

**letter zembla April 13<sup>th</sup>/ reaction April 21st 2017**

**ZEMBLA (Z):**

**Question 5: "We found on the internet a picture of Mr. Leviev and president Donald Trump. When and at what occasion was it taken? And what "partnership" is referred to in the text below the picture? What are Mr. Leviev's connections to Donald Trump?"**

Lev Leviev (LL):

- There has never been any partnership or any kind of business relationship between Mr. Leviev and Donald Trump. That photo was taken over 8 years ago, when Donald Trump visited Mr. Leviev's jewelry shop in New York as a customer. That was the only time these two persons ever met. All publications hinting that there is any kind of relationship between Mr. Leviev and Donald Trump are incorrect and extremely unreliable.

**Letter Zembla April 30<sup>th</sup>/ Reaction LETTER 04/05/2017**

**Z:**

- **Regarding the picture of Mr Leviev and Donald Trump: According to your letter the meeting in Mr Leviev's NY City store "was the only time these two persons ever met. All publications hinting that there is any kind of relationship between Mr Leviev and Donald Trump are incorrect and extremely unreliable". Could you tell us the exact date Mr Leviev and Mr Trump met in New York City?**

- **The Russian newspaper Kommersant mentions a meeting between Donald Trump and Mr Leviev in Russia: <http://kommersant.ru/doc/899538>. The Russian AFI representative Natalia Ivanova told Kommersant that in May 2008 the co-owner of AFI Development Lev Leviev visited Donald Trump. Could you tell us where and when this meeting took place? Which business activities were discussed? Have there been more meetings between these two persons? Were there more business activities between Mr Trump and Mr Leviev (or any of their companies)?**

**LL:**

- The date when Mr Leviev and Mr Trump met at the Leviev jewelry shop in New York was about 8-9 years ago (due to the many years that have passed, we could not locate the exact date of the meeting). This was the only time these two persons ever met.

- There has never been any kind of business relationship between Mr Leviev and Mr Trump.

- All publications hinting that there is any kind of relationship between Mr Leviev and Mr Trump, through any of their companies, are incorrect and extremely unreliable.

**Reaction letter May 9th 2017**

First of all, the clients do not see why they fit into a documentary titled "The Dubious Friends of Donald Trump", as they deny the existence of any friendly or business relationship or partnership between them and Donald Trump. It is no secret that Lev Leviev and Donald Trump met once in New York in 2008, but no business deal or any kind of relationship was ever formed between them. The clients also feel offended that you decided to publically refer to them as "dubious".