

Trump Campaign Chief Resigns Amid Pro-Russia Lobbying Allegations

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U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump's campaign chairman Paul Manafort has resigned amid allegations he illegally lobbied for Ukraine's former pro-Russian government.

Ukrainian journalist and politician Serhiy Leshchenko [reported](#) Friday that he had uncovered ledgers which reveal Ukraine's Party of Regions made undisclosed payments to Manafort.

The cash payments, made between 2007 and 2012, were worth \$12.7 million, The New York Times [reported](#).

Manafort, who has previously offered consulting services to ousted former president Viktor Yanukovich, is accused of having secretly lobbied in Washington for Yanukovich's pro-Russian ruling party alongside his deputy Rick Gates.

Leshchenko also claimed that U.S. [television star](#) Larry King received \$225,000 from the party's shadow assets, the money reportedly being paid in return for a 2011 interview with

then Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov.

Manafort has denied that he had ever worked for the governments of Ukraine or Russia.

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