

- 1 A Yeah.
- 2 Q Is that fair?
- 3 A Yeah, I can't -- I don't know --
- 4 Q Based on what you knew --
- 5 A Based on what I knew, yes.
- 6 Q Did Hunter Biden ever tell you, "I can get my dad to change U.S. policy"?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q Are you aware of Hunter Biden ever asking his dad to change foreign policy?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q Are you ever -- were you ever privy to any conversations between Hunter
- 11 Biden and Joe Biden in which they discussed how --
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q -- Joe Biden would --
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q -- take official actions on behalf of Hunter Biden?
- 16 A No.
- 17 Q So is it fair to say that Hunter Biden was selling the illusion of access to his
- 18 father?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q So when you talk about selling the brand --
- 21 A Uh-huh.
- 22 Q -- it's not about selling access to his father. It's about selling the illusion of
- 23 access to his father. Is that fair?
- 24 A Is that fair? I mean, yeah, that is -- I think that's -- that's almost fair.
- 25 Q Almost fair. Why almost fair?

1           A    It was a -- I don't -- I actually don't remember it.   But I remember the -- I  
2 remember he got him to write him a recommendation -- her, the daughter.

3           Q    Did he take any official action on behalf of BHR?

4           A    No.

5           Q    Was he ever asked to take an official action on behalf of BHR?

6           A    No.

7           Q    So is it fair to say that these conversations that my Republican colleagues  
8 asked you about where Hunter Biden had Joe Biden on the phone around business  
9 partners, that there was nothing in those conversations beyond the exchange of  
10 pleasantries?

11          A    That is correct.

12          Q    And we talked earlier about, kind of, Hunter Biden liking to project this  
13 image, this illusion, of access to his father.

14          A    Uh-huh.

15          Q    Was this just part of his effort to say, "Hey, I'm Joe Biden's son, and I talk to  
16 Joe Biden a lot"?

17          Mr. Schwartz.   If you know.   I mean, don't speculate about what --

18          Mr. Archer.   Right.   I don't want to speculate about what he was thinking.   But  
19 I think it's just, you know, just common sense and, you know, that it's the brand and  
20 that's the value and -- yeah.   I don't --

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22          Q    But it was just about --

23          A    It was about projecting who he was.

24          Q    But, in fact, Hunter Biden -- Joe Biden never helped out Joe Biden's -- sorry.

25          Scratch that.

1           In fact, Hunter Biden never asked his father to take official actions on behalf of his  
2 business partners?

3           A    He did not. He did not ask him -- to my knowledge, I never saw him say, do  
4 anything for any particular business.

5           Q    And you're not aware of Joe Biden ever doing anything to help his son's  
6 business partners?

7           A    No. I think that the calls were -- that's what it was. They were calls to talk  
8 about the weather, and that was signal enough to be powerful.

9           Q    So this, again, was about projecting this illusion of access to his father. Is  
10 that right?

11          A    Correct.

12          Q    And then, you know, we talked -- you talked during the Republicans' hours of  
13 questioning and during this hour of questioning about Hunter Biden's various business  
14 ventures with you.

15          A    Uh-huh.

16          Q    And I understand that in December 2020 you received a grand jury subpoena  
17 as part of the Delaware-led investigation into Hunter Biden, the investigation led by U.S.  
18 Attorney David Weiss.

19           Mr. Schwartz. So where are you going with this? Because anything in this time  
20 period is out of scope.

21           ██████████ I just want to establish that Mr. Archer received a grand jury  
22 subpoena, participated in an interview, and answered the questions honestly and  
23 fulsomely.

24           Mr. Schwartz. He did. He appeared. He answered questions in a voluntary  
25 proffer. And then he testified pursuant to an immunity order in the grand jury.

1           Mr. Schwartz. It is still true that you are not aware that Hunter Biden ever  
2 discussed policy with his father, discussed business with his father, influenced American  
3 policy for purposes of his business or otherwise caused the Vice President or asked the  
4 Vice President to do anything improper, right?

5           Mr. Archer. That's my understanding.

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7           Q     So Hunter Biden did help set Burisma up with Boies Schiller, with Blue Star  
8 Group, with the DHS lobbyists, with a whole government affairs and lobbying team in D.C.  
9 Is --

10          A     Correct.

11          Q     -- that right?

12          A     That is correct.

13          Q     That was access that he provided to them to D.C. public affairs and lobbying  
14 groups. Is that correct?

15          A     That's correct.

16          Mr. Goldman. And that was what he had -- in that statement, you know, that  
17 summary of what he was bringing to Burisma, that was included in that explanation,  
18 correct?

19          Mr. Archer. Yes. There's a portfolio of access.

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21          Q     But he did not provide the Burisma executives with actual access to his  
22 father. The access to his father was an illusion of access to his father. Is that right?

23          A     Right. An illusion of access to his father, other than social -- you know,  
24 socials. Because Vadym was at dinner, for instance, so I can't --

25          Mr. Goldman. Right, to say -- when they socially said "hello." Is that what