

Statements from 09/15/2016 Meeting Between Source and George Papadopolous:

During the meeting, Source asked Papadopolous about Russian/Wikileaks involvement in the release of Democratic National Committee emails.

Source: "...and given Hillary's weakness and your strengths, help from a third party like Wikileaks or some other third party like the Russians could be incredibly helpful. I mean it might make all the difference."

Papadopolous: "As again, of course we don't advocate for this type of activity, cause at the end of the day it's illegal. First and foremost, it compromises US national security and third it sets a very bad precedent so the campaign does not advocate for this, it does not support what is happening, if the indirect consequences are out of our hands, that's how, that's the best way I can. For example, our campaign is not engaged or reaching out to Wikileaks or to whoever it is to tell them please work with us collaboratively because we don't. No one does that. Unless there is something going on I don't know, which I doubt as I don't think anybody would risk their life or potentially going to prison over doing something like that because at the end of the day it's an illegal, illegal activity. Espionage is treason. This is a form of treason.

Source: "You know, well, particularly involvement with American elections."

Papadopolous: "Especially is somebody is collaborating with X group that no one yet knows who they are. I mean that's why it became a very big issue when Mr. Trump said 'Russia if you are listening.' Do you remember?"

Source: "Yeah, I remember that moment."

Papadopolous: "We had to retract it. Of course he didn't, he doesn't mean for them to hack or engaging in espionage, but the media took it and ran with it."