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MR. SWALWELL: I'm sorry. She had arranged it?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Was she there?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever see Rinat in Moscow in spring of 2017?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No, sir.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever see Congressman Dana Rohrabacher?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Have you ever met with Congressman Dana Rohrabacher?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Has his name ever come up with Rinat or Natalia?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: In what context?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: They told me that and I was aware from my interpreting and translation work that Rinat met with him in the early days of late July or early June and he was trying --

MR. SWALWELL: 2016?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Yes. So the foundation was trying to do a screening of this movie at the Freedom Museum. So his name came up.

And I also, I think, I was aware of his trip to Russia. I don't remember when it happened, but I remember hearing a conversation in the context of the foundation that Mr. Rohrabacher was in Moscow with a congressional delegation.

MR. SWALWELL: Was that prior to the June 9th meeting?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: I believe so. I believe it was either in the winter

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or in the spring of 2016. But I'm not certain.

MR. SWALWELL: You mentioned that you never would socialize with Ms. Veselnitskaya. Is that right?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: I didn't say that. We had dinners.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. I just wanted --

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: We had drinks. You know, she invited -- she celebrated her birthday and she invited a whole bunch of people who worked with her. So there were social occasions and she was very friendly and very hospitable.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you take any notes during the meeting?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No, sir.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you see anybody else take notes?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No --

MR. SWALWELL: June 9th meeting I'm talking about.

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: It's kind of we're going into a gray area which I seem to remember somebody sitting next to Mr. Manafort and taking notes, but I don't remember who that was or whether it was somebody who was introduced, and I don't have a precise recollection.

MR. SWALWELL: Well, just to go through your exhibit, you marked AS, and that's yourself, Right?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: That's correct, yes.

MR. SWALWELL: You marked V, and that's Ms. Veselnitskaya?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: You marked RA.

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Rinat Akhmetshin.

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MR. SWALWELL: You marked K. Is that Mr. Kushner?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: That is Mr. Kushner, yes.

MR. SWALWELL: You marked PM?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: That's Paul Manafort.

MR. SWALWELL: And you marked DTjr.

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Donald Trump Jr.

MR. SWALWELL: So the only individuals that you did not mark who you have described to us as being at the meeting were Ike and Mr. Goldstone. Is that right?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Yes. Here's the thing. They might perfectly well have been here, but being under oath, I can't swear remembering them being there.

MR. SWALWELL: Is it possible that, in addition to Ike and Mr. Goldstone, that there was another person in the meeting that you don't recall?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: I think it is. I think it is. I do not recall that person, but somehow -- and again, in this process I am recalling things more visually, and I have a visual recollection of someone sitting next to Mr. Manafort, but again, I could have been -- I could be mistaken. I can't swear to it.

MR. SWALWELL: And in your recollection, do you mean it's somebody who was not affiliated with your group who had come in with the meeting?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you remember if the person was a male or a female?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: I think it was a male. It's just again --

MR. KRANTZ: If it was a person.

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MR. SAMOCHORNOV: If it was a person.

MR. SWALWELL: I understand.

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: I seem to -- my recollection is that there was somebody from the staff, somebody else from the Trump staff that came in. And maybe that person came in and left at the introductions, but I have this vague recollection of somebody being next to Mr. Manafort.

MR. SWALWELL: And you remember that person taking notes.

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: That's, again, not a precise memory, and I wouldn't want to put it like --

MR. SWALWELL: I understand.

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: -- under oath. But I seem to have a recollection of several other people being there besides whom I remember exactly.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you remember anyone else besides this person --

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No.

MR. SWALWELL: -- being there? And do you remember whether this person said anything at all?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Definitely not, nothing was said.

MR. SWALWELL: And if we go through just around the table, the only people that I have noted that you are testifying spoke would be Ms. Veselnitskaya, you for Ms. Veselnitskaya, Mr. Donald Trump Jr., Mr. Akhmetshin.

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Mr. Akhmetshin, yes.

MR. SWALWELL: And Mr. Manafort.

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Correct.

MR. SWALWELL: So Mr. Kushner didn't speak.

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No.

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MR. SWALWELL: Mr. Goldstone did not speak.

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Did Ike speak?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: I don't recall. He might have, but I don't have recollection.

MR. SWALWELL: What was Ms. Veselnitskaya's feelings about going public with the meeting when you spoke to her this year prior to it being disclosed in July. You mentioned that you had talked to her about the meeting. How did she feel about or did she express an opinion at all about whether it should be public?

MR. KRANTZ: I think the question is, did she express an opinion?

MR. SWALWELL: Did she have an opinion about whether or not you should tell the public or tell somebody that this meeting had occurred?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: I don't remember conversation being framed that way. She didn't concern herself with this being -- with her going public with this meeting. She was reacting to my suggestion that if the information about this meeting will get into the press that would create a lot of publicity for her.

MR. SWALWELL: You were worried for her?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Basically, yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Why were you worried?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Well, you know, I felt at that time that there was a lot of publicity already that was negatively affecting her. And, you know, I felt some certain sympathy towards her and her client and their cause.

MR. SWALWELL: Did she ask you to not say anything about the meeting?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No.

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MR. SWALWELL: Do you know if she asked anyone else not to say anything about the meeting?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: Not that I am aware of.

MR. SWALWELL: And once the meeting was publicly disclosed, did you talk to her?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No.

MR. SWALWELL: I just want to be clear. [REDACTED] asked you about Glenn Simpson. Did you ever observe Mr. Simpson and Ms. Veselnitskaya discuss the June 9th meeting?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No.

MR. SWALWELL: And I mean prior to the meeting and after the meeting?

MR. SAMOCHORNOV: No.

MR. SWALWELL: I don't have anything else.

[REDACTED] Thanks very much. We're adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 4:13 p.m., the interview was concluded.]