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Hunter Biden laptop letter recruitment email wanted to give Joe Biden debate 'talking point'

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EXCLUSIVE - A recruitment email sent by Mike Morell, co-author of the infamous [Hunter Biden laptop](#) letter, wanted former intelligence officials to become signatories to help give [Joe Biden](#) a “talking point” during a crucial presidential debate against [Donald Trump](#).

The revelation comes after Morell, the former Obama CIA acting director, admitted that [now-Secretary of State Antony Blinken](#) “triggered” him to write the [October 2020 laptop letter](#).

The recruitment email from Morell was [sent to former intelligence officials](#) and included the laptop letter co-authored by him and former senior CIA operations officer Marc Polymeropoulos as an attachment.

The quoted language from the Morell email, sent on Oct. 18, 2020, was read to the *Washington Examiner* verbatim and identically by two independent sources who had access to the email.

Morell's email explained that both he and Polymeropoulos believed Russia was involved in the Hunter Biden laptop stories and that Trump likely planned to attack Biden over the laptop revelations in the upcoming debate.

“We want to give the VP a talking point to use in response,” Morell wrote, the two sources confirmed to the *Washington Examiner*.

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Morell has previously testified that one of the reasons he helped put the letter together was to help Joe Biden “because I wanted him to win the election.”

Mark Zaid, an attorney [representing Polymeropoulos and a number of other laptop letter](#) signers, also [told](#) the media last month that “when the draft was sent out to people to sign, the cover email made clear that it was an effort to help the Biden campaign.”

Fifty-one ex-intelligence officials signed the laptop letter, which was published on Oct. 19, 2020, three days before the debate, and

The October 2020 letter repeatedly contended there was Russian involvement with the laptop stories, arguing that “if we are right, this is Russia trying to influence how Americans vote in this election” and expressing “our view that the Russians are involved in the Hunter Biden email issue.” The letter claimed the laptop saga “has all the classic earmarks of a Russian information operation” and that “our experience makes us deeply suspicious that the Russian government played a significant role in this case.”

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Then-Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe [argued](#) in October 2020 that there was “no intelligence” to support that the laptop was part of a Russian disinformation campaign.

Konstantinos "Gus" Dimitrellos, a cyber forensics expert and former Secret Service agent, conducted an examination of the laptop for the *Washington Examiner* last year, concluding "there is a 100% certainty that Robert Hunter Biden was the only person responsible for the activity on this hard drive and all of its stored data" and that "[the hard drive is authentic.](#)"