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**VIA E-MAIL**

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District of Columbia  
Department of Justice  
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Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Request for Investigation of Tony Bobulinski**

Dear U.S. Attorney Graves:

We write to bring to your attention and to request an investigation by the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) into the conduct of a person named Anthony (Tony) Bobulinski. Specifically, we recently received information demonstrating that numerous statements made by Mr. Bobulinski in Washington, D.C. during an interview with the FBI on October 23, 2020, concerning our client, Hunter Biden, are false.

The basis for our conclusion and request is the most recent wholesale dump of confidential grand jury documents and taxpayer material related to a five-year investigation of Mr. Biden, released by House Ways and Means Committee Republicans on September 27, 2023.<sup>1</sup> The confidential materials—provided to the Committee by self-proclaimed IRS “whistleblowers” Gary Shapley and Joseph Ziegler—included, among other things, Mr. Bobulinski’s FBI FD-302 interview memorandum (*attached hereto as Ex. 400A*).<sup>2</sup> The materials reveal the extraordinary lengths Mr. Bobulinski and other individuals were willing to go to implicate Mr. Biden or members of his family in some false and meritless allegations of wrongdoing. Even in an era in which people peddle knowing lies with the goal of their falsehoods being repeated and disseminated for their political advantage, these statements by Mr. Bobulinski cannot and must not go unchecked.

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<sup>1</sup> H. Comm. on House Ways & Means, Meeting on Documents Protected Under Internal Revenue Code Section 6103 (Sept. 27, 2023), available at <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/event/meeting-on-documents-protected-under-internal-revenue-code-section-6103-2/> (last accessed Oct. 5, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> H. Comm. on House Ways & Means, Joseph Ziegler Aff. 4, Ex. 400A (*Tony Bobulinski FBI FD-302 Interview Memorandum*), available at [https://gop-waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/T58-Exhibit-400A-Anthony-Bobulinski-302-Interview-Memo\\_Redacted.pdf](https://gop-waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/T58-Exhibit-400A-Anthony-Bobulinski-302-Interview-Memo_Redacted.pdf) (last accessed Oct. 5, 2023) (hereinafter, “Bobulinski Interview Memo”).

## A. Background

Mr. Bobulinski was first introduced to Mr. Biden in 2017 by a mutual business associate after Mr. Biden had agreed in principle with a third party to enter into a joint business venture. Mr. Bobulinski was presented as someone who could add some value to Mr. Biden's business transaction and oversee operations of the joint venture on behalf of Mr. Biden. Mr. Bobulinski joined Mr. Biden's efforts to oversee the drafting process to formalize the entities involved to execute the business contract in May and June 2017. Ultimately, the entities established under Mr. Bobulinski's direction were never capitalized, nor did they engage in formal business operations. For all intents and purposes, the business linking Mr. Bobulinski with which Mr. Biden was involved never came about.

Mr. Biden and Mr. Bobulinski's business affiliation and communications lasted only a few months in 2017. The two met only a handful of times in person. By June 2017, only one month after first meeting, Mr. Biden grew skeptical of Mr. Bobulinski's intentions, and made clear to James Gilliar, Rob Walker, and Jim Biden that he did not trust Mr. Bobulinski or find him to be a credible partner, and would not sign any agreements negotiated by him, calling Mr. Bobulinski a "one man wrecking ball." (*Ex. A attached hereto.*)

Mr. Bobulinski has been portrayed by the Trump campaign, Republican members in Congress, and right-wing outlets as a former Navy veteran, a successful businessman, and (despite the short time they were in contact) a close business associate of Mr. Biden's. Yet records reveal that Mr. Bobulinski is also connected to the pornography industry. He was founder and CEO of JigoCity, an online adult-matching and content-sharing community (operating in China), later acquired by adult-only technology company FriendFinder Network, a platform enabling the exchange of primarily explicit (e.g., pornographic) video content and online casual interactions.<sup>3</sup>

It appears that, as part of the investigation involving our client, Mr. Bobulinski may have even come forward to offer and give a voluntary interview to the FBI in Washington on October 23, 2020. Notably, one day *before* speaking with investigators, Mr. Bobulinski was in Nashville with President Trump and the President's campaign as an invited guest of the President to the presidential debate.<sup>4</sup> Then, just nine days later, Mr. Bobulinski attended a Trump rally in Georgia and participated in a clandestine meeting with Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, in which a truly bizarre event (with Mr. Bobulinski appearing in a ski mask) is also described in which Mr. Meadows personally handed Mr. Bobulinski an undisclosed envelope.<sup>5</sup>

Additionally, Mr. Bobulinski has made no secret of his efforts to aid Republican Chairmen James Comer, Jim Jordan, and Jason Smith in their political warfare against the Biden family, and to serve as one of their adopted "whistleblowers." Mr. Bobulinski has worked with former Trump White House aide Garrett Ziegler to provide House Oversight Republicans with copies of illegally obtained Suspicious Activity Reports ("SARs") from JPMorgan Chase Bank regarding Mr. Biden. House Oversight

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<sup>3</sup> Mr. Bobulinski also worked for Younes Nazarian's personal family office, and often used an email in communications during the time in question that ended in "nazent.com."

<sup>4</sup> CASSIDY HUTCHINSON, ENOUGH 208-09 (Simon & Schuster Sept. 2023).

<sup>5</sup> CASSIDY HUTCHINSON, ENOUGH 208-12 (describing Mark Meadows's private meeting with Bobulinski at a Trump campaign rally in Rome, Georgia, at which Hutchinson personally observed "Mark hand Tony [Bobulinski] what appeared to be a folded sheet of paper or a small envelope"). Hutchinson describes Bobulinski and his associates as "all wearing hats and ski masks."

Republicans then published excerpts of two SARs about Mr. Biden in their *Interim Staff Report* in 2022.<sup>6</sup> On September 29, 2023, news reports indicated that House Republicans plan to call Mr. Bobulinski as their first fact witness in the impeachment inquiry into President Biden<sup>7</sup>—a dramatic step for someone so noncredible that the DOJ would not even call Mr. Bobulinski to testify before a Delaware grand jury investigating Hunter Biden.<sup>8</sup>

## **B. Bobulinski’s False Statements to the FBI During His Interview on October 23, 2020**

In his FBI interview, Mr. Bobulinski made a number of significant false statements involving or concerning Mr. Biden during his interview on October 23, 2020, at the Washington field office. He was represented by counsel throughout his interview.<sup>9</sup> The false statements below refer to statements in the interview memorandum included as Exhibit 400A to Agent Ziegler’s Affidavit 4.<sup>10</sup>

In what can only be described as a strange exchange at the start of his interview, Mr. Bobulinski asked the interviewing agents whether they were “**read in**” on the information he was about to tell them. The interviewing agent responded that that was not how the process works and advised they did not have any specific knowledge of the information. Mr. Bobulinski and his attorney, Stefan Passantino, reiterated their request that Mr. Bobulinski only speak with agents who were “**read in**” to his testimony. The FBI agent then reminded Mr. Bobulinski that his testimony was voluntary. The expectation by Mr. Bobulinski and his attorney that FBI agents taking his voluntary testimony would be “**read in**,” whatever that means, is particularly troubling given that Mr. Bobulinski had met with President Trump and his campaign team the day before in Nashville.

### **1. February 14, 2017 Meeting in Miami**

The most significant set of false statements is central to Mr. Bobulinski’s entire interview and self-aggrandizement. The memorandum states that “BOBULINSKI first met in person with members of the BIDEN family at a **2017 meeting in Miami, Florida**. BOBULINSKI, GILLIAR, WALKER, HUNTER

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<sup>6</sup> A President Compromised: The Biden Family Investigation at 7, 30, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform, 117th Cong. (Nov. 17, 2022), available at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Interim-Staff-Report-A-President-Compromised-The-Biden-Family-Investigation.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> Eric Cortellesa, *House GOP Plans for Next Impeachment Inquiry Witness: Hunter Biden’s Former Business Partner*, TIME (Sept. 29, 2023), <https://time.com/6319064/hunter-biden-impeachment-witness-tony-bobulinski/>.

<sup>8</sup> Catherine Herridge & Graham Kates, *Hunter Biden’s Former Business Partner Was Willing to Go Before a Grand Jury. He Never Got the Chance.*, CBS NEWS (June 29, 2023), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/hunter-biden-tony-bobulinski-former-business-partner-grand-jury/>.

<sup>9</sup> Bobulinski was represented in his interview by Stefan Passantino, who would later serve as counsel to Cassidy Hutchinson in her first interview with the January 6 Committee before she alleged that he encouraged her to lie to the Committee about her recollections of certain events related to January 6, 2021.

<sup>10</sup> H. Comm. on House Ways & Means, Joseph Ziegler Aff. 4 ¶ 5 (Sept. 8, 2023), available at <https://gop-waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/A4-NEW-Affidavit-4-for-HWM-Committee-v09.08.2023.pdf> (describing investigative agents’ belief that “there was no need for the team to interview Bobulinski and that Bobulinski was not viewed as a credible witness”).

BIDEN, and YE all attended the meeting.”<sup>11</sup> This is deliberately false; Mr. Bobulinski did **not** attend a meeting with Mr. Biden and his associates in Miami in 2017, nor did he meet members of the Biden family then. Around February 13, 2017, Messrs. Biden, Walker, and Gilliar traveled to Miami to meet with CEFC Chairman Ye, Director Zhang, and other CEFC members to discuss a possible business venture. It is here that Mr. Biden met Chairman Ye for the first time, and at that meeting, a tentative business agreement was reached in principle to set up a joint venture with CEFC, and a business structure was discussed.

Despite what Mr. Bobulinski told investigators to pretend he had firsthand knowledge, he was **never** in and did **not** attend this meeting in Miami on February 14, 2017. This is demonstrated by his own communications. Mr. Bobulinski’s own WhatsApp messages with Mr. Gilliar reveal he was absent from that meeting. (*Ex. B attached hereto.*) On February 19, 2017, Mr. Bobulinski messaged Mr. Gilliar that he is “[i]n Miami.” Mr. Gilliar responded, “I left there Thursday,” and Mr. Bobulinski, in disbelief, replies, “R u kidding? U [should] have told me where r u now.” Mr. Gilliar then proceeded to explain to Mr. Bobulinski that Mr. Gilliar just wrapped up meetings with CEFC partners and agreed in principle on a deal, writing: “Was there with chairman of Chinese . . . We agreed a way forwards in [U.S.] to create investment platform, I wanna propose to my partners that we bring u in, [] u up for it . . . I know u are the right guy for the job, but busy!” Mr. Bobulinski replied, “Thx.” (*Id.*) The following day, on February 20, Mr. Bobulinski messaged Mr. Gilliar, “Who is your partner?” and Mr. Gilliar responds, “Hunter Biden.” Mr. Bobulinski then said, “U tell me when and where and will meet u,” and Mr. Gilliar replied, “Maybe u come to meet the [number] 2 with me next weeks, I just need my partners to buy in.” (*Id.*)

The evidence will be uncontradicted that Mr. Bobulinski was **not at**, or even aware of, the meeting in Miami between Mr. Biden and CEFC, where an initial joint venture was discussed and agreed to in principle. February 20, 2017 (and not April 2016) is also the first time that Mr. Bobulinski learned that Mr. Biden may be a potential business partner.

As further corroboration of Mr. Bobulinski’s absence from the meeting in question, Mr. Walker stated the following under oath during his interview with the FBI (*Walker’s FD-302 was also included among the IRS agents’ case materials disclosed to the public via House Ways and Means*):<sup>12</sup>

- “Walker explained that he, RHB [Robert Hunter Biden], and Gilliar made some introductions on behalf of CEFC”;
- “Walker paid for expenses for RHB’s trip to Miami where he met with CEFC’s Chairman Ye”;
- “RHB and Walker met with Tony Bobulinski” in Los Angeles in May 2017; and
- after initial discussions, “Tony was brought in as they believed he could help as they pursued deals for CEFC in the infrastructure space.”

Mr. Walker does not discuss Mr. Bobulinski’s involvement in, let alone presence at, the February 2017 Miami meeting between Mr. Biden and Chairman Ye.

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<sup>11</sup> Bobulinski Interview Memo at 3 (emphasis added).

<sup>12</sup> H. Comm. on House Ways & Means, Joseph Ziegler Affidavit 4, Ex. 402, at 7–8 (*John Robinson Walker FBI FD-302*), available at [https://gop-waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/T61-Exhibit-402-John-Robinson-Walker-302-11.23.2021\\_WMRedacted.pdf](https://gop-waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/T61-Exhibit-402-John-Robinson-Walker-302-11.23.2021_WMRedacted.pdf) (last accessed Oct. 5, 2023).

Mr. Bobulinski made additional false statements to the FBI when he recounted that “[a]t **the meeting**, BOBULINSKI witnessed a large diamond gemstone given as a gift to HUNTER BIDEN by YE” and “[t]he work conducted by CEFC, GILLIAR, WALKER, HUNTER BIDEN, JAMES BIDEN and YE over the preceding two years was discussed in detail **at the Miami meeting**.”<sup>13</sup> Both statements are false and dubious on their face, given Mr. Bobulinski had no firsthand, eyewitness knowledge of any diamond gemstone, nor any involvement with the meeting in question. Additionally, Mr. Bobulinski’s interview memo notes that “[a]n arrangement to provide compensation to HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN – in the form of payments and future investment opportunities – was discussed **at the Miami meeting**.”<sup>14</sup> For the same reasons, this statement is also false. Mr. Bobulinski would have **no** firsthand knowledge of any business or compensation arrangements involving Mr. Biden or his family from this meeting.

Mr. Bobulinski further lied about the business discussions among the partners involved in the JV. In an effort to further MAGA Republicans’ false, misguided, and partisan allegations of so-called influence peddling by the Biden family, Mr. Bobulinski has repeatedly promoted a May 13, 2017 email from Mr. Gilliar to Mr. Bobulinski, cc’ing Mr. Walker and Mr. Biden, discussing the financial capitalization of the joint venture with CEFC. (*Ex. C attached hereto.*) The email reads, in part, “that the equity will be distributed as follows[:] 20 H [] 20 RW [] 20 JG [] 20 TB [] 10 Jim [] 10 held by H for the big guy ?” Mr. Bobulinski falsely told investigators that this email (later published by the *New York Post*) “related to **the Miami meeting**,” which “included discussions about the ownership split of the JV partners.”<sup>15</sup> Yet Mr. Bobulinski was **not present at that meeting** or privy to any discussions. Rather, Mr. Bobulinski—the GOP’s planned “impeachment” witness and so-called “whistleblower”—is just making things up, as he did not attend (or even know about) the Miami meeting until after it occurred and has no basis in fact by which to assert that there was a reference to the “big guy” or that it was not his own musing or that it was a reference to Vice President Joe Biden.<sup>16</sup>

Furthermore, Mr. Bobulinski knowingly lied and misled FBI investigators by falsely linking equity distributions as stated above as something discussed at the meeting in Miami—that Mr. Bobulinski was not a party to—despite the contradictory timeline of discussions actually involving Mr. Bobulinski in relation to expected equity breakouts. On May 1, 2017, Mr. Biden communicated in writing to Mr. Bobulinski, for the first time, **his** expectation of the equity breakout (by then, Mr. Gilliar had brought Mr. Bobulinski in to help formalize the JV agreement with CEFC). Mr. Biden described the terms clearly: “we should have a DE com(p) called CEFC America and ownership should be 50 me 50 them. We then cut up our 50 in a separate entity between the 4 of us.” (*Ex. D attached hereto.*) Mr. Biden then suggests naming the pass-through entity “BWGB,” which Mr. Biden understood to stand for “Biden,” “Walker,” “Gilliar,” and “Bobulinski,” thereby representing “the 4 of us,” without any mention of Jim (or Joe) Biden. (*Id.*) Mr. Bobulinski also knew that Jim Biden was not part of the equity considerations until later, because Mr. Bobulinski revealed his displeasure with adding Jim Biden into the equity distribution in his conversation with Mr. Gilliar on May 18, 2017. On May 18, Mr. Bobulinski messaged Mr. Gilliar, “H

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<sup>13</sup> Bobulinski Interview Memo at 3–4 (emphasis added).

<sup>14</sup> *Id.* at 4 (emphasis added).

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 5 (emphasis added).

<sup>16</sup> The interview memorandum states that the “big guy” “was a reference to JOSEPH BIDEN” and that “HUNTER BIDEN was going to hold JOSEPH BIDEN’s ownership percentage on behalf of JOSEPH BIDEN.” *Id.*

brought in Jim simply to leverage getting more equity for himself and family in the final hour, that is evident.” (*Ex. E attached hereto.*) After back-and-forth with Mr. Bobulinski over the final equity agreement, Mr. Gilliar told Mr. Bobulinski regarding the equity consideration for Jim Biden, “Mate and one last thing, **it was I that suggested the 20 percent** for [J]im,” referring to Mr. Gilliar’s own idea to give Jim Biden the equity stake, and **not** any other Biden family member. (*Id.* (emphasis added).)

Mr. Bobulinski knowingly lied and misled in this interview (and elsewhere) for the sake of maligning the character and reputation of Mr. Biden and his family, and to boost his own sense of self-worth. These falsehoods to federal investigators should not go unchecked.

## 2. True Origins of the “big guy” Email

On or around May 6–10, 2017, Mr. Biden and his associates, including Mr. Bobulinski, traveled to New York City to meet with CEFC while CEFC Chairman Ye and Director Zhang were in the United States to advance the formalization of the joint venture principally agreed to in Miami in February 2017. During this period, Mr. Gilliar and Mr. Bobulinski had led contract negotiations with Director Zhang. To the frustration and disappointment of those involved, CEFC Chairman Ye did not show up at any point to the meetings in New York during this time.

Following the meetings with CEFC in New York, Mr. Bobulinski shared his own disappointment and concern with Mr. Gilliar in WhatsApp messages on May 11, 2017, that “the chairman didn’t at least make 30 mins to see us while we all were in NYC to specifically see him[.]” (*Ex. F attached hereto.*) Mr. Bobulinski continued to convey his concerns about the deal with CEFC to Mr. Gilliar: “open your eyes a bit more and not take things at face value;” “they [are] calculated and they [are] running multiple horses in the race,” alluding to investor competition in the U.S. market for CEFC deals that Mr. Bobulinski and Mr. Gilliar were intimately aware. (*Id.*) Mr. Bobulinski then told Mr. Gilliar that Mr. Biden “should have been insulted they weren’t invited,” referring to a party thrown for CEFC Chairman Ye while Mr. Biden was in New York to meet with Ye. The guests for that party included James Woolsey, David Sandalow, Peter Cohen, and Steve Witkoff, and other invited guests of those four principals. (*Id.*)

Mr. Gilliar and Mr. Bobulinski knew these investors presented the greatest competition to their efforts to secure CEFC’s investment. Rather than expand its relationship with “BWGB,” CEFC was actually engaged in ventures with this “other” group of U.S. investors (hence Mr. Bobulinski’s reference to “running multiple horses”). In March 2017, CEFC and Chairman Ye agreed to a deal with Mr. Cohen’s firm, Cowen Group Inc., and agreed to provide \$175 million in new debt financing to Cowen Group as part of that same deal.<sup>17</sup> CEFC’s deal with Cowen Group was done *instead of* doing business with Messrs. Biden, Walker, Gilliar, and Bobulinski. During this same period, the Witkoff Group sought significant capital investments from CEFC in real estate properties in Las Vegas, New York, and Miami, including from the Bo Jian Group (a company controlled by Chairman Ye).<sup>18</sup> And Mr. Woolsey’s Institute

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<sup>17</sup> TD COWEN, *Cowen and CEFC China Announce Strategic Partnership* (Mar. 29, 2017), <https://www.cowen.com/news/cowen-and-cefc-china-announce-strategic-partnership/>. Mr. Gilliar and Mr. Bobulinski also shared WhatsApp messages about the structure of the CEFC deal with the Cowen Group.

<sup>18</sup> The Witkoff Group had already secured an agreement to terms with Chairman Ye and Bo Jian Group on a Las Vegas hotel and casino property. (*See Ex. I attached hereto.*)

for the Analysis of Global Security had received \$350,000 annually from CEFC's nonprofit arm.<sup>19</sup> Mr. Gilliar and Mr. Bobulinski were aware of these "other deals" involving CEFC in the United States, and would do *anything* they could to leverage their position and relationship.

It is in this context that, on May 11, 2017, Mr. Bobulinski and Mr. Gilliar discussed their concerns that Chairman Ye had skipped meetings with Mr. Biden in New York, while separately attending a party held by Mr. Witkoff. (*Ex. G attached hereto.*) Mr. Gilliar acknowledges this growing concern about competition for CEFC in a May 11 message to Mr. Bobulinski: "Man U are right let's get the company set up, then tell H and family the high stakes and get Joe involved." (*Id.*) Importantly, this notion of "get[ting] Joe involved" was referenced as an idea *by Mr. Gilliar to Mr. Bobulinski* in private, and never sent to Mr. Biden, as potential leverage to counter the competition for CEFC's U.S. investment.

Subsequent to their May 11 conversation, Mr. Bobulinski worked with Mr. Gilliar to prepare the relevant agreements to launch the joint venture with CEFC. To advance this effort, Mr. Gilliar sent Mr. Bobulinski an email on May 13, 2017 (notably, just 13 days after Mr. Biden first met Mr. Bobulinski in person), cc'ing Mr. Walker and Mr. Biden, subject line "Expectations." (*Ex. C attached hereto.*) Here, Mr. Gilliar explained to Mr. Bobulinski his expectations for the entity representing Mr. Biden's 50% share in the joint venture, including roles, responsibilities, salaries, relevant expenses, and his idea for a cap table. In reference to the equity distribution, Mr. Gilliar questions, "20 H [] 20 RW [] 20 JG [] 20 TB [] 10 Jim [] 10 held by H for the big guy ?" This question posed by Mr. Gilliar about the "big guy" reflects his or Mr. Bobulinski's (not Mr. Biden's) notion raised in their conversation two days prior, wherein Mr. Gilliar floated the idea of trying to "get Joe involved." In Mr. Walker's FBI interview, when asked by investigators about the reference to the "big guy," Mr. Walker said this was "wishful thinking" on the part of Mr. Gilliar or perhaps "projecting" that "maybe at some point, he [Joe] would be a piece of it," if in the long term the deal were successful.<sup>20</sup> This was all it was—speculation and "wishful thinking" on Mr. Gilliar's (and/or Mr. Bobulinski's) part—and nothing more, and never addressed or agreed to by Mr. Biden. In fact, Mr. Gilliar told *The Wall Street Journal* in October 2020 that he wished "to clear up any speculation that former Vice President Biden was involved with the 2017 discussions about our potential business structure. I am unaware of any involvement at anytime of the former Vice President. The activity in question never delivered any project revenue."<sup>21</sup>

For all that Republicans have tried to twist and spin the "big guy" email to fit their false narrative about the Bidens, there is nothing to suggest it was ever anything beyond a mere wish expressed by *Mr. Gilliar* to Mr. Bobulinski to help counter *their concerns* about perceived competition for CEFC's

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<sup>19</sup> Masood Farivar, *U.S. Charges Research Group Leader With China Lobbying*, VOICE OF AM. (July 10, 2023), <https://www.voanews.com/a/us-charges-think-tank-leader-with-working-on-behalf-of-china/7175497.html>. Notably, Mr. Woolsey's cofounder of the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, Gal Luft, has since been indicted by the DOJ for acting as an unregistered agent of *China*, sanctions violations, and illegal arms trafficking. Mr. Luft (a fugitive) has been identified by Oversight Chairman James Comer as a key "whistleblower" pertaining to Mr. Biden's business dealings with CEFC along with Bobulinski, despite that Mr. Luft was himself taking money from the same entity and has since been indicted on FARA charges.

<sup>20</sup> H. Comm. on House Ways & Means, Joseph Ziegler Aff. 4, Ex. 401, at 79 (*December 8, 2020, Transcribed Interview of John Robinson Walker*), available at [https://gop-waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/T60-Exhibit-401-John-Robinson-Walker-Interview-Transcript-12.08.2021\\_Redacted.pdf](https://gop-waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/T60-Exhibit-401-John-Robinson-Walker-Interview-Transcript-12.08.2021_Redacted.pdf) (last accessed Oct. 5, 2023) (hereinafter, "Walker Interview").

<sup>21</sup> *Hunter Biden's Ex-Business Partner Alleges Father Knew About Venture*, WALL ST. J. (Oct. 23, 2020), <https://www.wsj.com/articles/hunter-bidens-ex-business-partner-alleges-father-knew-about-venture-11603421247>.

investment in the United States. The allegation by Mr. Bobulinski or other Republicans that Joe Biden was part of any business deal with CEFC based on the “big guy” email is simply “wishful thinking” on their part. Mr. Bobulinski took this lie even further when he willfully told investigators that the reference, “10 held by H for the big guy,” originated from deal discussions that he witnessed as between Mr. Biden and Chairman Ye in Miami in February 2017. As explained above, Mr. Bobulinski was never at that meeting in Miami and this fantasy was his and Mr. Gilliar’s.

### 3. *May 2017 Involvement with Sinohawk*

The next set of false statements relate to Mr. Bobulinski’s involvement with the joint venture, named Sinohawk Holdings, LLC (“Sinohawk”). The interview memorandum states that “[s]ubsequent to the 2017 Miami meeting, BOBULINSKI worked on incorporating and structuring the new JV in accordance with the agreement made amongst the partners. The JV was named SINOHAWK HOLDINGS, LLC [] and incorporated as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) in the state of Delaware.”<sup>22</sup> However, Mr. Bobulinski was not involved in the early incorporation and formation of this new joint venture and was not brought into discussions until May 1, 2017 (more than two and a half months after Miami). On May 1, Mr. Biden met, for the first time, with Mr. Bobulinski in Los Angeles to discuss the structure ahead of their upcoming meeting days later with CEFC to finalize the agreement reached in principle in Miami. Mr. Bobulinski was merely informed of the proposed business structure ahead of the upcoming meetings.

That same day (May 1), as explained above, Mr. Biden sent a message to Mr. Bobulinski outlining **his ideas** for a financing structure of a potential deal. (*Ex. D attached hereto.*) Mr. Biden explained that the JV company would be called “CEFC America” (*with no reference to “Sinohawk”*), split evenly between Mr. Biden and Chairman Ye. Mr. Biden’s half would then be held by a “pass through” entity, split evenly four ways among Messrs. Biden, Walker, Gilliar, and Bobulinski (so-nicknamed “BWGB”)—nothing for Jim Biden and surely nothing for any “big guy.” While Mr. Bobulinski might wish to take credit for “work[ing] on incorporating and structuring the new JV” after the Miami meeting (**which he was not even at**), he was not involved in any preliminary discussions nor brought in to discuss the new joint venture until he met Mr. Biden on May 1, 2017, *mere days* before their meetings with CEFC to formalize the agreement. Again, Mr. Bobulinski lied to the FBI as to his enlarged role in the formation of the joint venture.

Finally, Mr. Bobulinski misled interviewing agents when they asked whether Joe Biden had been involved with any of the deals. The memorandum states, in response to that question, “BOBULINSKI met with JOSEPH BIDEN in-person on May 2, 2017 at approximately 10:30 PM at the Beverly Hills Hilton Hotel bar in Beverly Hills, California where they discussed SINOHAWK.”<sup>23</sup> The lie embedded in his statement is that Sinohawk did not come to exist until May 14, 2017. Communications show that Joe Biden did not arrive to the hotel until sometime after 11 PM that evening,<sup>24</sup> and there was no business “meeting.” At 11:40 PM (denoting only minutes of any contact) that evening, Mr. Bobulinski texted Jim Biden, “Great to meet u and send some time together, please thank Joe for his time, was great to talk thx Tony B.” (*Ex. H attached hereto.*) Mr. Bobulinski misrepresents that this was anything more than a meet-and-greet handshake at the hotel before the former Vice President was to give remarks at the Milken Conference on

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<sup>22</sup> Bobulinski Interview Mem0 at 5.

<sup>23</sup> *Id.* at 7.

<sup>24</sup> (*Ex. D attached hereto*) (Hunter Biden writes to Mr. Bobulinski, “Dad not in now until 11”).



the Cancer Moonshot, and had absolutely nothing to do with Joe Biden's (non)involvement in any of Mr. Biden's business ventures or a venture (Sinohawk) that was not in existence until later.<sup>25</sup>

#### 4. *April 2016 Meeting in Las Vegas*

The last set of false statements concern a meeting in April 2016 in Las Vegas. Notably, Rob Walker told FBI investigators that Mr. Bobulinski showed up to Las Vegas with whom he was led to believe was Alex Vekselberg, the son of Viktor Vekselberg, a Russian oligarch sanctioned by the U.S. government.<sup>26</sup> The interview memorandum states that "BOBULINSKI learned CEFC was involved in the deal during an **April 2016 meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada**. Present for the meeting was BOBULINSKI, GILLIAR, and ROB WALKER ('WALKER')." <sup>27</sup> The memorandum also states that "[a]t the meeting in Las Vegas, BOBULINSKI learned CEFC's identity, but he did not learn the identity of the prominent American family. BOBULINSKI subsequently learned the family in question was the family of JOSEPH BIDEN. Specifically, HUNTER BIDEN and JAMES BIDEN were active participants in the investment opportunity."<sup>28</sup> While the memorandum is unclear when exactly Mr. Bobulinski proffered that he learned about Hunter and James Biden's involvement, Mr. Bobulinski's WhatsApp messages with Mr. Gilliar reveal Mr. Bobulinski did not learn of Hunter's involvement until nearly **one year later**, on February 20, 2017, after the meeting in Miami with CEFC, when Mr. Bobulinski sent a message to Mr. Gilliar asking, "Who is your partner?" and Mr. Gilliar responded, "Hunter Biden." (*Ex. B attached hereto.*)

Furthermore, Mr. Bobulinski establishes that James "Jim" Biden's involvement was first discussed in a WhatsApp exchange with Mr. Gilliar on April 30, 2017—**not in Las Vegas** in 2016. Mr. Bobulinski asked Mr. Gilliar on April 30, "[W]hat is the deal w Jim Biden as he wasn't part of the discussion but now seems a focal point[.]" Mr. Gilliar replied, "With H demons, could be good to have a back up," referring to Mr. Biden's struggle with addiction at the time. (*Id.*) The following day, on May 1, 2017, Mr. Bobulinski sent another message to Mr. Gilliar, writing, "Just so I am conscious of things, what role do u want Jim playing? What role does Jim see himself playing?" (*Id.*) There is no way that Mr. Bobulinski was aware of any involvement by members of the "family in question" as early as April 2016 in Las Vegas, as he claimed in his interview to make himself a more important and knowledgeable witness.

#### C. **The Government Should Investigate Possible False Statements by Mr. Bobulinski to Federal Investigators in Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

Comparing the statements that Mr. Bobulinski made to the FBI with other communications of his or uncontradicted facts should result in an investigation as to whether the conduct of Mr. Bobulinski violated federal law—including, but not limited to, making materially false statements to the U.S. government in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and misleading a federal investigation.

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<sup>25</sup> 'Plausible Deniability': Tony Bobulinski Claims Biden Family Shrugged Off Concerns About Risk to 2020 Bid, FOX NEWS (Oct. 27, 2020), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/plausible-deniability-tony-bobulinski-biden-family> (describing his brief interaction with former Vice President Biden in which they discussed Joe Biden's speech about the Cancer Moonshot).

<sup>26</sup> Walker Interview at 54–55.

<sup>27</sup> Bobulinski Interview Memo at 3 (emphasis added).

<sup>28</sup> *Id.*

Mr. Bobulinski's false statements are obviously made to greatly exaggerate Mr. Bobulinski's short-lived business relationship with Mr. Biden in order to create a false narrative that Mr. Biden and Jim Biden were somehow involved in off-the-books business with CEFC Chairman Ye while Joseph Biden was still Vice President (the Las Vegas lie), and then memorialize that work at a meeting in Miami in February 2017, witnessed by Mr. Bobulinski (the Miami meeting lie), by proffering firsthand knowledge (that he didn't actually have) about an equity structure that included Joseph Biden referenced as the "big guy" (the "big guy" lie). This was all done to advance a debunked conspiracy theory that somehow Joseph Biden was involved in Mr. Biden's business venture with CEFC, including as Vice President. It is this same false narrative that serves as the improper and illusory basis of an impeachment inquiry by House Republicans, and the justification for Mr. Bobulinski's testimony. As established, Mr. Bobulinski's factual narrative is based on false testimony.

We kindly request that you please acknowledge receipt of this request. We can supplement this letter with additional materials and answer any questions you have.

Sincerely,



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