

1 a narrative that was quite the opposite of that.

2 Q But not from Hunter Biden or Vadym, correct?

3 A Correct.

4 Q And not from Zlochevsky?

5 A No. Zlochevsky spoke very little English.

6 Q In addition to this phone call to -- that Hunter Biden made --

7 A Uh-huh.

8 Q -- have you ever been privy to Hunter Biden calling his father around other
9 either potential business investors or other foreign nationals who Hunter Biden or you
10 may have been trying to work with or were working with?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Can you please tell the committee about that?

13 A Again, it's -- as far as specifics, we can talk about it. But, you know, Hunter
14 spoke to his dad every day, right?

15 And so in certain circumstances, when you're in -- you know, if his dad calls him at
16 dinner and he picks up the phone, then there's a conversation. And the, you know, the
17 conversation is generally about the weather and, you know, what it's like in Norway or
18 Paris or wherever he may be. But that was -- yeah, that happened.

1 FYI, so there's not much about it.

2 Q Do you recall other times where Hunter Biden placed his dad on
3 speakerphone?

4 A In you know, a dinner -- a dinner in -- with BHR, with Jonathan Li.

5 Q Where was that dinner?

6 A In Beijing, at, you know, some restaurant -- or Chengdu or something like
7 that. I don't remember the -- I don't remember specifics. This was just -- it was
8 not -- it was like a, you know -- especially with the time zone difference, there was -- you
9 know, there were meetings where his dad would call and he would be talking to him or
10 put him on speaker. I'm not going to -- you know, that's -- that happened.

11 Q And with the phone call with Jonathan Li, do you recall what was said while
12 VP Biden --

13 A Yeah.

14 Q -- was on the call?

15 A I mean, on any of the specifics, like, from a blanket perspective, it was
16 always, you know, what's the -- you know, not necessarily the weather, but, you know,
17 there's no -- there was no -- and I think you have to understand that there was no
18 business conversation about a cap table or a fee or anything like that. It was, you know,
19 just general niceties and, you know, conversation in general, you know, about the
20 geography, about the weather, whatever it may be.

21 But just on -- as far as, like, a blanket for all of them, let's just go with the -- there
22 was not a specific time that I witnessed a, you know, specific business deal or business
23 dealings or, you know, specifics about any kind of financial stuff.

24 Mr. Jordan. Would he just say, like, "Hey, guys, my dad's on the phone. Dad,
25 can you say hi to" --

1 is one of the largest -- or was the largest real estate company in Russia, Eastern Europe.

2 And she was the wife of Yury -- last name escapes me right this second, but --

3 Q Luzhkov?

4 A Yeah, who was the mayor of Moscow.

5 Q When did Joe Biden arrive at the dinner, if you can recall?

6 A He arrived somewhere -- you know, sometime after we had started, but
7 not -- I don't think we had eaten yet, but at some point he arrived. It was dark.

8 Q And do you remember, when he arrived, what he did, who he talked to?

9 A Yeah. He entered the room and shook everybody's hand. And, you know,
10 the conversation -- you know, again, I don't want to be -- it's important that I'm accurate.
11 I don't really remember it. You know, I don't -- not really. I don't remember the
12 conversation. I just remember that he was -- he came to dinner, and we ate and kind of
13 talked about the world, I guess, and the weather, and then everybody -- everybody left.

14 As far as -- I know you're probably going to ask, you know, how much time. I
15 don't -- it wasn't 5 minutes; it wasn't 3 hours.

16 Mr. Mandolfo. How much time do we have?

17 Mr. Abourisk. We're about at the hour.

18 Mr. Mandolfo. Okay. We're at about the hour, so we'll take a 10-minute break
19 for the bathroom, and then we'll come back. Thank you.

20 Off the record.

21 Mr. Archer. Off the record.

22 [Recess.]

1 Q And, before, you had said that they would talk about what, when he was on
2 speakerphone?

3 A Say, where are you, how's the weather, how's the fishing, how's
4 the -- whatever it may be, whatever -- but -- you know, it was very, you know, casual
5 conversations about -- you know, not about cap tables or financials or anything like that.

6 Q But the purpose wasn't for Vice President Biden to do cap tables or to break
7 down the different business deals. Would you agree with me that the purpose was that
8 that was Hunter Biden's value-add? That's what he would bring, in part at least, to the
9 table if the foreign nationals or businesses were to retain him?

10 Mr. Schwartz. So you're asking him to speculate about the purpose --

11 Mr. Mandolfo. I'm asking his opinion, not his speculation.

12 Mr. Schwartz. Well, first of all, you haven't asked him if these phone calls
13 occurred when they were not with business associates, when they were not talking to
14 investors.

15 Did he behave differently when he was with friends?

16 Mr. Archer. No, that's -- no, he did not behave differently. It was the same
17 course of action. Phone calls.

18 BY MR. MANDOLFO:

19 Q But if I were to just call my dad right now and put him on speakerphone and
20 we're in a professional business meeting here, would that be odd to you?

21 A Would that be odd to me?

22 Q Yes.

23 A That would be odd, if you called your dad right now.

24 Q So there is a time and a place when it's professional to do -- excuse
25 me -- where you're in a personal meeting and you may call your dad or a family member

1 A That one I did not --

2 Q -- hear at all.

3 A Yes.

4 Q There was a call in Paris --

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q -- and you mentioned a call with Jonathan Li.

7 A Yes.

8 Q During those calls -- let's start with the one in Paris.

9 A Sure.

10 Q -- did Joe Biden -- was Joe Biden calling Hunter Biden? Was Hunter Biden

11 calling Joe Biden?

12 A I believe on the Paris, it was he called Hunter.

13 Q He called Hunter.

14 A Uh-huh.

15 Q One of the regular kind of check-in calls?

16 A Uh-huh.

17 Q You said he'd call him every day.

18 A Yep.

19 Q And Hunter Biden picked up --

20 A Correct.

21 Q -- and put him on speakerphone? Is that correct?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Did Joe Biden know he was on speakerphone?

24 A Yes, I would say he knew. I don't -- I have no basis to know, but he would

25 say -- you know, he'd say, "Hey, say hello to" -- you know, it's great in Paris, the weather's

1 this. And everybody would know. And then that was over.

2 Q So Hunter Biden would tell his dad --

3 A Yeah.

4 Q -- he's in Paris, the weather's great?

5 A Yeah, he never -- there was no ambushing in the sense that, like, Hunter
6 wouldn't just, like, be like, listen, this is my dad.

7 Q And he said, "Say hello to," and he would just say the names of the people
8 there?

9 A I don't recall directly, but, yes, something like that.

10 Q And did you ever have the impression that Joe Biden actually knew who
11 these people were? Or was he just telling -- saying hello, kind of, at Hunter Biden's
12 invitation?

13 A You know, sometimes yes, sometimes no, but generally no.

14 Q Generally he didn't know these people?

15 A Generally it was a very good political, you know, action.

16 Q So he said, "Say hello to Louis" --

17 A Yeah.

18 Q -- and Joe Biden would say, "Hello, Louis," without knowing who Louis was.
19 Is that fair?

20 A Sometimes, yes.

21 Q And on this Paris call -- because let's take them --

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q -- was there any discussion of Hunter Biden's business in Paris or this
24 business meeting that they were having?

25 A No.

1 Q The conversation was about the weather --

2 A The weather and niceties, all of it -- any -- as it goes for any of the -- there
3 was never a discussion of cap tables, and that wasn't -- you know, that was not the
4 purpose of the calls.

5 Q But beyond cap tables, there wasn't any conversation of "you need to help
6 me with this business I have with these people," or, "you need to take this action or that
7 action to help these business partners of mine."

8 A Correct.

9 Q That never happened.

10 A That did not happen.

11 Q Jonathan Li --

12 A Yes.

13 Q -- that call, was that an inbound call, an outbound call? To the extent you
14 remember.

15 A Yeah, to the extent I remember, that -- I don't know, but I know there was a
16 "hello." There was, like -- you know, they ended up having coffee, I think, so he
17 might've known him.

18 Q Jonathan --

19 A Jonathan Li and President Biden had coffee. So it might've been, like, after
20 they had coffee, and he was saying hello, so there was, like, some familiarity.

21 Q Where was that, that they had coffee?

22 A They had coffee in Beijing.

23 Q So it was reported that that meeting was kind of just a handshake --

24 A Yeah.

25 Q -- meeting in --

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 [REDACTED] 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.