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secret meeting with Igor Sechin, who is the President of Rosneft [a Russian energy company] and a close associate to Russian President Putin.10 b1-1 b3-1 reported that, during the meeting, Page and Sechin discussed future bilateral energy b7A-1 b7D-1 cooperation and the prospects for an associated move to lift Ukraine-related Western b7E-1, 2 sanctions against Russia. b1-1 b3-1 b7A-1 b7D-1 according to Source #1, (TXXXXX) b7E-1, 2 b7A-1 b7D-1 b7E-1, 2 b1-1 b3-1 b7A-1 b7D-1 b7E-1, 2

(USDOT) announced sanctions that would be taken against Russian Government officials and entities as a result of Russian efforts to destabilize Ukraine. Sechin was identified as an official of the Russian Government, and further identified as the President and Chairman of the Management Board for Rosneft, a position he continues to hold. The USDOT announcement also stated Sechin was formerly the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation from 2008 until 2012, and from 2008 until August 2016, Sechin was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Russian President Putin. The USDOT sanctions announcement identified Sechin as someone who has "shown utter loyalty to Vladimir Putin – a key component to his current standing."

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