

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**For 6 Month Period Ending 10/31/2023
(Insert date)**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant
S-3 Group
- (b) Registration Number
6422
- (c) Primary Business Address
418 C Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Residence address(es) | Yes ☐ | No ☐ |
| (2) Citizenship | Yes ☐ | No ☐ |
| (3) Occupation | Yes ☐ | No ☐ |

(b) If an organization:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name | Yes ☐ | No ☒ |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes ☐ | No ☒ |
| (3) Branch offices | Yes ☐ | No ☒ |

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSES TO ITEMS 3, 4, 5, AND 6.

3. If the registrant previously filed an Exhibit C
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- , state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period. Yes
- ☐
- No
- ☒

If yes, has the registrant filed an updated Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please file the updated Exhibit C.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(b) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Ceased
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(a) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

Name	Foreign Principal(s) Represented	Services
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(b) During this 6-month reporting period, did any employee or individual working in any capacity, other than in a clerical or secretarial capacity or in a related or similar capacity, begin rendering services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s)? Yes ☒ No ☐

Name	Foreign Principal	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
See Appendix for Response					

(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
See Appendix for Response			

6. Have short form registration statements been previously filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement or submitted with this filing? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not previously filed the required statement or are not submitting a short form with this filing.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has the registrant's connection with any foreign principal(s) ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☒No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Embassy of Italy

Date of Termination

06/30/2023

8. Has the registrant registered for any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date Registered

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list the foreign principal(s) whom the registrant continued to represent during this 6 month reporting period.

Embassy of Japan

10. During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant filed an amendment for changes to Exhibits A³ and/or B⁴ previously filed for any foreign principal(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, and there is a change to any Exhibit A and/or B, please file an amendment if it is required.

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date Amended

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail all activities and services:

Foreign Principal	Activities/Services
Embassy of Japan	Monitored, analyzed, and advised the Embassy of Japan regarding Congressional and Executive Branch actions and developments relating to trade with Japan.

12. During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant, on behalf of any foreign principal, engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

Set forth below a general description of the registrant's political activities.

See Appendix for Response

Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Foreign Principal	Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
Embassy of Italy	06/07/2023	Washington Post	Email	Villa Firenze Contemporanea
Embassy of Italy	06/08/2023	Washington Post	Email	Villa Firenze Contemporanea

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, has the registrant engaged in activity or rendered any services on its own behalf which benefits the registrant's foreign principal(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

Foreign Principal	Activities/Services
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⁵ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please explain why no monies were received.

Embassy of Italy: Client terminated and no monies were due.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Foreign Principal	Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount	Subtotal
Embassy of Japan	07/18/2023	Embassy of Japan	Retainer	\$18,000.00	
Embassy of Japan	10/10/2023	Embassy of Japan	Retainer	\$18,000.00	
Embassy of Japan	-----	-----	-----	----->	\$36,000.00

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Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, has the registrant previously filed an Exhibit D⁸ to its registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

If no, please file the required Exhibit D.

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Thing of Value
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he/she collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain why no disbursements were made.

Embassy of Italy: Registrant's services did not necessitate any disbursement on behalf of the foreign principal.

Embassy of Japan: Registrant's services did not necessitate any disbursement on behalf of the foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Foreign Principal	Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount	Subtotal
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Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date	Recipient	Purpose	Thing of Value
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant (or any short form registrant) from its own funds and on its own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Donor	Political Organization/Candidate	Method	Amount/Thing of Value
05/15/2023	Kate Dickens	Thom Tillis	Fundraiser	\$ 1,000.00
06/14/2023	Hastie Afkhami	Mikie Sherrill	Fundraiser	\$ 500.00
06/24/2023	Hastie Afkhami	Pete Aguilar	Fundraiser	\$ 3,300.00
06/27/2023	Sarah Schneider	Chris Christie	Fundraiser	\$ 50.00
08/27/2023	Kate Dickens	Roger Wicker	Fundraiser	\$ 1,500.00
09/26/2023	Kate Dickens	Roer Marshall	Fundraiser	\$ 500.00
09/26/2023	Kate Dickens	Mike Rogers for Senate	Fundraiser	\$ 1,500.00

10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant prepared, disseminated or caused to be disseminated any informational materials?¹² Yes ☒ No ☐

(b) If yes, identify each such foreign principal for which informational materials were disseminated and respond to the remaining items in this section.

Embassy of Italy

17. During this 6 month reporting period, has a budget been established or specified sum of money allocated to finance the registrant's activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, and specify the period of time and the amount.

Foreign Principal

Period of Time

Amount

Total

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant's activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials included the use of any of the following:

☒ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications

☐ Lectures or speeches ☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Motion picture films ☐ Letters or telegrams

☒ Email

☐ Website URL(s): _____

☒ Social media websites URL(s): facebook.com/italyinus.org; twitter.com/italyinus; instagram.com/italyinus

☐ Other (specify) _____

19. During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant prepared, disseminated, or caused to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

☐ Public officials

☒ Newspapers

☐ Libraries

☐ Legislators

☐ Editors

☐ Educational institutions

☐ Government agencies

☒ Civic groups or associations

☐ Nationality groups

☐ Other (specify) _____

20. Indicate the language used in the informational materials:

☒ English

☐ Other (specify) _____

21. Has the registrant filed with the FARA Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials prepared, disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please file the required informational materials.

22. Has the registrant labeled each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes ☒

No ☐

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date

Printed Name

Signature¹³11/28/2023John Scofield/s/John Scofield

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

November 28, 2023

John Scofield



Appendix
Response to Item 5(b)

Item 5(b): During this 6-month reporting period, did any employee or individual working in any capacity, other than in a clerical or secretarial capacity or in a related or similar capacity, begin rendering services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s)?

Name	Foreign Principal	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
Ms. Sydney Rice	Embassy of Italy	1435 N Street, NW Washington, DC 20005	UNITED STATES	Digital Analytics Associate	06/01/2023
Mr. Gabe Ziaukas	Embassy of Italy	1727 Church Street NW Washington, DC 20036	UNITED STATES	Digital Content Associate	06/01/2023

Appendix
Response to Item 5(d)

Item 5(d): Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
John Scofield		Embassy of Italy	06/30/2023
Matt Bravo		Embassy of Italy	06/30/2023
Hastie Afkhami		Embassy of Italy	06/30/2023
Nicole Connolly		Embassy of Italy	06/30/2023
Howard Opinsky		Embassy of Italy	06/30/2023
Sarah Dolan Schneider		Embassy of Italy	06/30/2023
Micah Escobedo	Digital Manager	Embassy of Italy	06/30/2023
Ms. Sydney Rice	Digital Analytics Associate	Embassy of Italy	06/30/2023
Mr. Gabe Ziaukas	Digital Content Associate	Embassy of Italy	06/30/2023
John Scofield		Embassy of Japan	05/01/2023

Appendix

Response to Item 12-Description

Embassy of Italy: Use social media to amplify online/virtual events and draw a more relevant audience to events; use digital channels to promote monthly themes and ad-hoc campaigns to specific target audiences; provide support in all aspects of social media execution.

Embassy of Japan: Monitored, analyzed and advised the Embassy of Japan regarding congressional and executive branch actions and developments relating to trade with Japan.