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By JAMES GLANZ, JEFF LARSON and ANDREW W. LEHREN JAN. 27, 2014



When a smartphone user opens Angry Birds, the popular game application, and starts slinging birds at chortling green pigs, spies could be lurking in the background to snatch data revealing the player's location, age, sex and other personal information, according to secret British intelligence documents.

In their globe-spanning surveillance for terrorism suspects and other targets, the National Security Agency and its British counterpart have been trying to exploit a basic byproduct of modern telecommunications: With each new generation of mobile phone technology, ever greater amounts of personal data pour onto networks where spies can pick it up.

According to dozens of previously undisclosed classified <u>documents</u>, among the most valuable of those unintended intelligence tools are so-called leaky apps that spew everything from the smartphone identification codes of users to where they have been that day.

The N.S.A. and Britain's Government Communications Headquarters were working together on how to collect and store data from dozens of smartphone apps by 2007, according to the <u>documents</u>, provided by Edward J. Snowden, the former N.S.A. contractor. Since then, the agencies have traded recipes for grabbing location and planning data when a target uses Google Maps, and for vacuuming up address books, buddy lists, telephone logs and the geographic data embedded in photographs when someone sends a post to the mobile versions of Facebook, Flickr, LinkedIn, Twitter and other Internet services.

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# Leaked Cables Offer a Raw Look Inside U.S. Diplomacy



### Dispatches Chronicle Threats and Tensions

By SCOTT SHANE and ANDREW W. LEHREN

WASHINGTON — A cache of a quarter-million confidential American diplomatic cables, most of them from the past three years, provides an unprecedented look at back-room bargaining by embassies around the world, brutally candid views of foreign leaders and frank assessments of nuclear and terrorist threats.

Some of the cables, made available to The New York Times and several other news organizations, were written as recently as late February, revealing the Obama administration's exchanges over crises and conflicts. The material was originally obtained by WikiLeaks, an organization devoted to revealing secret documents. WikiLeaks posted 220 cables, some redacted to protect diplo-

# Flow of unregulated chemicals flow from China into pharmaceuticals in the US and developed nations

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This article was reported by Walt Bogdanich, Jake Nooker and Andrew W. Letnen and written by Mr. Bogdanich.

MILAN — In January, Honor International Phanetech was accused of shapping counterfelt drugs into the United States. Even so, the Chinese chemical company — whose motto is "Thinking Much of Honor" — was openly marketing its products in October to thousands of buyers here at the world's biggest triade show for pharmaceutical ingredents.



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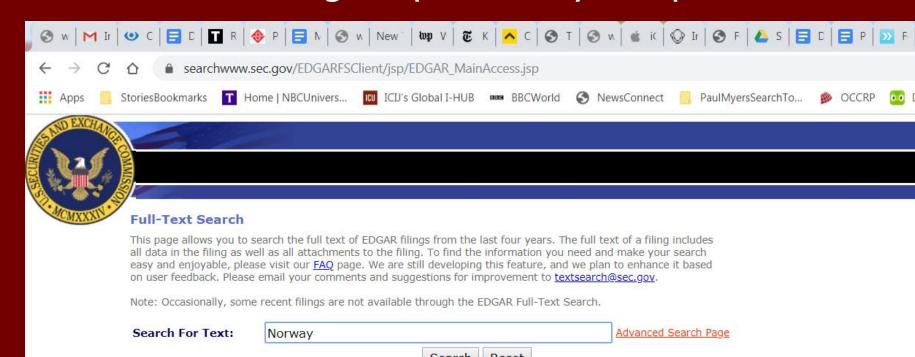
Other Chinese chemical companies made the journey to the annual show as well, including one manufacturer recently accused by American authorities of supplying stended to degal underground labs and another whose representative was arrested at the 2006 trade show for patent violations. Also attending were two exporters owned by China's government that had sold poson melaboled as a drug ingredent, which lided nearly 200 people and injured countiess others in Hailt and in Panama.

Yet another chemical company, Orient Pacific International, reserved an exhibition booth in Milan, but its owner, Kevin Xu, could not attend. He was in a Houston jail on charges of selling counterfeit medicine for schizophrenia, prostate cancer, blood clots and Alzheimer's disease, among other maladies.

While these companies hardly represent all of the nearly 500 Chinese

# **Business Records**

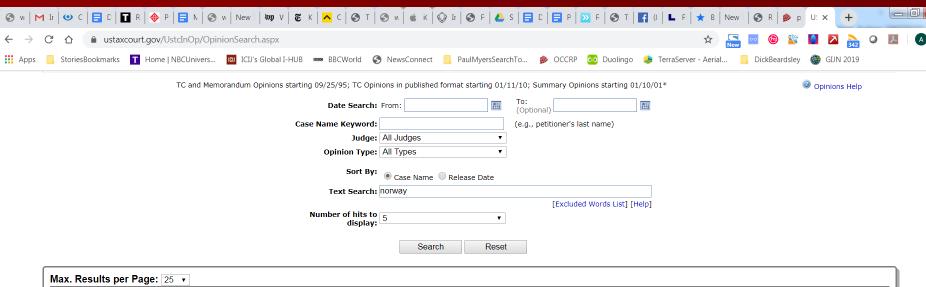
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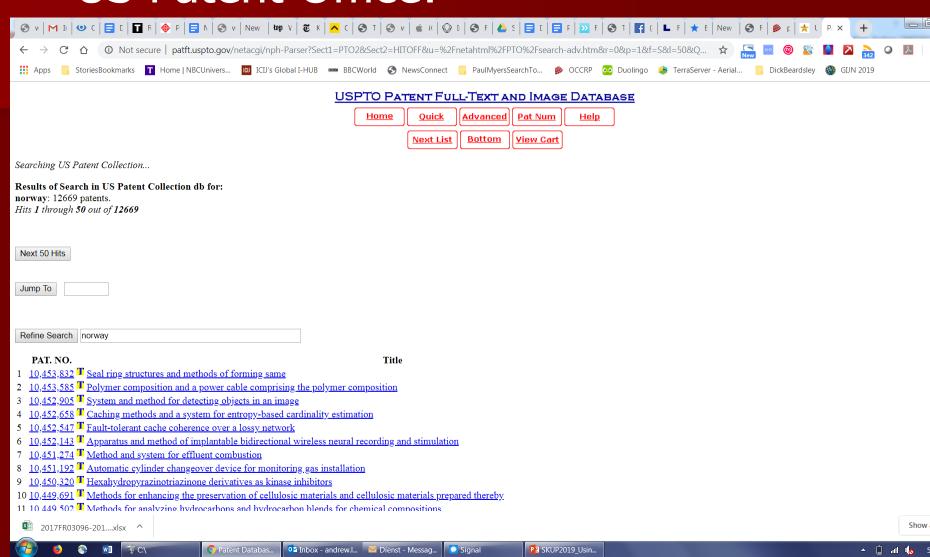








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MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Business is booming here at the Trump National Golf Club.

The real estate office is selling million-dollar homes, the membership roster is nearly maxed out, and the private club is booking a record number of events, including a sold-out "Bag-Lady Luncheon," where luxury leather handbags were auctioned for a charity that supports military veterans.

"How do we get busier?" asked Jennifer Minton, the club's controller, during a recent tour of the grounds. "We only have so many weekends."

It is a very different story in Los Angeles.

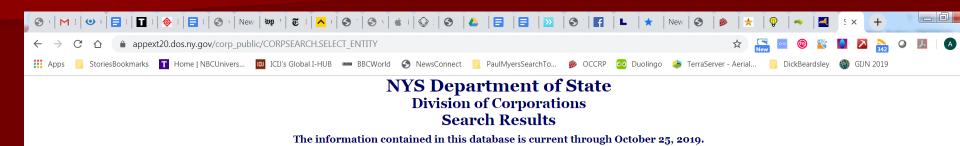
The Trump National Golf Club there, a public course, has seen a double-digit drop in revenue from golf in the first six months of 2017 compared with a year earlier, according to documents obtained through a public records request. A large crowd assembled this spring, but they were protesters spelling out "RESIST!" with their bodies.

The divergent fortunes of the North Carolina and Los Angeles clubs reflect a broader pattern across President Trump's business empire: The red-blue political divide is not only informing the president's policies, it is influencing his family-owned company's bottom line.

Mr. Trump's most recent financial disclosure statement, a 98-page report in June, showed that the Trump Organization brought in at least \$597 million in revenue during his 2016 campaign and the first few months of his presidency, down about 3 percent compared with his previous filing in May 2016.



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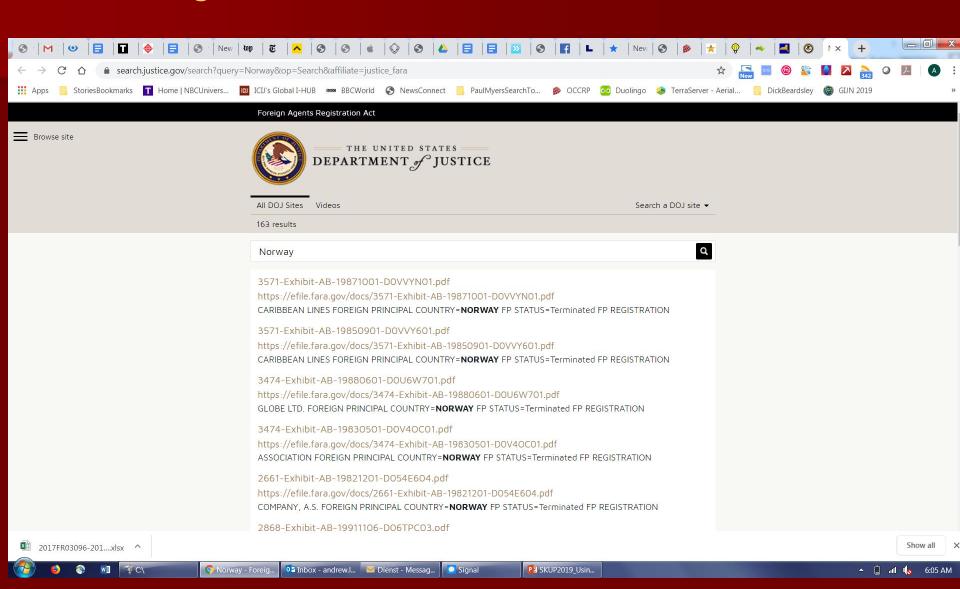
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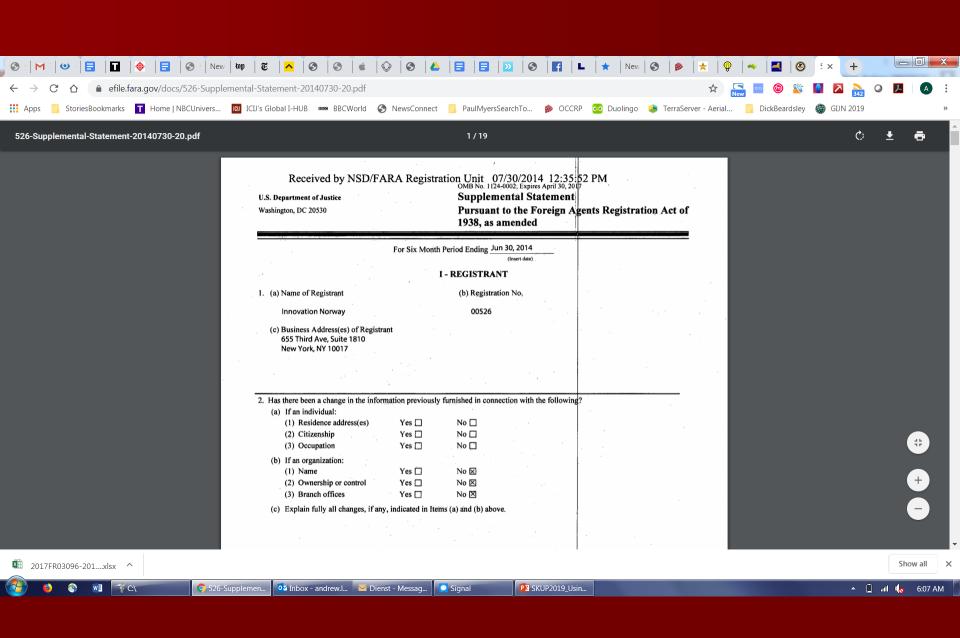
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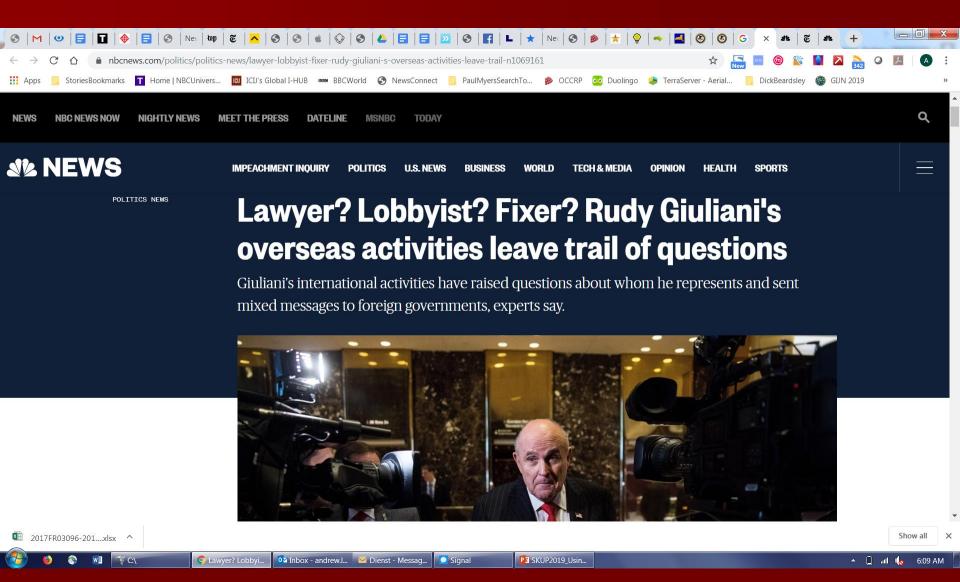
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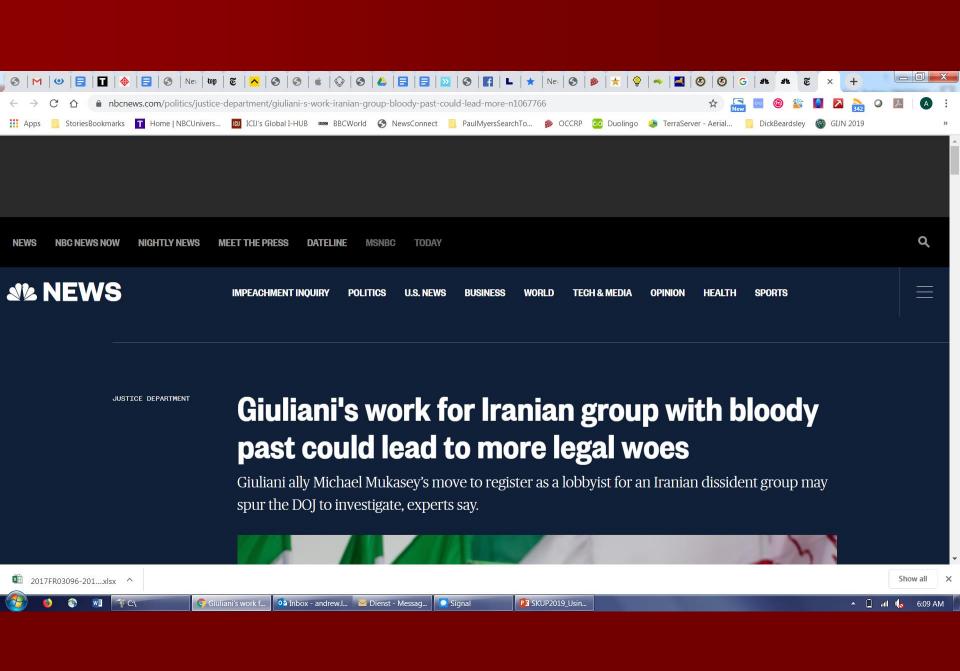
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On April 27, 2010, Bibi Ngota died in Kondengui prison in the tiny West African nation of Cameroon. According to prison documents made public by his family, Ngota perished because of "abandonment, improper care," by prison authorities, and "failure to render assistance."

Ngota wasn't a career criminal. He was a journalist, the editorial director of the publication Cameroon Express. He was imprisoned for investigating alleged corruption involving Laurent Esso, a high-ranking politician who serves as both secretary general of the president's office and chairman of the state-run oil company.

### Musharraf charity in US faces scam

Spokesman says it took too long to establish operations

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NEW YORK: While General (R) Musharraf faces serious legal and criminal charges in Pakistan, he is about to be hit by financial misappropriations in the US where his foundation raised \$2 million for Pakistan and not a dollar was sent there. His organisation touted branches not just in Pakistan, but also in the United Kingdom and the United States, in a mass appeal for humanitarian aid to flood victims.

Three years later, Musharraf's effort is in shambles. Amid allegations of misspending after raising more than \$2 million, its Pakistan operation closed this spring. In February, the United Kingdom's government oversight agency, the Charity Commission, officially removed the foundation from its list of charities.

But gone unnoticed amid those well-publicised closures is that the Musharraf Foundation continues to operate in the United States. Its website, as of this month, still seeks donations, with images of children in flood damaged areas, headlines about diseases and damaged roads, and ways to contribute cash. And as of mid-November, its phone line is answered by operators willing to accept credit card donations. The fundraising continues despite the US charity ever spending any money for helping Pakistani flood victims.

The Musharraf Foundation's filings with **US tax authorities shows it has raised more than \$35,000. While money was spent for running a website and unspecified professional fees, none of the proceeds went for charitable efforts, tax records show.** 

The US charity is led by Dr Raza Bokhari, a medical doctor and entrepreneur who is long-time outspoken supporter of Musharraf, a general who first came to office in a 1999 military coup. The former president himself now faces criminal charges in Pakistan in connection with the murders of political rivals and for ordering a military assault on fundamentalists at an Islamabad mosque who had been calling for his ouster. Musharraf has maintained his innocence and Bokhari has decried the prosecutions as politically motivated maneuvers.

### Selling Apartheid

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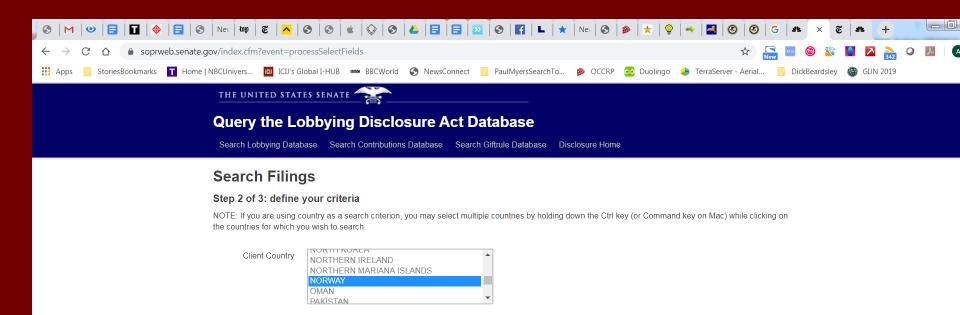
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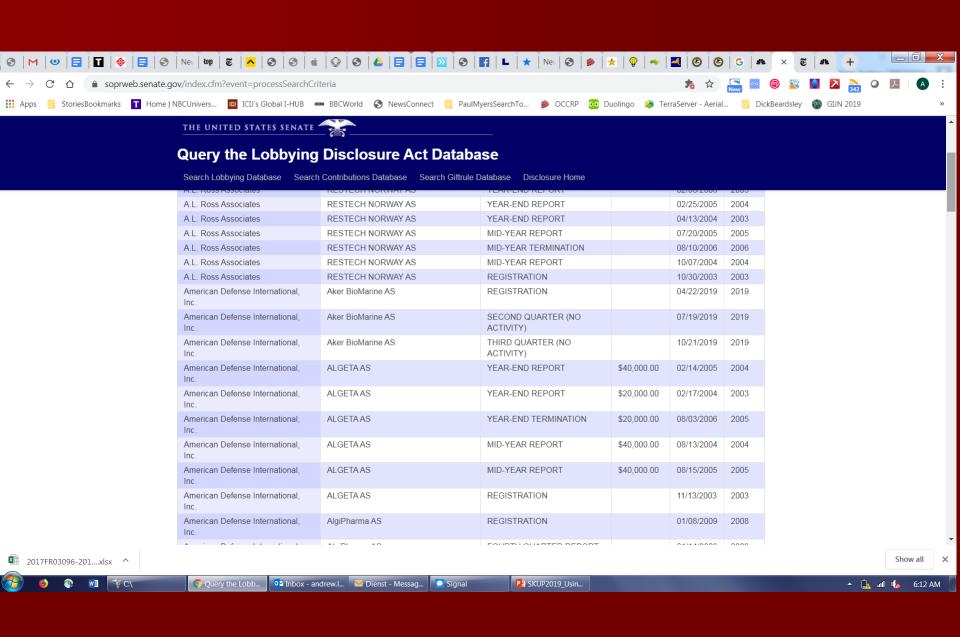
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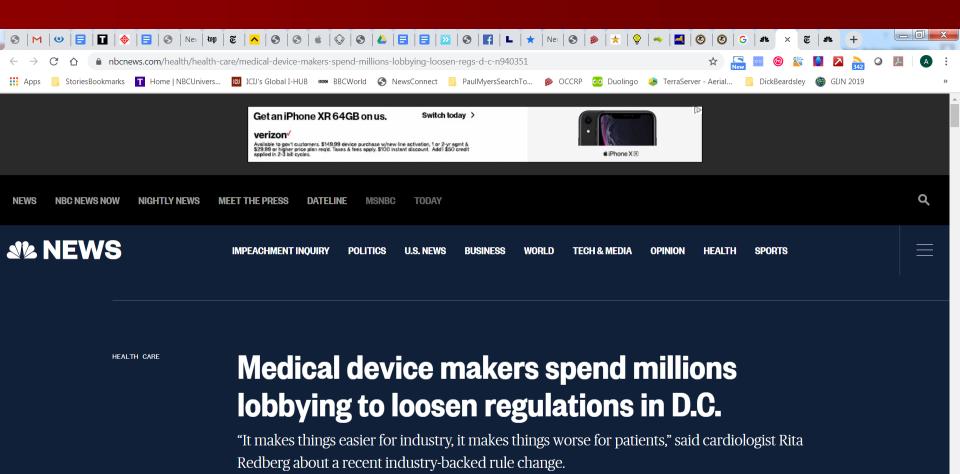
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# The Mueller effect: FARA filings soar in shadow of Manafort, Flynn probes



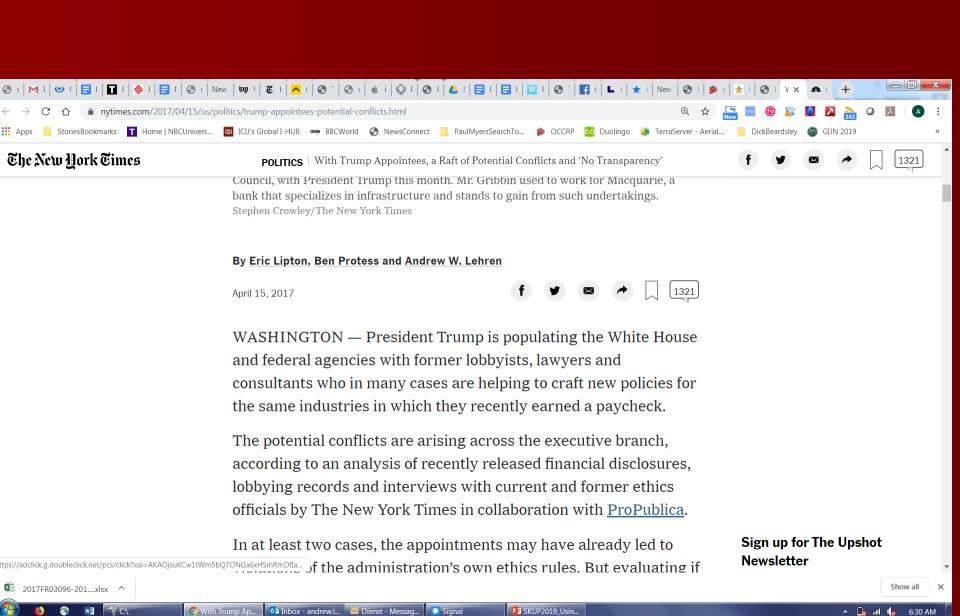
### By Julia Ainsley, Andrew W. Lehren and Anna Schecter

WASHINGTON – The data firm whose work for Donald Trump's campaign attracted the interest of Robert Mueller's investigators recently filed paperwork showing it had helped spread negative information about Qatar, the Gulf nation targeted by the Saudis and the United Arab Emirates in a bitter propaganda battle.

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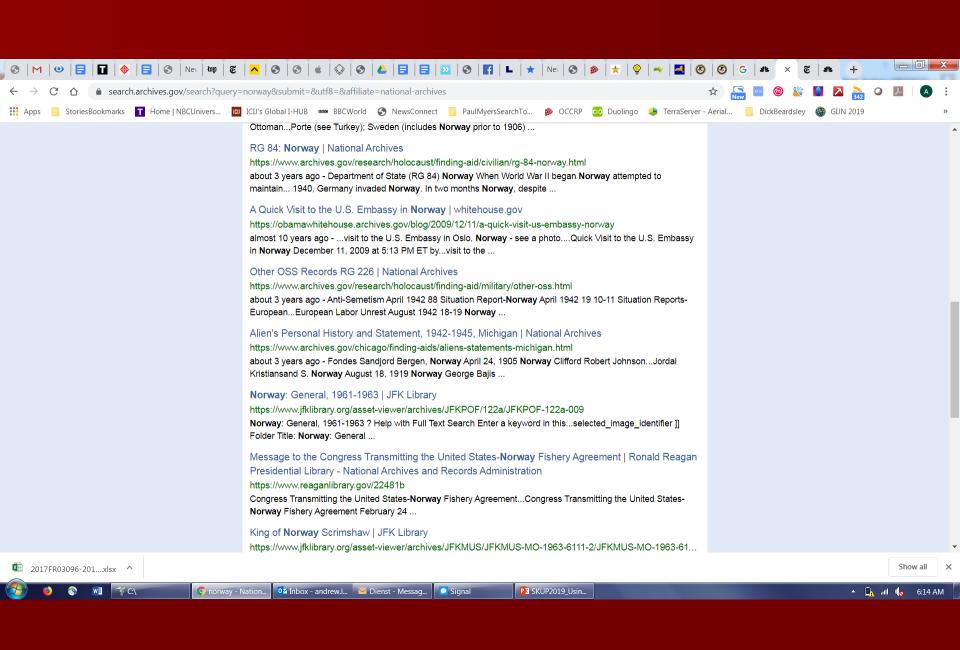
The filing by SCL Social Limited is one of hundreds of new and supplemental FARA filings by U.S. lobbyists and public relations firms since Special Counsel Mueller charged two Trump aides with failing to disclose their lobbying work on behalf of foreign countries.

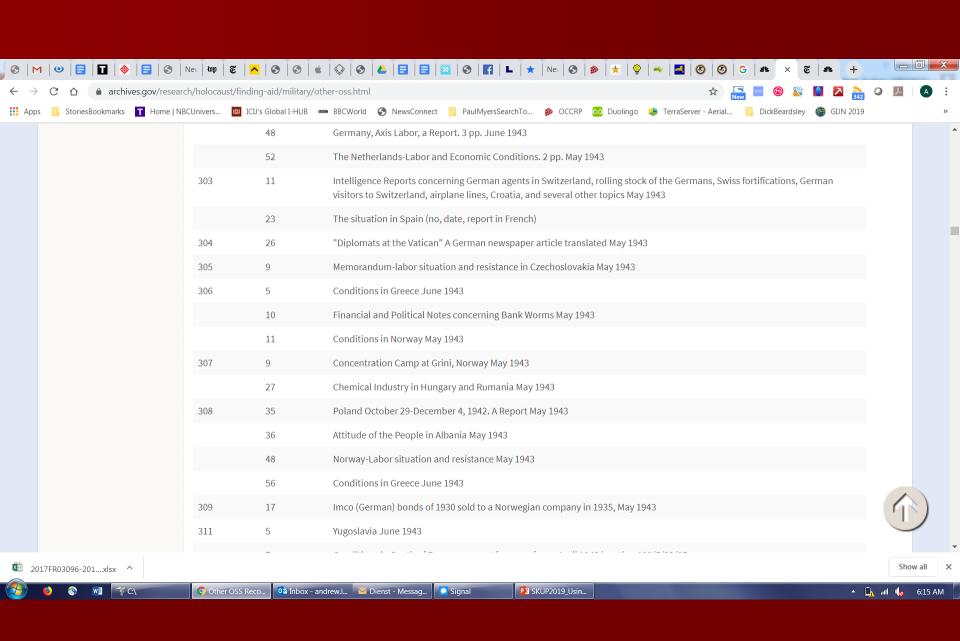
The number of first-time filings like SCL Social Limited's rose 50 percent to 102 between 2016 and 2017, an NBC News analysis found. The number of supplemental filings, which include details about campaign donations, meetings and phone calls more than doubled from 618 to 1,244 last year as lobbyists scrambled to avoid the same fate as some of Trump's associates and their business partners.

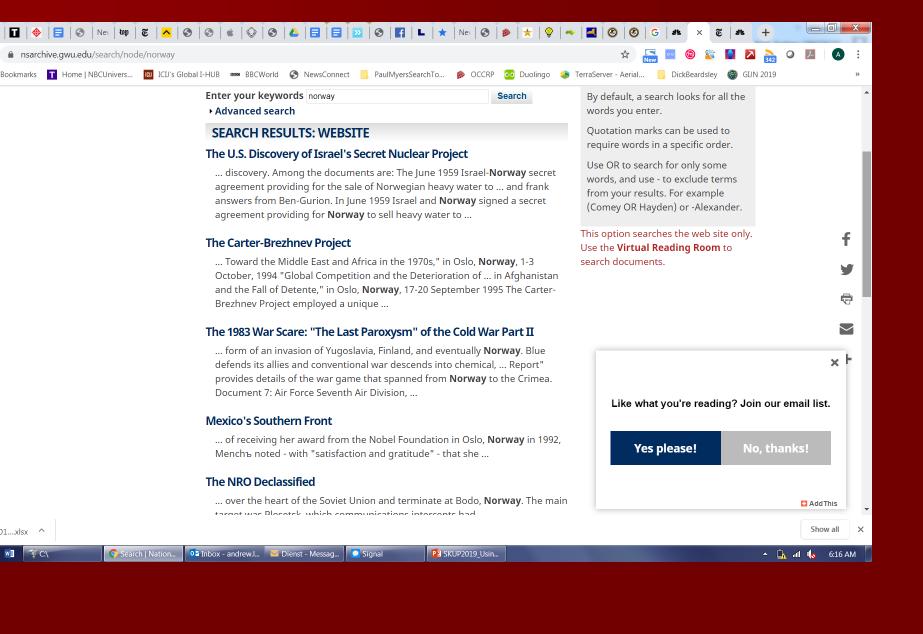


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### **Ground Stations**

who would learn of such an operation.<sup>4</sup>

CIA intercept operations have also involved funding foreign ground stations as well as operating their own. Norway began operating SIGINT collection sites on behalf of the CIA in 1955. For the 1966-1967 fiscal year the CIA budgeted part of \$104,000 to replace one of the principal ELINT receivers at a Norwegian-operated site at Kirkenes (which had a subsidiary outpost, designated METRO, at Korpfjell). The sites intercepted communications, telemetry, and other electronic signals. Included were data on launches out of the White Sea, on air-to-air and air-to-ground missile launches, and on Soviet practice firings from the Barents Sea. The operation also provided COMINT coverage.<sup>5</sup>

But the most important sites operated by the CIA during the Cold War were located in Iran, and known as TACKSMAN I and TACKSMAN II. The first site, a telemetry intercept station, was established in the late 1950s in an ancient hunting castle at Beshahr (not to be confused with Bushehr, location of a well-known nuclear reactor on the eastern shore of the Persian Gulf), on the southeastern corner of the Caspian Sea — with the objective of collecting signals from the Tyuratam test range, which the CIA believed would become a major Soviet test facility. <sup>6</sup>

In 1965 and 1966, the Office of ELINT sought to improve its ability to monitor missile tests emanating from Tyuratam and antimissile activity at Sary Shagan. It established a second telemetry intercept station in northeastern Iran at Kabkan, forty miles east of Mashad. TACKSMAN II was only 650 miles southwest of Tyuratam. As did the Beshahr site, it had a communications intercept capability to permit monitoring of test range communications. The sites could do what no other U.S. intercept sites could do — monitor the last moments of the firing of a missile's first stage, resulting in a greater degree of confidence in determining missile dimensions and throw weight. At their peak, the Iranian stations provided about 85 percent of the hard intelligence the U.S. acquired on the Soviet ICBM program.<sup>2</sup>

President Jimmy Carter considered the sites sufficiently important that he told his ambassador to Iran, William Sullivan, that intelligence cooperation between the CIA and Iran should continue despite the Shah's poor human rights record. But in January 1979, the Shah, in the wake of escalating protests and riots, fled the country — and the sites were eventually seized by the new government. In the wake of that loss, the issue of finding alternatives to the sites became a priority. Thus, in late October 1979, Director of Central Intelligence Stansfield Turner and Secretary of Defense Harold Brown discussed (Document 32) financial and technical issues related to adding a telemetry intercept capability to an existing SIGINT satellite system — while preserving the existing missions.<sup>8</sup>





### BY KHRISTINA NARIZHNAYA

Soviet dissident writer Alexander Solzheni in fear of the KGB for years after his exile fr-Soviet Union - even as the FBI was secretly him, newly disclosed documents reveal.

The Nobel Prize-winning author's FBI file sl the U.S. law enforcement agency closely, b monitored Solzhenitsyn for years, knowing discovery of its surveillance would lead to repercussions.

Solzhenitsyn, perhaps best known for writi Gulag Archipelago and One Day in the Life

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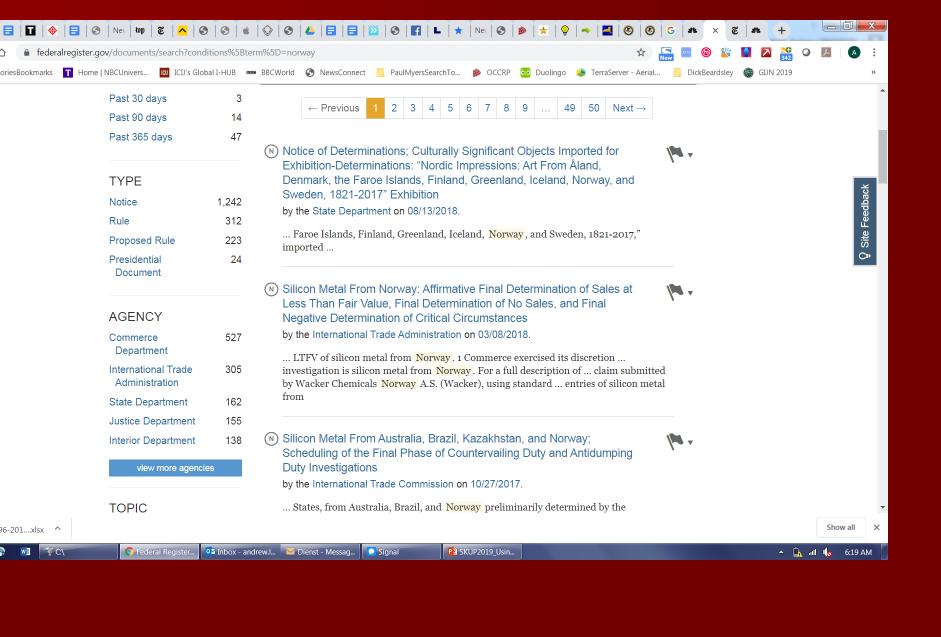
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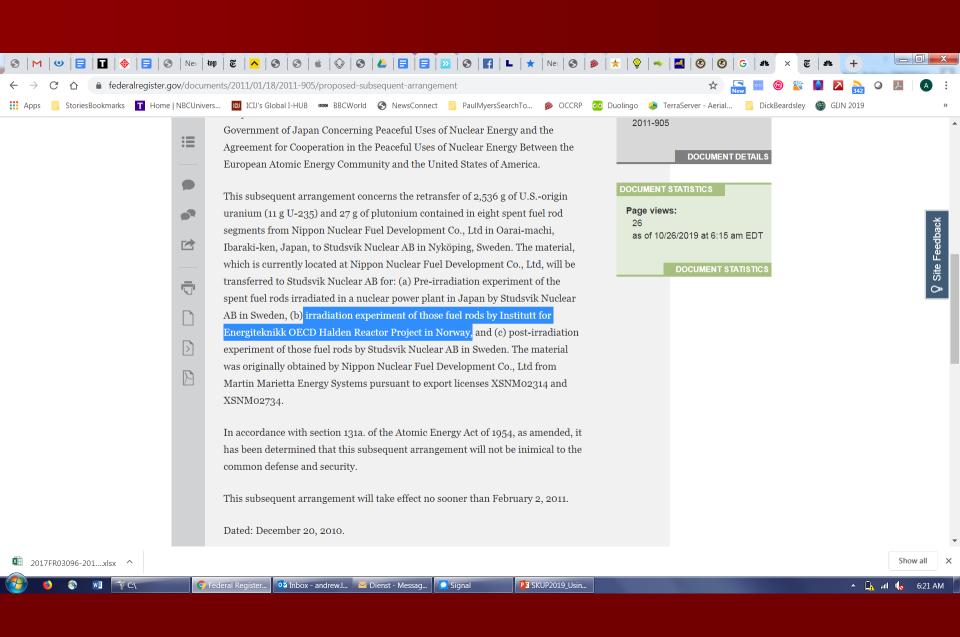
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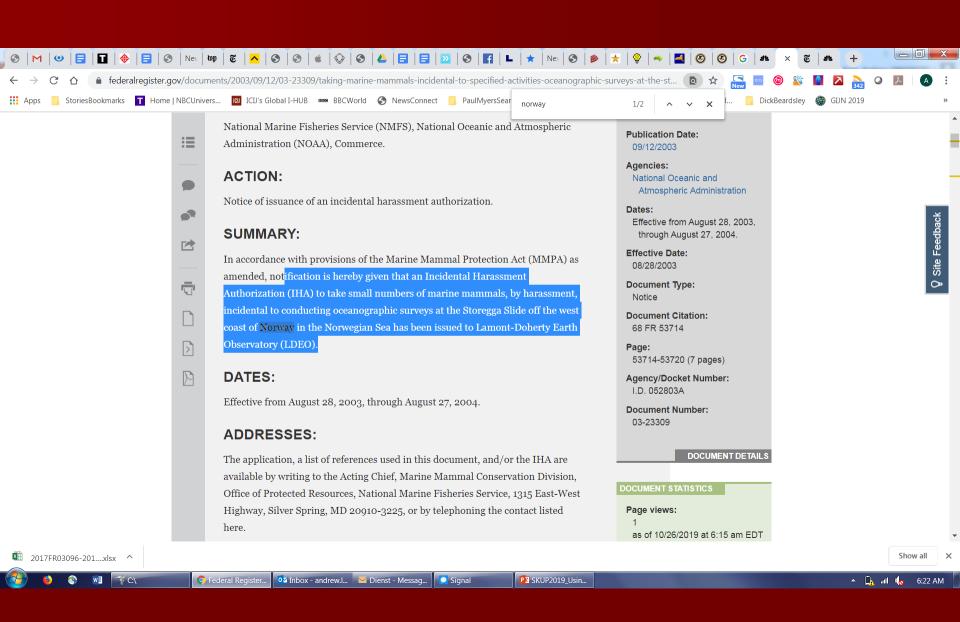
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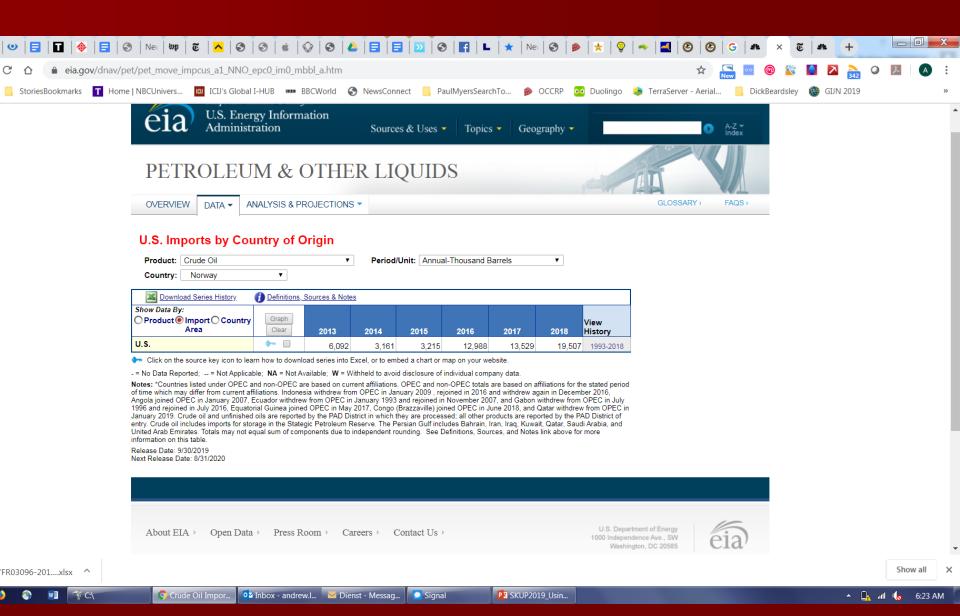


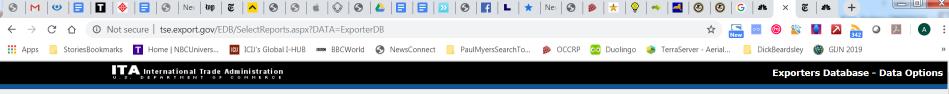


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SMEs are defined as firms that have fewer than 500 employees. All figures in this overview and tables include only identifiable or known exports, i.e., exports that can be linked to individual companies using information on U.S. export declarations.

All statistics contained in this report were generated from the Commerce Department's Exporter Database (EDB), which provides an annual statistical snapshot of U.S. exporters: their number, characteristics, and geographic distribution. The EDB is a joint project of the International Trade Administration's Office of Trade and Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau's Economic Statistical Methods Division. It is a cornerstone of ITA's Trade Data Enhancement Initiative, the goal of which is to develop and disseminate improved statistical information on U.S. international trade and its role in the U.S. economy.

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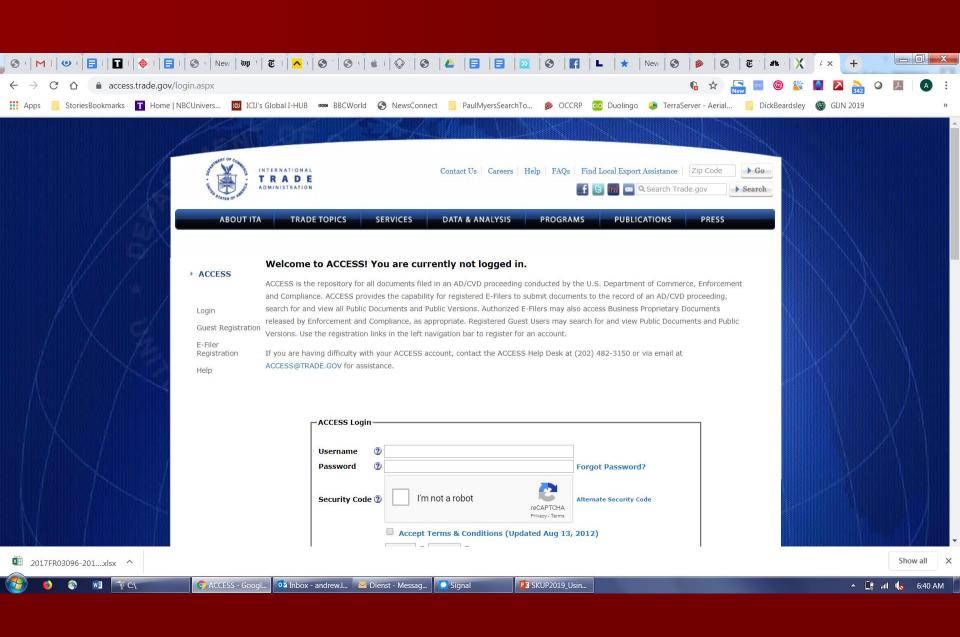


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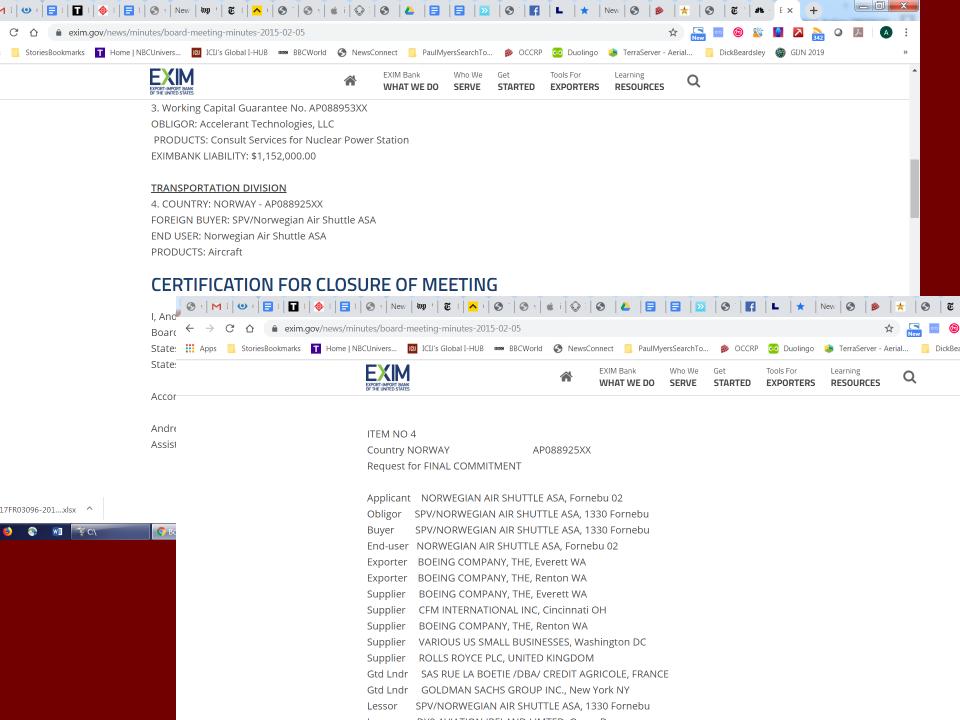
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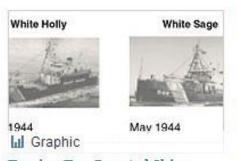


In theory, it was simple: Congress gave two decommissioned Coast Guard cutters to a faith-based group in California, directing that the ships be used only to provide medical services to islands in the Central and South Pacific.

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Coast Guard records show that the

ships have been providing those services in the South Pacific since the

medical mission took possession of them in 1999.

In reality, the ships never got any closer to the South Pacific islands than the San Francisco Bay. The mission group quickly sold one to a maritime equipment company, which sold it for substantially more to a pig farmer who uses it as a commercial ferry off Nicaragua. The group sold the other ship to a Bay Area couple who rent it for eco-tours and marine research.

The gift of the two cutters was one of almost 900 grants Congress has made to faith-based organizations since 1987 through the use of provisions, called earmarks, that are tucked into bills to bypass normal government review and bidding procedures.

Skipping those safeguards can generate more than accusations of political favoritism. As the case of the Coast

Guard cutters shows, it also can give rise to grants that never achieve their intended purpose, with the government

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#### Suppliers of Precision Machinery

North Korea needs supplies and machinery to make its missiles. The cables indicate that precision metal machinery like hydraulic presses has been supplied by Taiwanese companies; tons of specialized steel has been routed from China; unspecified goods came from Japan; and computerized lather were sold by a Swiss company.





#### Suppliers of Parts

North Korea cannot provide all the components its missile customers need. The cables outline how North Korea sought to sell a mobile missile launcher to Yemen. It arranged for a MAZ-543 engine and a ZIL-131 truck from a Russian company, which was to be shipped from Odessa, Ukraine, to Al Hudavdah, Yemen.





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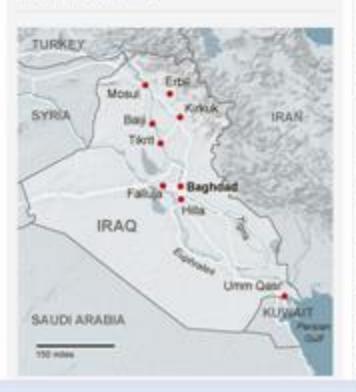
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### Use of Contractors Added to War's Chaos in Iraq

By JAMES GLANZ and ANDREW W. LEHREN. Published: Oddoby 23, 2010.

The first shots sailed past Iraqi police officers at a checkpoint. They took off in three squad cars, their lights flashing.

It was early in the Iraq war, Dec. 22, 2004, and it turned out that the shots came not from insurgents or criminals. They were fired by an American private security company named Custer Battles, according to an incident report in an archive of more than 300,000 classified military documents made public by WikiLeaks.

The company's convoy sped south in Umm Qasr, a grubby port city

near the Persian Gulf. It shot out the tire of a civilian car that came close. It fired five
shots into a crowded minibus. The shooting stopped only after the Iraqi police, port
security and a British military unit finally caught up with the convoy.

Somehow no one had been hurt, and the contractors found a quick way to prevent messy disciplinary action. They handed out cash to Iraqi civilians, and left.

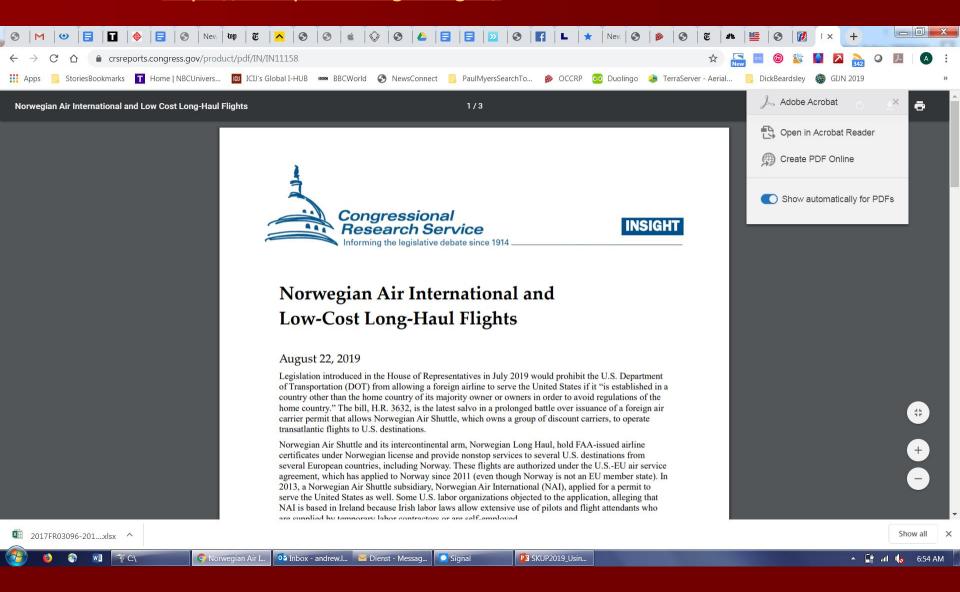
The documents sketch, in vivid detail, a critical change in the way America wages war: the early days of the Iraq war, with all its Wild West chaos, ushered in the era of the private contractor, wearing no uniform but fighting and dying in battle, gathering and disseminating intelligence and killing presumed insurgents.

# Audits

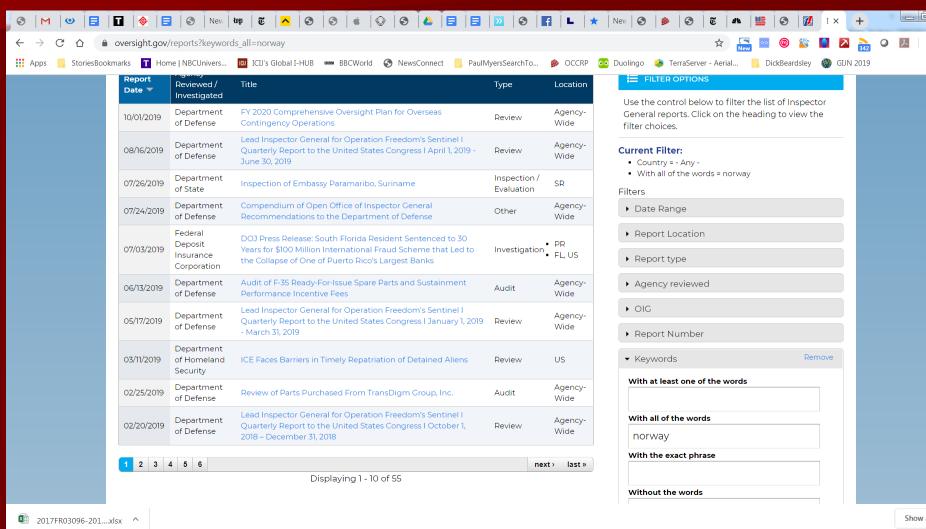
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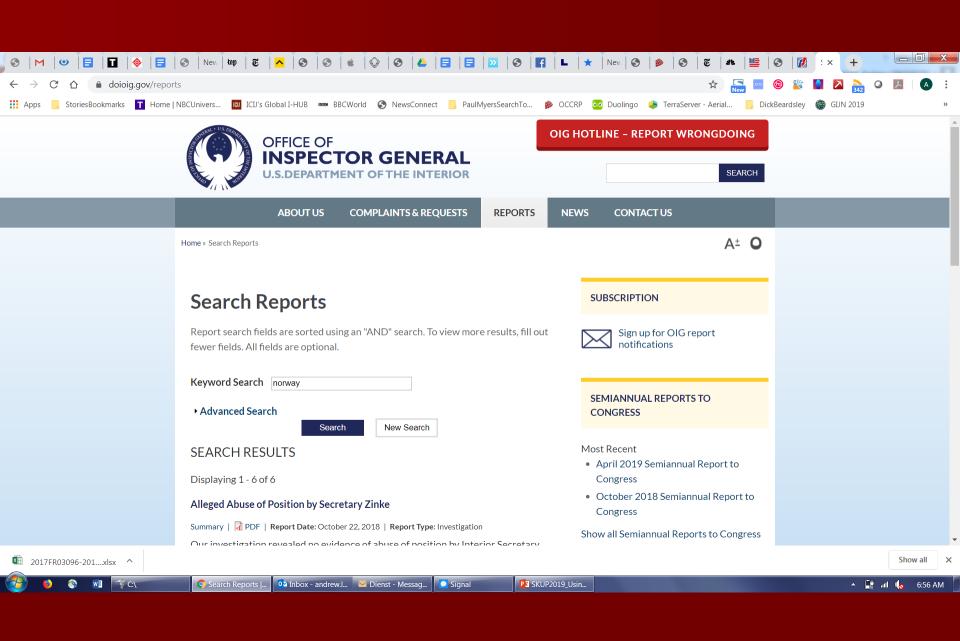




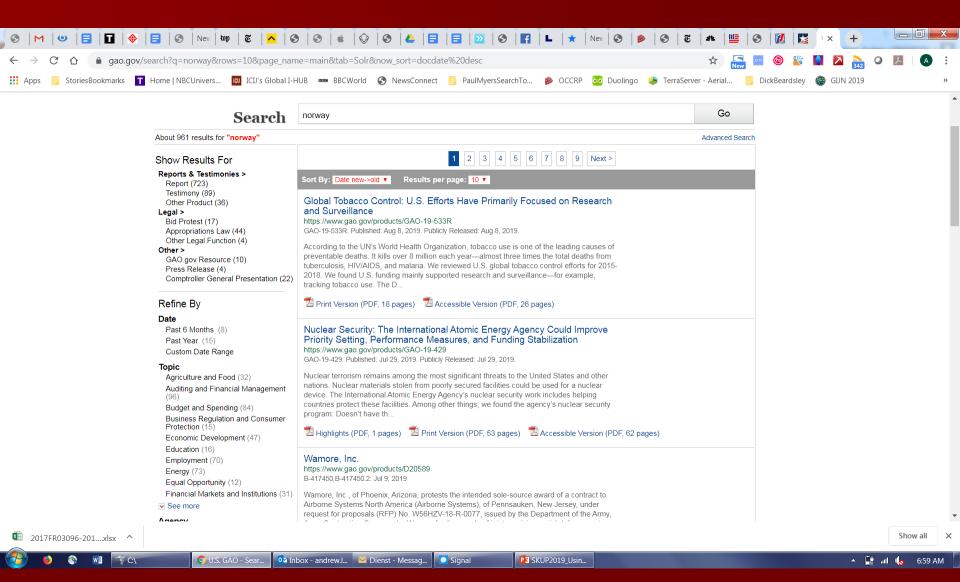


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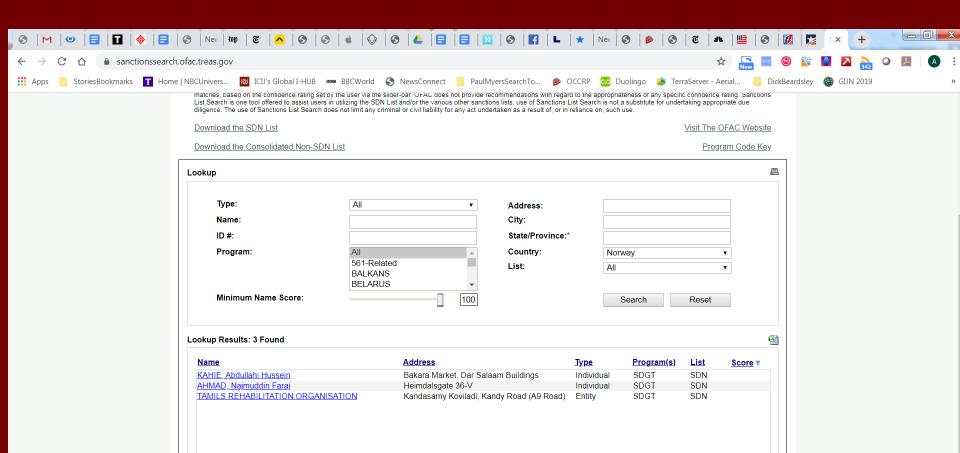


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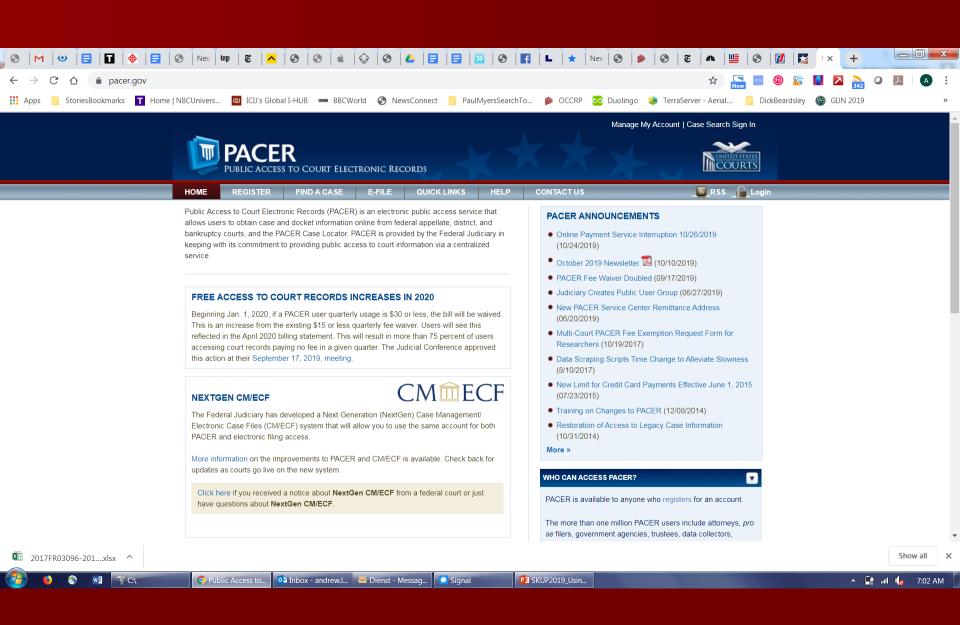
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### With the World Watching, Syria Amassed Nerve

By DAVID E. SANGER, ANDREW W. LEHREN and RICK GLADSTONE SEPT. 7, 2013

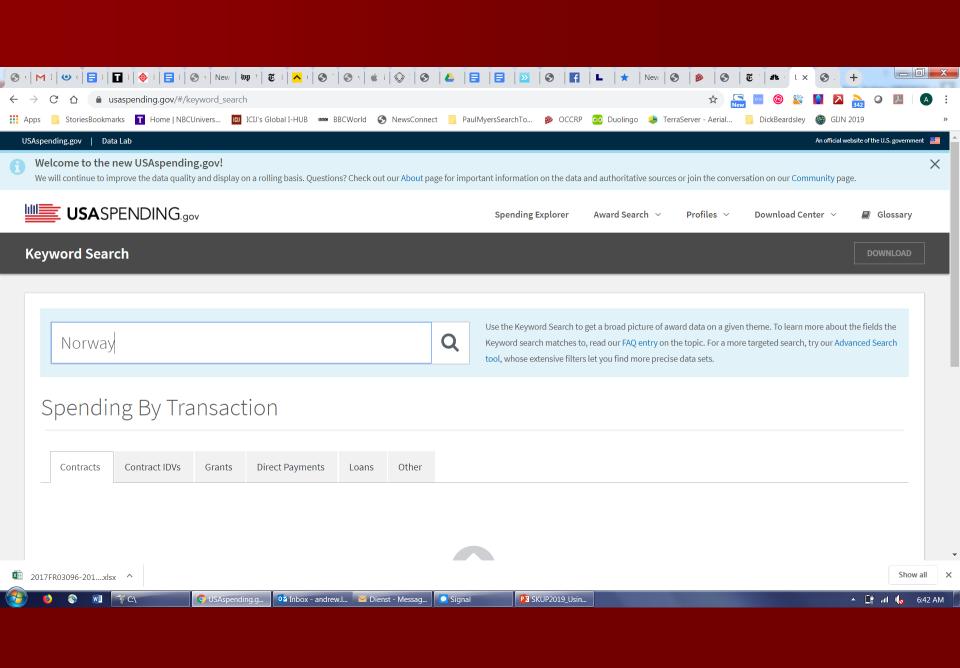
WASHINGTON — Syria's top leaders amassed one of the world's largest stockpiles of chemical weapons with help from the Soviet Union and Iran, as well as Western European suppliers and even a handful of American companies, according to American diplomatic cables and declassified intelligence records.

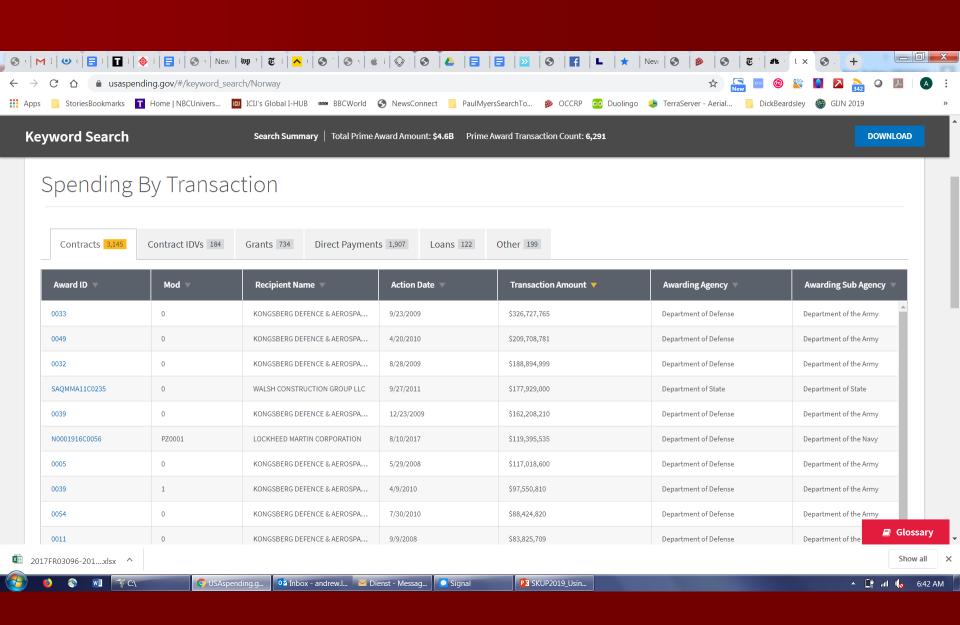
While an expanding group of nations banded together in the 1980s to try to block the Syrian effort, prohibiting the sale of goods that would bolster the growing chemical weapons stockpile, the archives show that Syria's governing Assad family exploited large loopholes, lax enforcement and a far greater international emphasis on limiting the spread of nuclear arms.

Now, as President Obama confronts enormous difficulties in rallying a reluctant Congress and a skeptical world to punish the Syrian government with a military strike over what is said to be its apparent use of deadly nerve agents last month, he appears to be facing a similar challenge to the one that allowed the Assads to accumulate their huge stockpile. While countries around the world condemned Syria for adding to its arsenal as most nations were eliminating their own, few challenged the buildup, and some were

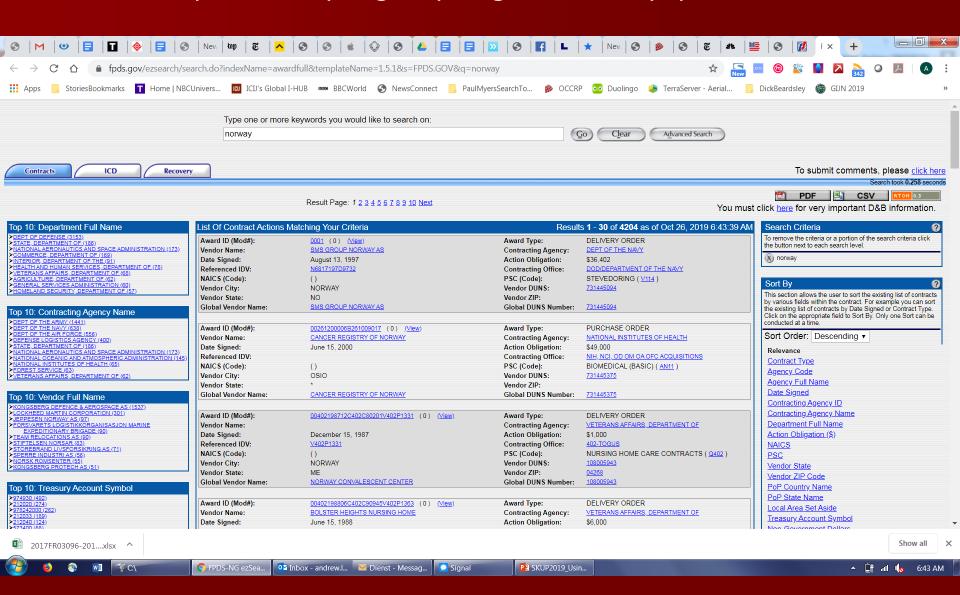
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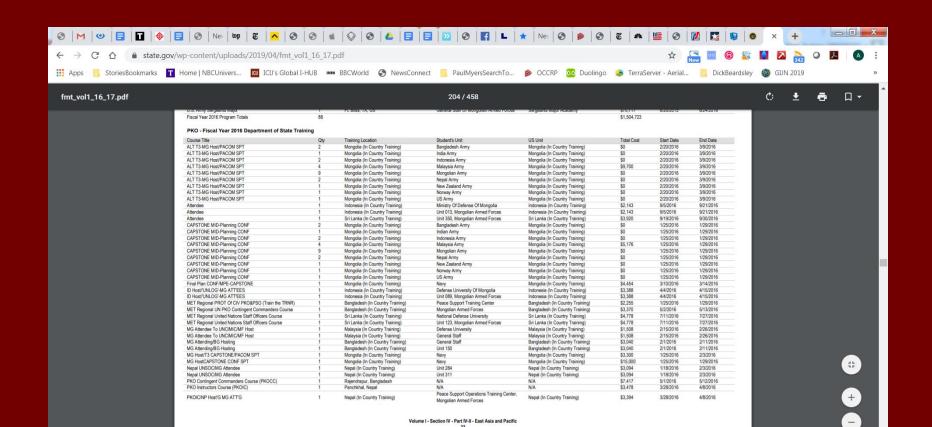


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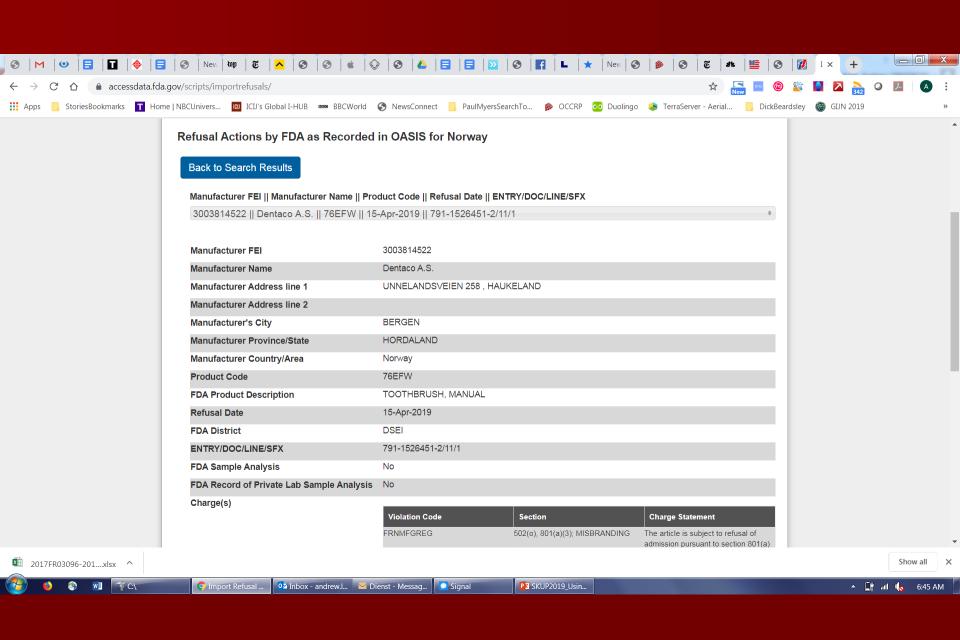
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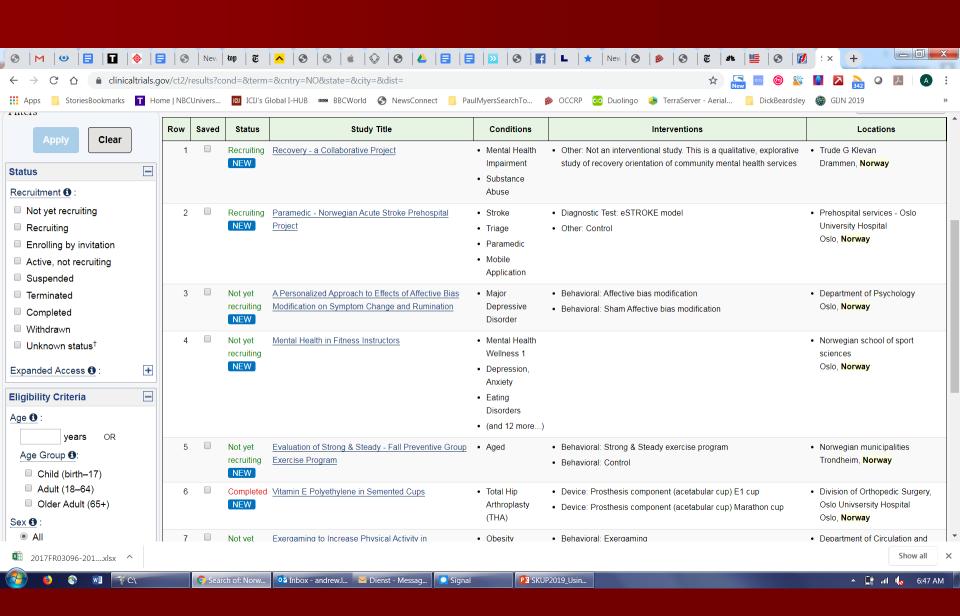
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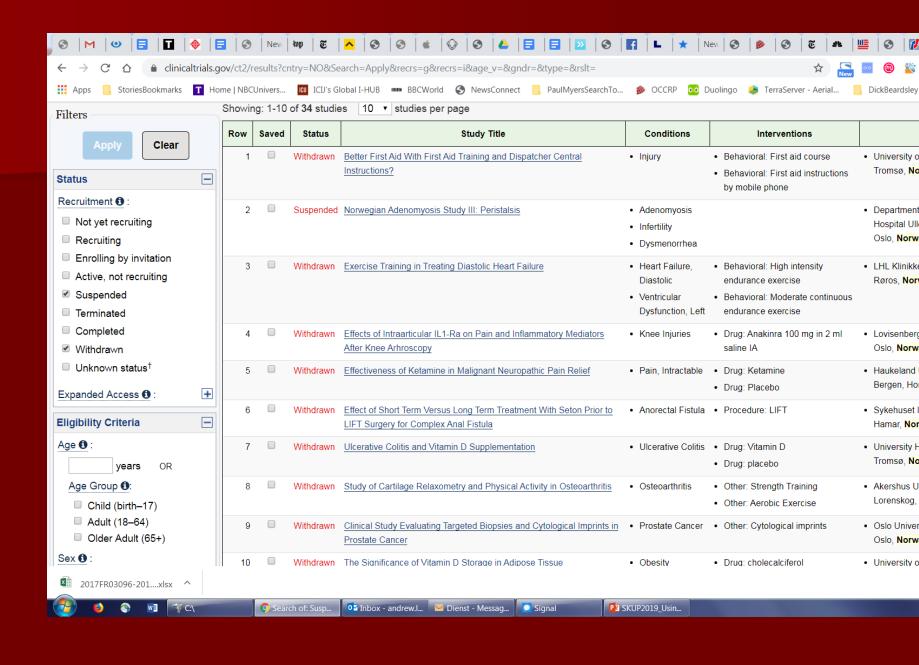


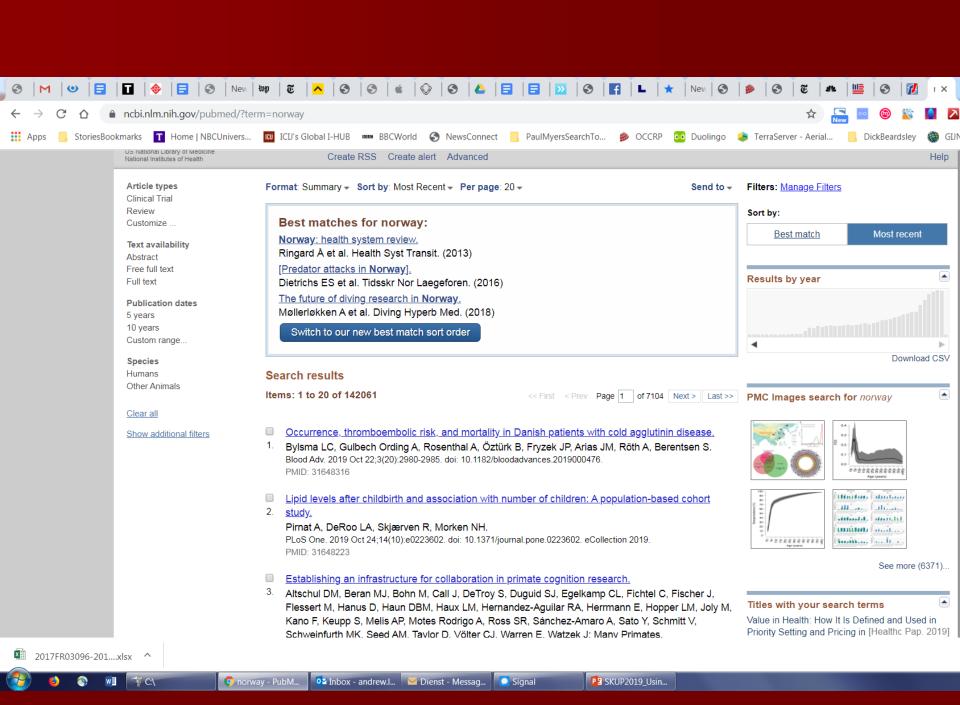
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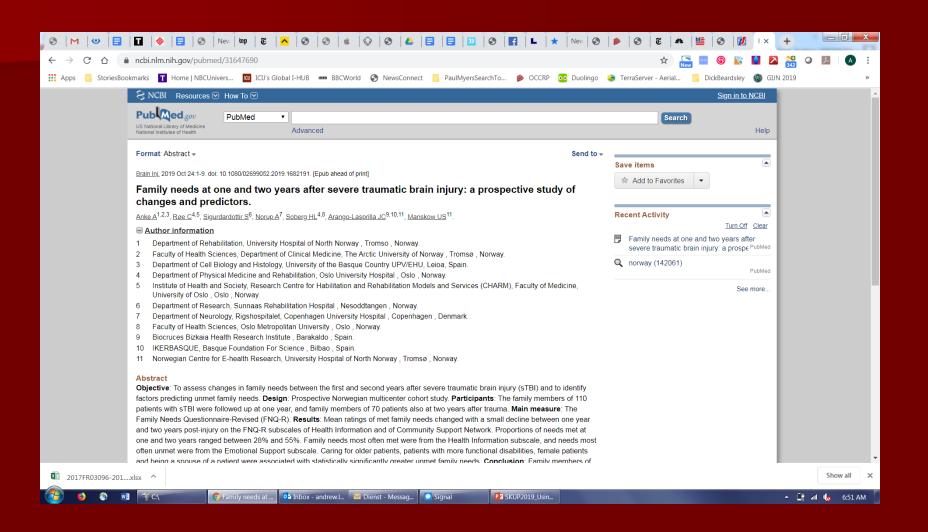
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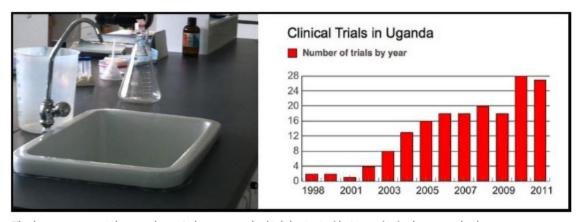
Vendors peddling their wares to bus passengers traveling into northern Uganda (Photo by Rebecca Sesny)

trials seeking new and better treatments for HIV/AIDS and other diseases.

Trials are closely monitored and fully supplied, according to researchers, creating a dilemma for Ugandan patients: to opt for proven treatments that may be in short supply, or to sign up for a possibly risky clinical trial and at least be assured of a full course of treatments.

Signing up for a trial is voluntary, but that doesn't make the decision easier – especially for parents who must decide what is best for their children.

"The problem is that inadequate medical care creates a strong impetus for parents to agree to have their kids in research," said Elizabeth Woeckner, president of Citizens for Responsible Care and Research, an organization that works to protect people who are the subjects of scientific research. "What should be voluntary is not quite so."



The bars represent the number of pharmaceutical trials started in Uganda during a particular year. (Photo and Chart by Rebecca Sesny. Source: U.S. National Institutes of Health)

# Flow of unregulated chemicals flow from China into pharmaceuticals in the US and developed nations

## Bad actors among prominent suppliers



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This article was reported by Walt Bogdanich, Jake Nooker and Andrew W. Letnen and written by Mr. Bogdanich.

MSLAN — In January, Honor International Pharmtech was accused of shipping counterfeit drugs into the United States. Even so, the Chinese chemical company — whose motto is "Thinking Nuch of Honor" — was openly marketing its products in October to thousands of buyers here at the world's biggest trade show for pharmaceutical ingredients.



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Other Chinese chemical companies made the journey to the annual show as well, including one manufacturer recently accused by American authorities of supplying stendes to degal underground labs and another whose representative was arrested at the 2006 trade show for patent violations. Also attending were two exporters owned by China's government that had sold poson meslaboled as a drug ingredent, which lided nearly 200 people and injured countliess others in Hailt and in Panama.

Yet another chemical company, Orient Pacific International, reserved an exhibition booth in Milan, but its owner, Kevin Xu, could not attend. He was in a Houston jail on charges of selling counterfeit medicine for schizophrenia, prostate cancer, blood clots and Alzheimer's disease, among other maladies.

While these companies hardly represent all of the nearly 500 Chinese



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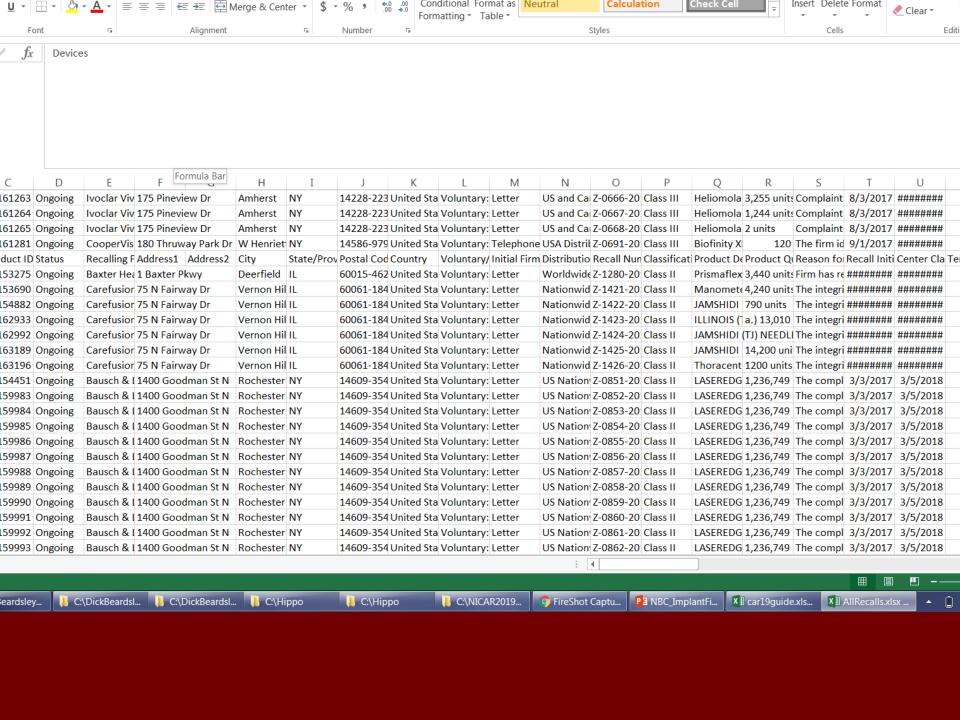
# **MEDICAL DEVICE DANGERS**

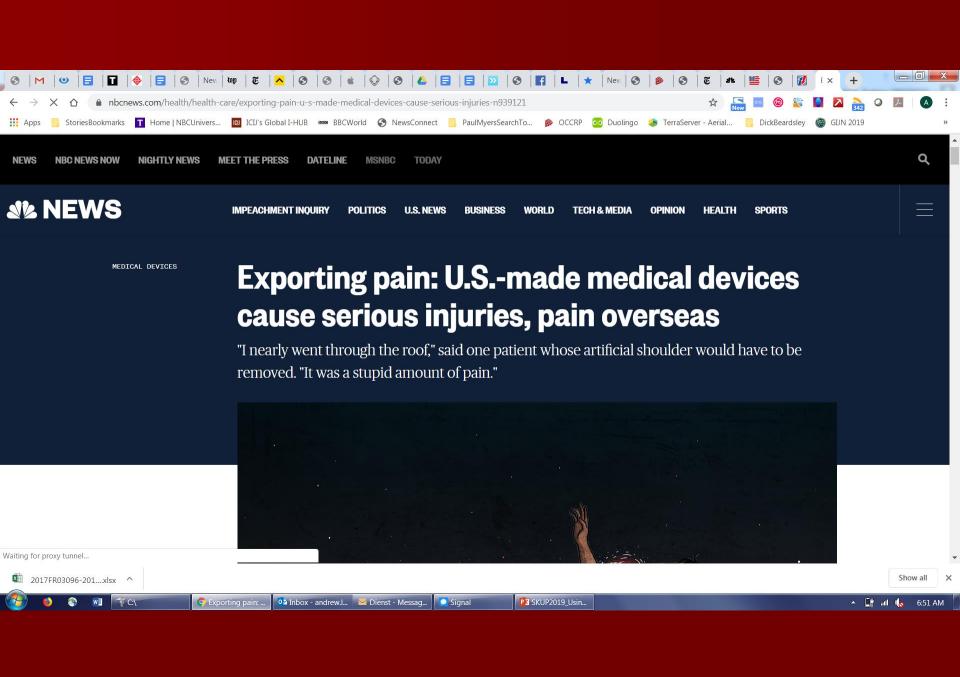
An unprecedented examination of the safety and regulation of medical devices routinely used in a wide variety of procedures: NBC News, as part of a team of more than 250 journalists spanning 36 countries, joined the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists.



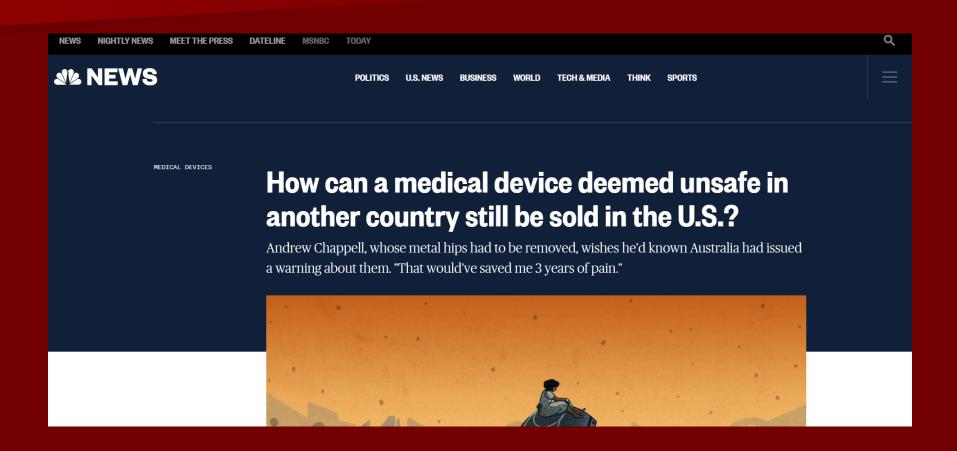








# Recalled Elsewhere...



# The NBC News team

- Our effort began with three people exploring different story possibilities in the data, through interviews with experts
- Checked what had gone unreported
- Saw lots of opportunities to explore unexamined territory
- Not going to ride shotgun

#### By Emily R. Siegel, Andrew W. Lehren and Sarah Fitzpatrick

Andrew Chappell was in agony. The biology professor's active life had included wrestling in high school and serving in the Army

reserves. But by age called avascular nec poor blood flow.

In 2011, his surgeon Magnum hips. Pron Retton, the metal jo

Each year, flaws are found in thousands of medical devices. The FDA posted more than 2,000 recalls of medical devices last year, warning about how to avoid possible injuries or even deaths. Sometimes it posts these recalls before other nations impose their own regulations.

active patients," and strong enough to last two decades.

At first, Chappell was pain free. But just six years after the operation,

he was cripp were the impleaching metout.

But there is no global system to make sure that a product found to be problematic in one country is not sold in another. An NBC News analysis found at least five devices about which other nations issued safety warnings and the FDA did not. These devices include a knee implant with high failure rates, a pregnancy test that gave false results, and dental drills that might damage nerves. In other instances, the FDA has lagged months behind warnings issued in other countries.

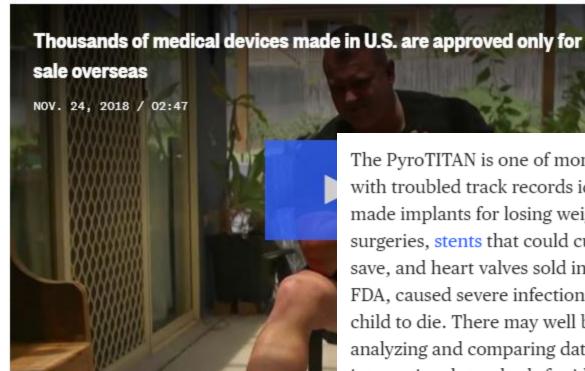
Doctors and experts around the world have expressed frustration

# **Exporting Pain**

MEDICAL DEVICES

# Exporting pain: U.S.-made medical devices cause serious injuries, pain overseas

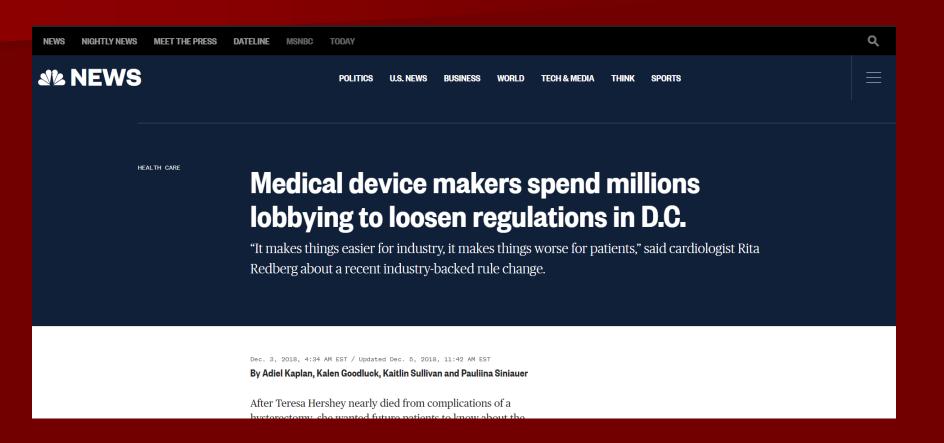
"I nearly went through the roof," said one patient whose artificial shoulder would have to be removed. "It was a stupid amount of pain."



The PyroTITAN is one of more than a dozen export-only devices with troubled track records identified by NBC News, including U.S.-made implants for losing weight that instead led to emergency surgeries, stents that could cut into arteries they were supposed to save, and heart valves sold in Spain and Italy that, according to the FDA, caused severe infections and may have caused a five-year-old child to die. There may well be more. NBC News found these by analyzing and comparing databases in 10 countries, and a lack of international standards for identifying devices means it is difficult to know how many other troubled devices exist.

For U.S. companies, exporting medical devices is big business, valued last year at more than \$41 billion. Currently about 4,600 devices are registered with the FDA as "export only" devices. Several executives for medical device makers said registering the devices is faster, less expensive and has involved less oversight than getting them approved for sale inside the U.S. The troubled devices identified by NBC News have been sold around the world. The destinations range from the Netherlands to Namibia, Chile to Canada, Japan to Germany.

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MEDICAL DEVICES

# Doctors, patients raise alarms about cancer linked to breast implants

Although doctors have linked the cancer to a specific kind of implant, manufacturers have no plans to stop making it.

Nov. 26, 2018, 3:46 PM EST

#### By Lauren Dunn and Maggie Fox

When Michelle Forney's breast started swelling and itching, doctors told her she had mastitis, a common infection, and treated her with antibiotics. When she discovered that she, in fact, had a rare form of lymphoma and that it was probably caused by her breast implant, she was both furious and frightened.

Forney is just one of hundreds of breast-implant recipients who have

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