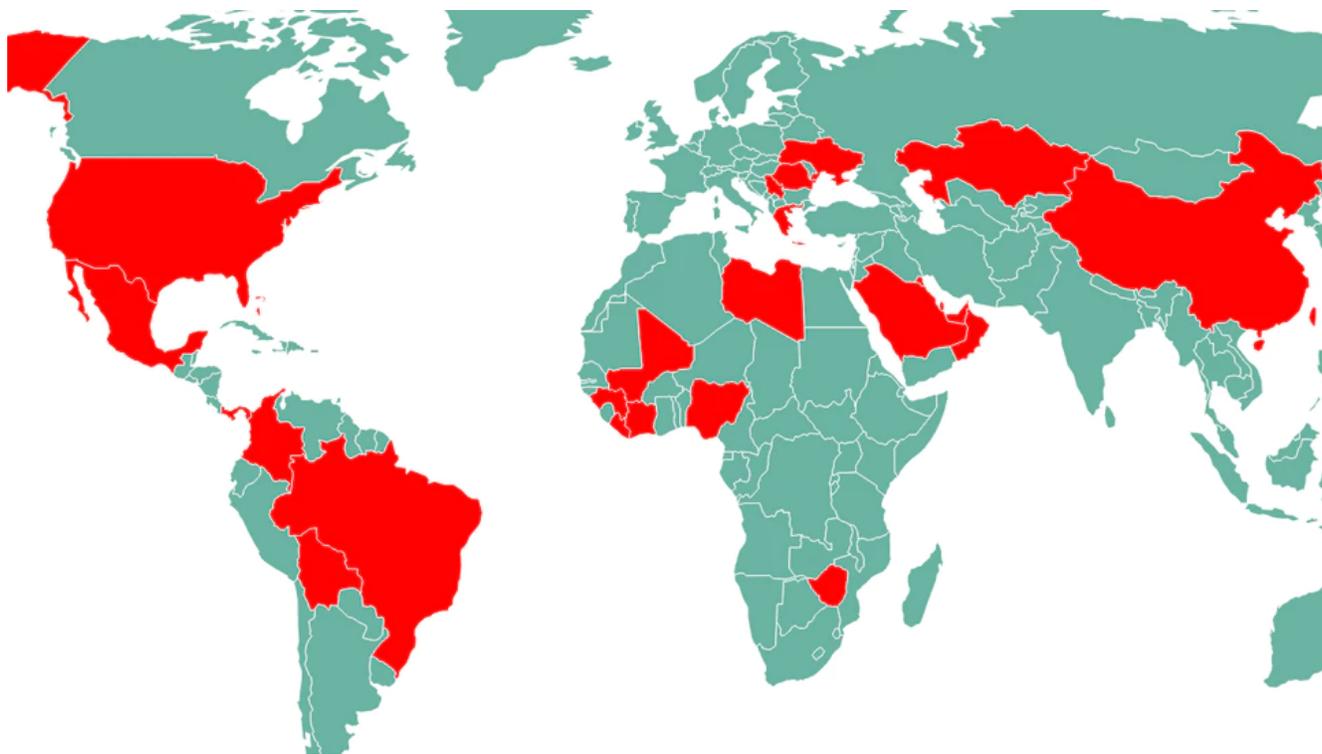


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Hunter's World: Biden Son Had Tentacles In Dark Corners Of the World Far Beyond China, Ukraine

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Hunter Biden and his business partners were involved in discussions about possible deals in dozens of foreign countries, often corrupt backwaters, at times invoking official channels like ambassadors, emails reviewed by The Daily Wire show.

While most attention has focused on Ukraine, where a gas company paid the now-president's son tens of thousands of dollars a month while he was in deep

crack addiction, and China, Hunter and his partners at a consultancy called Rosemont Seneca were eager to do business in a vast array of other places.

The map above highlights the countries where deals were discussed or executed, according to a Daily Wire review of emails obtained from the laptop Hunter Biden reportedly left at a repair shop in Delaware and never paid for or picked up. Below is a sample of some of those dealings.

Mexico

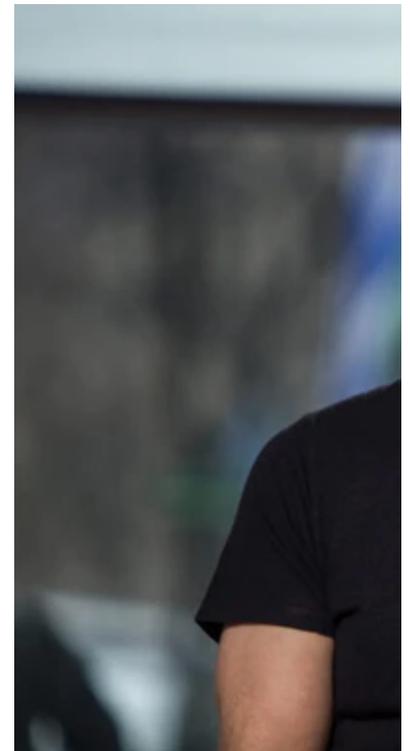
In 2015, Joe Biden's brother Jim wrote to Hunter about the prospect of a payout for serving as a middleman in an "oil deal" with Carlos Slim, Mexico's richest man:

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Have a very real deal with Pemex (Carlos slim) need financing literally for a few days to a week. Have the seller (refinery /slims) and buyer major being delivered from pipeline in (h/ USA) Nothing is simple but this comes very close. As always the devil is in the detail! Any interest on the long skirts part?... Hang in there hunt !! You can and will hold it together. I'm very proud of you and have the greatest respect, you are a great, sweet and incredibly strong man. I know you pal!!!

In February 2016, Hunter wrote to Miguel Aleman Magnani, a Mexican billionaire and son of a former Mexican governor, that he had set up a meeting for “Carlos” and Aleman Magnani’s father:

I haven't heard from you since I got you a mtg for Carlos and your Dad. We have been talking about business deals and partnerships for 7 years. And I really appreciate you letting me stay at your resort villa...but I have brought every single person you have ever asked me to bring to the F'ing WHite House and the Vice President's house and the inauguration and then you go completely silent.

A photo shows Joe Biden meeting in the White House with Aleman Magnani, his father, and Hunter in 2014.

Slim also owned TracFone Wireless, in 2015 the largest corporate beneficiary of the fraud-ridden federal benefits program popularly known as “Obamaphones.” The U.S. government paid Slim’s company \$9 per phone line for a service that it sold to the public for \$7.

Greece / Romania

In 2014, Hunter permitted an American ex-con and Romanians to use the Biden name to add weight to a bid to buy a Greek railroad.

David C. Wittig wrote Hunter in December 2014: “I met with Yiorgos Nikitiades, the ex-Minister of Tourism... Yiorgos’s view is that a call from the Ambassador in Athens will go along way in getting us this deal. Give this some thought.”

The prospective buyer was a partnership that including Romanians. Later that month, Wittig added: “Hunter, The Romanians are rightfully asking that you do not object to having you name appear in the letter (I sent to you yesterday) that informally discusses the consortium.”

Hunter replied, “I have no objection and I am in fact comfortable with you using my name in connection with this project. Obviously we have many details to iron out before we finalize any proposal, but I am very interested participating in the project. ”

In February 2015, Wittig wrote Hunter: “I met with the bankers for the government on Monday of this week. Everything is moving forward, although we still have not ironed out the structure ... hence the trip to Romania. We should have a good idea how things look on Monday. You might start thinking about a trip in March.”

Wittig was a Wall Street banker who posed for the cover of Fortune magazine holding a cigar in 1986 and became head of a Kansas utility firm in 1995. In Kansas, he bought a \$230,000 Ferrari and allegedly used a corporate airplane for family vacations, spent \$6 million renovating the mansion where he lived, believing the company would cover the cost, and spent \$6.5 million upgrading his executive suite while the company laid off hundreds of workers.

In 2005, Wittig was convicted on 39 counts of conspiracy, wire fraud, money laundering, and circumventing internal controls. In 2007, the convictions were overturned, and hours after a new, Barack Obama-appointed U.S. attorney was sworn in in 2010, the prosecutor's office announced it would not seek to retry him, citing a recent Supreme Court ruling affecting white-collar crime statutes.

Wittig ultimately received a \$36 million settlement from the utility company and moved to Greece, where he held a stake in a company called Euroconsultants.

He also served time for a separate fraud case for which he was convicted in 2004.

In 2015, Hunter was working on a "matter related to Romania" for a client. "Two approaches that I think would be most effective are one, visiting with the Romanian Ambassador to the U.S. and two, reaching out to our State Dept. on an information only basis," he wrote.

Zimbabwe

In 2018, a man named Bill McManus wrote to Hunter "regarding potential gold mine opportunities in Zimbabwe. The long and short of it is a long time friend's uncle has been mining for gold in Zimbabwe" and believes, with investments, he could assemble claims of "up to 2 million ounces of gold."

Additionally, though the government required state ownership of diamond mines, "we have a friend who has the right to desilt 160 miles of the Odzi river... This is interesting because the primary purpose is to desilt the river. Thus, apparently this is not technically a diamond mine that requires any type

of government ownership. The gentleman has indicated he would like to sell or create a jv as he is struggling with access to capital.”

Hunter asked to talk on the phone and forwarded information about it to Joe Biden's brother, Jim.

Taiwan / Colombia

Hunter's associates were seemingly so eager to do business with any foreign interest they came across that they sometimes stepped on geopolitical landmines.

One email appeared to mention Taiwan, the subject of a long-running dispute with China, to an associate while he was in China. Jim Bulger, a business partner of Hunter's, appeared to assume the Chinese Communist Party might intercept the traffic.

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“We cannot mention Taiwan in emails to Michael he is in Beijing for Gods sake... Please get him to not discuss our business with any Taiwanese person at all,” Bulger wrote.

Discussing Colombia, an associate wrote in November 2011: “Just to let you know a friend of mine Gustavo Petro won the elections in Bogota and this could be very important for our business there.”

Hunter replied: “Also- Petro is the guy that kidnapped the Aunt of the woman we met with two nights ago.”

Qatar

In April 2014, Hunter's assistant emailed that the "Qatari Ambassador called to speak with you."

The next month, his partner Eric Schwerin emailed Hunter to muse about the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA). He wasn't sure what service they could provide it, but he thought there must be a way to make money. He proposed teaming up the Arab country, where 95% of the population lives in indentured servitude, with U.S. labor unions.

"What about a QIA, Mitsubishi, Western Conference of Teamsters US Infrastructure fund. In general if QIA is looking for opportunities in this sector we could find it for them," he wrote.

Workers toiling to build Qatar's World Cup stadium reportedly worked 18-hour days for \$6 a day in temperatures of up to 118 degrees, and foreign workers' passports were allegedly confiscated so they could not leave.

Qatar's labor abuses brought condemnation from the International Trade Union Confederation, which predicted 4,000 workers could die by the time the 2022 World Cup begins.

Saudi Arabia

In February 2011, Chuck Harple, the onetime Teamsters lobbyist, wrote to discuss possible billions in Saudi Arabia, and apparently tried to involve Joe Biden:

Hunter and Eric: Don't know if you have been following the Saudi's, but they met with the French and stated that they are going to invest \$400 BILLION in nuclear

and clean energy. Granted its going to be done in their country but there will be a lot of opportunity for American Companies. Should talk about this.

Also, Dr. Yumani, chairman of the King Abdullah City for Nuclear and Renewable Energy, will be in DC March 5-10. Shaw is We are hosting a dinner on Sunday March 6 maybe a drop by my favorite elected official in the world?

United Arab Emirates

In 2011, Hunter wrote, “Did you know... That the GDP of UAE is only slightly larger than the state of Alabama? ... Makes you wonder why we’d spend so much time chasing that.”

Schwerin replied, “if Alabama were sitting on top of 10% of the world’s oil reserves maybe we’d care more about them.”

Ivory Coast

In May 2016, John Nevergole, the CEO of the ABD Group, a Philadelphia-based firm that invests in Africa and in which Schwerin holds a role, wrote to Hunter that “the Prime Minister [of the Ivory Coast] sent us as a follow up from the meeting the other week” and discussing a project with the foreign government.

He translated the letter: “The Prime Minister and the Ivorian delegation were happy to meet us in DC and exchange on investment opportunities in Cote d’Ivoire... In conclusion of our exchange they have noted that our group is engaged in 2 projects in Cote d’Ivoire... He thanks us again for our interest in Cote d’Ivoire and hopes to develop a good partnership between our company and the government.”

In September 2011, Nevergole wrote: “Hunter, Hope the trip to Kenya went well. Just as a heads up, one potential short-term opportunity that will be brought up in the meeting today is for a \$700 million project that OAS just submitted for in Panama.” As of 2017, Rosemont Seneca held equity in Nevergole projects, according to the emails.

Oman

In 2011, Hunter requested a meeting with the ambassador from Oman to the U.S., Her Excellency Hunaina Sultan Al Mughairy, to “get your advice on some projects that our firm is involved in and in particular, our affiliated investment firm, Rosemont Realty.”

In 2017, Jim Biden, Hunter, and others were included in an email chain started by James Gilliar about “a long term venture within The Sultanate that benefits all.”

Gilliar is the business partner who infamously wrote that there was a “a provisional agreement that the equity will be distributed as follows” — 20% for Hunter, 10% for Jim Biden, and 10% “held by H for the big guy ?,” which another recipient on the email, Tony Bobulinski, said referred to Joe Biden.

West Indies

Foreign businessmen were at times transparent that they viewed Hunter’s firm as a direct route to the U.S. vice president.

On a potential deal with Nagi Ghawi of the Mercantile Investment Group Holding Ltd of the West Indies, Hunter asked “what do we need to do moving forward?”

The response from Sean Conlon indicated a potential \$10 billion deal, but also implied that Devon Archer, Hunter's since-convicted business partner, knew so little about the actual finances that he asked a professor how it worked:

So we have engagement letter if they get other 10 bonds they have a face value of 10b. While it is far fetched Devon said he talked to his professor and these get traded. We get 10% in fees. We need to get these guys to an event or something where they get to just formally meet your Dad . For follow on they can talk to Chief of Staff . Let me know how soon we can do that. V brief. If Nagi gets that done we get more bonds to move. Regards your hard working partner in Positano! Sean

The direct request to meet with Joe Biden for the business deal angered Hunter. "WTF is he talking about. Mtg with JRB chief of staff?????" he wrote. "Tell him I'll do the mtg."

Access

Hunter's crew appeared to enjoy easy access to Obama-Biden administration officials with jobs relevant to their globetrotting money-making.

"Did you see POTUS named Norm Eisen to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic? We should all take a trip to visit him. Really nice Ambassador's residence," Rosemont Seneca partner Eric Schwerin wrote in 2010.

"Very nice and yes," Hunter replied.

They also had access to foreign ambassadors to the U.S.

Archer wrote to a Chinese business partner that "the meeting with Hunter and myself with Chinese Ambassador has been requested and is in motion and

agreed to.”

“Mr. Ambassador – Hope you had a nice time on the boat. I just wanted to confirm our meeting tomorrow,” to include an energy executive, Hunter wrote to the ambassador from the United Arab Emirates in 2012.

In a 2011 email, a correspondent wrote to Hunter to discuss the pair bringing a “Gift for Ambassador Al-Sabah for tomorrow,” referring to the ambassador from Kuwait to the U.S.:

Regarding our meeting tomorrow, what time do you want to meet beforehand (and where) to discuss strategy? I've met him before and gone to him for access to the Kuwait Investment Authority before (he put me in touch with KIA and I met with them in NYC) but what I didn't get from him (which he kindly offered) was access to private investors inside Kuwait as well as government sources. We will want that as well.

In March 2010, an associate wrote that “I was speaking to the Ambassador” from Serbia and “Vladimir said he met with you last week and there may be some interest in following up on your discussion. He did not want you to think he forgot about it.” Serbia’s ambassador to the U.S. at the time was Vladimir Petrovic.

The firm appeared conscious of how Hunter’s work could appear unsavory for the son of an elected official. After Barack Obama selected Bill Daley as his chief of staff, despite a supposed ban on lobbyists in the administration, Hunter’s partner Eric Schwerin wrote in 2011:

“Daley was never a ‘registered’ lobbyist although he directed SBC and JP Morgan’s lobbying efforts. Also, the article noted that he was registered as Foreign Lobbyist under FARA at one point (in 1979 when he was at Mayer Brown). Again, you are different at this point and time, but sometimes I wonder why we stress about this so much.”

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