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[Russian VIP List For The NRA Delegation Tour.docx](#)

Your wish is my command. Please find attached the "VIP list" that Maria Butina prepared for the Keene's at the end of last week. It is very thorough – edit freely, any competent State Department official will already know most of the names here without any biographical data.

Three quick notes that do NOT appear within this document:

1. You (individually) would NOT be allowed to meet with Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin – he appears near the top of the current Obama "sanctions list." If you point out that you KNOW that you would "absent yourself" from this meeting in your discussions with State, you will get bonus points. (Rogozin deals with this issue well.)
2. For obvious reasons, the "Russian leader" whom I just wrote to you about is missing from this list. Interestingly, he does NOT appear on the western "sanctions list" and you would NOT be barred from leading the delegation to the Kremlin for this meeting.
3. And because the "brothers in arms" (literally) meeting between the NRA and The Right to Bear Arms does not involve high ranking government officials, the "summit in Stalin's Bunker" 18-floors below the heart of Moscow on Friday night does not appear on this loose VIP schedule.

Let me know if any individual or title is unclear. THANK YOU for considering this – it really is important.

Paul  
[REDACTED] (cell)

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**From:** Pete Brownell [mailto:Pete.Brownell@brownells.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2015 11:43 AM  
**To:** Paul Erickson <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Higher Stakes.

This would be a very interesting meeting. I already felt like a small fish in a very big shark filled ocean.

Team is working through the logistics today.

If possible is there a list of dignitaries on the official list I will be engaging with. This might be useful for State Dept. Process.

I'm leaning toward saying yes to this. Is there a briefing on larger intent for this trip?

Pete

Sent from my iPhone

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[REDACTED]

On Nov 23, 2015, at 10:16 AM, Paul Erickson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Happy Monday, Pete!

And the stakes on the NRA expedition to Russia continue to rise. I received word early this morning that the NRA delegation "may be privileged to enjoy an audience with Russia's leader" . . . no guarantees, but given the source of the news it is now VERY likely that up to seven (7) members of the NRA delegation will be granted a private meeting with the "hero of Syria" in Moscow . . . but only if the delegation is led by the NRA President (or future President).

This word is being passed to the Keenes this morning. Let me know how your "temperature taking call" with your State Department rep goes. Even with this meeting, the visit REMAINS a business / good-will hunting expedition.

Paul

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