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interviewed ALAN PURCELL [REDACTED]

PURCELL served as the Head of the Political Section at the US Embassy to Ukraine (USEMB) from July 2014 until July 2017. Prior to his arrival, ALEXANDER "SASHA" NAGANOFF had been the Head of the Political Section.

PURCELL never met PAUL MANAKOFF and during his time at USEMB. Purcell was unaware of anyone else at USEMB meeting with MANAKOFF.

PURCELL was introduced to KONSTANTIN KILIMNIK in July 2014 by NAGANOFF. NAGANOFF had been in contact for a while with KILIMNIK. PURCELL considered KILIMNIK a great contact based upon his access to Opposition Block (OB) leadership including Sergey Lyvochkin.

PURCELL described what he considered an unusual level of discretion that was taken with handling KILIMNIK. Normally, the Head of the Political Section would not handle sources, but NAGANOFF informed PURCELL that KILIMNIK was a sensitive source and so PURCELL took over as KILIMNIK's point-of-contact.

PURCELL inherited KILIMNIK's handling procedures from NAGANOFF. These procedures included the following:

- Based on NAGANOFF's example, PURCELL did not include KILIMNIK's name in cables.

- In one instance PURCELL had included KILIMNIK's name in a cable, but removed it after talking to his supervisor. PURCELL and his supervisor had decided not to use his name because KASANOFF had not used his name. PURCELL wanted his superiors to be aware of his contact with KILIMNIK.
- Instead of using his name in his cables, PURCELL referred to KILIMNIK as a political consultant or some other functional description.
- There was no use of a traceable identifier that would allow DOS to accurately review all cables that referenced KILIMNIK.
- KASANOFF had not invited KILIMNIK to Embassy events, so PURCELL did not invite him either.
 - Other contacts at KILIMNIK's level would normally have been invited to Embassy events. PURCELL thought that the decision not to invite KILIMNIK was strange.

PURCELL and KILIMNIK met openly at the Hyatt Kiev. KILIMNIK used this location as a sort of office. On at least one occasion PURCELL had to wait in a different part of the lobby for KILIMNIK to finish meeting with another person. PURCELL and KILIMNIK would have coffee at the Hyatt one to two times per month and KILIMNIK would pay. Occasionally they would go to lunch, in which case PURCELL would pay.

Sometimes KILIMNIK met with PURCELL's subordinate, STEPHEN GLASER, but PURCELL believed that most of KILIMNIK's contact with USEMB during his tenure was with PURCELL.

In addition to USEMB, KILIMNIK spoke to other embassies in Kiev. KILIMNIK told PURCELL that he spoke with the Italian Embassy. One time in a meeting with the Italian Embassy, PURCELL heard the Italian Ambassador echo a talking point that was strikingly familiar to a point KILIMNIK had shared with PURCELL previously.

KILIMNIK would usually initiate contact via email. Sometimes these emails would include detailed information about OB inner workings. Sometimes, but not always, PURCELL would forward these emails to the Ambassador. PURCELL would not often write a cable regarding the emails he received.

As a political officer, PURCELL was responsible for understanding the inner workings of political parties in Ukraine. KILIMNIK was willing to share insider information with PURCELL about OB and various Ukrainian oligarchs, including BOYKO and AKHMETOV. Additionally, KILIMNIK was a conduit to Lyvochkin.

PURCELL understood that KILIMNIK represented OB, and specifically, Sergei Lyvochkin. OB was split between a Lyvochkin faction and a RINAT AKHMETOV

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partion. KILIMNIK would accompany Lyvochkin to high-level meetings at USEMB.

KILIMNIK was a Russian citizen and traveled occasionally to Russia. Based on his place of birth and the amount of time that he had lived in Ukraine, KILIMNIK was eligible to become a Ukrainian citizen. At some point in time, KILIMNIK's family was in the process of becoming Ukrainian citizens.

KILIMNIK was intelligent. MANAFORT had confidence in him.

KILIMNIK had training as a Western political operative through IRI, similar to one might consider a campaign manager. PURCELL had seen KILIMNIK's DME International business card.

According to KILIMNIK, MANAFORT had a consultancy contract with OB. There had been a dispute at some point in time over MANAFORT being paid for this work. ANHRETOV owed MANAFORT \$2 million, and MANAFORT was no longer doing work for OB.

KILIMNIK told PURCELL that MANAFORT and KILIMNIK had been in contact following the release of information about the Black Ledger. KILIMNIK had brought up the Black Ledger in a meeting with PURCELL and provided a list of reasons that the Black Ledger was false.

According to KILIMNIK, in May 2016 MANAFORT called KILIMNIK to DC to meet with him. They had discussed the Trump campaign. MANAFORT was optimistic and had told him things about how the campaign would go (MFI). MANAFORT was interested in working in Ukraine post-election, hoping to revive the business he had built there.

KILIMNIK and PURCELL met less often after May 2016 when MANAFORT started showing up in the news.

Towards the end of PURCELL's tenure at USEMB, KILIMNIK started meeting with journalists. The information that came out in the papers was different from what KILIMNIK had told PURCELL.

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PURCELL departed Ukraine in July 2017 and did not notify KILIMNIK about this departure. PURCELL did not have any contact with KILIMNIK after his departure.

PHILIP GRIFFIN was an American working in Ukraine (NFI). Others at the embassy, including KASANOFF, would have known GRIFFIN better.

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