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Records Show Strzok, Ohr Communications Justice Dept. Claimed It Couldn't Find

Judicial Watch received through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit 13 pages out of 42 responsive pages of communications between former FBI official Peter Strzok and Department of Justice official Bruce Ohr that the U.S. Department of Justice claimed previously it could not find.

Judicial Watch obtained the documents in an April 2019 FOIA lawsuit filed after submitting July 2018 FOIA requests to the Justice Department and the FBI. The FBI failed to respond, while the Justice Department claimed to find no records of communications between Strzok and Ohr (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:19-cv-01082)). The lawsuit seeks:

All records of communications between FBI official Peter Strzok and Bruce Ohr, in either his role as



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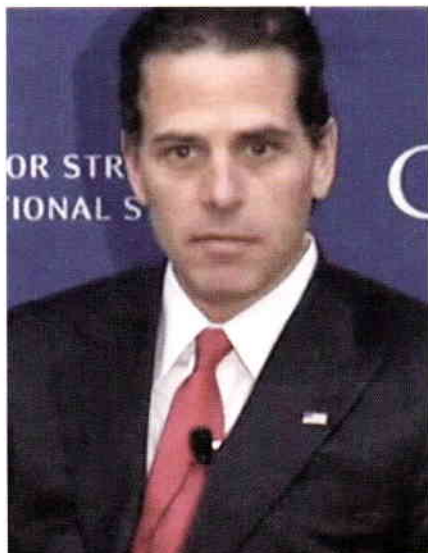
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Former FBI official Peter Strzok

DOJ official Bruce Ohr

JW Sues For Ukraine Records On China Firms Tied To Hunter Biden



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Hunter Biden

Judicial Watch filed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits against the U.S. Departments of State and Treasury on October 2, 2019 seeking documents related to consideration by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) of investments in the United States by two companies tied to Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden — Ukraine's Burisma Holdings and China's Bohai Harvest RST (BHR).

The Judicial Watch lawsuits were filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia after the State and Treasury Departments failed to respond to June 24, 2019 FOIA requests for CFIUS records related to investments by the Ukrainian company Burisma Holdings LTD or any of its affiliated entities (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State* (No. 1:19-cv-02960)) and records related to investments by

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the Chinese company Bohai Harvest RST or any of its affiliated entities (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of the Treasury* (No. 1:19-cv-02961)).

CFIUS is commissioned to review “transactions involving foreign investment in the United States in order to determine the effect of such transactions on the national security of the United States.”

Hunter Biden, son of former Vice President Joe Biden, is reported to be one of nine directors of BHR Partners, which was registered 12 days after the vice president’s son, in December 2013, flew to Beijing aboard Air Force Two, while his father made an official visit as vice president. Hunter Biden, then-chairman of the private equity firm Rosemont Seneca, reportedly signed a deal with the Chinese government-owned Bank of China to set up the BHR \$1 billion joint venture investment fund.

In 2015, BHR Partners participated in a \$600 million buyout of Michigan automotive suspension systems-maker Henniges Automotive. Henniges produces anti-vibration technologies that have important military uses,

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particularly in military aircraft.

In April 2014, Hunter Biden joined the board of Burisma Holdings, one of Ukraine’s largest natural gas companies. Hunter reportedly was paid \$50,000 a month to, in the words of a Burisma news release, “provide support for the Company among international organizations.” Biden has denied that was his role.

In 2015, Viktor Shokin, Ukraine’s prosecutor general, launched an investigation into allegedly corrupt practices by Burisma. Shokin was ousted in 2016. And, in a widely

distributed 2018 video, Joe Biden confirmed that he had successfully pressured the Ukrainian government to fire Shokin under threat of withholding \$1 billion in U.S. government aid.

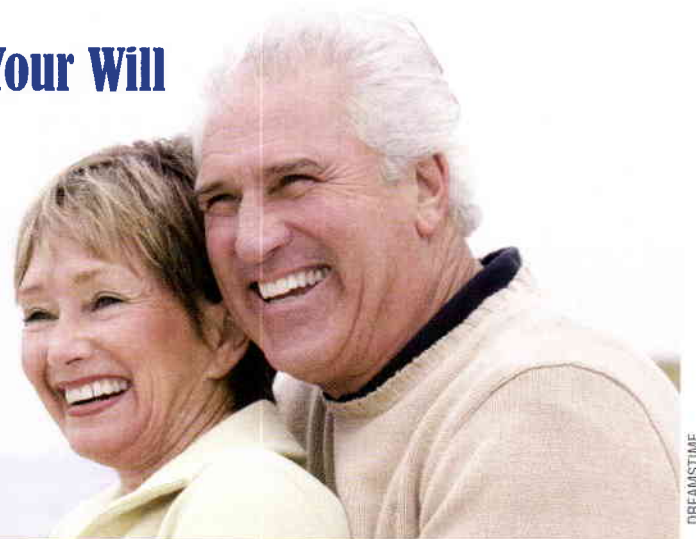
The Commerce Department recently barred over two dozen Chinese companies from doing business in the United States, one of which is reported to be Megvii Technology, an artificial intelligence company focused on developing facial recognition technology. BHR Partners owns a stake in Megvii.

“Judicial Watch will continue to press for information to get to the bottom of this influence-peddling scandal involving Joe Biden and his son,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “As Congress is obsessed with attacking President Trump, it is again up to Judicial Watch to do the basic investigative work on this growing Biden scandal.”

In September 2019, Judicial Watch sued the State Department for records about the firing of Ukraine’s top prosecutor after then-Vice President Joe Biden threatened to withhold aid. **JW**

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