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Russian Lawyer Says Trump Jr. Only Asked About Democrats' Financing

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Donald Trump, Jr. speaking with supporters of his father, Donald Trump, at a campaign rally at the Sun Devil Fitness Center at Arizona State University in Tempe, October 2016. **Gage Skidmore / Wikicommons**

Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya said on Tuesday that Donald Trump Jr. met her to obtain "inappropriate" information on sources of U.S. Democratic campaign financing.

"The question that I was asked was as follows: whether I had any financial records which might prove that the funds used to sponsor the D.N.C. were coming from inappropriate sources," the previously obscure Moscow lawyer told NBC News.

Donald Trump Jr. described his 20-minute encounter with Veselnitskaya on June 9, 2016, as "a total waste of time."

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“Her words were turbid, ambiguous and senseless,” he said in a formal statement. “She didn’t offer any details or new information.”

Donald Trump Jr. said he met Veselnitskaya to discuss Russian orphans in the United States.

The Kremlin has said the lawyer has no official ties to the Russian government. “We don’t know who she is,” Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Monday.

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