

50 Fountain Plaza Suite 1700 Buffalo, NY 14202 Phone: 716.853.5100 Fax: 716.853,5199

lippes.com

June 15, 2018

## VIA U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Devin Nunes, Chairman United States House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, HVC-304 United States Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Re: Testimony of Michael Caputo

Dear Chairman Nunes:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Michael Caputo. Mr. Caputo voluntarily appeared on July 14, 2017 to be interviewed under oath to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ("HPSCI") in a closed door session. Mr. Caputo had been requested to appear to answer questions regarding allegations of Russian meddling in the 2016 US presidential election. During this interview which lasted close to four hours, Mr. Caputo answered all questions with candor and to the best of his recollection.

Recently, Mr. Caputo voluntarily agreed to be interviewed by the Office of Special Counsel. During the course of our preparation for that interview but after the conclusion of the HPSCI investigation, his recollection was refreshed regarding one brief interaction with a Russian national in May of 2016. We discussed his recollection and I advised him to disclose this information in any future interviews.

In the course of his interview with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, this specific contact was not discussed since at the time of this interview, Mr. Caputo had simply forgotten about this brief encounter in 2016. The purpose of this letter is to amend his testimony to reflect this recollection now that it was refreshed. Specifically, we respectfully request that the following be added as an addendum to Mr. Caputo's July 14, 2017 statement.

Sometime in late May 2016, Mr. Caputo was contacted via telephone by his business partner, Sergey Petrushin, a Russian national residing in Miami Beach. He introduced Mr. Caputo to a South Florida resident claiming to be Henry Greenberg. Mr. Caputo understood Greenberg was an American citizen of Russian descent. Greenberg told Mr. Caputo he had information about Hillary Clinton he wanted to provide to the Trump campaign. He did not say what that information was. Mr. Caputo



directed him to contact Roger Stone and provided Stone's cellphone number. Mr. Caputo asked Stone to take this meeting to evaluate Greenberg's assertion. Mr. Caputo is aware that sometime after he directed Greenberg to Mr. Stone that the two men had a conversation but Mr. Caputo was not involved in that or any follow up discussions. Additionally, Mr. Caputo did not ever have another conversation with Mr. Greenberg regarding the Presidential campaign.

As a result of his interview with the Special Counsel, on May 2, Mr. Caputo learned that on May 29, 2016, via text, Mr. Caputo asked Mr. Stone whether he had actually been contacted by Greenberg. Mr. Caputo does not possess this text or Mr. Stone's reply, but he recalls that Stone replied saying Greenberg tried to sell him information, he declined and he thought Greenberg was a nut. Mr. Caputo later encountered Greenberg in Miami at a January 5, 2017 Podari Life charity event where they exchanged pleasantries but did not speak of the election. At the time, Mr. Caputo could not recall how he knew Greenberg, but politely greeted him anyway and has not seen nor spoken to him since.

Following his interview with the Special Counsel, Mr. Caputo deployed the financial resources of the Michael Caputo Legal Fund to investigate Henry Greenberg. Mr. Caputo believes the information he has uncovered is important to an investigation into the alleged Russian interference with the 2016 Presidential campaign. Mr. Caputo wanted me to provide your committee with a brief overview of his investigation and he would be willing to disclose fully the details of his investigation.

The inquiry discovered "Henry Greenberg" is actually an alias: his legal name is Gennadiy Vasilievich Vostretsov. The 59 year old Russian citizen has also assumed the names Henry Oknyansky and Gennady Arzhanik. Vostretsov has a long history of criminal activity in Russia and served ten years in prison. He first arrived in the United States in 1994 and soon after was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He served time in US prisons for this and other charges. He has lived in the US intermittently since 1997 and worked for many of those years as an FBI informant. In a 2015 affidavit, Arzhanik admitted to being an informant and working for the FBI in the US, Iran and North Korea. He was reassigned to the FBI Miami field office in 2013 and remains in South Florida.

By granting a long series of informant waivers, the FBI has seemingly controlled Vostretsov's visa status for the entire period of his US residency. In return, it appears as though this convicted Russian has worked as an FBI informant. In view of the information which has been uncovered by Mr. Caputo's investigation, it appears as though Mr. Caputo and Mr. Stone, American citizens and senior aides to the Republican candidate for President of the United States, were two of his targets.

I will be willing to meet with your staff to more fully brief them on Mr. Caputo's investigation. Please include this correspondence as part of the official transcript of Mr. Caputo's interview.



Very truly yours,

Lippes Mathias Wexter Friedman LLP

Dennis C. Vacco

cc: Kash Patel, HPSCI

Scott Glabe, HPSCI

Vanessa Le, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

DOJ Inspector General, Michael E. Horowitz