

# OrionWorks Sonova Quark

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## The Goods

The following essay is my opinion. Others may not share my conclusions and speculations.

Darlene and I have a friend we met at the gym whose career was working for the US Embassy. I'll call her Tanya. (Not her real name.) While Tanya retired several years ago she is still on-call temporarily filling in for positions vacated due to transfers and employees taking vacation. Her speciality is processing visas for foreigners wishing to travel in the United States. In her long career she had been stationed pretty much everywhere on the planet. This includes Europe, Africa, China, Russia, and Central & South America. This included being stationed in San Salvador, El Salvador, a country I lived in for over two years back in the mid 60s.

About a month ago I asked Tanya about her experiences of being stationed in Moscow. She told me in no uncertain terms is that *all their personal activities are regularly monitored and recorded by Russian intelligence gathering operatives*. All newly stationed employees are warned of this fact. She elaborated, when you walk outside of the US embassy assume your actions will be monitored. Don't *ever* assume you have any kind of privacy that allows you do what you want to do, when you want to do it. When you are on your own time relaxing, or dining at a restaurant, or recreating, or reading in your hotel room, or whatever else your predilections might inspire you to do, your activities are being observed. Accept the fact that your hotel room has not only been bugged, video feeds have been installed to record whatever you might be doing with whomever you might be doing it with. Act accordingly.

Tanya mentioned a personal incident of walking into her hotel room only to discover a stranger sitting at her desk in the process of accessing her laptop. Tanya did exactly what her supervisor instructed her to do: Calmly, she turned around and walked out of the hotel room. She closed the door behind herself. Should you discover an intruder in your hotel room do not make a fuss. If you do attempt to make a

fuss... if you think you can best them such as reporting the incident to the authorities... eventually, they will get even with you. Simply return to your room 30 minutes later. They will be gone. You didn't have sensitive information stored on your laptop, right?

Curiously, after returning Tanya discovered that an annoying anomaly that had for some time been plaguing the behavior of her laptop had disappeared. We both laughed about the irony of the situation. Without really putting much stock in it, she conjectured that perhaps the intruder, while snooping around her hard drive, had decided to fix her computer's problem, perhaps as compensation for time spent accessing it. More likely, I speculated, he simply thought it prudent to remove the malware. Or perhaps he simply installed a newer, more sophisti-

The screenshot shows the MSNBC website interface. At the top, the MSNBC logo is visible. Below it, the title 'The Rachel Maddow Show' is displayed, along with the text 'Weekdays at 9PM'. The main content area features a video player with a thumbnail of Rachel Maddow. The video title is 'THE RUSSIAN CONNECTION'. Below the video player, there is a red banner with the text 'LIVE MSNBC'. At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation bar with social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, Email, RSS) and a 'HELP' link. The main text below the video player reads: 'Truth closer on Trump camp pro-Russia influence on GOP platform'. Below this, there is a short description: 'Rachel Maddow looks at new information on ties between the Trump campaign and Russia and its influence on the Republican Party platform at the national convention, adding credibility to another piece of the unverified Trump dossier. | Duration: 16:38'.

The Rachel Maddow Show, March 8, 2017

cated form of malware.

Tanya told me it's not just embassy employees who are regularly monitored. Trump has not been terribly forthcoming about his business dealings in Russia. It's safe to assume he was probably trying to buy real-estate, or launch a Trump-branded business enterprise, or perhaps a combination of both. But no matter to the Russians. Tanya stated that rich foreign businessmen are carefully scrutinized and monitored by Russian intelligence. The ramifications are obvious. Get the goods on them. Blackmail is a big government sanctioned business.

I have little doubt in my mind that years ago Russian intelligence managed to document some of Trump's recreational activities - probably in exquisite detail. Considering Trump adolescent behaviors I suspect it wasn't that difficult to arrange. Long before Trump began to fantasize playing the president, a care-free time when he felt less concerned over the potential ramifications of indulging in the urge to indiscriminately replicate his genes, Russia got the goods on him. (Of course, that my personal suspicion.) To be blunt, I think it naive to dismiss the possibility that numerous Trump's night-time entertainment and bordello expeditions were not to a large extent pre-arranged and subsequently recorded.

I suspect Melania Trump is well aware of her husband's "boy talk" recreational activities when he's out of the castle engaging in another financial campaign of conquest. She has probably even confronted him on occasion when his adolescent behavior threatened an understanding of what will be tolerated and what won't. That said, I suspect Trump remains far more concerned about the ramifications of what would happen to him if bits and pieces of his exploits were to fertilize the mailboxes of members of the legislative branch, or perhaps some drop boxes of several well-known "fake news" organizations, all of whom are out to get him.

At present all that testosterone-laced "boy talk" activity seems to be on the back-burner as more pressing matters intrude into the current business affairs of Trump & Associates. Recent investigations are beginning to hint of unethical agreements made between a number of members of Trump's cabinet and Russian officials. I'm sure more surprises are forthcoming.

Speculation of this nature may have had its genesis starting with the republican convention. Trump initially didn't seem to give a limp noodle about anything the republican party wanted installed in the ideology of their platform. There was, however, one strange and highly noticeable exception as detailed on The Rachel Maddow Show, broadcast on March 8, 2017.

The republican party had initially proposed a call for arming Ukraine against Russia intervention. The original platform called for providing Ukraine with

arms, including lethal weaponry from the United States to help Ukrainians fend off Russian incursions. Suddenly, the Trump camp *reportedly* intervened and softened the initial wording to "providing appropriate assistance" to Ukraine. In the final wording there was no mention of providing any kind of arms to Ukraine. Reporters caught wind of this change and began asking who had been responsible for requesting the modification. Candidate Trump was queried. Trump responded that while he had heard something about the change he, personally, had not been involved in that decision. When Trump's campaign manager Paul Manafort, who, BTW, had extensive ties in Ukraine was asked, he also categorically denied having anything to do with the change. Nobody was taking any responsibility. Finally, on March 2nd, CNN uncovered a former Trump campaign Manager, J. D. Gordon, who fessed up. He stated he pushed to alter an amendment to the GOPs draft policy on Ukraine *to further align it with President Donald Trump's views*. This basically contradicts Trump's claim that he had nothing to do with the wording change. Clarifying the matters J.D. Gordon, claimed that at a March national security meeting in Washington DC., Trump stated he didn't want to go to World War Three over the Ukraine matter. While no one in his right mind want's to go to war, it stuck me personally as an uncharacteristically cautious statement coming from Trump considering his propensity for displays of bravado and alpha-male posturing. What scared him off? Adding more sauce to the goose, the FBI now knows of a Russian citizen, Konstantin Kilimnik, a protege who worked for Paul Manafort, who had suggested he personally played a role in gutting the proposed amendment to the Republican Party platform. One has to ask, how does a Russian citizen manage to allegedly spear-head a phrase change to the Republican platform?

We also learn that Christopher Steele, a highly respected former MI6 British intelligence agent, who had been in hiding for weeks resurfaced. Steele, you may recall, is the author of an unsubstantiated dossier of alleged Russian dirt (including, sexual exploits) on Donald Trump. Contents of that dossier were published by Buzzfeed back in January. Trump quickly denied the dossier's contents as more fake news.

At present most investigators don't strike me as all that interested in determining the authenticity of Trump dirt as alleged in Steele's controversial dossier. Adam Schiff of the House Intelligence Committee seem far more interested in determining the credibility of *other* claims also alleged in the unverified dossier, such as what was the nature of the contacts between Trump and Trump's campaign team - and Russian contacts during the campaign. Rep. Adam Schiff stated the committee would be more than happy to meet Steele at his convenience, anywhere on the planet if necessary if it would help maintain his personal safety, just to get his testimony. Of particular interest are the following claims

found in the dossier:

...the Russian regime had been behind the recent leak of embarrassing e-mail messages, emanating from the Democratic National Committee (DNC.), to the WikiLeaks platform.

*The reason for using WikiLeaks was “plausible deniability” and the operation had been conducted with full knowledge and support of TRUMP and senior members of his campaign team. In return the TRUMP team had agreed to sideline Russian intervention in Ukraine as a campaign issue.*

c u in May... (most likely)

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I realize the above allegations aren't startling revelations insofar as most TURBO readers are concerned. I suspect most TURBO readers have for some time now suspected Russia probably found ways to clandestinely assist the republican campaign to win the election for Trump. If collaborative evidence could be obtained backing up some of the contents found in Steele's dossier it would likely put the final nail in the coffin concerning Trump's continued apprenticeship plans.

But none of the above is really the point I'm trying to drive home. On March 20, James B. Comey, our nation's FBI director, testified before congress. He basically confirmed the fact that Trump continues to falsely accuse Obama of wiretapping his headquarters during the campaign. What a Surprise... not! Of far greater importance Comey verified our suspicions that the FBI really is actively investigating possible collusion between Trump campaign officials and associates with Russia. I hope for the best. I fear that if Trump can somehow weather the storm, beat the odds, and manage to stay in office, I think it likely that the administration's foreign policy will continue the very odd practice of looking the other way when Russia inevitably follows through on future international intervention campaigns. I strongly suspect Mother Russia has in various subtle ways (and perhaps not so subtle ways) let Trump know they have the goods on him. Granted, it might be naive of me to say this, but I suspect there is only so much scandal the legislative branch and public will tolerate. I bet Trump would prefer not to risk finding out what that limit is.

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Zoey, accepting rubs from the Cat-Mom while recharging her solar panels.