

# Probing the Russia connection

Key figures in investigations on the links between Russia and the administration of US President Donald Trump

## PAUL MANAFORT

Trump campaign chairman



**RESIGNED**

- Worked for the Moscow-backed former Ukraine leader Viktor Yanukovich before helping Mr Trump gain the Republican Party nomination
- Resigned after his ties with Russia came under scrutiny

## CARTER PAGE

Trump campaign adviser



**RESIGNED**

- Disavowed by the campaign as his frequent trips to Moscow drew attention
- Link with Russia investigated by the FBI, according to the Washington Post

## DONALD TRUMP

President of the United States



**ELECTED**

- Was told by intelligence chiefs and by Mr James Comey that Russia had acted in favour of his election victory
- Called the Russia-campaign probe "fake news" and "a witch hunt"

## MICHAEL FLYNN

National Security Adviser



**RESIGNED**

- Was picked for the role in November, resigned after it emerged that he lied about phone calls he had with Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak

## SALLY YATES

Acting Attorney-General



**SACKED**

- Told the White House, 18 days before Mr Flynn's dismissal, that he was vulnerable to Russian blackmail
- She was dismissed four days later, for defying Mr Trump's travel ban order

## SERGEY KISLYAK

Russian ambassador to the US



**SERVING**

- Mr Flynn's incomplete account of his calls with Mr Kislyak cost him his job
- Mr Jeff Sessions first said he never met Mr Kislyak during the campaign, but later admitted to doing so

## JEFF SESSIONS

US Attorney-General



**RECUSED**

- Accused of lying under oath over meetings with Mr Kislyak, later recusing himself from probes relating to Russia and the Trump campaign
- Recommended to Mr Trump the dismissal of Mr Comey

## JAMES COMEY

Director of the FBI



**SACKED**

- Confirmed in March that the FBI was investigating possible Russian collusion with Mr Trump's campaign
- Fired for allegedly mishandling the Hillary Clinton e-mail server issue