

The Deep State Versus Donald Trump: New Smears And A Ukrainian Connection

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As [remarked](#) on our January 6 report:

When Hillary Clinton was defeated in the U.S. presidential election the relevant powers launched a campaign to delegitimize the President elect Donald Trump.

The ultimate aim of the cabal is to kick him out of office and have a reliable replacement, like the Vice-President elect Pence, take over. Should that not be possible it is hoped that the delegitimization will make it impossible for Trump to change major policy trajectories especially in foreign policy. A main issue here is the reorientation of the U.S. military complex and its NATO proxies from the war of terror towards a direct confrontation with main powers like Russia and China.

The “deep state” campaign against Trump opened new grounds today with the publication of completely fake and thereby unverifiable anonymous assertions that Trump had some fun in a Moscow hotel and that Russian secret services is using that to manipulate him.

The assertions come [in 35 pages](#) of “reports” by an anonymous (claimed) former British intelligence operator with dates ranging from June 20 2016 to December 13 2016. They say that Russia has some tapes of Trump watching sex games in 2013, they claim that Trump campaign officials coordinated the Clinton campaign leaks with Russia and that the Russian President Putin was highly involved in all of this.

Here is how the claimed former intelligence operator typically describes his sources in the “reports”:

Speaking to a trusted compatriot in June 2016 sources A and B, a senior Russian Foreign Ministry figure and a former top level Russian intelligence officer still active inside the Kremlin respectively, the Russian authorities had been cultivating and supporting U.S. Republican presidential candidate, Donald TRUMP for at least five years. Source B asserted that the TRUMP operation was both supported and directed by Russian President Vladimir PUTIN.

The anonymous former British operator hears from an anonymous asserted compatriot what two anonymous sources, asserted to have access to inner Russian circles, claim to have heard somewhere that something happened in the Kremlin.

They assert that Trump was supported and directed by Putin himself five years ago while even a year ago no one would have bet a penny on Trump gaining any political significant

position or even the presidency.

There is [a lot more of such nonsense](#) in these new Hitler diaries. It is bonkers from a to z.

Even as they are obvious fake the FBI tried to use these “reports” [to get](#) a wide warrant from the foreign intelligence surveillance (Fisa) court to listen in on Trump campaign officials. The court thankfully denied or at least narrowed the request.

The first “reports” were created as part of the opposition research by a Republican candidate running in the primaries against Trump. They were later produced for and paid by the Democratic campaign. They have been shopped around in Washington for several months. [The NYT](#), [the WSJ](#), [CNN](#) and the FBI investigated the assertions in them. Despite the considerable combined investigative capacities they could verify none of them. All publications refrained from publishing the claims during the campaign because there was no evidence at all that supported them. BuzzFeed now pushed these out despite also saying that there is nothing verifiable in them.

Even worse, the Director of National Intelligence Clapper (who once [claimed Saddam’s non-existing WMDs were shipped to Syria](#)) [presented](#) these to Congress and the president elect Trump as “annex” to his [baseless U.S. Intelligence report](#) of “Russian hacking”.

A murky preview of the assertions [had been given](#) by David Corn in a Mother Jones piece in October. He talked with the said to be author of the “reports”:

“It started off as a fairly general inquiry,” says the former spook, who asks not to be identified. But when he dug into Trump, he notes, he came across troubling information indicating connections between Trump and the Russian government. According to his sources, he says, “there was an established exchange of information between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin of mutual benefit.”

The current publication of the full barrel of bullshit comes a day after members of the Trump cabinet have been successfully confirmed by Congress and hours before his long expected press conference. It is thereby destined to overshadow a successful start of the Trump presidency.

There are signs that the “reports” were written with some Ukrainian nationalist and anti-semitic background. Just consider this passage from the July 26 “report”:

In terms of the FSB’s recruitment of capable cyber operatives to carry out its, ideally deniable, offensive cyber operations, a Russian IT specialist with direct knowledge reported in June 2016 that this was often done using coercion and blackmail. In terms of ‘foreign’ agents, the FSB was approaching U.S. citizens **of Russian (Jewish) origin** on business trips in Russia.

Such tropes are typical of the anti-semitic Ukrainian “nationalist” (aka Nazi) narrative. Russian services would, unlike Mossad, not recruit IT hackers conditioned on “Jewish” ethnic relations or believe. We have seen more Ukrainian “nationalists” involved in the “Russian hacks” propaganda claims. A July 2016 Yahoo piece by (Clinton campaign mouthpiece) Michael Isikoff [wrote](#):

Just weeks after she started preparing opposition research files on Donald Trump's campaign chairman Paul Manafort last spring, Democratic National Committee consultant Alexandra Chalupa got an alarming message when she logged into her personal Yahoo email account.

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Chalupa — who had been drafting memos and writing emails about Manafort's connection to pro-Russian political leaders in Ukraine — quickly alerted top DNC officials.

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"I was freaked out," Chalupa, **who serves as director of "ethnic engagement" for the DNC**, told Yahoo News in an interview, noting that **she had been in close touch with sources in Kiev, Ukraine**, including a number of investigative journalists, who had been providing her with information about Manafort's political and business dealings in that country and Russia.

Chalupa is [somewhat involved](#) with the ProPornOT list, promoted by the Washington Post, of alleged pro-Russian propaganda websites. This website, Moon of Alabama, is [also on that list](#) (see at end of piece). (Unfortunately though we have never received a penny, or anything else, from Russian sources, are critical of Putin's neoliberal economic policies and [have been plagiarized](#) by the Russian government financed Russia Today without any compensation.) The ProPornOT Twitter account says it is "Ukrainian-American" and it used the Ukrainian fascist salute of the OUN-Bandera gangs "[Heroiam Slava!](#)" to hail Ukrainian hackers attacking Russia. The ProPornOT list is designed after a Ukrainian model used to smear Ukrainian anti-fascist media and journalists.

Chalupa is [a main promoter](#) of the "Russia hacked the Democratic campaign" allegations based on thin if any evidence. She was named by the same Isikoff of Yahoo as one of [16 people who shaped the 2016 election](#).

Chalupa is also:

founder and president of the Ukrainian lobby group "US United With Ukraine Coalition", which lobbied hard to pass a 2014 bill increasing loans and military aid to Ukraine, imposing sanctions on Russians, and tightly aligning US and Ukraine geostrategic interests.

Moreover Chalupa [coordinated](#) her anti-Trump/anti-Russian campaign with the Ukrainian embassy in Washington DC:

Ukrainian government officials tried to help Hillary Clinton and undermine Trump by publicly questioning his fitness for office. They also disseminated documents implicating a top Trump aide in corruption and suggested they were investigating the matter, only to back away after the election. And they helped Clinton's allies research damaging information on Trump and his advisers, a Politico investigation found. **A Ukrainian-American operative[, Alexandra Chalupa,] who was consulting for the Democratic National Committee met with top officials in the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington** in an effort to expose ties between Trump, top campaign aide Paul Manafort and Russia, according to people with direct knowledge of the situation.

The foreign influence on the presidential race through the Ukrainian (fascist)

connection to the Clinton campaign is much more grounded in reality than the alleged but unproven Russian connections to the Trump campaign.

We have a Ukrainian-American nationalist Democratic campaign operator promoting anti-Russian and anti-Trump claims in cooperation with the Ukrainian government, a Ukrainian-American ProPornOT blacklist for smearing website of being “Russian propaganda” and Ukrainian fascist tropes used in fact-less “reports” intended to smear Trump as a Russian puppet. Above of this we have a U.S intelligence community that is feverishly fighting against a Trump presidency which is likely to cut back its many excrescences.

The CIA, the MI-6 and the German BND (a CIA controlled outlet) have pampered and promoted the [again very active](#) anti-Russian Ukrainian fascist circles since (at least) the late 1940s. A U.S. National Archive book about [Hitler’s Shadows – Nazi War Criminals, U.S. Intelligence and the Cold War](#) (PDF) notes:

British operations through Bandera expanded. An early 1954 MI6 summary noted that, “the operational aspect of this [British] collaboration [with Bandera] was developing satisfactorily. Gradually a more **complete control was obtained** over infiltration operations and although the intelligence dividend was low it was considered worthwhile to proceed....”

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In June 1985 the General Accounting Office mentioned Lebed’s name in a public report on Nazis and collaborators who settled in the United States with help from U.S. intelligence agencies. The Office of Special Investigations (OSI) in the Department of Justice began investigating Lebed that year. The CIA worried that public scrutiny of Lebed would compromise QRPLUMB and that failure to protect Lebed would trigger outrage in the Ukrainian émigré community. It thus shielded Lebed by denying any connection between Lebed and the Nazis and by arguing that he was a Ukrainian freedom fighter. The truth, of course, was more complicated. As late as 1991 the CIA tried to dissuade OSI from approaching the German, Polish, and Soviet governments for war-related records related to the OUN. OSI eventually gave up the case, unable to procure definitive documents on Lebed. Mykola Lebed, **Bandera’s wartime chief in Ukraine**, died in 1998. He is buried in New Jersey, and his papers are located at the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University.

There is no evidence yet for a direct connection between the three anti-Russian/anti-Trump items above, the Ukrainian-fascist movement and John Brennan’s “deep state” CIA. There are consistencies in tone and message, some common history including the 2014 putsch in Ukraine and a connecting Ukrainian-American person in the Clinton campaign.

But even that is more than the baseless assertions in the “Russian hacking” DNI intelligence reports and the now published MI-6 smears. Seen from a distance the “Intelligence Community” is more compromised by these “leaks” than the President elect Trump.

It is not predictable who will win this fight, the “deep state” cabal that wants to keep the U.S. on an anti-Russian course or the somewhat outsider isolationist Trump. My bet is on the bullshit artist Trump.

In the bigger international picture the fight itself, and the publicity it gets, lets the U.S. look like the Banana republic it is destined to become.

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