

# McCain Was Responsible For Steele Dossier Leak



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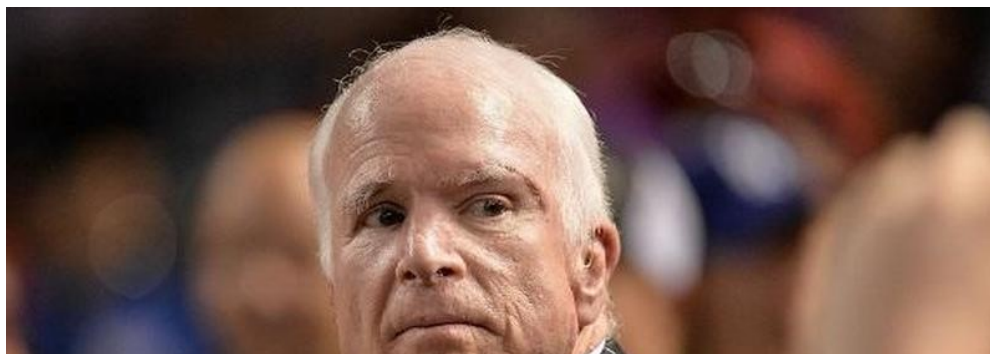
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A longtime associate of late Arizona Senator John McCain leaked a copy of the infamous Steele Dossier to BuzzFeed News, according to a Wednesday court filing, according to the [Daily Caller's](#) Chuck Ross.



McCain dispatched former State Department official David Kramer to London on November 28, 2016 where Dossier author Christopher Steele reportedly allowed Kramer to see it, while a copy was later provided to McCain through Kramer. McCain then provided a copy of the document to former FBI Director James Comey during a December 9 meeting, according to an October 2017 [Daily Caller](#) report.

On Wednesday, thanks to a filing by US District Court Ursula Ungaro as part of a final report ahead of her ruling in *BuzzFeed's* favor in a defamation lawsuit, we learn that Kramer provided *BuzzFeed* a copy of the dossier during a December 29, 2016 meeting. As the *Caller* notes, it is unclear whether Kramer actually gave *BuzzFeed's* Ken Bensinger a copy, or if Bensinger took photos of the document – or both.





"Kramer testified that Bensinger took photos of the Dossier when Kramer was out of the room, even though he asked Bensinger not to," wrote Ungaro, who added that "in a later declaration, **Kramer stated that he had no objection to Bensinger taking a hard copy and had provided hard copies to other journalists.**"

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"The parties dispute whether Kramer gave Bensinger a copy or whether Bensinger took photos of the Dossier when Kramer was not looking," reads a footnote in the ruling.

*Kramer met Nov. 30, 2016, with McCain and McCain's chief of staff, Christopher Brose, to review Steele's reports.*

*"Kramer advised McCain to share the reports with the FBI and the CIA," according to Ungaro.*

*Days later, Kramer met at McCain's behest with [Victoria Nuland](#), who served then as assistant secretary of state for Europe and Eurasian affairs and the State Department, and Celeste Wallender, the top Russian affairs official at the National Security Council.*

*Nuland and Wallender were aware of the dossier and Steele, according to Ungaro.*  
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According to the filing, "Kramer reviewed with Bensinger what he knew about the Dossier and explained that he took the allegations seriously."

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