

Hacked DNC File: Fears over Hidden Clinton Foundation Donations from Former Russian Uranium Exec

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On Tuesday, hacked Democratic National Committee (DNC) files [released](#) by the Guccifer 2.0 hacker reveal circulated talking points intended to combat the *Clinton Cash* revelation that the former head of the Russian uranium company Uranium One, Ian Telfer, made four undisclosed Clinton Foundation donations totaling [\\$2.35 million](#)—a clear violation of Hillary Clinton’s ethics agreement with the Obama administration to disclose all donations.

In an April 29, 2015 memo titled “Friends and Allies Talking Points—Clinton Giustra Enterprise Partnership (CGEP),” Clinton surrogates were instructed to respond to questions about undisclosed foreign donations by Ian Telfer, a Canadian, accordingly:

This is hardly an effort on the Foundation’s part to avoid transparency. In fact, the main donor noted in the Post article as contributing to CGEP (Canada) — Canadian businessman Ian Telfer — was also disclosed as a Foundation donor. So the fact of his status as a Foundation contributor was not at all a secret.

However, as *Clinton Cash* reported, and the [New York Times](#) reported in a 4,000-word, front-page investigative report, the former Russian uranium executive’s donations were not disclosed. “Those contributions were not publicly disclosed by the Clintons, despite an agreement Mrs. Clinton had struck with the Obama White House to publicly identify all donors,” reported the *Times*.

In a follow-up story, the *Times* quoted Clinton Foundation acting chief executive using almost identical language to the suggested talking point found in the hacked memo: “This is hardly an effort on our part to avoid transparency,” said Pally. Pally went on to cite Canadian tax rules as the reason for the discrepancy. But as the *Times* reported:

However, interviews with tax lawyers and officials in Canada cast doubt on assertions that the partnership was necessary to confer a tax benefit; an examination shows that for many donors it was not needed, and in any event, since 2010, Canadians could have donated to the foundation directly and received the same tax break. Also, it is not at all clear that privacy laws prohibit the partnership from disclosing its donors, the tax lawyers and officials in Canada said.

The hidden \$2.35 million in Clinton Foundation donations from the former Russian uranium chief were part of a larger \$145 million given from nine uranium investors involved in the deal approved by Hillary Clinton to transfer 20% of all U.S. uranium to the Russian government.

To date, Hillary Clinton [has not received a single question](#) from a national journalist about her decision to transfer 20% of all U.S. uranium to Putin’s Russia as nine investors in the deal funneled \$145 million to her family foundation.