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**THE SET-UP - PART 2**

*“In a time of universal deceit - telling the truth is a revolutionary act.” Unknown*

Last week’s Republican Perspective highlighted George Papadopoulos’ recent public interview. Papadopoulos is a former Trump campaign adviser. He is now serving a 14-day Federal prison sentence for lying to investigators. Let’s continue with Part 2:

Stefan Halper

Halper is a foreign policy expert and a University of Cambridge professor. He has connections to the CIA and its British counterpart, MI6. The Washington Post identified Halper as an FBI informant in the Russia case. Out of the blue, he emails Papadopoulos two months before the 2016 election. He offers him \$3,000 to write a policy paper on issues related to Turkey, Cyprus, Israel and the Leviathan natural gas field. Halper also offered to pay for Papadopoulos’s flight and a three-night stay in London.

Halper has his associate, Azura Turk meet Papadopoulos in London. Turk is a Turkish national. She tries to seduce Papadopoulos and get him to say things about Russia.

Papadopoulos then meets with a belligerent Halper. He disagrees with Papadopoulos’ ideas about the energy business, about Turkey, Israel, Cyprus, and Greece. Halper seems more interested in belittling Trump than the policy paper. He wants to hear things about Russia.

Before leaving London, Papadopoulos again meets with Halper. Halper pulls out his phone and says: “George, it’s obviously in your interest to be working with Russia, to hack emails, and that the Russians are helping you and that you’re complicit in this conspiracy, isn’t that right, George?” Papadopoulos responds: “I don’t know what you’re talking about. What you’re talking about is treason. I have zero information about what you’re talking about and neither does anyone on the campaign. So, just leave me alone.”

Sergei Millian

Millian is a Belarusian-American businessman considered to be a major source for the infamous and unverified Christopher Steele dossier on Trump. The dossier that was funded by the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee. Millian meets Papadopolous in the Fall of 2016 and offers him a deal — \$30,000 a month with a great office in Manhattan, to provide PR for an ex-minister in Russia. But Millian added

a qualifier. Papadopoulos would have to work for Trump at the same time – in his administration – and can't tell anybody.

Papadopolous tells Millian that he's not interested and to leave. At President Trump's inauguration, an associate of Millian tells Papadopoulos that Millian was working with the FBI.

### Charles Tawil

Tawil is an Israeli American businessman who has worked as a consultant for companies in Africa and the Middle East. He initially meets Papadopoulos in Greece and asks him to come to Israel.

At the meeting in Israel, Papadopoulos claims that Tawil escorts him to a room with ex-Israeli intelligence people. They begin talking to him about a software program that helps with social media manipulation. They claim that the CIA and FBI are clients.

Tawil asks Papadopoulos to come to his room where he gives him \$10,000 in U.S. \$100 bills. Tawil says the money is a retainer for a \$10k/month consulting agreement for gas and petroleum infrastructure companies operating in the Aegean Sea, Cyprus and Middle East.

Papadopoulos leaves Israel for Greece. He contacts Tawil and tells him to come get his \$10k as he does not want to do business with him. Tawil doesn't want it back! Papadopoulos gives the money to his lawyer in Greece, where it remains today.

### Arrested

Papadopoulos flew home to D.C. where he is arrested by the FBI. He is handcuffed before reaching Customs. Agents go through his bags looking for the \$10k. Agents did not show Papadopoulos a warrant and didn't tell him why he was under arrest. He found out the next day before a magistrate. This is when he learned of the charges of lying to the FBI and obstruction.

Papadopoulos lied to the FBI that his contact with Joseph Mifsud occurred before he joined the Trump team in March 2016. Papadopoulos told investigators that he did not inform anyone on the Trump campaign about Mifsud's claims. His attorney's said: "He told the agents he was unaware of anyone in the campaign knowing of the stolen Hillary Clinton emails prior to the emails being publicly released."

In summary, President Trump needs to release unredacted documents related to the Russian probe. He did so in September but the Department of Justice (DOJ) requested that its Inspector General review the documents before going public. The apparent reason was key foreign allies asked that the documents not be released unredacted.

Almost three months later, the review is still pending. Transparency may help cure the DOJ corruption. Mr. President, release the documents.