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JOHN KINNEY MASHBURN, date of birth (DOB) [redacted] social security account number [redacted] was interviewed at the Special Counsel's Office, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20546. MASHBURN was accompanied by his attorney, [redacted], from the Gammon, Howard & Zeszotarski law firm, 115 1/2 West Morgan Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601. [redacted] telephone number is [redacted]. Present from the Special Counsel's Office were Assistant Special Counsel (ASC) Aaron Zelinsky and FBI Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

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MASHBURN was provided with a proffer agreement for this interview. He reviewed the agreement with [redacted] and they both signed it. MASHBURN was advised intentionally providing false statements to FBI Agents was a violation of federal law. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, MASHBURN provided the following information:

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

MASHBURN worked as a volunteer for the DONALD J. TRUMP campaign until he became full time, in either late March or early April 2016. MASHBURN primarily worked out of the campaign's office in Alexandria, Virginia. His official title was Policy Director and he reported directly to RICK DEARBORN. SAM CLOVIS was the Policy Director prior to MASHBURN's arrival and in a sense, MASHBURN assumed CLOVIS' position when he came on board. CLOVIS was a radio surrogate and he recruited the individuals who attended the foreign policy meeting on March 31, 2016.

MASHBURN worked on domestic policy matters such as health care, the national budget, and matters related to the Armed Services. MASHBURN often reached out to various experts in those fields for policy advice and guidance. MASHBURN managed approximately four to six people during the early part of the campaign, most of which worked on foreign policy matters. The others worked on judiciary matters. WALID PHARES was an individual who worked on foreign policy. PHARES made a television appearance on behalf of the campaign which was viewed negatively by the campaign. PHARES eventually quit because he wasn't paid. A lot of campaign officials were upset about not being paid and it became an issue for the

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campaign. JD GORDON was another example. GORDON was responsible for policy matters related to the Armed Services and likely would have been paid if he had stuck around longer. GORDON and PHARES both did great work for the campaign. [REDACTED] also worked in the Alexandria office with MASHBURN. [REDACTED] handled both domestic and foreign policy matters.

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In addition to working out of the Alexandria office, MASHBURN also had regular interactions with the campaign in New York, specifically through STEPHEN MILLER. MASHBURN referred to himself as MILLER's research assistant. MILLER often traveled with candidate TRUMP and accompanied him on his airplane.

FOREIGN POLICY MEETING ON MARCH 31, 2016

MASHBURN did not attend the foreign policy meeting at the Trump International Hotel in Washington, DC on March 31, 2016. MASHBURN was on-boarding with the campaign at the time. In addition, MASHBURN was a "domestic guy" and would have had nothing to do with a foreign policy meeting. TRUMP was close to receiving the nomination so MASHBURN was busy preparing for the general election and the debates. When asked if MASHBURN knew what was discussed at the meeting, he stated no, and relayed that GORDON had merely told him the meeting took place.

EMAIL FROM GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS

MASHBURN recalled receiving an email from GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS in either late May or early June 2016. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MASHBURN believed he had received it while he was looking out the window of the Alexandria office. MASHBURN conducted searches for the email prior to this interview but was unable to locate it. [REDACTED]

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MASHBURN believed PAPADOPOULOS sent the email prior to the Republican National Convention (RNC) but he did not have discussions about it with other members of the campaign during the RNC. MASHBURN thought PAPADOPOULOS was merely trying to use headlines to make himself relevant. When MASHBURN received the email he thought, "I'm not dealing with this." If MASHBURN was to have done anything with the email, he would have