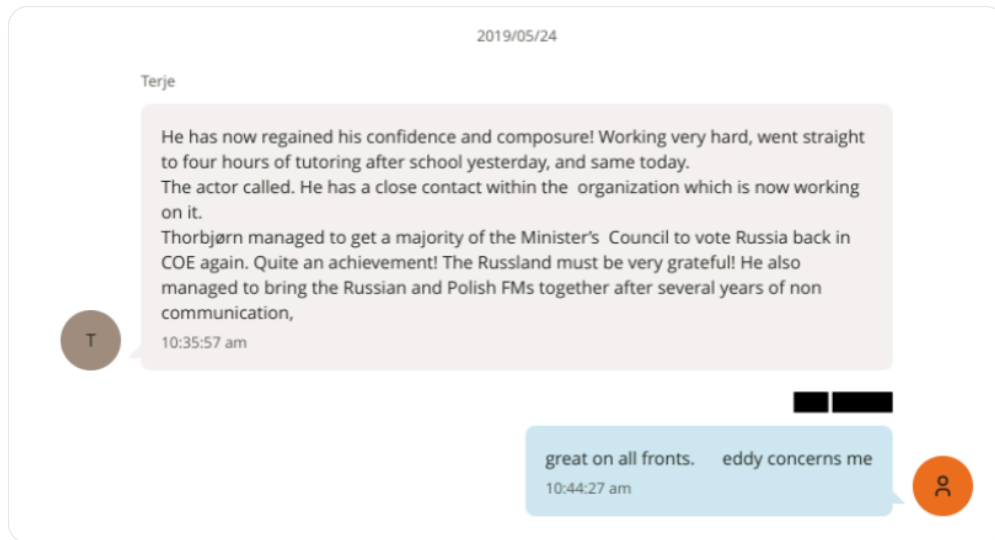
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To: Terje Rod-Larsen [REDACTED]
From: jeffrey E.
Sent: Mon 7/21/2014 8:03:08 PM

at some point, i would love bill burns views on whether I should or not
A.Simanovsky, deputy head of Central Bank, responsible for BRICS ,currency & new bank of
development. has asked to see me , he is the response to sanction guy for putin, asked if i
could come last week in july.? ? uh oh. I told them i would get back to them. thoughts?

In 2019, after years of dispute over the Crimean annexation, Thorbjørn moved toward restoring Russia's full participation, including voting rights, in the Council of Europe. And Rød-Larsen and Epstein celebrated.

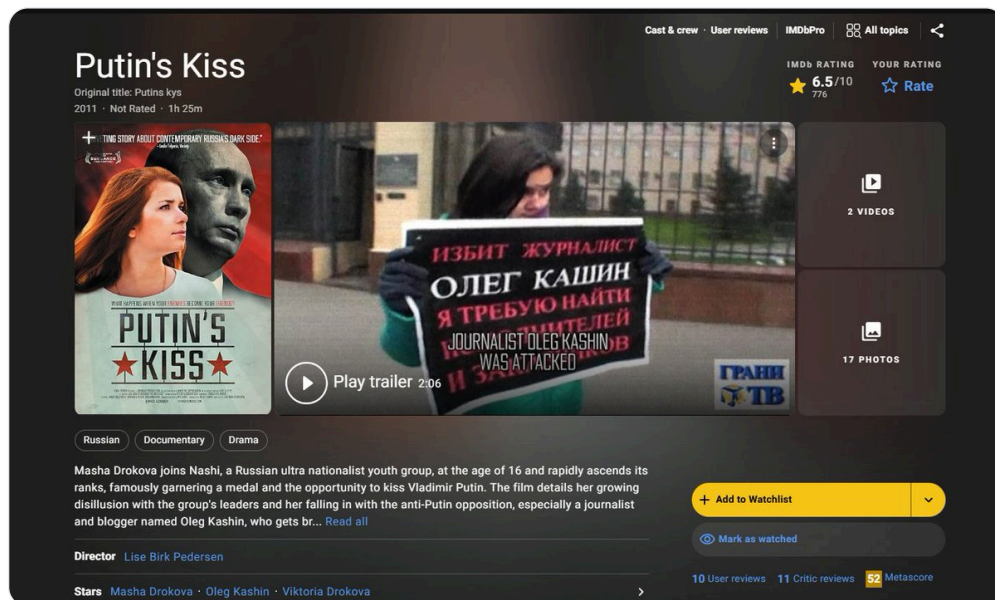
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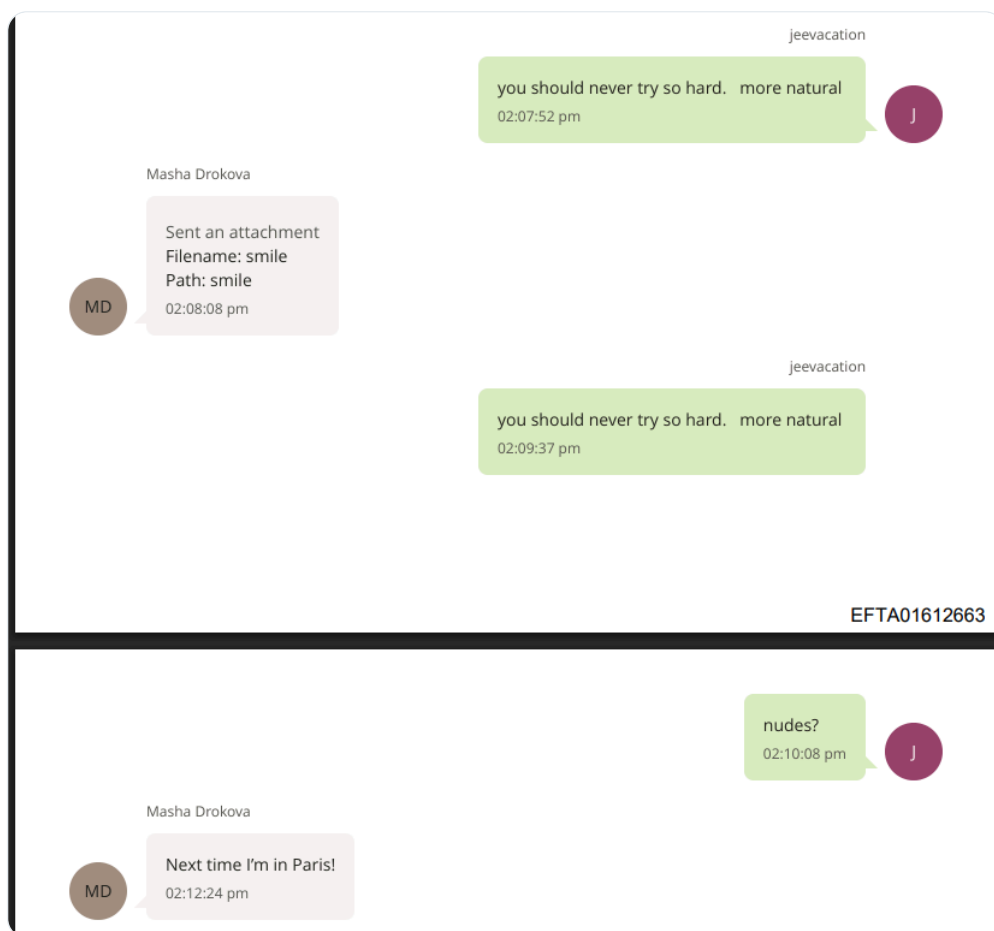


Masha Drokova was a young pro-Putin “Nashi” activist with strong ties to Putin. She later left Russia and began working for Epstein as an adviser.

The working relationship appeared far from professional and involved nude photos.

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Epstein advised Goldman Sachs partner Jide Zeitlin on handling sanctions against Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska.

He then forwarded the discussion to Steve Bannon, saying "Keeping you in the loop."

From: "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>
To: Jide Zeitlin <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re:
Date: Sat, 05 May 2018 10:20:27 +0000

Very kind thx

I think an approved sanction structure can be extremely valuable.

Sanctions are old school. I suggest that is what you offer. Ivan Oleg . A solution

On Sat, May 5, 2018 at 4:04 AM Jide Zeitlin <[REDACTED]> wrote:
"The **lovable rogue** is a fictional stock character, who tends to recklessly defy norms and social conventions but who still evokes empathy from the audience or other characters."

Except you're real, not fictional, and brilliant.

I appreciate getting to know you. Thank you for taking the time today and for your thoughts re Deripaska.

Enjoy your day in Cambridge...

On May 4, 2018, at 10:16, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

From: jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 5, 2018 5:13 PM
To: Steve Bannon
Subject: Fwd:

keeping you in the loop

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jide Zeitlin <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, May 5, 2018 at 4:04 AM
Subject: Re:
To: jeffrey E. &l=jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com>

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There's far more in the Russia/Epstein files, especially as many victims were trafficked through Russian "modeling" networks. Beyond the horrific crimes, the files show how Epstein connected corrupt Western actors with Russia to undermine Western democracy.

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