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(1 of 2) Paul Manafort—a longtime associate of Howard Liebengood Sr.—is an exec at Event Strategies, which planned the 1/6 rally that ended with a breach of security at the Capitol, where Howard Liebengood Jr. worked security (USCP). 2 days later Liebengood Jr. committed suicide.

(2 of 2) I believe this is a coincidence. That said, because I don't think Manafort aiding and abetting a rally that ended in insurrection is coincidence, I have to assume that—out of an abundance of caution—law enforcement will investigate any possible Manafort-Liebengood link.

(PS) It is vital that no one presume connections where there may be none. My point is that as a criminal investigative matter, Manafort will be investigated for any role he had in the Save America March, and Liebengood's suicide would naturally be investigated due to its context.

(PS2) I'm sure there'll be those who say that a Donald Trump event giving tons of money to a company that enriches Paul Manafort at a time when Trump continues to need Manafort to stay quiet and Manafort is having money problems is a mere coincidence.

That I do not agree with.

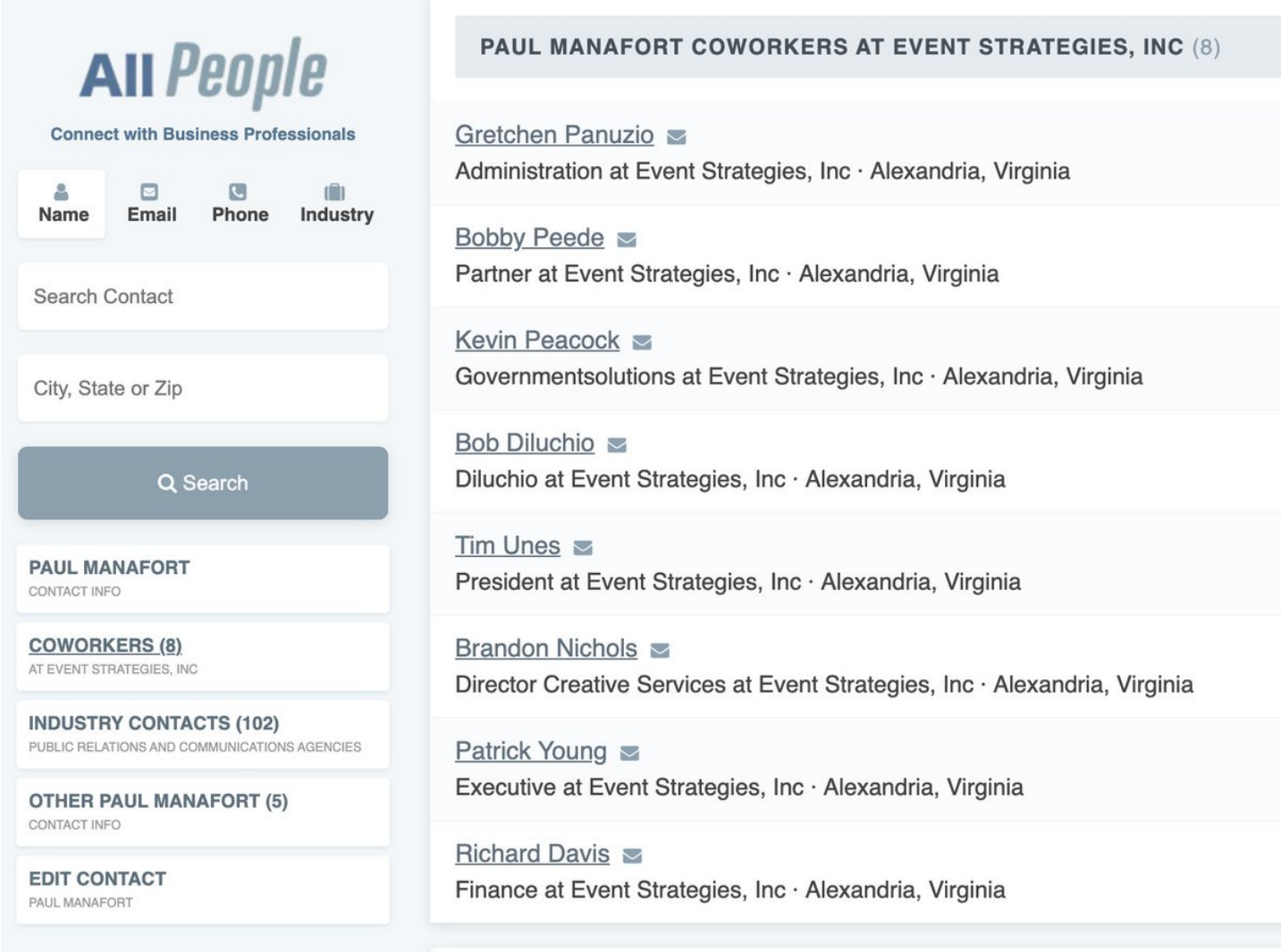
(PS3) By the same token, as a federal criminal investigative matter, when you are about to have numerous investigations into whether security at a government building had been pre-compromised and someone who worked security at that building commits suicide, it gets investigated.

(PS4) So it's only natural to say that if there's a potential association between two necessary investigations, it's something that might be briefly looked at. And all the more so due to the Manafort-January 6, Manafort-Stone, Stone-Proud Boy, and Proud Boy-January 6 connections.

(PS5) I think it's certainly a bridge too far to note that Manafort's former boss, Putin, is known for killing people and making it look like a suicide. But it's Trump and Manafort's fault that all Americans have this awareness of suspicious suicides that we didn't have pre-2015.

(PS6) Do I think there was a conspiracy behind January 6? Absolutely—that's what Ali Alexander has already said, and what many members of Congress have said publicly they believe. But I have no reason whatsoever to think Liebengood was involved. I won't say the same for Manafort.

(DOCUMENT1)



(DOCUMENT2)

CNBC **Pro-Trump dark money groups organized the rally that led to deadly Capitol Hill riot**

From Jan. 2 through Jan. 5, organizers were involved with setting up lighting, tents, flooring, bike racks, chairs and decor, all for Trump's speech on Jan. 6. The listed production vendor was Event Strategies, a company that was founded by Tim Unes. On the company website, Unes is credited with producing Trump's 2015 "campaign announcement tour" and later joined the campaign as a deputy director of advance.

(DOCUMENT3)

Liebengood's father, Howard Sr., was the Senate Sargeant at Arms in the early 1980s and previously served as chief of staff for two Republican senators. He later became a lobbyist, who worked with former Trump 2016 campaign manager Paul Manafort.

Liebengood is the second Capitol Police officer to die following the Washington, D.C., riots incited by President Trump. Officer Brian D. Sicknick was injured Wednesday after being struck by a fire extinguisher and taken to a local hospital. He died on Thursday; his death is being investigated as a homicide in partnership with other law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Capitol Police said in a statement.

(DOCUMENT4) For what it's worth—likely nothing, beyond being a curiosity—this is the most famous suspected assassination that Putin made look like a suicide.

It happened in Washington, D.C. while Trump was a presidential candidate.

Public Safety

Police report on 2015 death of Russian political aide details days of drinking

By **Peter Hermann**
December 4, 2017

A onetime senior Russian political aide who died in 2015 in a Dupont Circle hotel room had been drinking heavily over the three days before his body was found, including consuming beer, wine and liquor from small bottles kept in the hotel's mini-fridge and larger bottles of tequila and Johnnie Walker whiskey.

The copious amount of alcohol purchased and consumed is listed in a 58-page D.C. police report on the investigation into the Nov. 5, 2015, death of Mikhail Y. Lesin, obtained by The Washington Post on Monday in a Freedom of Information Act request.

Much of the report is blacked out, including key pages that detail the autopsy, thus leaving unanswered how authorities reached their conclusion that the 57-year-old died accidentally after falling and hitting his head in his hotel room. The death had sparked conspiracy theories because of Lesin's links to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

(DOCUMENT5) Far more relevant is that Stone and Manafort are longtime business partners and Trump associates, and that Stone invented "Stop the Steal" even as Manafort's company produced the most significant event ever held under the "Stop the Steal" mantra—the January 6 "rally."


CNN INVESTIGATES

Stop the Steal's massive disinformation campaign connected to Roger Stone

By Rob Kuznia, Curt Devine, Nelli Black and Drew Griffin, CNN

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(NOTE) Those who've read the Proof trilogy—Proof of Collusion (2018), Proof of Conspiracy (2019), and Proof of Corruption (2020)—will already know this, but in 2005-2006 Paul Manafort signed a contract to advance Putin's interests in the US. It's unknown if the contract persists.

(NOTE2) Well...why the hell not:

@FBI @AdamSchiff @RepAdamSchiff @davidcicilline @AOC @IlhanMN @RepRaskin @danielsgoldman @tribelaw @JasonCrowCO6 @SpeakerPelosi @SenSchumer @FrankFigliuzzi1 @AshaRangappa_ @ThePlumLineGS @page88 @RashidaTlaib @MarkWarner @HouseIntel @JerryNadler