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This Family Stands for Selling Out

One of the remarkable business-success stories of the 21st century must be that of Hunter Biden, the 50-year-old son of Joe Biden. Despite the younger Biden being a drug addict, despite the Navy discharging him for his addiction, and despite other personal problems, global business giants sought his counsel and paid him handsomely.

Burisma Holdings, the Ukrainian natural gas company at the center of the Biden-Burisma influence-peddling scheme, paid him millions. And energy businessmen in China nearly formed an investment company with Hunter and his business partners, and what Rudy Giuliani, an advisor to President Trump, calls the "Biden Crime Family."

Despite having no relevant experience in the energy field, Biden's business acumen and brilliant reputation apparently preceded him. Like E.F. Hutton in the old television commercials, when H. Biden talks, people listen. Big people. Like Chinese communists.

News of a Biden-China connection surfaced in two news stories that published Hunter's e-mails, including the *New York Post's* account based on e-mails from the hard drive of Biden's laptop computer. Biden had dropped the machine at a repair shop and never retrieved it. The store owner gave that laptop to former Mafia prosecutor and Trump advisor Rudy Giuliani, who turned them over to the *Post.In the closing weeks of Joe Biden's presidential campaign, that China connection not only should have been news but also should have ended his campaign. It didn't. The leftist mainstream media spiked the story.*

The mainstream media will leave all this unexamined. They shouldn't, and not just because the FBI is investigating Hunter Biden for tax crimes and money laundering in connection with his "work" with China.

Revelations about the Biden-China connection show at least two things. First, how the leftist media bury a story that might harm leftist politicians they favor. Second, and more importantly, how glob-alist ruling-class elites exploit their surnames and power to accumulate fabulous wealth to the possible, and even probable, detriment of national security.

The First E-mails

First news of the Bidens and their deep ties to Communist China's top businessmen surfaced in mid-October, but not, of course, in the mainstream media. Conservatives Peter Schweizer and Seamus Bruner delivered an opening salvo of e-mails at Breitbart.com.

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They showed that Hunter Biden's business buddies helped set up members of the "China Entrepreneur Club" (CEC), also known as "China, Inc.," with a tour of the White House in November 2011. And the two writers revealed something even more disturbing. Hunter Biden's insiders also arranged a meeting with his father, then-Vice President Joe Biden.

Schweizer and Bruner reported that the CEC went to Hunter Biden and his pals because direct overtures to the Obama administration had failed. To that end, the "entrepreneurs" needed someone directly plugged in to Obama's people. Who better than Hunter, the jet-setting global businessman whose father just happened to be vice president?

The e-mails Schweizer and Bruner disclosed came from convicted fraudster Bevan Cooney, a former associate of Hunter Biden who gave Schweizer access to his Gmail account. Cooney believed he became the fall guy in his conviction for defrauding investment clients, and that Biden partner Devon "Archer and Hunter Biden had avoided responsibility." After Cooney learned of revelations in Schwei-zer's book *Secret Empires: How the American Political Class Hides Corruption and Enriches Family and Friends*, he contacted the writer.

"The emails offer a unique window into just how the Biden universe conducted business during the Obama-Biden Administration," Schweizer and Bruner wrote. "These associates sought to trade on Hunter Biden's relationship with, and access to, his father and the Obama-Biden White House in order to generate business."



Buying clout: Shown is six million dollars that a Ukrainian anti-corruption task force claimed was a bribe meant to deflect an investigation into Burisma, which employed Hunter Biden. (*Photo credit: AP Images*)

But the CEC is not just a business group. It's really China's "second foreign ministry," the two reported. That means it is tied to the nation's communist intelligence and military apparatus.

Not surprisingly, "the group is highly influential and includes the most important private sector individuals in China today," CEC representative Mohamed Khashoggi wrote to Gary Fears, an associate of Hunter Biden's. Providing a favor to "China Inc" will be profitable in the future, Khashoggi wrote:

A tour of the white house and a meeting with a member of the chief of staff's office and John Kerry would be great. I will let you think about it. If we can set up meetings even with



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Rominy or non elected officials might be easier. (Not sure if one has to be registered to to [*sic*] this).... I would be with them all the time and we would have good access to them for any deal in the future.

That deal, apparently, involved a lucrative potash mine in China. Khashoggi explained exactly what he wanted:

Biggest priority for the CEC group is to see the White House, and have a senior US politician, or senior member of Obama's administration, give them a tour. If that can happen from 9:30am-10:30am on Nov 14th, there will be time for the group to see one-two other top US officials from 10:30am-12pm.

Wrote Fears to Archer, "this is perfect for u to attend and get guys for the potash deal." Archer assured Fears that the meeting would take place. "Couldn't confirm this with Hunter on the line but we got him his meeting at the WH Monday for the Chinese folks," Archer wrote.

The day the Chinese went to the White House, Cooney told Fears that Archer "got the Chinese guys all taken care of in DC." White House visitor logs, Schweizer and Bruner reported, recorded the visit:

The Obama-Biden Administration archives reveal that this Chinese delegation did indeed visit the White House on November 14, 2011, and enjoyed high-level access. The delegation included approximately thirty members, according to White House visitor logs. But those records also obscure perhaps the most important item for the Chinese delegation: a meeting with Vice President Joe Biden himself.

The visitor logs list Jeff Zients, the deputy director of Obama's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as the host of the CEC delegation. Obama had tasked Zients with restructuring and ultimately consolidating the various export-import agencies under the Commerce Department — an effort in which the Chinese delegation would have a keen interest.

A trip itinerary posted by the CEC also confirms the delegation met with Obama's thenrecently-confirmed Commerce Secretary John Bryson.

Curiously, the Obama-Biden visitor logs do not mention any meeting with Vice President Joe Biden. But the Vice President's off-the-books meeting was revealed by one of the core founders of the CEC. In an obscure document listing the CEC members' biographies, CEC Secretary General Maggie Cheng alleges that she facilitated the CEC delegation meetings in Washington in 2011 and boasts of the Washington establishment figures that CEC met with. The first name she dropped was that of Vice President Joe Biden.

The relationships established during that visit may have benefited Hunter Biden and Devon Archer down the road. Two years later, they famously helped to form the Chinese government funded Bohai Harvest RST (BHR) investment fund.

Zients, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Wall Street big shot who moves easily between the boardrooms of Big Business and the backrooms of Big Government, became the co-

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chairman of Joe Biden's transition team.

Not that Democrats such as the Bidens and Zients are alone in pro-Chinese endeavors. The name of a former factotum for Vice President Dick Cheney, Juleanna Glover, shows up in Khashoggi's email, too.

The Second Batch of E-mails

So Schweizer and Bruner exposed the power that Hunter Biden and his business buddies wielded during the Obama administration: The Chinese demanded a meeting with Big Joe; they got one.

But the story continued unspooling for weeks. More e-mails from the laptop published in the *Post* revealed why that meeting "may have benefited" the Bidens "down the road." Those e-mails, also buried by the media, disclosed that Hunter Biden tried to squeeze \$30 million out of the Chinese to provide "introductions."

In an e-mail from August 2017, the *Post* reported in October, Hunter Biden explained how much he would earn from the now-missing chieftain of Chinese energy company CEFC, Ye Jianming. Ye, the *Post* reported, was linked to China's military and spy agencies, and is yet another link between the Bidens and America's enemies.

"My Understanding is that the original agreement with the Director was for consulting fees based on introductions alone a rate of \$10M per year for a three year guarantee total of \$30M," Biden wrote to a Chinese contact and another associate:

MORE LASTING AND LUCRATIVE ARRANGEMENT to create a holding company 50% percent owned by ME and 50% owned by him. Consulting fees is one piece of our income stream but the reason this proposal by the chairman was so much more interesting to me and my family is that we would also be partners inn the equity and profits of the JV's investments. Hence I assumed the reason for our discussion today in which you made clear that the Chaireman would first get his investment capital returned in the profits would then be split 50/50. If you saying that is not the case then please return us to the original deal 10M per year a guaranteed 3 years plus bonus payments for any successful deal we introduce. let's discuss thank you

An e-mail in May also discussed payments and equity distributions to Biden and his cronies that would include "10 held by H for the big guy?"

Giuliani revealed text messages in which Hunter Biden said his father collected half his income, but that aside, the story still had one big hole. The "big guy" was not identified.

Bobulinski Speaks

Rather than dive into the obvious criminality and conflicts of interest apparent in the e-mails, the media didn't want to identify the "big guy." Recall that CNN's top execs decided not to cover the *Post* e-mail dump, as Project Veritas revealed in released recordings of CNN's morning meetings.

That didn't matter. Tony Bobulinski, a former business partner of Biden and his cronies, went public to explain exactly who "the big guy" was. Bobulinski was set to be the chairman of an "investment company" called SinoHawk. He received the e-mail that discussed SinoHawk's equity distribution,

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including that "10 ... for the big guy."

"I am the recipient of the email published seven days ago by the *New York Post*," Bobulinski wrote in a prepared statement for the *Post*. "That email is genuine."

The big guy was Joe Biden.

Bobulinski wasn't interested in coming forward. But because the media buried the Biden-China and Biden-Burisma stories in the weeks before the election, and because of the Biden Crime Family's lies, the former Navy lieutenant felt compelled to spill the beans.

"Given my long standing service and devotion to this great country, I could no longer allow my family's name to be associated or tied to Russian disinformation or implied lies and false narratives dominating the media right now," he wrote. "What I am outlining is fact. I know it is fact because I lived it."

Indeed, he was instrumental in it:

I am the CEO of Sinohawk Holdings which was a partnership between the Chinese operating through CEFC/Chairman Ye and the Biden family. I was brought into the company to be the CEO by James Gilliar and Hunter Biden. The reference to "the Big Guy" in the much publicized May 13, 2017 email is in fact a reference to Joe Biden. The other "JB" referenced in that email is Jim Biden, Joe's brother.

Hunter Biden called his dad "the Big Guy" or "my Chairman," and frequently referenced asking him for his sign-off or advice on various potential deals that we were discussing. I've seen Vice President Biden saying he never talked to Hunter about his business. I've seen firsthand that that's not true, because it wasn't just Hunter's business, they said they were putting the Biden family name and its legacy on the line.

Bobulinski also said the Bidens played him for a fool.

On reading a report from the U.S. Senate Finance and Homeland Security committees, he realized the Biden Boys went "behind my back" and collected millions of dollars from the Chinese Communists.

Just before the second debate between Biden and President Trump, Bobulinski, in another prepared statement that received little notice, explained how he became involved in the Biden-China connection.



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He talked: Tony Bobulinski was the leader of SinoHawk, the company Hunter Biden sought to create with millions from an agent of China's military and intelligence apparatus. Bobulinksi fingered Joe Biden as "the big guy" in an e-mail that said Hunter would hold his father's share of the equity in SinoHawk. (*Photo credit: AP Images*)

A mutual business acquaintance of Hunter Biden's and Bobulinski's, James Gilliar, invited him to join a venture that included CEFC China Energy and "one of the most prominent families in the United States." The Bidens, he said, "wanted to form a new entity with CEFC which was to invest in infrastructure, real estate, and technology in the U.S. and around the world, and the entity would initially be capitalized with \$10 million, and then grow to billions of dollars of investment capital."

Bobulinski would thus become CEO of SinoHawk. It was named for China and Beau Biden's favorite animal. Beau Biden is Joe Biden's deceased son.

Between February and May 2017, Bobulinski said, he and the other principals in the deal exchanged email, documents, and Whatsapp messages. On May 2, 2017, Hunter Biden and his uncle Jim, Joe's brother, introduced Bobulinski to the former vice president.

At an hour-long meeting, "we discussed the Bidens' history, the Bidens' family's business plans with the Chinese with which he was plainly familiar at least at a high level."

After that meeting, Bobulinski had "numerous communications" with the Biden group "regarding the allocation of the equity ownership of SinoHawk," he said. "On May 13th 2017, I received an email concerning allocation of equity, which says 10 percent held by H for the big guy."

Biden senior's involvement was clear, Bobulinski said:

There's no question that H stands for Hunter, big guy for his father, Joe Biden, and Jim for Jim Biden. In fact, Hunter often referred to his father as the "big guy" or "my chairman." On numerous occasions, it was made clear to me that Joe Biden's involvement was not to be mentioned in writing, but only face-to-face.

Jim and Hunter Biden, he said, "were paranoid" about keeping Joe Biden's involvement a closely held secret.

As well they should have been.

Bobulinski all but called Hunter Biden a crook. The younger Biden wanted \$5 million wired directly into his and his family's pockets because CEFC "was really investing in the Biden family, that he held the trump card, and that he was the one putting his family legacy on the line," as Bobulinksi recounted Biden's explanation. CEFC, Biden told Bobulinski, wanted to partner with the Bidens.

Bobulinski replied that the new company must use "proper corporate governance" and not become Hunter Biden's "personal piggy bank." No matter, the \$5 million went to Hunter Biden, Bobulinski said, citing a report from two Senate committees.

The important fact Bobulinski established was this: Bobulinski met with Joe Biden, who was, despite statements to the contrary, quite familiar with his son's proposed Asiatic business empire.

Bobulinski also learned the media were not interested in his claims. Electing Joe Biden was their goal, and they wouldn't allow Tony Bobulinski to get in the way.



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The Carlson Interview

Bobulinski described the Biden meeting for Tucker Carlson. It was in Los Angeles in 2017. "It was never about Hunter Biden or Jim Biden," Bobulinski said. "It was about the family name, the Biden legacy."

Said Bobulinski:

The former vice president was flying in, and we were to meet at the Beverly Hilton; the Milken Conference was going on, obviously one of the top three conferences in the world for anybody that's a global investor or developing different humanitarian causes and a variety of things....

And so it was set up for the night of May 2nd at the Beverly Hilton. I first met with Hunter Biden and Jim Biden and just had a light discussion where they briefed me that, listen, my dad's on the way, and you know we won't go into too much detail on the business front, but we'll just spend time talking at a high level about you, your background, the Biden family, and then you know he's got to get some rest because he's speaking at the conference in the morning.

It was "crystal clear" that Hunter told his father about the big deal with China, Bobulinski said.

"Joe asked me to talk about my background, my family," Bobulinski told Carlson, and the future presidential candidate discussed his own family. But like a cagey Mafia don worried about an FBI wiretap, Biden was careful to keep mum about the China business:

We didn't go into too much detail on business, because prior to Joe showing up Hunter and Jim had coached me, listen, we won't go into too much detail here, so just a high-level discussion and meeting. So it's not like I was drilling down with Joe about cap tables and details....

I didn't request to meet with Joe; they requested that I meet with Joe. And you know he's putting his — and Hunter says this in writing. It was referenced multiple times, they were putting their entire family legacy on the line.

They knew exactly what they were doing. They were dealing with a Chinese-owned enterprise.

Bobulinksi reconfirmed that Joe Biden was the "big guy" in the e-mail, and said he met with him multiple times.

When Bobulinski asked Jim Biden whether he was concerned the China venture would jeopardize Joe Biden's future as a presidential candidate, the president's brother "chuckled" about "plausible deniability."

Yet the meeting, again, did more than show that the Bidens were trying to make millions from the Chinese Communists. It also proved Biden lied when he said he knew nothing of his son's global business ventures in the energy field.

"That's a blatant lie," Bobulinski said of Biden's pleading ignorance.

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Biden still has not denied meeting with Bobulinski.

Money Laundering

In December, with the media still ignoring the story, Fox News published more e-mails that proved Bobulinski's central claim.

In June 2017, a month after the e-mail describing the "the big guy's" SinoHawk equity split, Hunter Biden wrote to Ye Jian-ming to beg for \$10 million. A month later, Bobulinski asked that the "\$10 MM be sent in 2 \$5 MM tranches but @ the same time, \$5 MM to savings and \$5 MM to checking."

That \$10 million never materialized, Fox reported. But reprising the Senate report, the network noted that Hudson West III, a firm that Hunter Biden opened with Chinese associates, did receive \$5 million from CEFC on August 8.

The committee reported these details about the payment:

The same day the \$5 million was received, and continuing through Sept. 25, 2018, Hudson West III sent frequent payments to Owasco, Hunter Biden's firm. These payments, which were described as consulting fees, reached \$4,790,375.25 in just over a year.

The e-mails also show that Hunter Biden leased an office, the sign for which would read "The Biden Foundation" and "Hudson West (CEFC US)." Yet, Biden wrote, "the lease will remain under my company's name Rosemont Seneca." — which is the business venture ensnared in the Biden-Burisma influence-peddling scheme.

The Senate report, again, tipped off Bobulinski to Hunter Biden's double-dealing and the \$5 million payment. SinoHawk, of course, never flew.

But Hunter Biden did. A lot. With Dad. To China.

As the e-mails and Bobulinksi confirmed and the committee explained, Hunter Biden had "extensive connections to Chinese businesses and Chinese foreign nationals that are linked to the Communist government. Those contacts bore financial fruit when his father was vice president and after he left office."

When Joe Biden flew to China as vice president, the committee revealed, Hunter went along:

Joe Biden has been asked about his son, Hunter, joining him on foreign trips to China while he was vice president. In response to questions about whether this arrangement was a conflict of interest, Joe Biden has told the media, "I have never spoken to my son [Hunter] about his overseas business dealings." [U.S. Secret Service] records indicate Hunter Biden scheduled at least six trips to China while a protectee, including a trip to Beijing in May 2014....

During his December 2013 trip to China, during which Hunter Biden flew on Air Force Two, Hunter Biden admitted he met with a Chinese banker. According to news reports, Hunter Biden appeared to be conducting his own private business during this specific trip and was working to secure a deal in the hopes of creating a Chinese equity fund.

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In other words, the taxpayers subsidized the Biden Crime Family's business trips to China.

The pro-Biden media kept a lid on the Biden-China connection to get their man elected, but soon, they might not have a choice but to report it. The FBI is investigating Hunter Biden, CNN reported in December, for "multiple financial issues, including whether Hunter Biden and his associates violated tax and money laundering laws in business dealings in foreign countries, principally China."



Trying to seek justice: After Rudy Giuliani was given a copy of the contents of Hunter Biden's hard drive, on which were incriminating messages and photos, he gave it to Delaware authorites, who gave it to the FBI. Yet even though the e-mails are damning, authorities did nothing for months. *(Photo credit: AP Images)*

Fox disclosed the investigation long before CNN, which reported the probe only after its candidate had prevailed in the election. "Federal prosecutors in Delaware, working with the IRS Criminal Investigation agency and the FBI, are taking overt steps such as issuing subpoenas and seeking interviews," CNN reported. The probe involves "multiple financial issues, including whether Hunter Biden and his associates violated tax and money laundering laws in business dealings in foreign countries, principally China."

Why Hire Hunter?

The paper trail and Bobulinski's testimony establish without doubt that the Bidens hoped millions of dollars would, after they hatched SinoHawk, regularly arrive on a fast boat from China. That venture sank. But one telling question remains, and it's a question the media won't ask: why successful Chinese "businessmen," or any other high-level businessman with millions of dollars at stake, hired someone with Hunter Biden's record.

Answer: because his last name is Biden. Major corporations do not offer million-dollar salaries and consulting fees to drug-addled lawyers who were kicked out of the Navy. In Hunter Biden's case, the Ukrainians and Chinese made an exception. When his lucrative career in the energy business took off — despite no experience whatsoever — Joe Biden, his father, was vice president.

Yet Biden senior's influence as former vice president surely couldn't have been the only benefit Chinese businessmen perceived. In contemplating a partnership with the Bidens through Hunter and SinoHawk, the Chinese Communists must have anticipated his run for the presidency.



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The Chinese surely knew that if Biden became the nominee and defeated Trump, the communist regime's military and intelligence services would have a fast friend at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. SinoHawk's failure aside, they do indeed have such a friend. Hunter Biden has already made millions. The "big guy" owes the Chinese favors for enriching his son, if not himself and the entire family.

With Biden in the White House, Communist China — which seeks global economic domination — might run this country's economic and foreign policies for the next four years.



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