

U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530

**Supplemental Statement**  
**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

For Six Month Period Ending Sept. 30, 2020  
(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.
- John E. Sweeney, Esq. 6713
- (c) Business Address(es) of Registrant  
[On file with Department of Justice FARA Unit]

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?
- (a) If an individual:
- |                           |                              |  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Residence address(es) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- (b) If an organization: N/A
- |                          |                              |                             |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Name                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
- (c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.  
N/A

**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).**

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.
- Yes  No
- If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No  N/A
- If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> 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 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 Connection Ended
N/A		

(b) 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
N/A				

5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) 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.

N/A

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
N/A				

(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
N/A		

(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
N/A			

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes  No  N/A

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

N/A

**II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No   
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date of Termination
Vnesheconombank, State Development Corporation ("VEB.RF") through the International Centre for Legal Protection ("ILCP")	May 15, 2020

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No   
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)	Date Acquired
N/A	

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Vnesheconombank, State Development Corporation ("VEB.RF") through the International Centre for Legal Protection ("ILCP") (terminated May 15, 2020)

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No

Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes  No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> 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.)

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

<sup>4</sup> 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**

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you 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 your activities and services:

The registrant's activities are disclosed below in Q. 12.

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such 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 or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

See attachment

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes  No

If yes, describe fully.

N/A

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<sup>5</sup> "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(e) 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, have you 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, explain why.

N/A

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

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
12/3/2019	ICLP	Fee to represent VEB.RF for December 2019	\$62,500
6/16/2020	ICLP	Fee to represent VEB.RF through May 15, 2020 termination	\$343,750
			406,250
			Total

**(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D<sup>8</sup> to your registration? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date N/A

**(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> 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	Thing of Value	Purpose
N/A			

6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(c)).

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, have you

- (1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No
- (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes  No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

N/A.

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.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
7/19/2020	Georgetown Strategies, LLC	Professional fee (December 2019 - May 15, 2020)	\$82,500

\$82,500

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Total

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> 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:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
N/A				

**(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> 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	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
3/26/2020	\$2800	Mowers for Congress	Contribution
3/23/2020	\$750	Devin Nunes for Congress	Contribution
4/17/2020	\$800	Vilardi for Congress	Contribution

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, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?<sup>12</sup>

Yes  No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes  No  N/A

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

N/A

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

N/A

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts       Magazine or newspaper       Motion picture films       Letters or telegrams  
 Advertising campaigns       Press releases       Pamphlets or other publications       Lectures or speeches  
 Other (specify) N/A

**Electronic Communications**

- Email  
 Website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social media websites URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (specify) N/A

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause 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) N/A

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English       Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes  No  N/A

<sup>12</sup> 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, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>13</sup>)

September 18, 2020

Electronically signed by John E. Sweeney, Esq.

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<sup>13</sup> 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.

## Attachment

John. E. Sweeney, Esq. FARA Reg. No. 6713

Date	Name and Title	Agency	Means of Contact	Subjects Discussed
Week of March 1, 2020	Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	New staff assignments on sanctions issues connected to the Russian Federation
Week of March 1, 2020	Nick Michalek, Staff Director	U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs	Telephone	Any potential scheduling Russian sanctions
Week of March 1, 2020	Congressman Devin Nunes	U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence	Telephone	Any potential scheduling Russian sanctions
Week of March 8, 2020	Senator Marco Rubio	U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations	Telephone	Timing of any sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) being brought forward for a vote
Week of March 8, 2020	Arron Strickland (Senate Staff)	U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations	Telephone	Timing of any sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) being brought forward for a vote
Week of March 8, 2020	Senator Ted Cruz	U.S. Senate	Telephone	Timing of any sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) being brought forward for a vote
Week of March 8, 2020	Alice James (staff)	U.S. Senate, Office of Senator Marco Rubio	Telephone	Timing of any sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) being brought forward for a vote
Week of March 22, 2019	Senator Josh Hawley	U.S. Senate	Telephone	Timing of any sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) being brought forward for a vote
Week of March 22, 2020	Chris Joyner, Chief of Staff for Sen. Burr	U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence	Telephone	Timing of any sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) being brought forward for a vote

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Week of March 22, 2020	Chris Topping, Deputy CoS for Sen. Burr	U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence	Telephone	Timing of any sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) being brought forward for a vote
Week of March 22, 2020	Kimberly Byerly, Legislative Director for Sen. Burr	U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence	Telephone	Timing of any sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) being brought forward for a vote
Week of Apr. 5, 2020	Alex Willette, Deputy White House Political Director	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	Pending sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) and Congressional calendar
Week of Apr. 5, 2020	Staff of Andrew Olmen, Senior Advisor to the President of the United States	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	Any new staff assignments on sanctions issues connected to the Russian Federation
Week of Apr. 5, 2020	Staff of Rebecca Jurata, Senior Advisor to the President of the United States	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	Any new staff assignments on sanctions issues connected to the Russian Federation
Week of Apr. 5, 2020	Brian Jack, White House Political Director	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	To review current White House sanction policy
Week of Apr. 19, 2020	Mark Meadows, Chief of Staff	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	Any proposed, new, Russian sanctions
Week of Apr. 19, 2020	Brian Jack, White House Political Director	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	Any new staff assignments on sanctions issues connected to the Russian Federation
Week of Apr. 19, 2020	Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to the President	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	To review current White House sanction policy
Week of Apr. 19, 2020	Eric Ueland, White House Legislative Affairs Director	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	Pending sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) and Congressional calendar
Apr. 19, 2020	Liz Horning (staff)	U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Brent McIntosh, Undersecretary	Telephone	To request the scheduling a meeting to discuss VEB.RF's changes in operations

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		of International Affairs & General Counsel		
Week of Apr. 19, 2020	Alex White, White House Personnel	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	Any new Staff assignments on sanctions issues connected to the Russian Federation
Week of Apr. 19, 2020	Wells Griffin, National Security Council Advisor	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	Pending sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) and Congressional calendar
Week of Apr. 19, 2020	Staff of Steven Mnuchin, Secretary	U.S. Department of the Treasury	Telephone	To request the scheduling of a meeting with VEB.RF Chairman
Week of May 3, 2020	Eric Ueland, White House Legislative Affairs Director	The White House, Executive Office of the President	Telephone	Pending sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT) and Congressional calendar
Week of May 3, 2020	Staff of Larry Kudlow, Director	The White House, National Economic Council	Telephone	Pending sanction legislation (S.482 DASKA, and S.1060 DETER ACT)