

So, he probably won't write on anything else other than Manafort and me fucking small dogs and serving in KGB. Sorry, GRU. Am not sure it is a smart idea strategically on their side, but the results will show. Maybe it was.

I will take Politico seriously and will go to Moscow to collect my paycheck at GRU (and publish it) only if he and Roman write with equal vigor on David Axelrod (worked on Tymoshenko's campaign in Ukraine, also in Nigeria), Mark Penn (worked in Ukraine, Colombia), David Plouffe (Azerbaijan), Jim Messina (Ukraine, Georgia, and parts unknown), James Carville (Argentina, Bolivia, Ukraine, and Greece), John Podesta (Russia - actually), Tad Devine (Ukraine - Party of Regions, Bolivia, etc). After all, GRU and CIA guys deserve the same treatment :))

What pisses me off is that FT bought into a bogus story without even getting their facts straight. They should have read Wikipedia or Akvarium by Victor Suvorov, for Christ's sake.

To be GRU you have to a) graduate from a military academy (4 years) and be commissioned as commanding officer of a platoon or company, b) serve in the real army for several years, then c) go to 4 years training at military Diplomatic academy, and d) be either sent as military attaché or diplomat under cover. That's it. GRU does not have agents abroad. Not its business after the reforms. The actual intelligence is either FSB (counterintelligence) or SVR (sluzhba vneshney razvedki, foreign intelligence). I can be neither because it also requires 4 more years of full time training at Red Banner Institute (now FSB academy).

I graduated from a military language institute (VKIMO, now - Military University). It trained translators and lawyers. Not commanding officers. Very similar to Fort Monterrey in the US. I was trained as translator, got B. S. in English and Swedish. Then taught Swedish literature and language for 2 years, and was invited by a pal to work for IRI. Do translations at their seminars for what seemed like incredible money in 1995. Never had any contacts later with military, KGB, Mossad, SAPO, BND, CIA or even my former co-eds, NONE of whom stayed in the military and who all do top jobs at telecoms, consulting, standard and poors, accounting etc. One guy owns a sex shop, one is a gay Belarus dissident happily married in Sweden. Several were ministers of something Ukraine (incl Kirill Kulikov, currently a rada deputy and minister of something - we do not talk because have time to keep in touch). And they all speak good English or whatever language they were taught. Making a point that I speak English because I am military intelligence does not hold water and is insulting to the readers.

I understand that in theory with Manafort being out and the whole campaign sort of accomplishing its goal it should be over. I am pretty sure the government of Ukraine will not harass me, because they know damn well what Manafort and I were doing. But I can not guarantee reaction of crazies, which is why I left Kiev for a few days, and will consider returning when the whole thing is over and the attention is attracted to other news.

I think key people understand everything well, and my role (far from being pro-Russian) is well known. Am not sure the Embassy or my friends give a shit about this crap - it was fully ignored by the Europeans, and I have gotten zero communication from the US Embassy. In any case I would not have been concerned if Ukraine were a rule of law country, and if journalists and other people had not been killed without clear reason. Political games seem like fun if you live in a country protected by law.

So that's where we are. Sorry for a long mail.

Best

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Тема: Re: it will be dream team

hey -- sorry not to have written for a few days. how are you doing? so paul is out and i suspect trump is fucked. course i thought so before. it seemed clear to me that he wasn't really listening to paul. i suspect you are probably wrong about how hrc will view ukraine -- she will see it as important because she will want to make life difficult for vvp -- what goes around comes around. that depresses me though -- i think ukraine should matter for its own sake and especially its people. she's likely to not care too much how pp governs.

do you think paul might be in trouble over the fara stuff? taxes? what about you -- are you likely to be in any trouble after these articles came out mentioning you? i thought the politico piece was a real hatchet job btw. did someone from iri days throw you under the bus?

anyway, sucks being so far removed from these things. i'm stuck figuring out how best to message to the government here that until they start groveling a bit they can kiss off imf money. they've behaved very badly toward the international community. they love to insult the western ambassadors, including yours truly. but i guess i'm getting a thicker skin as a result. which could be useful if i ever come back to ukraine.

On Thu, Aug 18, 2016 at 8:42 PM, K. Kilimnik <kkilimnik@dmpint.com> wrote:

Yes, it is kind of insane and I hate being dragged into it. The whole city has turned into Manafort experts :(((

and when I try to talk to a few journos who seem to make sense, they still are looking for sexy details like Manafort and Yanuk making BBQ out of Ukrainian kids and yours truly putting logs into the fire... and they still write some bizarre crap. Even the smart ones.

Nobody really seems to care about serious things and implications of victory of any candidate. The narrative seems to be too simple for the media -- Red "Putin buddy" Trump vs. good American Hillary.

I am not sure I buy into "Putin's buddy Trump" story promoted by the media. Having seen Manafort last week I got a sense that everything that Trump says about Russia and Ukraine is Trump's own emotional opinion, not campaign strategy. Manafort is not influencing it, otherwise the message would have been much more balanced.

A lot of folks in Moscow believe that no matter what the outcome of the elections is, and no matter what Moscow does in Ukraine or elsewhere, the US will increase the sanctions and will punish Putin even if somebody in DC farts. Most people believe Russia can live with anyone as the US President -- be it Obama, or Trump, or Clinton or even Nelson Mandela risen from his grave. Funny, but some people among the elite actually prefer Clinton as they consider her weak and emotionally unstable, potentially leading to a bigger mess in the US than under theoretical Trump presidency. Trump, on the contrary, is perceived to be stronger in defending the US interests and actually taking tougher position on Russia. But the media seems to care more about whether Manafort used prostitutes and what is the length of his dick, rather than really important details.

Ultimately Russian oligarchs believe that it will be up to Russia, not the US to fix its economy and do reforms -- more and more of people up north agree with that. So we'll see what happens, and I fully disagree with "Russians love Trump" story. Some Russians might love Trump, but there is more of a

common sense and pragmatism.

Second point – based on my almost daily contacts with Manafort these days on this “Ukraine crisis”, I sense no panic inside the campaign. Contrary to the spin, Manafort was not demoted and in fact has strengthened his team with people who might make the campaign stronger. Rick believes that by these appointments they made some big funders feel more comfortable and fill Trump’s war chest. Again, there is the unpredictability of the Trump factor, but some days are better than others, but Manafort totally gets that.

What others do not see is that Manafort is building a parallel system of HQ, pretty similar to what he has done in Ukraine for PofR, which plays a crucial role in key moments. Whether he has time to finish it is another story. Manafort knows how to finish strong and is building the foundation. I guess Clinton’s people get this, which explains the latest round of attacks against Manafort, aimed at removing him from the helm. Manafort (and I guess Trump believe (not without grounds) that the whole thing is artificially instigated by Ukr authorities. Paul’s mention in the “black accounting ledger” is either a fake or some internal scheme in which PofR people pocketed money or used it on something else, and there is zero chance that any of this can be proved. Having been inside the house I know that Manafort was paid only by wire transfers and he must have declared every dollar of what he personally made. He knows how to play this game. In short, they do not feel vulnerable and while it is becoming an issue for some GOP folks, as they say in Russia “the dog barks, and the caravan proceeds”.

I really am not in position to comment on campaign – I have heard from several of their internal sources that Trump’s internal polling shows signs of strengthening of their positions among key target groups they care about. Right now this means nothing, but the whole thing is far from being over, and ultimately it will depend on what kind of campaign both Trump and Clinton run. Clinton has much more money and much better organization, but she is not strong among some key audiences. Manafort knows how to make use of it and compensate for their temporary organizational deficiencies and in some cases sabotage and incompetence of GOP.

So, the conclusions I would make (understanding that all is in flux and both Trump and HRC are quite unpredictable in damaging themselves) are

- 1.the campaign is not over. Both Trump and HRC have 50/50 chance of winning, and a lot will depend on what happens next. If the current attacks succeed in forcing Trump to get rid of Manafort, then it is of course over, and HRC can start choosing her shoes and dress for inauguration, while the FLOTUS can start looking at Swimwear Illustrated again. But at this point it has not worked. There is probably nothing that can damage Trump’s campaign other than Trump himself.
- 2.Ukraine is fucked in any case unless it gets its act together and starts to deserve people’s attention. If Trump loses and HRC becomes the President, Ukraine is likely to be somewhere between #140 and #150 on the list of 100 top priorities of the new Administration. If Trump becomes the President, Ukraine’s place on the list of priorities will be pretty much the same. You will probably have a much deeper understanding of how your folks at the State think, but this is my sense anyways. When Trump sees mention of Ukraine in papers, things might click in his brain and he will make a connection that PP and his assholes attacked his people. There will be no revenge – there simply will be no attention. Whoever runs Ukraine in a theoretical Trump Administration will put a poster on his wall with Toria’s famous quote, just with letter “E” removed. Whoever runs Ukraine in a theoretical Clinton administration will probably do the same.

My 2 cents anyways... Hope you are enjoying Lusaka. Weather here in Kiev sucks, and the whole city is not what it used to be. There is a lot of tension and people really deserve a better life.

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Тема: Re: it will be dream team

I'm sorry you got dragged into it - but Manafort is a big boy and doubtless knew what he was getting in to - it does appear to have had an effect on his standing with Trump though.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2016, at 4:50 PM, K. Kilimnik <kkilimnik@dmpint.com> wrote:

Am doing fine, am a bit surprised about all the attention to Manafort. Guess he knew what was coming when he accepted Trump's proposal.

It will be interesting to see what will happen when Manafort will sue NYT and AP about absolutely ungrounded charges. The unofficial accounting of course was there, but Manafort has never received a dollar in cash. I am checking my records, but got a feeling that those records that mention him are fake - there was a long period when he was not paid, and the dates actually do not match what was written.

Same thing on lobbying - the scheme that Yanuk used was complicated, and involved many elements, including stupid Ina Kirsch. The money was not going through Manafort, and there is no formal link. Moreover, people who were involved are aware that he was not even managing that monkey - she was totally insane, and I made every effort to isolate Manafort from her.

I have a feeling that a lot of stupid and ungrounded things will be written, all aimed at removing Manafort from Trump. But we'll see what happens.

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Тема: Re: it will be dream team

How are you doing? Weathering things ok?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2016, at 8:53 PM, K. Kilimnik <kkilimnik@dmpint.com> wrote:

We met yesterday, had a nice chat. I was not really able to help Maria with the questions she had, some of which were on Manafort's business deals. But I think I shed light on some of the wrong concepts that people have.

I honestly have no idea why people are so interested in him - he is no different from other people with similar experience, and he is not a presidential candidate.

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Тема: Re: it will be dream team

How did it go?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 2, 2016, at 7:47 AM, K. Kilimnik <kkilimnik@dmpint.com> wrote:

We agreed to meet for coffee Wednesday when I get there.

She seems sensible and balanced, and probably has more detail knowledge of Ukrainian politics and all resident diplomats combined. :))

От: eric schultz <etschultz111@gmail.com>  
Дата: Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:55 PM  
Кому: Константин Килимник <kkilimnik@dmpint.com>  
Тема: Re: it will be dream team

She's in DC - maybe you could have coffee while you are there?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 1, 2016, at 6:10 PM, K. Kilimnik <kkilimnik@dmpint.com> wrote:

let's see if they survive till October. Yats song is not over yet, but he is corrupted and greedy as hell. And does not stand a chance if the country moves to a more balance. But Ostap is different – he is the cleanest of them all, has the right values, and if there is indeed an idea to build a real party, then this is certainly something to look at for both of us.

I sure do remember Maria. She seemed like a balanced person, with understanding of details. Not like this guy [http://www.nytimes.com/2016-08/01/us/paul-manafort--ukraine-donald-trump.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016-08/01/us/paul-manafort--ukraine-donald-trump.html?_r=0) – he got everything wrong and even managed to misspell Zhenya Kopatko's name. You can put her in touch with me via email, and I could probably talk to her on deep background. I am flying to the US tomorrow for a few days (Manafort household issues), but should be back in Kiev on Friday.

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Тема: Re: it will be dream team

So if I come in October it might be to introduce a friend to Yats - Ostap says they need help. Maybe we could revive our consulting firm idea?  
Btw - do you remember Maria Danilova? She's with AP now - would you be willing to talk to her on deep background?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 1, 2016, at 6:26 AM, K. Kilimnik <kkilimnik@dmpint.com> wrote:

Moscow is not worth Klaudia. But you would be the best Ambassador I know. John is good, but times are changing and a much more active person would do a better job, particularly in outreach to business and others who are not on the official Embassy contact list.

Of course your State Department does not understand this and will probably end up send some sort of a scared mouse there, who will sit inside the Embassy in constant fear of Russians. And sometimes talk to the "democrats", most of whom are shot-down pilots anyways.

I am still working with SL and Opposition Block, sort of continuing the work we started with Manafort but without him until the Oppo Block gets its act together and decides what its leaders want to do. Basically keeping my head above the water. When November is over, I will have to reassess and see where the opportunities are. I do not want to leave Ukraine and go back to Moscow, although my situation is quite the opposite – Katya is from time to time kicks me in the ass for not being too willing to leave Kiev and go back. :)) But things may change in Ukraine – we'll see what happens. This government will not survive for a long time.

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Тема: Re: it will be dream team

Moscow's not happening - Klaudia would leave me.

I'll let you know when October firms up.

Are you still working with SL etc. or have you had to lay off until the US election is done?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2016, at 3:45 PM, K. Kilimnik <kkilimnik@dmpint.com> wrote:

Yes, it has been quite a nightmare. I guess after these few months I could be teaching Eskimo how to hide in Zambia so that no one can find them. :))

Unless things get screwed up completely in Kiev – I will definitely be around in October. We are having hard time planning anything – Margo is going to school in Germany in September, and Larisa just graduated from Warwick University and is looking at various jobs in the south-eastern Asia. Once we figure out where everybody is, Catherine and I can hop on the plane and come your way. When would

be good time to visit?

BTW - Any chance you could look at the job in Moscow? Looking at how things are going, you could accomplish a lot of spectacular things there.

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Тема: Re: it will be dream team

hey - what's up? i bet the Manafort connection is keeping you busy these days. i'm two weeks from putting the election here behind me. can't wait. i may be in kyiv in october btw -- will you be around? any chance you'll come here for a visit?

On Thu, Jun 9, 2016 at 1:50 PM, K. Kilimnik <kkilimnik@dmpint.com> wrote:

[http://www.gazeta.ru/social/-news/2016/06/07/n\\_8734667.-shtml](http://www.gazeta.ru/social/-news/2016/06/07/n_8734667.-shtml) this was pretty much the only statement by Ostap, then things got into the political orbit between Poroshenko and Sadovy, who understands the threat of the fire and deaths of the firemen to his political ratings. Ostap, if there are any resources, could have been a "problem solver", being there with the people showing his effectiveness and leadership. Maybe he already is doing it, and I simply do not see the coverage.

He can be the first client if you decide to retire, but remember that he does not have his own money and is too smart to be part of a monkey herd. Maybe this will change -- he is a very smart guy, and deserves a better role in a better government. I would also suggest looking at other former Soviet Union countries -- shit is about to hit the fan in Stans, especially Kazakhstan, and people with your level of attention to details and understanding of the culture are, unfortunately, very rare in the State Department. I think you could make a major difference, and play a serious role in dealing with the next crisis. Of course, private business is sometimes more fun, but it is just bad time for the world.

Interesting on Masha and George -- I honestly believe that by the time they get rid of their prejudices the country will change, either dramatically for the better, or dramatically for the worse. I do not have high hopes for any, as I have seen digression from your and Tefft times here, and won't be surprised about anything.

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Тема: Re: it will be dream team

is suspect Tymoshenko is feeding her lines. Not that bright by all accounts but no way she's in Russian's pocket after two years lost. not even Ukrainians can be bought under those circumstances. and yes, she does pose a big problem for PP.

you know my thoughts on coming w/o prejudices. sadly i expect they both have some. and yes, it could be some time before she gets confirmed. i wonder if they keep pyatt until then -- he's going to greece btw.

on ostep, tell me more about the firesale? he's been busy and i haven't wanted to bother him too much so we've not talked for several weeks.

i'm still thinking about retiring next year btw -- and doing private consulting. maybe his ministry can be an early client...

On Tue, Jun 7, 2016 at 5:50 PM, K. Kilimnik <kkilimnik@dmpint.com> wrote:

:)) Being pro-ukraine has various definitions. The nation is clearly more divided than ever, so being objective is more important than coming with prejudices.

I guess things with her Senate confirmation kind of gotten silent, and nobody at the embassy can even predict when things will start moving. What happens in Ukraine is obviously key, and things may go different ways. Think Russians are out of money and are tired of fighting, and have no appetite for another war, so they will let Ukrainians blow themselves up. Savchenko made an interesting point today saying she is ready to negotiate directly with DNR and LNR leadership -- something that PP has been avoiding to do for 2 years. Do not know if this is stupidity, or some sort of Tymo's political game, or a Russian plot, because she came out surprisingly well prepared out of the Russian jail, and her messages that she is putting forward are coherent and have all signs of coming into her brain from the outside, whatever it is.

Hope you are advising Ostep to be more active about this whole junkyard fire scandal. PP and Sadovy got into a pissing match today, Sadovy demanding Kyiv's help and PP telling him to play politics. Ostep would be better off being on the site and dealing with people, which he might be doing anyways and it is simply not seen in the media.

Best

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Тема: Re: it will be dream team

he's ok i think -- though yes, very pro-ukraine

she's not (doesn't handle pressure and can be difficult) but then she might be more russian oriented than you realize. she never learned ukrainian when she was in kyiv before; but speaks good russian

On Thu, May 19, 2016 at 7:19 AM, K. Kilimnik <kkilimnik@dmpint.com> wrote:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/-the-press-office/2016/05/18/-president-obama-announces--more-key-administration-posts>

Masha Jovanovich and George Kent. All with deep affection to one camp. They might have as well nominated Steve Nix to serve as super ambassador.