

# Then-VP Joe Biden used PSEUDONYM 'Robert L. Peters' in emails to Hunter about Ukraine business: GOP ramps up Biden family corruption probe and demands National Archives hand over records

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- **Republicans are seeking records revealing then-VP Joe Biden's use of a pseudonym to discuss his activities related to Ukraine with his son Hunter**
- **In a letter obtained by DailyMail.com, 'Robert L. Peters' was a pseudonym used**
- 'Robin Ware,' and 'JRB ware' were other pseudonyms used on emails

Republicans are seeking records revealing [Joe Biden](#)'s use of pseudonyms to discuss his activities related to Ukraine with his son Hunter during his time as vice president.

**They specifically want an un-redacted document that indicates that then-Vice President Biden took a call with the president of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko, on May 27, 2016.**

**Republicans say the document was emailed to 'Robert L. Peters' which is 'a pseudonym' the House Oversight Committee has 'identified as then Vice-President Biden,' a letter obtained by DailyMail.com states.**

**'Additionally, the Committee questions why the then-Vice President's son, Hunter Biden—and only Hunter Biden—was copied on this email to then-Vice President Biden.'**



**Joe Biden, Hunter Biden, the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Karim Massimov and Kenes Rakishev pictured at Cafe Milano, DC**

**Joe Biden used various private email addresses from which he would**

sometimes send, receive and forward government correspondence according to emails found on Hunter Biden's now-infamous laptop.

'Robin Ware,' 'Robert L. Peters' and 'JRB ware' were three pseudonyms used on emails that were about both official and family business.

The Republicans seek 'any document or communication' that includes Robert Peters, Robin Ware, and JRB Ware as senders or recipients.

They also demand communications between Hunter Biden and his business partners Devon Archer and Eric Schwerin.

Chairman James Comer of the House Oversight Committee sent a letter obtained by DailyMail.com to the Archivist of the United States Colleen Shogan Thursday asking for 'unrestricted special access' to 'Email Messages To and/or From Vice President Biden and Hunter Biden [related to Burisma and Ukraine](#).'

Comer also asks for 'all drafts' of then-VP Biden's speech that he delivered to the Ukrainian Rada on December 9, 2015. During the speech, Biden touted his anti-corruption efforts in the country and urged an overhaul and reform of the office of the general prosecutor.

At the time, top Ukrainian prosecutor Viktor Shokin was investigating oil company Burisma Holdings for corruption - the same company that Hunter was a sitting board member of.

Their demands come after [Hunter Biden](#)'s ex-business partner Archer testified before the House Oversight Committee earlier this month that [Joe Biden's 'brand' protected Burisma](#) because 'people would be intimidated to mess with them.'

Hunter's presence on Burisma's board and access to his father - then vice president - led to the company's 'longevity' because they had the 'capabilities to navigate D.C.,' Archer said according to the transcript.

Hunter's best friend and business associate sat with him on Burisma's board beginning in 2014. They also started Rosemont Seneca Partners, an investment advisory firm, together.

He confirmed that Hunter put Joe on speakerphone 20 times during business meetings over a 10-year period, which was a 'signal' of 'value,' and Hunter used his dad as 'defensive leverage.'

He also told lawmakers that Joe sat and had dinner in-person on at least two occasions with Hunter and his foreign business partners, who then wired money almost immediately after to Biden-affiliated companies.

The then-vice president also sat in on another dinner with Hunter and his partners in 2015 at Cafe Milano in Washington, D.C., Archer confirmed.

'Dear Hunter,' reads a note from a Ukrainian executive following the dinner. 'Thank you for inviting me to DC and giving me an opportunity to meet your father and [spend] some time together.'

During another dinner with Burisma executives at the Four Seasons in Dubai, Hunter said he would be able to get 'help from D.C.' in order to relieve some 'government pressure' on the company.

Archer testified that Burisma was 'getting pressure' and as a result, they 'requested Hunter, you know, help them with some of that pressure.'

He said it was 'government pressure' from the ongoing Ukrainian investigation into the company at the time - led by top prosecutor Shokin.

However, Archer said that Shokin 'wasn't specifically on my radar as being an individual that was -- that was targeting him.'

'But yes, there was constant pressure. And it was like it was like whack a mole in regards to the pressures that had to resolve,' Archer continued.

He said that the Burisma executives weren't specific in asking directly 'can the big guy help?'

Rather, they used the 'amorphous' term: 'can we get help in D.C.?'

Archer understood that 'D.C.' meant Hunter's influence based on his connection to his then-VP father.

'Well, I mean, he was a lobbyist and an expert and obviously he carried, you know, a very powerful name. So I think it was that's what they were asking for,' said Archer.

In March 2016, Joe Biden is alleged to have threatened to withhold \$1 billion in aid to Ukraine if Shokin was not fired for corruption, which he eventually was.

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The Honorable Colleen Shogan  
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Dear Dr. Shogan:

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is investigating President Biden's meetings and communications with certain family members and their business associates during his tenure as Vice President. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has published the Biden Vice Presidential Records Collection, which contains information relevant to the Committee's work. Many of these records have been redacted for publication pursuant to the Presidential Records Act (PRA) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). To further our investigation, it is essential that the Committee review these documents in their original format.

The Committee seeks unrestricted special access under the PRA to Case Number 2023-0022-F, entitled "Email Messages To and/or From Vice President Biden and Hunter Biden related to Burisma and Ukraine," which has been published on NARA's website.<sup>1</sup> These records have been redacted for public release pursuant to the PRA and FOIA. For example, an email bearing the subject "Friday Schedule Card," is withheld in part under a "P6" and "b(6)" restrictions, denoting personal information regarding the subject under the PRA and FOIA respectively. Attached to this email, and made available on the NARA website, is a document that indicates at 9:00 a.m. on May 27, 2016, Vice President Biden took a call with the president of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko. It is concerning to the Committee, however, that this document was sent to "Robert L. Peters"—a pseudonym the Committee has identified as then Vice-President Biden. Additionally, the Committee questions why the then-Vice President's son, Hunter Biden—and only Hunter Biden—was copied on this email to then-Vice President Biden.

To further our investigation, the Committee needs to review these documents in their original format. The Committee also requests access to certain other documents and information described below. Please provide these documents no later than August 31, 2023:

1. Complete, unredacted versions of all documents from Case Number 2023-0022-F;

<sup>1</sup> NAT'L ARCHIVES & REC. ADMIN., BIDEN VICE PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS COLLECTION, *Email Messages To and/or From Vice President Biden and Hunter Biden related to Burisma and Ukraine*, Case No. 2023-0022-F,



Hunter Biden committed an 'abuse of soft power' by putting his dad on speakerphone during business meetings - when Joe Biden knew there were associates in the room, according to Devon Archer

**'Joe Biden has stated there was 'an absolute wall' between his family's foreign business schemes and his duties as Vice President, but evidence reveals that access was wide open for his family's influence peddling,' Comer said in a statement to DailyMail.com.**

**'We already have evidence of then-Vice President Biden speaking, dining, and having coffee with his son's foreign business associates. We also know that Hunter Biden and his associates were informed of then-Vice President Biden's official government duties in countries where they had a financial interest.'**

**Archer also added that Hunter Biden would refer to his father as 'my guy,' which Republicans noted following the closed-door testimony on Monday.**

**According to the transcript, Hunter was 'getting paid a lot of money' by**

Burisma and 'wanted to show value' by getting credit for Joe Biden's earlier trip to Ukraine in 2014.

'I can't guide my father in what he's going to do on this trip, but let's get credit for it,' Archer said Hunter was thinking by referring to his dad as 'my guy.'