<u>U.S. Justice Dept. requests Manafort's bank records in Russia probe:</u> <u>report</u> World

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The probe of Paul Manafort [in photo] is being conducted by the U. S. government but will be of intense interest in Ukraine since a substantial portion of the funds involved allegedly originated with former Ukrainian President Yanukovych and his political party.

By Brandon Carter for The Hill, May 12, 2017 - The Justice Department requested bank records of President Trump's former campaign manager Paul Manafort as part of the federal investigation into possible ties between the Trump campaign and Russia, according to a new report. The Wall Street Journal reports that the Justice Department requested Manafort's bank records from Citizen Financial Group Inc. in April. It's unclear whether that was the only bank that was asked to turn over records, according to the report. Manafort has come under intense scrutiny for his financial transactions. In March, the Treasury Department obtained financial records from Cyprus as part of a federal anti-corruption probe into Manafort's past work in eastern Europe. Those Cyprus accounts were investigated for money laundering, NBC News later reported. Manafort also came under scrutiny for financial dealings immediately after he stepped down as Trump's campaign chairman last year. On the same day he stepped down, he formed a shell corporation and took out loans worth \$13 million from Trump-connected businesses, according to The New York Times. […] https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefin... ts-bank-records-in-russia