I)

<http://www.businessinsider.com/emails-uber-wanted-to-partner-with-google-on-self-driving-cars-2017-7>

II)

Emails were disclosed that revealed Google, an early investor in Uber, were exploring the possibility of launching rideshare service to compete with Uber. Both companies are enemies today and are both trying to complete a self-driving rideshare fleet before the other. This may be why Google declined a partnership with Uber.

There is a lawsuit where Google claims that a former engineer downloaded 14,000 company files related to self-driving cars before joining Uber. Uber claims that the lawsuit isn’t about the stolen files, that Google is just using the files as a means to slowdown Ubers development of their own self-driving car.

III)

In the case of the stolen files seems pretty clear that the engineer that downloaded the files is at fault. If Google can prove that the employee used the files to advance Ubers self-driving car project it would be a breach of contract as well as theft of company property. If Uber knowingly accepted these files even though they came from a competitor they may also be liable for damages suffered by Google due to the lost files.