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Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 1:44 PM
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Subject: RE: Question From Shane at the Post/Rudy Giuliani and Ukraine
Signed By: (b)(3), (b)(6)

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The timing of this is almost certainly tied to Rudy G. being so out-in-front in stories over the last couple of days related to the release of information reportedly obtained on Hunter Biden’s laptop. An emerging narrative is that it could have been Russian disinformation – or a Russian hack – laundered through this story that Hunter left his laptop at a computer repair shop and forgot about it.

So this is presumably a two-fer for somebody: going after Rudy, who’s the most public messenger out there on this topic, and also planting the seed that he met with “Russian government assets” at some point, which leads to the possibility that he’s now helping them push this stuff out.

Anyway, I obviously don’t know about the accuracy of what Shane’s preparing to report, and we should probably just refer him to the White House (unless there’s a reason we want to push back hard off the record on the facts and try to kill it), but that’s at least the likely backstory on the timing of this.

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Sir –

Please see the below incoming from WP on a story they plan to run. I don’t know ground truth on this and sense it would be tightly held – please let me know if you would like to talk through anything or if you would like us to let WP know that we don’t have anything to share.

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TEAM BLUE

From: Harris, Shane (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 12:59 PM
To: ODNI Public Affairs (b)(3)
Subject: [AIN] From Shane at the Post/Rudy Giuliani and Ukraine

Hi, all. We are preparing to publish a story that will focus on Rudy Giuliani's travels in Ukraine last December, when he met with Andrii Derkach and, we understand from our sources, other individuals who were determined to be Russian government assets. The story will note that President Trump was warned verbally by Robert O'Brien about Giuliani's meetings, and to be careful with any information Giuliani shared with the president. We'll also report that written information about Giuliani's meetings and activities were shared with the White House and were based on multiple streams of intelligence. Giuliani was not the target of any intelligence collection, but we understand that his communications with other individuals were incidentally collected.

We've reached out to the White House for comment on this. But I wanted to see if ODNI had anything to add. If not, I at least wanted to make you all aware of the reporting, since it will touch on intelligence collection and the fact that senior intelligence and national security officials had concerns based on that intelligence about who Giuliani was meeting and what he might tell the president.

Many thanks. Feel free to call if that's easier.

Shane

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