

letter zembla April 13th/ reaction April 21st 2017

ZEMBLA (Z):

“Mr. Leviev sold the former New York Times building to Jared Kushner, for 290 million US Dollar. We would like to talk about this deal and his connections with Jared Kushner.”

Lev Leviev (LL):

In 2015 AFI USA sold its ownership rights in relation to the landmark property known as the “New York Times Building” to a company owned by Mr. Kushner (who has been a real estate investor for a long time). That transaction was concluded by the management teams of AFI USA and Kushner Companies, and was brokered by the firms CBRE and Cushman Wakefield, who represented each of the seller and the buyer. Mr. Leviev had never met or communicated with Jared Kushner and was not personally involved in this transaction.

Letter Zembla April 30th/ Reaction LETTER 04/05/2017

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- In 2015 AFI USA sold the former New York Times building to Mr Kushner. You state that Mr Leviev has never met or communicated with Mr Kushner and was not personally involved in this transaction. On Instagram Chagit Leviev congratulates Mr Kushner: “Proud to have made this amazing deal happen”. Wasn’t it Chagit Leviev, Mr Leviev’s daughter, who was in charge of AFI USA at the time the deal with Mr Kushner was made?

LL:

- The statement in this matter in our letter of April 21st is true and correct and is hereby repeated: Mr Leviev had never met or communicated with Jared Kushner and was not personally involved in this transaction.

- Mrs Sofiev-Leviev, who is Mr Leviev’s daughter, is indeed the present CEO of AFI-USA, and in that position she led the AFI-USA team on the transaction for selling the New York Times building to the highest bidder, which was apparently a company owned by Mr Kushner.

- That transaction was concluded by the management teams of AFI-USA and Kushner Companies, and was brokered by the firms CBRE and Cushman Wakefield, who represented each of the seller and the buyer.

Reaction letter May 9th 2017

The transaction concluded between a company belonging to Jared Kushner and AFI USA was a regular real estate deal in which a property was sold to the highest bidder, before Donald Trump was elected as president, and even before he won the official nomination of the Republican party. The clients fail to see how the fact that Chagit Leviev, CEO of AFI USA and the daughter of Lev Leviev, expressed her contentment with this transaction on social media evidences any relationship with Donald Trump.