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Let's Get Putin's Attention
OCTOBER 5, 2016 Thomas L. Friedman

You may have missed this story, so I am repeating it as a public service:

MOSCOW, Special to The New York Times, Oct. 1 - A previously unheard-of group called Hackers for a Free Russia released a treasure trove of financial records online today indicating that President Vladimir Putin owns some \$30 billion in property, hotels and factories across Russia and Europe, all disguised by front organizations and accounting charades.

The documents, which appear to be authentic, include detailed financial records and emails between Mr. Putin's Kremlin office and a number of his Russian cronies and Swiss banks. They constitute the largest hack ever of Mr. Putin. Russian censors are scrambling to shut down Twitter inside the country and keep the emails out of Russian-language media.

At a news conference in Washington, C.I.A. Director John Brennan was asked if U.S. intelligence services had any hand in the cyberleak of what is being called "The Putin Files." With a slight grin, Mr. Brennan said: "The U.S. government would never intervene in Russian politics, just as President Putin would never intervene in an American election. That would be wrong." As Mr. Brennan left the podium, though, he burst out laughing. 7

No, you didn't miss this story. I made it up. But isn't it time there was such a story? Isn't it time we gave Putin a dose of his own medicine — not for juvenile playground reasons and not to instigate a conflict but precisely to prevent one — to back Putin off from what is increasingly rogue behavior violating basic civilized norms and increasingly vital U.S. interests.

Putin "is at war with us, but we are not at war with him — both the U.S. and Germany are desperately trying to cling to a decent relationship," remarked Josef Joffe, editor of Die Zeit, a weekly German newspaper and a leading strategic thinker in Europe. No one should want to start a shooting war between great powers "in the shadow of nuclear weapons," Joffe told me.

But we also cannot just keep turning the other cheek. Putin's behavior in Syria and Ukraine has entered the realm of war crimes, and his cyberattacks on the American political system threaten to undermine the legitimacy of our next election.

Just read the papers. Last week a Dutch-led investigation adduced irrefutable video evidence that Putin's government not only trucked in the missile system used to shoot down a Malaysia Airlines plane flying over Ukraine in 2014, killing all 298 civilians onboard, but also returned it to Russia the same night and then engaged in an elaborate cover-up.

On Sept. 19, what U.S. intelligence officials say was almost certainly a Russian Su-24 warplane bombed a U.N. convoy in Syria carrying relief supplies for civilians. The Red Cross said at least 20 people were killed. U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called the bombing "savage and apparently deliberate."

For a long time, Putin's excesses were just a tragedy for the Russian people and for many people in Ukraine and Syria, so President Obama could plausibly argue that the right response was economic sanctions and troop buildups in Eastern Europe. But in the last nine months, something has changed.

Putin's relentless efforts to crush both the democratic and Islamist opposition to President Bashar al-Assad in Syria; his rejection of any real power-sharing solution there; and his joining with Assad in mercilessly bombing civilians in Aleppo are not only horrific in and of themselves, but they also keep pushing more refugees into the European Union. This is fostering an anti-immigrant backlash in Europe that is spawning right-wing nationalist parties and fracturing the E.U.

Meanwhile, Russia's hacking of America's Democratic Party — and signs that Russian or other cyberwarriors have tried to break into American state voter registration systems — suggests that Putin or other cyberdisrupters are trying to undermine the legitimacy of our next national election.

Together, these actions pose a threat to the two pillars of global democracy and open markets — America and the E.U. — more than anything coming from ISIS or Al Qaeda.

"The Soviet Union was a revolutionary state that sought a wholesale change in the international order," observed Robert Litwak, director of security studies at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and author of "Deterring Nuclear Terrorism." Putin is ostensibly not seeking a revolution of the international order, Litwak added, but Putin's departure from standard great-power competition — encouraging a flood of refugees and attacking the legitimacy of our political system — "is leading to shifts in global politics that could have revolutionary consequences, even if Putin is not motivated by revolutionary ideology."

Obama believed that a combination of pressure and engagement would moderate Putin's behavior. That is the right approach, in theory, but it's now clear that we have underestimated the pressure needed to produce effective engagement, and we're going to have to step it up. This is not just about the politics of Syria and Ukraine anymore. It's now also about America, Europe, basic civilized norms and the integrity of our democratic institutions.

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Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015

Blocking the Property of Certain Persons Engaging in Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) (NEA), section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (8 U.S.C. 1182(f)), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code,

I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, find that the increasing prevalence and severity of malicious cyber-enabled activities originating from, or directed by persons located, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. I hereby declare a national emergency to deal with this threat.

Accordingly, I hereby order:

- **Section 1.** (a) All property and interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person of the following persons are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in:
 - (i) any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have engaged in, directly or indirectly, cyberenabled activities originating from, or directed by persons located, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States that are reasonably likely to result in, or have materially contributed to, a significant threat to the national security, foreign policy, or economic health or financial stability of the United States and that have the purpose or effect of:
 - (A) harming, or otherwise significantly compromising the provision of services by, a computer or network of computers that support one or more entities in a critical infrastructure sector;
 - (B) significantly compromising the provision of services by one or more entities in a critical infrastructure sector;
 - (C) causing a significant disruption to the availability of a computer or network of computers; or
 - (D) causing a significant misappropriation of funds or economic resources, trade secrets, personal identifiers, or financial information for commercial or competitive advantage or private financial gain; or
 - (ii) any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State:
 - (A) to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have engaged in, the receipt or use for commercial or competitive advantage or private financial gain, or by a commercial entity, outside the United States of trade secrets misappropriated through cyber-enabled means, knowing they have been misappropriated, where the misappropriation of such trade secrets is reasonably likely to result in, or has materially contributed to, a significant threat to the national security, foreign policy, or economic health or financial stability of the United States;

- (B) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, any activity described in subsections (a)(i) or (a)(ii)(A) of this section or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order:
- (C) to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order; or
- (D) to have attempted to engage in any of the activities described in subsections (a)(i) and (a)(ii)(A)–(C) of this section.
- (b) The prohibitions in subsection (a) of this section apply except to the extent provided by statutes, or in regulations, orders, directives, or licenses that may be issued pursuant to this order, and notwithstanding any contract entered into or any license or permit granted prior to the effective date of this order.
- Sec. 2. I hereby determine that the making of donations of the type of articles specified in section 203(b)(2) of IEEPA (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(2)) by, to, or for the benefit of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to section 1 of this order would seriously impair my ability to deal with the national emergency declared in this order, and I hereby prohibit such donations as provided by section 1 of this order.
- Sec. 3. The prohibitions in section 1 of this order include but are not limited to:
- (a) the making of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services by, to, or for the benefit of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order; and
- (b) the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.
- Sec. 4. I hereby find that the unrestricted immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the United States of aliens determined to meet one or more of the criteria in section 1(a) of this order would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, and I hereby suspend entry into the United States, as immigrants or nonimmigrants, of such persons. Such persons shall be treated as persons covered by section 1 of Proclamation 8693 of July 24, 2011 (Suspension of Entry of Aliens Subject to United Nations Security Council Travel Bans and International Emergency Economic Powers Act Sanctions).
- Sec. 5. (a) Any transaction that evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or avoiding, causes a violation of, or attempts to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in this order is prohibited.
- (b) Any conspiracy formed to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in this order is prohibited.
- **Sec. 6**. For the purposes of this order:
 - (a) the term "person" means an individual or entity;
- (b) the term "entity" means a partnership, association, trust, joint venture, corporation, group, subgroup, or other organization;
- (c) the term "United States person" means any United States citizen, permanent resident alien, entity organized under the laws of the United States or any jurisdiction within the United States (including foreign branches), or any person in the United States;
- (d) the term "critical infrastructure sector" means any of the designated critical infrastructure sectors identified in Presidential Policy Directive 21; and
- (e) the term "misappropriation" includes any taking or obtaining by improper means, without permission or consent, or under false pretenses. Sec. 7. For those persons whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order who might have a constitutional presence

in the United States, I find that because of the ability to transfer funds or other assets instantaneously, prior notice to such persons of measures to be taken pursuant to this order would render those measures ineffectual. I therefore determine that for these measures to be effective in addressing the national emergency declared in this order, there need be no prior notice of a listing or determination made pursuant to section 1 of this order.

Sec. 8. The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, is hereby authorized to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this order. The Secretary of the Treasury may redelegate any of these functions to other officers and agencies of the United States Government consistent with applicable law. All agencies of the United States Government are hereby directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of this order.

Sec. 9. The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, is hereby authorized to submit the recurring and final reports to the Congress on the national emergency declared in this order, consistent with section 401(c) of the NEA (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)) and section 204(c) of IEEPA (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)).

Sec. 10. This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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The U.S. Intelligence Community (USIC) is confident that the Russian Government directed the recent compromises of e-mails from US persons and institutions, including from US political organizations. The recent disclosures of alleged hacked e-mails on sites like DCLeaks.com and WikiLeaks and by the Guccifer 2.0 online persona are consistent with the methods and motivations of Russian-directed efforts. These thefts and disclosures are intended to interfere with the US election process. Such activity is not new to Moscow—the Russians have used similar tactics and techniques across Europe and Eurasia, for example, to influence public opinion there. We believe, based on the scope and sensitivity of these efforts, that only Russia's senior-most officials could have authorized these activities.

Some states have also recently seen scanning and probing of their electionrelated systems, which in most cases originated from servers operated by a Russian company. However, we are not now in a position to attribute this activity to the Russian Government. The USIC and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) assess that it would be extremely difficult for someone, including a nation-state actor, to alter actual ballot counts or election results by cyber attack or intrusion. This assessment is based on the decentralized nature of our election system in this country and the number of protections state and local election officials have in place. States ensure that voting machines are not

connected to the Internet, and there are numerous checks and balances as well as extensive oversight at multiple levels built into our election process.

Nevertheless, DHS continues to urge state and local election officials to be vigilant and seek cybersecurity assistance from DHS. A number of states have already done so. DHS is providing several services to state and local election officials to assist in their cybersecurity. These services include cyber "hygiene" scans of Internet-facing systems, risk and vulnerability assessments, information sharing about cyber incidents, and best practices for securing voter registration databases and addressing potential cyber threats. DHS has convened an Election Infrastructure Cybersecurity Working Group with experts across all levels of government to raise awareness of cybersecurity risks potentially affecting election infrastructure and the elections process. Secretary Johnson and DHS officials are working directly with the National Association of Secretaries of State to offer assistance, share information, and provide additional resources to state and local officials.

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U.S. Officials Defend Integrity of Vote, Despite Hacking Fears

By DAVID E. SANGER NOV. 25, 2016

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration said on Friday that despite Russian attempts to undermine the presidential election, it has concluded that the results "accurately reflect the will of the American people."

The statement came as liberal opponents of Donald J. Trump, some citing fears of vote hacking, are seeking recounts in three states — Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania — where his margin of victory was extremely thin.

A drive by Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate, for recounts in those states had brought in more than \$5 million by midday on Friday, her campaign said, and had increased its goal to \$7 million. She filed for a recount in Wisconsin on Friday, about an hour before the deadline.

In its statement, the administration said, "The Kremlin probably expected that publicity surrounding the disclosures that followed the Russian government-directed compromises of emails from U.S. persons and institutions, including from U.S. political organizations, would raise questions about the integrity of the election process that could have undermined the legitimacy of the president-elect."

That was a reference to the breach of the Democratic National Committee's email system, and the leak of emails from figures like John D. Podesta, Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman.

"Nevertheless, we stand behind our election results, which accurately reflect the will of the American people," it added.

Supporters of Mrs. Clinton have enthusiastically backed the notion of challenging the results in the three states as a last-ditch effort to reverse Mr. Trump's clear majority in the Electoral College. They have seized on suggestions by some computer scientists that the states, which were crucial to Mr. Trump's victory, need to manually review paper ballots to ensure the election was not hacked.

The campaign, uniting around the hashtag #AuditTheVote, has picked up momentum among grass-roots activists still mourning Mr. Trump's victory. But the pleas for recounts have gained no support from the Clinton campaign, which has concluded that it is highly unlikely to change the outcome.

In Michigan, Ms. Stein must wait for a Monday meeting of the state's Board of Canvassers to certify the results of the Nov. 8 balloting before filing for a recount. In Pennsylvania, where paper ballots are used only in some areas, election officials said that the deadline to petition for a recount had passed, but that a candidate could challenge the result in court before a Monday deadline.

The recount efforts have generated pushback by experts who said it would be enormously difficult to hack voting machines on a large scale. The administration, in its statement, confirmed reports from the Department of Homeland Security and intelligence officials that they did not see "any increased level of malicious cyberactivity aimed at disrupting our electoral process on Election Day."

The administration said it remained "confident in the overall integrity of electoral infrastructure, a confidence that was borne out." It added: "As a result, we believe our elections were free and fair from a cybersecurity perspective."

However, intelligence officials are still investigating the impact of a broader Russian "information warfare" campaign, in which fake news about Mrs. Clinton, and about United States-Russia relations, appeared intended to influence voters. Many of those false reports originated from RT News and Sputnik, two state-funded Russian sites.

Those fake-news reports were widely circulated on social media, independent studies, including one set for release soon, have shown, sometimes in an organized fashion by groups that appear to have had common ownership. Individuals, conservative talk-show hosts and activists recirculated them, often not knowing, or apparently not caring, about the accuracy of the reports.

A study published just before the election on War on the Rocks, written by Andrew Weisburd, Clinton Watts and J. M. Berger, documented efforts by "trolls" to attack the reputations of those who challenged Russia's activities in Syria, and to spread rumors about Mrs. Clinton's health. The study said that an effort to track 7,000 social media accounts over two and a half years indicated that support for Mr. Trump "isn't the end of Russia's social media and hacking campaign in America, but merely the beginning."

But the misinformation effort is far from black-and-white. Many people who spread false news have no connections to any foreign power, including a man in Austin, Tex., who posted a Twitter message saying that paid protesters were being bused to an anti-Trump demonstration there. Though the report quickly went viral, the buses, it turned out, were there for a corporate conference.

Other examples, including one studied by a group called Propaganda or Not and first cited by The Washington Post, appear to have more concrete connections to Russia. In late August, stories suggesting that Mrs. Clinton might have Parkinson's disease were circulated on trupundit.com, which often runs pro-Russian material. It clearly twisted an email sent by one of Mrs. Clinton's top aides about a drug called Provigil that is used to treat sleepiness. It has also been prescribed to patients with sleepiness as a side effect from several different ailments, the email added, including "Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and multiple sclerosis."

That single reference was enough to create a fake story suggesting that Mrs. Clinton was being treated for Parkinson's.

The allegation was quickly shot down by several news organizations. It made little difference: Propaganda or Not, made up of former national security, intelligence and other professionals, and some workers at Google and other technology firms, concluded that it was reproduced tens of thousands of times, sometimes by botnets, and viewed millions of times.

But it is not known whether that news was circulated under Russian government direction, or simply by Russian sympathizers, or Mrs. Clinton's opponents.

The barrage of online efforts to influence the election this year has prompted broader concerns that similar attempts, directed by the Kremlin or its surrogates, could now be focused on elections next year in Germany and France. The goal, intelligence officials and outside experts fear, is to undermine the cohesiveness of the Western alliance, particularly NATO members, by calling into question the validity of democratic elections.

"We simply don't know what the effects of the 'fake news' and other disinformation was," said Jason Healey, an expert on cyberconflict at Columbia University. "If they were able to influence in favor of Trump by one or two percentage points in some places, they will be encouraged to try again for the French and the Germans."

The efforts have also prompted debate inside Facebook and other social media firms about their responsibility to filter out false news. But doing so is a complex task, akin to editing a news operation, and it comes with complex political calculations: Once social media firms begin editing here to American standards, they will be under pressure from authoritarian regimes to do the same to their standards.

In its statement, the administration focused chiefly on the threat of Russian manipulation of the vote on Election Day, not on the proliferation of propaganda and fake news.

Ms. Stein, of the Green Party, acknowledged on Thursday in an interview with the PBS "NewsHour" that it was unlikely that recounts could change the results. Still, she said that "this was an election in which we saw hacking all over the place," and that "at the same time, we have a voting system which has been proven to basically be wide open to hackers."

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National Security

Secret CIA assessment says Russia was trying to help Trump win White House

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'he CIA has concluded in a secret assessment that Russia intervened in the 2016 election to help Donald Trump win the residency, rather than just to undermine confidence in the U.S. electoral system, according to officials briefed on the matter.

ntelligence agencies have identified individuals with connections to the Russian government who provided WikiLeaks with nousands of hacked emails from the Democratic National Committee and others, including Hillary Clinton's campaign hairman, according to U.S. officials. Those officials described the individuals as actors known to the intelligence community nd part of a wider Russian operation to boost Trump and hurt Clinton's chances.

It is the assessment of the intelligence community that Russia's goal here was to favor one candidate over the other, to help 'rump get elected," said a senior U.S. official briefed on an intelligence presentation made to U.S. senators. "That's the onsensus view."

'he Obama administration has been debating for months how to respond to the alleged Russian intrusions, with White House fficials concerned about escalating tensions with Moscow and being accused of trying to boost Clinton's campaign.

n September, during a secret briefing for congressional leaders, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) voiced oubts about the veracity of the intelligence, according to officials present.

'he Trump transition team dismissed the findings in a short statement issued Friday evening. "These are the same people that aid Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. The election ended a long time ago in one of the biggest Electoral college victories in history. It's now time to move on and 'Make America Great Again,' "the statement read.

'rump has consistently dismissed the intelligence community's findings about Russian hacking.

I don't believe they interfered" in the election, he told Time magazine this week. The hacking, he said, "could be Russia. And it ould be China. And it could be some guy in his home in New Jersey."

'he CIA shared its latest assessment with key senators in a closed-door briefing on Capitol Hill last week, in which agency fficials cited a growing body of intelligence from multiple sources. Agency briefers told the senators it was now "quite clear" nat electing Trump was Russia's goal, according to the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss itelligence matters.

he CIA presentation to senators about Russia's intentions fell short of a formal U.S. assessment produced by all 17 itelligence agencies. A senior U.S. official said there were minor disagreements among intelligence officials about the agency's ssessment, in part because some questions remain unanswered.

or example, intelligence agencies do not have specific intelligence showing officials in the Kremlin "directing" the identified adividuals to pass the Democratic emails to WikiLeaks, a second senior U.S. official said. Those actors, according to the fficial, were "one step" removed from the Russian government, rather than government employees. Moscow has in the past sed middlemen to participate in sensitive intelligence operations so it has plausible deniability.

ulian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, has said in a television interview that the "Russian government is not the source."

he White House and CIA officials declined to comment.

In Friday, the White House said President Obama had ordered a "full review" of Russian hacking during the election ampaign, as pressure from Congress has grown for greater public understanding of exactly what Moscow did to influence the lectoral process.

We may have crossed into a new threshold, and it is incumbent upon us to take stock of that, to review, to conduct some afterction, to understand what has happened and to impart some lessons learned," Obama's counterterrorism and homeland ecurity adviser, Lisa Monaco, told reporters at a breakfast hosted by the Christian Science Monitor.

bama wants the report before he leaves office Jan. 20, Monaco said. The review will be led by James Clapper, the outgoing irector of national intelligence, officials said.

During her remarks, Monaco didn't address the latest CIA assessment, which hasn't been previously disclosed.

even Democratic senators last week asked Obama to declassify details about the intrusions and why officials believe that the Tremlin was behind the operation. Officials said Friday that the senators specifically were asking the White House to release ortions of the CIA's presentation.

his week, top Democratic lawmakers in the House also sent a letter to Obama, asking for briefings on Russian interference in ne election.

J.S. intelligence agencies have been cautious for months in characterizing Russia's motivations, reflecting the United States' ong-standing struggle to collect reliable intelligence on President Vladimir Putin and those closest to him.

n previous assessments, the CIA and other intelligence agencies told the White House and congressional leaders that they elieved Moscow's aim was to undermine confidence in the U.S. electoral system. The assessments stopped short of saying the oal, was to help elect Trump.

In Oct. 7, the intelligence community officially accused Moscow of seeking to interfere in the election through the hacking of political organizations." Though the statement never specified which party, it was clear that officials were referring to cyberntrusions into the computers of the DNC and other Democratic groups and individuals.

ome key Republican lawmakers have continued to question the quality of evidence supporting Russian involvement.

I'll be the first one to come out and point at Russia if there's clear evidence, but there is no clear evidence — even now," said tep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.), the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and a member of the Trump transition team. There's a lot of innuendo, lots of circumstantial evidence, that's it."

hough Russia has long conducted cyberspying on U.S. agencies, companies and organizations, this presidential campaign narks the first time Moscow has attempted through cyber-means to interfere in, if not actively influence, the outcome of an lection, the officials said.

'he reluctance of the Obama White House to respond to the alleged Russian intrusions before Election Day upset Democrats n the Hill as well as members of the Clinton campaign.

Vithin the administration, top officials from different agencies sparred over whether and how to respond. White House fficials were concerned that covert retaliatory measures might risk an escalation in which Russia, with sophisticated cyberapabilities, might have less to lose than the United States, with its vast and vulnerable digital infrastructure.

he White House's reluctance to take that risk left Washington weighing more-limited measures, including the "naming and haming" approach of publicly blaming Moscow.

by mid-September, White House officials had decided it was time to take that step, but they worried that doing so unilaterally nd without bipartisan congressional backing just weeks before the election would make Obama vulnerable to charges that he was using intelligence for political purposes.

nstead, officials devised a plan to seek bipartisan support from top lawmakers and set up a secret meeting with the Gang of 12 - a group that includes House and Senate leaders, as well as the chairmen and ranking members of both chambers' committees n intelligence and homeland security.

bama dispatched Monaco, FBI Director James B. Comey and Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson to make the pitch for "show of solidarity and bipartisan unity" against Russian interference in the election, according to a senior administration fficial.

pecifically, the White House wanted congressional leaders to sign off on a bipartisan statement urging state and local officials take federal help in protecting their voting-registration and balloting machines from Russian cyber-intrusions.

hough U.S. intelligence agencies were skeptical that hackers would be able to manipulate the election results in a systematic vay, the White House feared that Russia would attempt to do so, sowing doubt about the fundamental mechanisms of emocracy and potentially forcing a more dangerous confrontation between Washington and Moscow.

n a secure room in the Capitol used for briefings involving classified information, administration officials broadly laid out the vidence U.S. spy agencies had collected, showing Russia's role in cyber-intrusions in at least two states and in hacking the mails of the Democratic organizations and individuals.

and they made a case for a united, bipartisan front in response to what one official described as "the threat posed by a precedented meddling by a foreign power in our election process."

he Democratic leaders in the room unanimously agreed on the need to take the threat seriously. Republicans, however, were ivided, with at least two GOP lawmakers reluctant to accede to the White House requests.

at he would consider any effort by the White House to challenge the Russians publicly an act of partisan politics.

ome of the Republicans in the briefing also seemed opposed to the idea of going public with such explosive allegations in the inal stages of an election, a move that they argued would only rattle public confidence and play into Moscow's hands.

IcConnell's office did not respond to a request for comment. After the election, Trump chose McConnell's wife, Elaine Chao, s his nominee for transportation secretary.

ome Clinton supporters saw the White House's reluctance to act without bipartisan support as further evidence of an xcessive caution in facing adversaries.

The lack of an administration response on the Russian hacking cannot be attributed to Congress," said Rep. Adam B. Schiff Calif.), the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, who was at the September meeting. "The administration as all the tools it needs to respond. They have the ability to impose sanctions. They have the ability to take clandestine means. he administration has decided not to utilize them in a way that would deter the Russians, and I think that's a problem."

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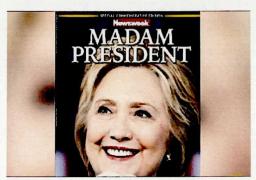
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 - (D) to have attempted to engage in any of the activities described in subsections (a)(i) and (a)(ii)(A)-(C) of this section.
- (b) The prohibitions in subsection (a) of this section apply except to the extent provided by statutes, or in regulations, orders, directives, or licenses that may be issued pursuant to this order, and notwithstanding any contract entered into or any license or permit granted prior to the effective date of this order.
- Sec. 2. I hereby determine that the making of donations of the type of articles specified in section 203(b)(2) of IEEPA (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(2)) by, to, or for the benefit of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to section 1 of this order would seriously impair my ability to deal with the national emergency declared in this order, and I hereby prohibit such donations as provided by section 1 of this order.
- Sec. 3. The prohibitions in section 1 of this order include but are not limited to:

- (a) the making of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services by, to, or for the benefit of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order; and
- (b) the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.
- Sec. 4. I hereby find that the unrestricted immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the United States of aliens determined to meet one or more of the criteria in section 1(a) of this order would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, and I hereby suspend entry into the United States, as immigrants or nonimmigrants, of such persons. Such persons shall be treated as persons covered by section 1 of Proclamation 8693 of July 24, 2011 (Suspension of Entry of Aliens Subject to United Nations Security Council Travel Bans and International Emergency Economic Powers Act Sanctions).
- <u>Sec. 5</u>. (a) Any transaction that evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or avoiding, causes a violation of, or attempts to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in this order is prohibited.
- (b) Any conspiracy formed to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in this order is prohibited.
- Sec. 6. For the purposes of this order:
- (a) the term "person" means an individual or entity;
- (b) the term "entity" means a partnership, association, trust, joint venture, corporation, group, subgroup, or other organization;
- (c) the term "United States person" means any United States citizen, permanent resident alien, entity organized under the laws of the United States or any jurisdiction within the United States (including foreign branches), or any person in the United States;
- (d) the term "critical infrastructure sector" means any of the designated critical infrastructure sectors identified in Presidential Policy Directive 21; and
- (e) the term "misappropriation" includes any taking or obtaining by improper means, without permission or consent, or under false pretenses.
- <u>Sec. 7</u>. For those persons whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order who might have a constitutional presence in the United States, I find that because of the ability to transfer funds or other assets instantaneously, prior notice to such persons of measures to be taken pursuant to this order would render those measures ineffectual. I therefore determine that for these measures to be effective in addressing the national emergency declared in this order, there need be no prior notice of a listing or determination made pursuant to section 1 of this order.

Sec. 8. The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, is hereby authorized to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this order. The Secretary of the Treasury may redelegate any of these functions to other officers and agencies of the United States Government consistent with applicable law. All agencies of the United States Government are hereby directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of this order.

<u>Sec. 9</u>. The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, is hereby authorized to submit the recurring and final reports to the Congress on the national emergency declared in this order, consistent with section 401(c) of the NEA (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)) and section 204(c) of IEEPA (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)).

<u>Sec. 10</u>. This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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Joint DHS and ODNI Election Security Statement

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DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE WASHINGTON, DC 20511

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Joint Statement from the Department of Homeland Security and Office of the Director of National Intelligence on Election Security

The U.S. Intelligence Community (USIC) is confident that the Russian Government directed the recent compromises of e-mails from US persons and institutions, including from US political organizations. The recent disclosures of alleged hacked e-mails on sites like DCLeaks.com and WikiLeaks and by the Guccifer 2.0 online persona are consistent with the methods and motivations of Russian-directed efforts. These thefts and disclosures are intended to interfere with the US election process. Such activity is not new to Moscow—the Russians have used similar tactics and techniques across Europe and Eurasia, for example, to influence public opinion there. We believe, based on the scope and sensitivity of these efforts, that only Russia's senior-most officials could have authorized these activities.

Some states have also recently seen scanning and probing of their election-related systems, which in most cases originated from servers operated by a Russian company. However, we are not now in a position to attribute this activity to the Russian Government. The USIC and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) assess that it would be extremely difficult for someone, including a nation-state actor, to alter actual ballot counts or election results by cyber attack or intrusion. This assessment is based on the decentralized nature of our election system in this country and the number of protections state and local election officials have in place. States ensure that voting machines are not connected to the Internet, and there are numerous checks and balances as well as extensive oversight at multiple levels built into our election process.

Nevertheless, DHS continues to urge state and local election officials to be vigilant and seek cybersecurity assistance from DHS. A number of states have already done so. DHS is providing several services to state and local election officials to assist in their cybersecurity. These services include cyber "hygiene" scans of Internet-facing systems, risk and vulnerability assessments, information sharing about cyber incidents, and best practices for securing voter registration databases and addressing potential cyber threats. DHS has convened an Election Infrastructure Cybersecurity Working Group with experts across all levels of government to raise awareness of cybersecurity risks potentially affecting election infrastructure and the elections process. Secretary Johnson and DHS officials are working directly with the National Association of Secretaries of State to offer assistance, share information, and provide additional resources to state and local officials

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Washington—Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and Congressman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, today released the following statement on Russian hacking:

"Based on briefings we have received, we have concluded that the Russian intelligence agencies are making a serious and concerted effort to influence the U.S. election.

"At the least, this effort is intended to sow doubt about the security of our election and may well be intended to influence the outcomes of the election—we can see no other rationale for the behavior of the Russians.

"We believe that orders for the Russian intelligence agencies to conduct such actions could come only from very senior levels of the Russian government.

"We call on President Putin to immediately order a halt to this activity. Americans will not stand for any foreign government trying to influence our election. We hope all Americans will stand together and reject the Russian effort."

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POTUS Transcript

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it's not a rush. Keep in mind that when the DNC got hacked, we immediately assigned our intelligence community, our law enforcement to investigate what had happened. And that was a several month process. And we determined and announced in October that it was the consensus of all the intelligence agencies and law enforcement that organizations affiliated with Russian intelligence were responsible for the hacking of the DNC materials that were being leaked.

So that was a month before the election. This was not a secret. And the reason that I'm -- have called for a review is really to just gather all the threads of the investigations, the intelligence work that has been done over many months, and put it in a single document that can be shared with members of Congress, relevant intelligences agencies -- that can be shared with the transition team so that they understand what exactly happened, and so that the public and our elected representatives going forward can find ways to prevent this kind of interference from having an impact on the elections in the future.

I will say this, though, Trevor -- none of this should be a big surprise. This was reported on before the election. In October, we said officially, the Russians did this. In the interim, the leaks that were taking place of these hacked emails were clearly not helpful to one candidate and, as a consequence, appeared to help another candidate. I don't think there was any doubt among anybody in the media or among members of Congress as to who was being advantaged or disadvantaged by the political gossip that was being put out in a drip-drip-drip fashion leading up to the election.

Q I think now the difference is, now, we have a result from an election. Now there is a President-elect, Donald Trump. Now the big question is, even if it is discovered, what would be a suitable response? You're an outgoing President, but you hear people -- and I don't know what is hyperbole or what is truly definitive -- but people say, well, this is an act towards the United States; well, this is Russia undermining the very democracy that we stand on.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, but I think what -- I think it's really important for everybody to understand what our challenge is. Russia trying to influence our elections dates back to the Soviet Union. They've been trying to do stuff like that for

years. And the truth is, is that what they did here -- hacking some emails and releasing them -- is not a particularly fancy brand of espionage or propaganda.

We were, frankly, more concerned in the run-up to the election to the possibilities of vote tampering, which we did not see evidence of and were confident that we could guard against. It's part of the reason why we briefed Congress on a bipartisan basis and asked Republicans and Democrats to work with us to encourage states to protect the integrity of the actual voting system.

But, Trevor, I think what everybody has to reflect on -- and when I say "everybody," I mean the media, members of Congress, the Republican Party, Democratic Party, and the voting public -- is what is it about our political ecosystem, what is it about the state of our democracy where the leaks of what were, frankly, not very interesting emails that didn't have any explosive information in them --

Q The risotto was interesting.

THE PRESIDENT: -- ended up being an obsession, and the fact that the Russians were doing this was not an obsession.

This was not a secret running up to the election. The President-elect in some of his political events specifically said to the Russians, hack Hillary's emails so that we can finally find out what's going on and confirm our conspiracy theories. You had what was very clear relationships between members of the President-elect's campaign team and Russians, and a professed shared view on a bunch of issues.

So the question is not, is there some deeper conspiracy at work here. The real question that I think we all have to reflect on is, what's happened to our political system where some emails that were hacked and released ended up being the overwhelming story and the constant source of coverage — breathless coverage — that was depicted as somehow damning in all sorts of ways when the truth of the matter was, it was fairly routine stuff.

And the reason I say that is because, going forward, I worry that we don't spend enough time on self-reflection about how our democracies work and our campaigns work, and how all of us have to, I think, do a better job making sure that we talk about what's at stake. For example, these emails got a lot more

attention than any policy that was being debated during the campaign.

Josh Transcript

MR. EARNEST: Well, Ayesha, there's obviously a lot there. Let me start by reminding you of the statement -- extraordinary statement that was issued by the U.S. intelligence community the first week in October. In that statement that reflected the consensus view of 17 different intelligence agencies, they've concluded and reported to the American public that Russia was engaged in malicious cyber activity in an attempt to destabilize our political system. That's a significant charge. And the fact that the intelligence community came forward and made public this assessment is extraordinary, even unprecedented. That's the first thing.

The second thing is there was a lot of reporting over the weekend about additional intelligence assessments that have been reached. If that's something that can be shared publicly, that's going to come from the intelligence community. It's not going to come from here. And that is evidence of the continued commitment of this administration to ensuring and even protecting the integrity of the basic institutions of government, including the intelligence community.

That all said, you didn't need a security clearance to figure out who benefitted from malicious Russian cyber activity. The President-elect didn't call it into question. He called on Russia to hack his opponent. He called on Russia to hack Secretary Clinton. So he certainly had a pretty good sense of whose side this activity was coming down on. The last several weeks of the election were focused on a discussion of emails that had been hacked and leaked by the Russians. These were emails from the DNC and John Podesta -- not from the RNC and Steve Bannon.

It was the President-elect who, over the course of the campaign, indicated that he thought that President Putin was a strong leader. It was the President-elect who indicated the potential that he would withdraw from some of our critically important NATO commitments. It was the President-elect who refused to disclose his financial connections to Russia. It was the President-elect who hired a campaign chairman with extensive, lucrative, personal financial ties to Russia. It was the President-elect who had a national security advisor on the

campaign that had been a paid contributor to RT, the Russian propaganda outlet.

The President-elect's team, his campaign, didn't make any effort to obscure this. So all of that is information that was not obtained through intelligence channels. It's not information that was disclosed for the first time at the White House. It's all information that all of you reported on. It's information that all of you reported on well in advance of the election, and it's all information that is, as far as I can tell, undisputed.

So I think what it does, it probably leads people to a variety of conclusions. One conclusion that it leads me to is the special responsibility that members of Congress have to take a close look at this -- particularly those members of Congress that endorsed Mr. Trump in the election. They were aware of all this information, too -- not because they were getting classified briefings, but because it was available to the public.

So I think in some cases, we've seen some pretty heated rhetoric from Republicans wringing their hands about this and about the potential impact it has on our national security and the integrity of our system of government. I think they should spare us the handwringing and fulfill their basic responsibility, considering the bar has been raised based on their political choices.

Q But with everything that you just laid out, President-elect Trump has disputed the idea that Russia favored him or that Russia was behind or interfering, meddling in the election. I mean he says that no one knows what's going on. So you basically laid out a case that that's not the case. And if — and just going on what you just said, doesn't that cast a cloud over this election — I mean, everything that you just laid out saying that this is clearly done to favor President-elect Trump?

MR. EARNEST: Well, a couple of things here. The first is the conclusion about Russia's involvement in malicious cyber activity to undermine confidence in our political system represents the consensus view of the intelligence community. There's no disagreeing with that. And that's the reason that they came forward with that extraordinary statement a month before the election. So there is no -- there certainly should be no dispute about that. And the material that I cited,

again, is not information that you're hearing from me for the first time. This is information that all of you have reported on, thoroughly investigated, and discussed on television.

So, again, there's no debate I'm seeking here. I, as I've done in the past, tried to just lay out some objective facts. The debate, the argument about the policy differences and the differences in agendas pursued by the President-elect and President Obama -- we had an opportunity to have that debate, and that was the subject of an extensive debate. And the election didn't turn out the way that we had hoped. And since then, I've gone to great lengths to try to avoid getting into a debate with the President-elect's team because our priority is on fulfilling the President's basic, institutional responsibilities to effect a smooth transition to the next presidency.

So what I've stated in not an argument, but really just a presentation of objective facts about what all of you and the American public knew in advance of the election. And, yes, this was all material that was known by Republican politicians in the Congress that endorsed the President-elect. And how they reconcile their political strategy and their patriotism is something they're going to have to explain.

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