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• Last week, Israeli energy expert Dr. Gal Luft claimed Hunter had an FBI mole who tipped off CEFC execs that they were under investigation
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Hunter Biden was asked to use contacts in the FBI to help his Chinese business partner who was arrested for bribery and money laundering, emails reveal.

The news comes as a whistleblower claims Hunter used a top former or current FBI official code-named 'One Eye' to funnel secret bureau information to his Chinese business partners.

Patrick Ho – convicted of bribery and money laundering in 2018 – was secretary general of CEFC, the Chinese oil giant Hunter partnered with, and which sent the Biden family more than \$5million.



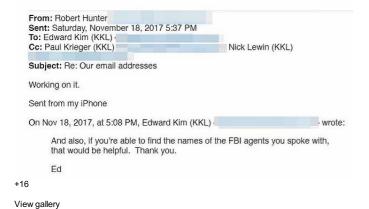
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When lawyers from Krieger Kim & Lewin law firm emailed Hunter asking for 'the names of the FBI agents' he spoke with, following Ho's arrest on November 18, 2017, Hunter replied: 'Working on it'

The first son described Ho as the 'f***ing spy chief of China' in a May 2018 recorded conversation on his abandoned laptop, and court documents show Ho was under surveillance by federal law enforcement in an espionage-related investigation.

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But that didn't stop Hunter taking a \$1million wire payment to represent Ho as his attorney before he was arrested in November 2017, or agreeing to speak to FBI agents to glean information on the case against his Chinese Communist Party-connected client.

On September 18, 2017, Ho retained Hunter with a \$1 million contract.

The agreement, obtained by DailyMail.com from Hunter's abandoned laptop, describes Ho as 'Deputy Chairman and Secretary General of China Energy Fund Committee' (CEFC) and says Hunter would provide 'Counsel to matters related to US law and advice pertaining to the hiring and legal analysis of any US Law Firm or Lawyer'.

Two months later, Ho was cuffed by FBI agents who intercepted him at JFK Airport in New York on November 18, 2017 on charges of bribing African government officials for CEFC.

Emails from Hunter's laptop show he hired lawyers at Krieger Kim & Lewin, a law firm specializing in cross-border criminal cases, to represent Ho alongside him.

The afternoon of the arrest, law partner Edward Kim wrote to Hunter: 'if you're able to find the names of the FBI agents you spoke with, that would be helpful.'

Hunter replied: 'Working on it.'

Hunter's apparent contact with the FBI over the case has taken on a new significance, following allegations that he was involved in a scheme to buy secret bureau information for his Chinese colleagues.



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Ho, pictured in a courtroom sketch in February 2018, was arrested and later convicted of paying bribes so a Chinese energy conglomerate could secure business advantages



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The Chinese businessman is pictured with former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan $\,$

ATTORNEY ENGAGEMENT LETTER

- IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES. This agreement, is made between Robert Hunter Biden, Esq, ("Attorney") and Mr. Patrick Ho, The Deputy Chairman and Secretary General of China Energy Fund Committee, ("Client").
- LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. The legal services to be provided by Attorney to Client are as follows: Counsel to matters related to US law and advice pertaining to the hiring and legal analysis of any US Law Firm or Lawyer.
- 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATTORNEY AND CLIENT. Attorney will perform the legal services called for under this agreement, keep Client informed of progress and developments, And respond promptly to Client's inquiries and communications. Client will be truthful and cooperative with Attorney; keep Attorney reasonably informed of developments and of Client's address, telephone numbers and whereabouts; and timely make any payments required by this agreement.
- COMPENSATION. Client will pay Attorney for the legal services provided under this agreement as follows:

Retainer. In consideration for the services to be performed by Attorney, Client agrees to pay Attorney the sum of \$1,000,000.00 as a retainer at the time of execution of this agreement. This sum is a deposit against which all fees, charges and costs incurred by the Attorney for work related to and described in this agreement will be deducted. If at the conclusion of this agreement, the total amount of Attorney fees and costs is less than that of the retainer sum, the remaining amount will be reimbursed to the client. If the total amount of Attorney fees and costs exceeds the retainer sum before the conclusion of this agreement, the retainer sum will be topped up by the client upon receipt of a notice from the Attorney. The amount of the topped up sum will be proposed by the Attorney and subject to agreement by the client.

Attorney will charge for all activities undertaken in providing legal services to Client under this agreement, including, but not limited to, the following: conferences, court sessions, and depositi ons preparation and participation; correspondence and legal documents review and preparation; legal research; and telephone conversations. When two or more of Attorney's personnel are engaged in working on the matter at the same time, such as in conferences between them, the time of each will be charged at his or her hourly rate.

Payment is expected to be paid out of the retainer sum for all services and expenses upon receipt of any invoice.

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Ho was the secretary general of the Chinese oil giant and hired Hunter as his lawyer on a \$1M contract in September 2017 - two months before he was arrested for bribery, documents show

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : <u>NOTICE</u>

-v.- : 17 Cr. 779 (KBF)

CHI PING PATRICK HO, a/k/a "Patrick C.P. Ho," a/k/a "He Zhiping,"

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Defendant. :

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT INFORMATION

The United States, through its attorney Geoffrey S. Berman, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, hereby provides notice to defendant Chi Ping Patrick Ho, a/k/a Patrick C. P. Ho," a/k/a "He Zhiping," and to the Court, that pursuant to Title 50, United States Code, Sections 1806(c) and 1825(d), the United States intends to offer into evidence, or otherwise use or disclose in any proceedings in the above-captioned matter, information obtained or derived from electronic surveillance and physical search conducted pursuant to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA), as amended, 50 U.S.C. §§ 1801-1812 and 1821-1829.

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Court filings show Ho was under surveillance by federal law enforcement in an espionage-related investigation

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Israeli energy expert Dr. Gal Luft, who has hosted several conferences with CEFC's nonprofit arm, says that Hunter had an FBI mole with the code name 'One-Eye', who tipped off CEFC executives that they were under investigation.



Israeli energy expert Dr. Gal Luft (pictured) who has hosted several conferences with CEFC's nonprofit arm, claimed Hunter had an FBI mole with the code name 'One-Eye', who tipped off CEFC executives that they were under investigation

Luft, 56, came forward with the claims after he was arrested on gun running and illegal foreign lobbying charges in Cyprus, and is currently fighting the US authorities' attempt to extradite

He claims the charges are a trumped-up attempt to silence him over his alleged dirt on the Bidens.

The energy expert claimed that Hunter's 'One-Eye' contact was either a current or former FBI official, 'extremely well placed, who they paid lots of money to [provide] sealed law enforcement information.'

Luft claims that he was told this information by CEFC Chairman Ye Jianming.

He said Ye was tipped off by 'One-Eye' that prosecutors for the Southern District of New York (SDNY) were investigating the Chinese oil giant executives in late 2017.

Luft's story was recounted to the New York Post last week by the energy expert's lawyer Robert Henoch, who is currently in Israel fighting Luft's extradition to the US.

'One-Eye' told Ye about a sealed indictment naming 'an Asian, an African, and a Jewish guy,' Henoch told the Post.

Ye then fled to China, leaving behind his mother, wife, two children and their nanny at his \$50million penthouse at 15 Central Park West.



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Ho (circled right) is pictured speaking at a February 2017 conference run by CEFC in Hong Kong where Israeli energy expert Dr. Gal Luft (circled) is seen sitting alongside Dr. Yuan Peng, vice president of the China Institute of Contemporary Relations (center) and think tank colleague, former CIA Director James Woolsey (far left)



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The US, claiming I'm an arms dealer. It would be funny if it weren't tragic.

I've never been an arms dealer.

DOJ is trying to bury me to protect Joe, Jim&Hunter Biden.

Shall I name names?

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Luft 56, came forward with the claims on Twitter last month after he was arrested on gun running and illegal foreign lobbying charges in Cyprus



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CEFC's chairman Ye Jianming (left) was also arrested in China on unspecified corruption charges in 2018 but has not been seen since. Ho was known as Ye's lieutenant

Before he left the US, Ye hired Hunter as his lawyer, the First Son told the New Yorker in a 2019 interview.

Ye reportedly offered Hunter \$1million to be his 'private counsel' - though the only \$1million payment that appears on Hunter's accounts around that time is for his representation of Ho.

The CEFC deputy was described as 'the patsy' and 'the fall guy' by Henoch.

Ye told Ho that he would be safe returning to the US, despite confessing to Hunter in the summer of 2017 that he was worried about being under federal investigation, according to a <u>July</u> 2019 New Yorker interview with Hunter.

Ho was arrested as soon as he landed at JFK in November that year. $\label{eq:landed}$

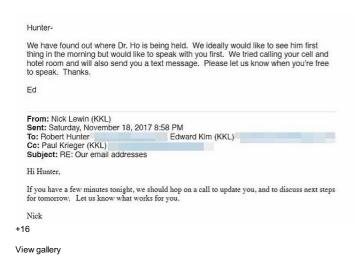
In February 2018, Ye was also arrested by Chinese authorities on unspecified corruption charges, and has not been seen since.

Stories on Ye's disappearance became one of the most censored on Chinese social media site WeChat in 2018, according to an analysis by the University of Hong Kong and free speech campaign group Global Voices.

Luft claims that he contacted the Justice Department about Hunter's alleged FBI mole, and was interviewed by federal investigators in Brussels for more than 18 hours on March 28 and 29, 2019, according to the Post.

About a month later, Joe Biden announced his presidential bid, and Luft claims he did not hear from the DoJ again – until his arrest in Cyprus last month over gun-running charges.

'I've been arrested in Cyprus on a politically motivated extradition request by the US,' Luft tweeted on February 18.



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From: Edward Kim (KKL)
Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2017 5:00 PM
To: 'Robert Hunter'
Cc: Paul Krieger (KKL) <
                                                        ; Nick Lewin (KKL)
Subject: RE: Our email addresses
Thank you, Hunter.
My cell phone (also listed below) is !
Paul's is
                         , and Nick's is
Can you please let us know the best way to reach you in case we need to
reach out urgently?
We look forward to working with you.
Ed
From: Robert Hunter
Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Edward Kim (KKL)
                                                           Nick Lewin (KKL)
Cc: Paul Krieger (KKL)
Subject: He: Our email addresses
Thanks Ed. Per our discussion I would like to engage your firm on behalf of Dr. Patrick Ho of Hong Kong in the matter we discussed. I am authorized by Dr. Ho as his attorney to do so.
Please keep me informed. HB
Sent from my iPhone
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Hunter told the attorneys he was working with them on Ho's case



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Luft claims the DOJ is trying to silence him to protect the president and his son

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Luft's Israeli attorney, Mordechai Tzivin, told the Jerusalem Post that the arrest was 'a good way to shut him up because he knows a lot of information on Hunter'.

The Post reported that Luft has given evidence to investigators for the House Oversight Committee, which is conducting a probe into the Bidens and their business dealings.

Committee Chair, Kentucky Republican James Comer, said Luft was 'the straw that broke the came's back' in their investigation into the Biden family.

 $\hbox{'We had already identified this individual,'} he told F \underline{ox\, Business\, anchor\, Maria\, Bartiromo\,\, on\, March\, 2}.$



DailyMail.com previously revealed former FBI director Louis Freeh gave \$100,000 to a private trust for Joe Biden's grandchildren and discussed 'future work options' with Hunter while Biden served as VP

'We've had three people that were involved in the Hunter Biden shady business schemes that have communicated with my committee staff.

'I think that people see the heavy-handedness of the Bidens. Either you're getting picked up by the DoJ or you're getting a letter from Hunter Biden's personal attorney trying to intimidate you.'

'We're going to give them the opportunity to tell their story, even though the DoJ and the White House are fighting us every step of the way.'

Luft is co-director of Washington DC think tank the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security. It boasts former CIA Director James Woolsey and former national security adviser Robert McFarlane as advisors.

Friends of Luft say he is well-connected in the intelligence community in both Israel and America, and he held energy conferences in China for the past decade or more.

He ran a conference sponsored by CEFC's nonprofit arm from 2015 to 2018.

Hunter's high-ranking FBI veteran contacts have been previously exposed by DailyMail.com.

In 2021 we revealed that Hunter worked closely with former FBI director Louis Freeh, representing Romanian real estate tycoon Gabriel Popoviciu who was later found guilty of bribery.

Freeh also gave \$100,000 to a private trust for Joe Biden's grandchildren, and wrote to Hunter in 2016 offering to set up a DC consultancy with the First Son and his then-Vice President father Joe.

Subject: Re: G From: Louis Freeh Date: 8/24/16, 9:24 AM Attorney Client Communication/Work Product confidential and privileged Dear Hunter Thanks for your kind note. We're in good shape-we've completed our report and sent the final draft to GP and his attorneys for their comments (will send you and Rob when final). We have also requested (as invited) a meeting with General Coldea at SRI to present our findings and arguments on behalf of GP. So far the DNA has not agreed to our request to meet but may do so once we see SRI. We hope the meeting will occur next month. In preparation for our SRI meeting, we have sent them a short executive summary of our findings and arguments (will send to you guys also). Separately, I would like to talk with you and Dad about working together next year. No doubt both he and you have many options and probably some which are more attractive than my small shop. As you know, we have both a law firm and 'solutions/investigations' group with a very good brand, DC and DEL (and NYC) offices, and a profitable and interesting global practice (eg., I'm currently representing the Malaysian PM and his family). So if it's something which interests you both, let's talk about it at some point. I'm very flexible and we could set it up as an equity-share or whatever works best. It would certainly be an honor to work with you both. Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope to see you soon. Warm regards Sent from my iPhone On Aug 24, 2016, et 9:33 AM, wrote: Judge rreen,
I hope you're well and I just wanted to check in before we moved into Labor Day and see
if there is anything beyond what I have been told by Rob, James, Gabrielle et al that
you would like me to do on. Thanks, Hunte +16 View gallery

In August 2016, Freeh emailed Hunter saying, "I would like to talk with you and Dad about working together next year" once he was out of office as the vice president



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In July that year, in an email marked 'confidential and privileged', Freeh wrote to Hunter that he 'would be delighted to do future work with you'

'I also spoke to Dad a few weeks ago and would like to explore with him some future work options,' Freeh said in a July 2016 email.

'I believe that working together on these (and other legal) matters would be of value, fun and rewarding.'

Freeh proposed representing overseas clients including the infamously corrupt former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, who was in the midst of a scandal over one of the world's biggest financial frauds at the time.

Hunter described the former FBI director as a 'close friend' in a May 2010 email.

There is no evidence Freeh is the alleged 'One-Eye' FBI mole.

Conservative nonprofit Marco Polo, which compiled a report on Hunter's Laptop after a two-year investigation, accused Hunter of illegal foreign lobbying over his representation of Ho.

The organization, run by former Trump White House staffer Garrett Ziegler, claims that Hunter's \$1 million payment and outreach to government such as FBI officials for his Chinese business partner, without informing the Department of Justice of his relationship with CEFC, constituted a violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).

However, there are exemptions in FARA for attorneys representing foreign clients, which could have allowed Hunter to avoid the law's registration requirements.