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Re: Foreign registered agents

From: jpalmieri@hillaryclinton.com
To: re47@hillaryclinton.com
Date: 2015-04-17 01:38
Subject: Re: Foreign registered agents

Take the money!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2015, at 9:44 PM, Robby Mook
<re47@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

Marc made a convincing case to me this am that these sorts of
restrictions

don't really get you anything...that Obama actually got judged MORE harshly as a result. He convinced me. So...in a complete U-turn, I'm ok just taking the money and dealing with any attacks. Are you guys ok with that?

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From: Dennis Cheng <dcheng@hillaryclinton.com>

Date: Thu, Apr 16, 2015 at 6:13 PM

Subject: RE: Foreign registered agents

To: Marc Elias <meliase@hillaryclinton.com>, Robby Mook <re47@hillaryclinton.com>

Cc: Karuna Seshasai <kseshasai@hillaryclinton.com>, Huma Abedin <

ha16@hillaryclinton.com>, Jesse Ferguson <jferguson@hillaryclinton.com>,

Kristina Schake <kschake@hillaryclinton.com>, Tony Carrk <tcarrk@hillaryclinton.com>, Rebecca Leal <rleal@hillaryclinton.com>,

Nicholas Pancrazio <npancrazio@hillaryclinton.com>, Beth Jones <

bjones@hillaryclinton.com>, John Podesta <jp66@hillaryclinton.com>

Hi all - we really need to make a final decision on this. We're getting to the point of no return...

From: Marc Elias [mailto:meliase@hillaryclinton.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 7:38 AM

To: Robby Mook

Cc: Dennis Cheng; Karuna Seshasai; Huma Abedin; Jesse

Ferguson; Kristina

Schake; Tony Carrk; Rebecca Leal; Nicholas Pancrazio; Beth

Jones; John

Podesta

Subject: Re: Foreign registered agents

If we do it case by case, then it will be subjective. We would look at who

the donor is and what foreign entity they are registered for.

In judging

whether to take the money, we would consider the relationship between that

country and the United States, its relationship to the State Department

during Hillary's time as Secretary, and its relationship, if any, to the

Foundation. In judging the individual, we would look at their history of

support for political candidates generally and Hillary's past campaigns

specifically.

Put simply, we would use the same criteria we use for lobbyists, except

with a somewhat more stringent screen.

As a legal matter, I am not saying we have to do this - we can decide to simply ban foreign registrants entirely. I'm just offering this up as a middle ground.

On Thu, Apr 16, 2015 at 7:04 AM, Robby Mook <re47@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

Where do we draw the line though?

On Apr 15, 2015, at 11:22 PM, Marc Elias <meliass@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

Responding to all on this. I was not on the call this morning, but I lean away from a bright line rule here. It seems odd to say that someone who represents Alberta, Canada can't give, but a lobbyist for Phillip Morris can. Just as we vet lobbyists case by case, I would do the same with FARA. While this may lead to a large number of FARA registrants being denied, it would not be a flat our ban. A total ban feels arbitrary and will engender the same eye-rolling and ill will that it did for Obama.

On Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 11:09 PM, Dennis Cheng <dcheng@hillaryclinton.com>

wrote:

Hi all - we do need to make a decision on this ASAP as our friends who happen to be registered with FARA are already donating and raising.

I do want to push back a bit (it's my job!): I feel like we are leaving a good amount of money on the table (both for primary and general, and then DNC and state parties)... and how do we explain to people that we'll take money from a corporate lobbyist but not them; that the Foundation takes \$ from foreign govts but we now won't.

Either way, we need to make a decision soon.

From: Karuna Seshasai [mailto:kseshasai@hillaryclinton.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:35 PM

To: Huma Abedin

Cc: Robby Mook; Dennis Cheng; Jesse Ferguson; Marc Elias; Kristina

Schake; Tony Carrk; Rebecca Leal; Nicholas Pancrazio; Beth Jones; John

Podesta

Subject: Re: Foreign registered agents

Following up on the call from 9:30.

The policy would be to not allow any currently registered foreign agents (those who register with FARA) to contribute or raise for the campaign. If someone terminates their registration, they would be allowed to contribute or raise for the campaign.

Marc, we'd especially like your perspective on adopting this policy..

On Tue, Apr 14, 2015 at 5:06 PM, Huma Abedin <ha16@hillaryclinton.com>

wrote:

That would be helpful.

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On Apr 14, 2015, at 4:05 PM, Robby Mook <re47@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

Not to get too processy...but could you, me, Podesta, Tony, (and Huma if possible) and someone from comms do a quick 10 min call on this? We'll finalize a decision.

On Tue, Apr 14, 2015 at 12:57 PM, Karuna Seshasai <kseshasai@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

Wanted to follow back up on this.

We're consistently flagging more FARA registrants daily. In terms of # - we're at 27 out of 370 prospective bundlers - but to Jesse's question - that does not represent the costs of how much these folks would likely raise.

If we were looking at these folks below on a case by case basis, I'd want to specifically raise: Tony Podesta (Iraq, Azerbaijan, Egypt), Ben Barnes (Libya), John Merrigan (UAE), Wyeth Weidman (Libya), and Mike Driver (UAE connections)

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On Mon, Apr 13, 2015 at 3:18 PM, Karuna Seshasai <ksheshasai@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

Yes, it's attached and also copied/pasted below.

This is only 23 names of the first 350 prospective bundlers we looked at pre-launch. I anticipate more coming down the pipeline.

First Name

Last Name

FARA Registered Agent

Client (if listed)

Imaad

Zuberi

Beltway Government Strategies Inc (Zuberi is a Partner)

Office of the Monitoring MP for the Ministry of External
Affairs,

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (8/14/14 - Current)

Anthony "Tony"

Podesta

The Podesta Group

Republic of Iraq (2/28/13 - Current); Embassy of the Republic
of Azerbaijan

(1/31/13 Current); Republic of Cyprus (11/13/12 - Current);

Republic of

Kosovo (3/13/12 - Current); Republic of Albania (4/15/11 -
Current);

Republic of India (10/8/10 - Current); National Security
Council of Georgia

(2/3/10 - Current); Hong Kong Trade Development Council (4/20/09 - Current);

The Government of the Arab republic of egypt (4/1/09 - Current, previously

5/18/07- 6/30/07) PLM Group, LLC (9/27/07- 3/1/09); Podesta Associates, Inc (2/17/94- 2/10/95)

Ben

Barnes

Ben Barnes Group for National Board

The Following Up and Recovering of the Libyan Looted and Disguised Funds of

the Transitional Government of Libya, through Washington African Consulting

Group, Inc (12/3/14 - Current); and Sharp & Barnes LLP for The Republic of

Colombia Federacion Nacional de Departamentos (8/31/10 - Current); and

Alcalde & Fay (10/21/94- 2/12/96)

Heather

Podesta

Heather Podesta

Taipei Economic and Cultural representative Office in the U.S.

(5/15/12 -

Current)

Hon. Ronnie

Shows

AUX Initiatives LLC

Dr Bashir Musa (8/18/14- Current)

John

Breaux

Patton Boggs

The Kurdistan regional Government (5/18/14 - Current),

Government of the

Republic of Cyprus (8/4/09 -10/31/11), Embassy of India,

Embassy of the

Republic of Peru, Government of the Republic of Cyprus (10/20

/08-

10/31/11), (9/25/07- 10/31/11),

(2/27/07- 10/31/11); and Breaux Lott Leadership Group for

Government of

Taiwan, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office

(5/21/09-

5/11/10)

John

Merrigan

DLA Piper LLP

Presidential Campaign of Hipolito Mejia; Embassy of the UAE
(1/30/12 -

Current), Embassy of the UAE; Executive Office of Dubai;
Government of

Turkey; Government of Ethiopia; Senado de Maxico; Sheikh
Mohammed Bin

Rashid Al Maktoum, Prime Minister and Vice President of the
UAE, Sheikh

Hamdan Bin Rashid AL Maktoum, Minister of Finance and Industry
of the UAE,

the Executive Office (12/15/08 - Current), Executive Office of
Dubai;

Government of Turkey; Government of Ethiopia; Senado de Maxico;
Borse Dubai

Limited; Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Prime Minister
and Vice

President of the UAE, Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid AL Maktoum,
Minister of

Finance and Industry of the UAE, the Executive Office (6/26/08
- Current),

(11/2/07, 5/10/07, 12/8/06, 11/20/06, 5/4/06); and Verner,
Liipfert,

Bernhard, McPherson & Hand, Chartered for (3/6/02, 4/26/01,
12/16/98,

10/3/97, 12/5/95, 6/2/95, 9/19/88, 8/5/85- 6/3/94)

Jonathon

Jones

Peck Madigan Jones

Embassy of New Zealand (6/10/13 - Current), ProExport Colombia
(4/22/11-
10/31/11)

Michael

Smith

Cornerstone Governmen Affairs, LLC

Justice Equality Movement Embassy of the Republic of Korea
(1/16/15 -
Current), LNG Allies Inc (7/2/14 - Current), Embassy of the
Republic of
Korea (3/7/14 - Current)

Paul

Brathwaite

Podesta Group

Embassy of Japan, Federal Republic of Somalia (9/16/13 -
Current), Republic
of Albania; National Security Council of georgia; Embassy of

Japan

(7/29/11- 6/30/12), Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt

(4/1/09-

12/31/10) and PLM Group for Government of the Arab Republic of
Egypt

(4/24/08- 3/1/09)

Thomas

Daschle

Daschle Group

Taipei Economic and cultural representative Office (*3/16/15 -
Current)*

Wyeth

Wiedeman

Ben Barnes Group

National Board for the Following Up and Recovering of the
Libyan Looted and

Disguised Funds of the Transitional Government of Libya,
through Washington

African Consulting Group, Inc (12/3/14 - Current); and Sharp &
Barnes LLP

for The Republic of Colombia Federacion Nacional de

Departamentos (2/2/11-

11/1/11)

Larry

Rasky

Rasky Baerlein Strategic Communications

Socialist Party of Albania (3/29/2010 - 9/22/2010) and Serbia
Investment
and Export Promotion Agency (10/26/2008 - 9/22/2010)

David

Castagnetti

Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti

Embassy of Panama (5/24/11 - 5/15/12); Province of Alberta
Canada (3/20/13-
6/1/13)

Gerald

Cassidy

Cassidy & Associates (10/4/07- 12/31/10; 8/27/91- 12/1/00;
6/4/84- 11/2/84)

Gov. Jim

Blanchard

DLA Piper US LLP (11/25/1991- 12/09/1992; 4/14/2009- 9/15/2010)

James "Jimmy"

Ryan

Elmendorf Ryan

Colombian Foreign Investment and Export Promotion Agency
(4/21/11 -10/13/11)

John

Quinn

Quinn Gillespie & Associates

Japan External Trade Organization; Shining Prospect; Government
of
Macedonia; Government of Republika Srpska (3/17/09 - 10/1/11);
Shining
Prospect, Government of Macedonia, Government of Republika
Srpska
(2/19/09); (6/20/07, 6/1/06, 12/22/04- 6/30/05)

Kelly

Bingel

Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti)

Embassy of Panama (5/24/11- 5/15/12), Province of Alberta
Canada

(3/20/13- 6/1/13)

Mike

Driver

Squire Patton Boggs

Al-Hamar Trading Group (6/21/12- 6/26/13); (6/16/03- 12/31/05)

Norm

Brownstein

Brownstwin Hyatt Farber Schreck (7/2/07- 10/17/07)

Steve

Elmendorf

Elmendorf Ryan

Colombian Foreign Investment and Export Promotion Agency

(4/21/11-

10/13/11)

Vic

Fazio

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld

Hong kong Trade Development Council (2/21/12; 6/24/05); and

Clark &

Weinstock (1/26/05- 5/31/05), (9/10/01- 6/30/03)

On Mon, Apr 13, 2015 at 3:07 PM, Dennis Cheng

<dcheng@hillaryclinton.com>

wrote:

Karuna, can you recirculate the list of foreign agents that we know of so

far? It's not a huge # in terms of the # of people - but it does include

people we are close with like Tony Podesta, DLA Piper, etc.

On Mon, Apr 13, 2015 at 3:05 PM, Jesse Ferguson <

jferguson@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

Is there anyway to ballpark what percent of our donor base this would apply

to (aka how much money we're throwing away)

Cost benefits are easier to analyze with the costs. :)

On Mon, Apr 13, 2015 at 2:59 PM, Marc Elias

<meliass@hillaryclinton.com>

wrote:

This is really a straight up political call. One middle option is to take case by case. If, for example, they are FARA registered for Canada, we may not case. If for N. Korea we would.

But really comm's call.

On Mon, Apr 13, 2015 at 2:46 PM, Karuna Seshasai <kseshasai@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

+ Nick and Beth.

Want to add that these folks can also be divided into two categories - those who lobbied while HRC was at State and those who are currently registered.

On Mon, Apr 13, 2015 at 2:40 PM, Dennis Cheng <dcheng@hillaryclinton.com> wrote:

We really need make a policy decision on this soon - whether we are allowing those lobbying on behalf of foreign governments to raise \$ for the campaign. Or case by case.

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(<https://tails.boum.org/>)

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(<https://www.couragefoundation.org/>)



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(<https://www.bitcoin.org/>)



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