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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** January 27, 2019 at 7:30:22 PM PST  
**To:** Alexander Nazaryan <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re:

Alexander, it would be helpful if you were to send me your questions.

I can review [REDACTED]

Thank you - I appreciate it

On Jan 27, 2019, at 7:25 PM, Alexander Nazaryan <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Agreed.

On Sun, Jan 27, 2019 at 10:23 PM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Let's delay the conversation and revisit tomorrow morning.

On Jan 27, 2019, at 7:00 PM, Alexander Nazaryan <[REDACTED]> wrote:

The story is about Dr. Kim, of course, and his tenure at WBG. I've spoken to more than a dozen people who worked closely with JYK. Your name has come up in many of those conversations.

Does it mean that you are a "major" part of the story? It does not, though I hesitate to offer that assurance for the very simple reason that there is no settled definition of "major."

Is your name currently in the article? It is, but as I've said before, we think very deeply about journalistic ethics. That is only to say that we don't print everything we hear, nor print things we judge to be rumor or malicious innuendo.

I think the above makes our need to have a conversation more urgent. One suggestion is that, if we do delay the call, we do it so that my editor Sharon Weinberger is present. I trust her completely and believe that she can help us approach this in the most responsible and productive way possible.

On Sun, Jan 27, 2019 at 9:36 PM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Alexander thank you for your email.

I assume that I am not a major part of your story and that my name or any specifics about me will not be used in this story — you may be aware I mentor young women.

If my assumption is incorrect then we will need to delay our call tonight.

On Jan 27, 2019, at 5:23 PM, Alexander Nazaryan <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you for getting back to me.

In short, the answer is yes, we can absolutely speak off the record.

But that requires some elaboration. For one, I have not met two people who agree exactly on what off the record is. My definition is as follows: that nothing from the conversation can be quotes or otherwise referenced in print unless it has been independently confirmed elsewhere (i.e., if you tell me that Lee Harvey Oswald shot JFK, I can print it because other sources say the same thing).

My one request is that, if, in the course of the conversation, something is said that I believe is critical to the article, I can broach the possibility of a segment of our conversation moving to either background or deep background. You would still have total and unambiguous right to refuse.

The above is how I've worked in the past, and it has allowed me, [in the course of reporting my book](#), to speak with people who have/have had extremely sensitive West Wing positions. I've been able to win their trust and I hope that I can win yours.

Please let me know your thoughts on the above.

Don't worry about recording. I can run a recorder on my end. But if you want to record for your own use, then by all means.

On Sun, Jan 27, 2019 at 7:36 PM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi there - I'm grateful for your professionalism and high ethical standards.

Apologies for the delay in responding, I am [REDACTED]

If you can confirm an off the record conversation, I will call you this evening at 7:30pm PST at [REDACTED]

My call will come from [REDACTED] and if you would like me to set up a recorded line send word and I can arrange that as well.

[REDACTED]

On Jan 27, 2019, at 1:03 PM, Alexander Nazaryan <[REDACTED]>

wrote:

Dear [REDACTED], thank you for your call today. I very much look forward to speaking and want also to assure you that the team at Yahoo News is rigorously professional. If possible, I would love to talk at **7:30 PST tonight**. Please let me know.

Thank you.

Alexander

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