OBAMA Paid Almost \$1 MILLION To Law Firm In 2016 That Funneled Money To Character Assassination Service Fusion GPS

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In October of 2017, Sean Davis of <u>The Federalist</u>, revealed an interesting development, when he reported about \$972,000 in payments made by former President Obama's campaign organization to Fusion GPS, the same organization behind the dirty Steele Dossier that was used to spy on the Trump campaign in 2016.

Since April of 2016, <u>Obama For America</u> (OFA) has paid over \$972,000 to Perkins Coie, records filed with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) show.

The <u>Washington Post</u> reported last week that Perkins Coie, an international law firm, was directed by both the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and Hillary Clinton's campaign to retain Fusion GPS in April of 2016 to dig up dirt on then-candidate Donald Trump. Fusion GPS then hired Christopher Steele, a former British spy, to compile a dossier of allegations that Trump and his campaign actively colluded with the Russian government during the 2016 election. Though many of the claims in the dossier have been directly <u>refuted</u>, none of the dossier's allegations of collusion have been <u>independently verified</u>. Lawyers for Steele <u>admitted in court filings last April</u> that his work was not verified and was never meant to be made public.

FEC <u>records</u> as well as <u>federal court records</u> show that Marc Elias, the Perkins Coie lawyer whom the Washington Post reported was responsible for the payments to Fusion GPS on behalf of Clinton's campaign and the DNC, also previously served as a counsel for OFA. In *Shamblin v. Obama for America*, a 2013 case in federal court in Florida, federal court records list Elias as simultaneously serving as lead attorney for both OFA and the DNC.

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OFA, which managed Obama's successful re-election campaign in 2012, retooled after that campaign to focus on enacting the president's agenda during his final term in office. The group reorganized again after the 2016 election and planned to use its staff and resources to oppose President Donald Trump. During the entire 2016 campaign cycle, the group spent only \$4.5 million, according to <u>FEC records</u>.

Federal records show that Hillary Clinton's official campaign organization, <u>Hillary For America</u>, paid just under \$5.1 million to Perkins Coie in 2016. The <u>DNC</u> paid nearly \$5.4 million to the law firm in 2016.

The timing and nature of the payments to Perkins Coie by Obama's official campaign arm raise significant questions about whether OFA was funding Fusion GPS, how much Obama and his team knew about the contents and provenance of the dossier long before its contents were made public, and whether the president or his government lieutenants knowingly used a partisan political document to justify official government actions targeting the president's political opponents named in the dossier. According to the <u>Washington Post</u>, Fusion GPS was first retained by Perkins Coie on behalf of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign in April of 2016.

At the same time that Hillary's campaign, Obama's campaign organization, and the DNC were simultaneously paying Perkins Coie, the spouse of one of Fusion GPS's key employees was working directly for Obama in the West Wing.

The importance of the dossier funded by Democrats, commissioned by Fusion GPS, and compiled by Steele, is difficult to overstate given that its contents were <u>reportedly briefed</u> to both President Obama and then-President-Elect Trump.

To read the entire The Federalist article, go<u>here</u>.

On Thursday night, following the release of the Mueller report to the public, Fox News reporter, Sara Carter appeared on the Hannity show, with Fox News legal analyst Greg Jarrett and former prosecutor Ken Starr. When asked what's coming next by Sean Hannity, Carter warned that things are starting to get ugly, as people inside the intelligence community are beginning to turn on each other. How many people in the intelligence community are going to be willing to fall on the sword to protect the people at the top of the food chain? – <u>The</u> <u>Gateway Pundit</u>

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Come to think of it, Barack Obama's been awfully quiet lately.

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