

[REDACTED] to undermine and improperly and illegally influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential election.

b1-1
b3-1
b7A-1
b7E-1, 2

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ [REDACTED]

b7A-1
b7E-1, 2

[REDACTED] As stated in the legislative history of FISA:

Not only do foreign powers engage in spying in the United States to obtain information, they also engage in activities which are intended to harm the Nation's security by affecting the course of our Government, the course of public opinion, or the activities of individuals. Such activities may include political action (recruiting, bribery or influencing of public officials to act in favor of the foreign power), disguised propaganda (including the planting of false or misleading articles or stories), and harassment, intimidation, or even assassination of individuals who oppose the foreign power. Such activity can undermine our democratic institutions as well as directly threaten the peace and safety of our citizens.

H.R. Rep. No. 95-1283, pt. 1, at 41 (1978).

II. (U) ~~(S//NF)~~ The Russian Government's Attempts to Influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.

~~(S//NF)~~ In or about March 2016, George Papadopoulos² and Carter Page (the target of this application) were publicly identified by Candidate #1 as part of his/her foreign policy team. [REDACTED]

b1-1
b3-1
b7A-1
b7D-1
b7E-1, 2

[REDACTED] the FBI believes that the Russian

² (S) [REDACTED]

b1-1
b3-1
b7A-1
b7E-1, 2