

Report	Information	Corroboration/Analyst Notes
		<p>Beginning in 2008, Manafort began business negotiations with Ukrainian national Dmitry Firtash. Manafort and his American business partners sought to purchase the Drake Hotel, tear it down, and build a luxury apartment building. Firtash created an investment fund for the venture, but the deal never materialized. In December of 2011, former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko filed a lawsuit in New York, claiming that Firtash was investing ill-gotten profits from Ukrainian energy deals. The case was eventually dismissed for lack of evidence, but the lawsuit did mention the 2008 venture with Manafort.^{322, 323}</p> <p>From 2007-2014 it appears that Manafort continued to consult for Viktor Yanukovich and the POR. After Yanukovich fled to Russia in February of 2014, it was reported that Serhiy Lyovochkin, Yanukovich's former chief of staff, put Manafort on retainer for the POR (now called the Opposition Block or Oppo Block).^{324, 325, 326, 327}</p>
<p>2016/135 *10/19/16 **10/19/16</p>	<p>"Things had become even 'hotter' since August on the Trump-Russia track."</p>	<p>There were articles about Paul Manafort's connections to Ukraine and Russia on 4 August, 15 August, 16 August, and 17 August 2016.^{328 329 330 331}</p> <p>As of August 2016 Manafort is the active subject of a money laundering and tax evasion criminal case out of Washington Field Office (WFO).³³²</p> <p>In July of 2016 it was reported that a document was recovered during the investigation of Ukrainian justice official indicating that Manafort had hired the law firm Skadden, Arps, Meaghe & Flom to draft a report defending the prosecution and incarceration of former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko.^{333, 334}</p> <p>In August 2016, the Ukrainian National Anti-Corruption Bureau discovered a ledger purportedly belonging to the POR. During investigation of this ledger they claimed that Manafort's name is</p>

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