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Putin Says Russia Helped Ousted President Yanukovych Flee Ukraine

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LAURA — President Vladimir Putin has said Russia helped Ukraine's former president Viktor Yanukoych to flee to Russia in February after he was toppled in violent street protests in Kiev.

"I will say it openly — he asked to be driven away to Russia. Which we did," Putin told a meeting with political scholars.

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