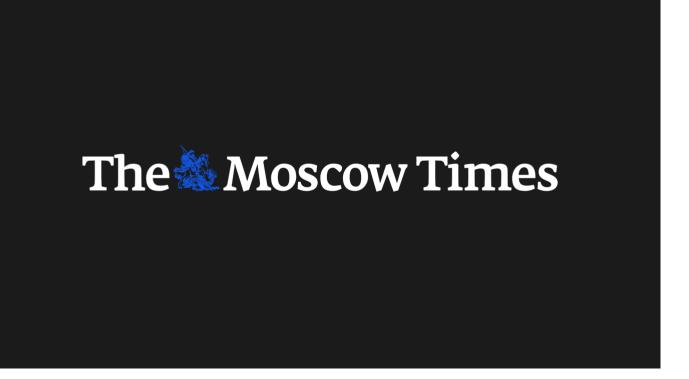


Russia 'Tampering with U.S. Elections' – Senator

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A⊠prominent U.S. Senator has asked the FBI to investigate claims of⊠possible Russian interference in the country's upcoming presidential⊠election,

<u>The New York Times reported</u>

Monday.

Writing⊠in a letter to FBI Chief James B. Comey Jr., Senate Minority Leader⊠Harry Reid claimed that Russian interference is "more extensive⊠than is widely known and may include the intent to falsify election⊠results."

Speaking **\substack** in a recent interview, Reid said he feared that Russia wanted to **\substack** "tamper with this election" based on briefings from senior **\substack** intelligence officials.

The⊠FBI has allegedly warned two U.S. states of foreign hackers which had⊠hacked into their

computer systems, in one case exporting voter⊠registration data, The New York Times reported.

The ■ states in question have not been confirmed, but have been named in ■ the media

as

Arizona and Illinois.

Matt⊠Roberts, a spokesman for Arizona's secretary of state, later⊠announced that the FBI had told state officials that the Kremlin was⊠behind the cyber attack.

Cyber⊠security experts have previously accused Russian intelligence⊠agencies of hacking networks of the Democratic National Committee⊠last month.

Washington ■ has not formally accused Moscow of orchestrating the breaches, ■ despite U.S. intelligence informing the White House they were "highly ■ confident" of Russian involvement, The New York Times reported.

The ■Kremlin denies all allegations, calling the claims "absurd."

The U.S. presidential elections are due

to take place on Nov. 6, 2016.

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