

THREAD TRUMP AND RUSSIA PART 7

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As previously shown, Trump doesn't only have connections to Putin. One that i haven't mentioned that much is Oleg Deripaska. Deripaska is one of the big Oligarchs and runs one of the major news sites in Russia currently, Paul Manafort introduced Deripaska to Trump I know i have shown a lot abt Trumps inner circle...but I'm gonna include some not previously discussed info in this. So...here we go. . .

PAUL MANAFORT

He comes from a Washington consulting (read lobbying) firm, Davis Manafort, that has represented a number of dictators. Long articles in the Washington Post and Slate have documented his connections.



Paul Manafort made a career of reinventing tyrants. Imagine what he'll do with Trump.

http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/politics/2016/04/paul_manafort_isn_t_a_gop_retread_he_s_made_a_career_of_reinventing_tyrants.html?wpsrc=sh_all_dt_tw_top ... via @slate



[Inside Trump adviser Manafort's world of politics and global financial dealmaking](#)

Transactions with billionaire oligarchs and other foreign investors have at times spurred legal disputes. [Washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

If You Don't Think Paul Manafort Can Get Trump Elected, You Don't Know Paul Manafort. Mar-a-Lago, Donald Trump's palace, is impressive by the standards of Palm Beach—less so when judged against the abodes of the world's autocrats... [slate.com](http://www.slate.com)

Manafort worked in Gerald Ford's White House and then as a convention adviser to the presidential campaigns of Ronald Reagan and Bob Dole. James A. Baker III was Manafort's mentor in the White House. He later formed Davis Manafort with other Republican operatives. The company's clients included Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire, Ferdinand Marcos Manafort met Trump in the 1970s. Trump and his father had hired Roy Cohn, previously lawyer to the infamous Senator Joe McCarthy, Cohn introduced them to Manafort. In the early 1990s, Trump hired Davis Manafort to

defend his casino interests against competition from Native American casinos Trump was fined \$250,000 for not reporting his payments to that company to the state lobbying commission. Trump and Others Accept Fines For Ads in Opposition to Casinos



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[Donald J Trump and his associates agree to pay \\$250,000 in fines and to issue public apology because they failed to disclose to New York State lobbying c... nytimes.com](#)

Manafort's closest connection to Putin may be through former Ukrainian president Victor Yanukovich. Yanukovich's corruption was a big issue in the Ukrainian protests of 2014, when he fled the country for Russia. Yanukovich looked toward both Europe and Moscow, playing them off against each other. A decade before, in the Ukrainian election of 2004, Yanukovich lost the presidency to Victor Yushchenko. Despite an assassination attempt with poison on Yushchenko, Manafort became Yanukovich's advisor in 2005, and Yanukovich won back the presidency in 2010. Rinat Akhmetov, a wealthy industrialist from the Donbas region in eastern Ukraine, now the location of the Russian-induced war, brought the two together. Other Americans advising Yanukovich included Bernie Sanders' consultant Tad Devine and a number of Republican lobbyists, including former congressmen Vin Weber and Billy Tauzin. With cash, Ukraine's political foes bring fight to Washington <http://reut.rs/19hPhZI> via [@Reuters](#).



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Rival political factions facing each other on the streets of Ukraine have also enlisted heavyweight lobbyists in Washington, some with connections at t...

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In 2005, Manafort involved John McCain in an intrigue in which Russian businessman Oleg Deripaska hoped to buy significant pieces of the economy of Montenegro and spread Russian influence into that country. He hoped to buy significant pieces of the economy of Montenegro and spread Russian influence into that country. The affair could have been damaging to McCain politically because of the link to Russian interests.



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[Washingtonpost.com](#)

whose purpose was said to be to make private-equity investments and acquisitions primarily in Russia and Ukraine, according to a lawsuit Deripaska 2014 in the Cayman Islands, where the fund was to be set up. Deripaska has accused Manafort of taking nearly \$19 million, and failing to account for the funds or return them. Firtash of trying to launder corrupt profits from energy transactions in Ukraine through the deal. Firtash seems to have made most of his money in the Ukrainian energy industry, which in the 2000s was particularly corrupt and intertwined with Russian interests. Ukraine was a center of Soviet energy distribution, and many gas pipelines run through the country. Those pipelines now convey natural gas to Europe and are a source of income. A Reuters investigation described how investors could make enormous amounts of money, with kickbacks to pro-Putin politicians like Yanukovich. Not surprisingly, the names Firtash, Deripaska, and Akhmetov all appear in shell company records from the Panama Papers and Offshore Leaks.

SPECIAL REPORT-Putin's allies channelled billions to Ukraine oligarch
<http://reut.rs/1uGCRy5> via [@Reuters](#).



SPECIAL REPORT-Putin's allies channelled billions to Ukraine oligarch

[In Russia, powerful friends helped him make a fortune. In the United States, officials want him extradited and put behind bars. In Austria, where he is currently free on bail...](#)

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CARTER PAGE

Carter Page is a foreign policy advisor to Donald Trump. Bloomberg News published a biographical sketch. Trump's New Russia Adviser Has Deep Ties to Kremlin's Gazprom

<https://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2016-03-30/trump-russia-adviser-carter-page-interview> ... via [@bpolitics](#)



Trump's New Russia Adviser Has Deep Ties to Kremlin's Gazprom

[Carter Page brings a "real-world" resume—and says his close relations with Russian business are a strength.](#) [Bloomberg.com](#)

He has worked in arms control at the Pentagon and was a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

[http://www.cfr.org/projects/world/online-roundtable-on-the-caspian-sea-region/pr199 ...](http://www.cfr.org/projects/world/online-roundtable-on-the-caspian-sea-region/pr199...)

Page started working at Merrill Lynch's capital-markets group in London in 2000 and helped open the firm's Moscow office in 2004. There, he developed relationships with the largely state-owned Gazprom and says he advised them on their largest deals. Page says he took a buyout from Merrill in 2008 to start his own firm, Global Energy Capital LLC,

<http://globalenergycap.com>

Global Energy Capital LLC tried to start a \$1 billion private equity fund to buy assets in Turkmenistan the global crash ended that plan. Since then, he's advised investors on buying assets in Russia and has worked with Sergey Yatsenko, a former deputy chief financial officer at Gazprom who is now an adviser to Page's firm. Page recently presented a speech at the New Economic School in Moscow, where he said he was attending as a private citizen. The speech contrasted US and Russian business practices in Central Asia, finding Russia's to be more favorable.



Trump's Russia adviser criticizes U.S. for 'hypocritical focus on democratization'

Carter Page's remarks veered sharply from the views of the Obama administration and traditional GOP policy circles. [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)



Trump's foreign policy adviser will talk about his foreign policy – just not today

Carter Page offered little except confusion and the occasional snigger, during a rambling presentation and an evasive question-and-answer session... [theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

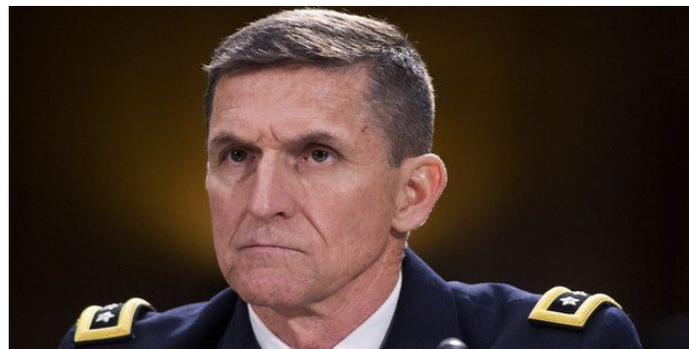
MICHAEL FLYNN

Lieutenant General (retired) Michael Flynn, Trump's NSA Director is perhaps the most disturbing of Trump's Russia contacts. Flynn was President Barack Obama's chief of the Defense Intelligence Agency. He is said to have been forced out of that position in August 2014. A little over a year later, he attended a celebration in Moscow for RT, Kremlin-run media network, sitting at the head table next to Putin. Trump Embraces Ex-Top Obama Intel Official <http://thebea.st/1QKIZSb> via [@thedailybeast](#)



Trump Embraces Ex-Top Obama Intel Official

The former head of the Defense Intelligence Agency says Muslims are dangerous and Putin is great—views that have made him a go-to adviser for Trump and Cruz. [TheDailyBeast.com](http://thedailybeast.com) Michael Flynn, the retired general on Donald Trump's VP shortlist, explained http://www.vox.com/2016/7/9/12129202/michael-flynn-vice-president-donald-trump?utm_campaign=vox&utm_content=entry&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter ... via [@voxdotcom](#)



Michael Flynn, the retired general on Donald Trump's VP shortlist, explained. He's a general who hates Obama, wants to work with Putin,

and wants to invade Syria. Vox.com He also was interviewed by RT, in which he disagreed with the Obama administration's policies in Syria and praised Russia's "contributions to international stability." Here is a November 2015 interview with Spiegel On Line, and his speech at the Republican convention. He has advocated occupying Syria in order to root out ISIS and other extreme measures. His commonality with Russia may be his desire to destroy ISIS. Ex-US Intelligence Chief on Islamic State's Rise: 'We Were Too Dumb' <http://spon.de/aeDfH> via [@SPIEGELONLINE](https://twitter.com/SPIEGELONLINE)



Ex-US Intelligence Chief on Islamic State's Rise: 'We Were Too Dumb' - SPIEGEL ONLINE - Internati...

Without the Iraq war, Islamic State wouldn't exist today, former US special forces chief Mike Flynn openly admits. In an interview, he explains IS' rise ... spiegel.de



[Retired Army Gen. Michael Flynn delivers fiery speech to emptying convention hall \(VIDEO\)](#)

Passed over for Trump's vice presidential pick, retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn delivered a fiery speech pushing Trump's candidacy ...

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RICHARD BURT

Another puzzling Russia connection in Trump's foreign policy team is Richard Burt. Burt is a former Reagan administration official Richard Burt was the chief US negotiator in the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks with the Soviet Union in 1991 He is the US chair of Global Zero, an organization advocating the abolition of nuclear weapons. He is chair of the advisory council for the National Interest, a publication sympathetic to the Kremlin. Join the fight for zero! Amb. Richard Burt:

<https://www.shar.es/19ukMQ> via [@globalzero](#) Donald Trump's Russia connections

<http://www.politico.eu/article/donald-trump-russia-connections-foreign-policy-presidential-campaign> ... via [@POLITICOEurop](#)



[Donald Trump's Russia connections](#)

Realists with Moscow ties are lining up behind Republican frontrunner.

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He is also on the boards of Alfa-Bank, the largest commercial bank in Russia, and an investment fund with a large position in Gazprom. Burt Bio

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In June 2016 Burt said that he had provided information for Trump's April speech on foreign policy but was not supporting Trump. Former Reagan aide helped write Trump foreign policy speech <http://reut.rs/1Y9Toxs> via @Reuters.



Former Reagan aide helped write Trump foreign policy speech

A former senior official in the Reagan administration and prominent Republican foreign policy insider told Reuters he provided input for the la...

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