

THREAD VNESH ECONOM BANK

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1.The Russian government uses VEB to support and develop the Russian economy and to manage Russian state debts and pension funds

2. The bank was instituted in 1922.

Sergey Nikolaevich Gorkov has been Chairman since February 26, 2016.

3.In July 2014 the Department of the Treasury imposed sanctions that prohibit U.S. persons from providing new financing to VEB.

4.Evgeny Buryakov is alleged to be one of three-strong spy ring operating out of Manhattan for the Russian secret service

5.He has appeared in court charged with espionage while working under the cover of being a bank worker.

6.Evgeny Buryakov,at VneshEconomBank first worked in South Africa but was moved to the US later on.

7.It is unclear how long US federal prosecutors believe he has been a spy.

8.Prosecutors allege he was using his job at VneshEconomBank as cover for recruiting sources of information plotting to cause economic chaos.

9.Buryakov worked for the SVR - the Russian foreign intelligence service under 'non-official cover', posing as a banker

10.He was handled by Sporyshev, a trade representative for Russia in New York, and Podobnyy, an attaché to Russia's delegation to the UN.

11.The handlers tried to recruit New York residents as intelligence sources, tasked Buryakov to gather intelligence before transmitting back

12.The SVR asked him to gather intelligence on US sanctions against Russian banks and the US developing alternative energy resources

13.Sporyshev asked Buryakov to gather material so a Russian news agency could ask questions about American sanctions against the country.

14.Sergei N Gorkov, Chairman of the bank, is also Vice Chairman of SBERBANK, which Putin uses for funding Spy activities (FSB)

15.Vnesheconombank financed a takeover of one of Ukraine's struggling steel groups, right in the middle of a Ukrainian election.

16.Ruben Vardanian, the chair of Troika Dialog, a Moscow investment bank which was the financial advisor on the deal, is quoted as saying:

17."The deal is aimed at realising a strategy of consolidating metals assets across the territories and could lead to extended cooperation

18.Guess who won that election a month later? The pro-Putin Viktor Yanukovych.

Yanukovich who Manafort and Devine worked for.

19.So, seven years ago, a Russian state-owned bank announced a month before a Ukrainian election that it would finance a deal

20.that stood to influence the outcome of that election. The candidate who won had on his campaign staff a man who would go on to become

21.the campaign chair of a U.S. president, whose son-in-law is now under investigation because of secret meeting with the chief of that bank

22.Kislyak orchestrated the meeting between Kushner and Gorkov, who was appointed by Russian President Vladimir Putin in January 2016.

23.in 2007. Putin turned the bank into a pillar of his Kremlin-driven economy at the height of oil boom"and took personal control over it

24.When oil prices were high, VEB lent huge sums to financially questionable partners such as infrastructure projects for 2014 Olympics,

25.VEB had huge success between 2007 and 2014, but it all came crashing down when oil prices tanked and Obama levied sanctions on Russia.

26.By February 2016, VEB was struggling to find enough cash to stay afloat. Its bailout needs had increased to \$16 billion between 2016-2020

27.Kushner's meeting with Gorkov,came at the same time as Kushner was looking for investors for the Fifth Avenue office building in Manhattan

28.Same building which is being hugely financed by Anbang Insurance Group, a firm with ties to the Chinese government.

29. Putin and Sergey N. Gorkov, in Moscow in February. The bank drew sanctions from the Obama administration after Russia annexed Crimea.



30. Mr. Gorkov CEO supervisory board is controlled by members of Mr. Putin's government, including Prime Minister Dimitri A. Medvedev

31.VEB has been used in the past to bail out Oligarchs who are friendly towards Vladimir Putin.

32.Hope Hicks said that Trump had authorized Kushner to have meetings with foreign officials that he felt made sense, and to report back.