

From: [Michelle Smith](#)
To: [Lawrence, Edward](#)
Subject: Re: Powell
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023 9:19:21 AM

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Hi Edward -- off the record, this has happened to a number of other officials, including Lagarde, Merkel, former President Bush and others. I really hope that fox business might decide not to give fraudulent hoaxes more attention and legitimacy by further spreading their work. Failing that appeal to some sort of convention that I hope that fox will apply here...here is my spokesperson statement:

Chair Powell participated in a conversation in January with someone who misrepresented himself as the Ukrainian president.

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From: Lawrence, Edward <Edward.Lawrence@FOX.COM>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 9:08:41 AM
To: Michelle Smith (b) (6)
Subject: Powell

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Michelle,

I wanted to verify a Bloomberg report and see if you had a statement about Fed Chairman Jay Powell tricked by Russians posing as Ukranian President Zelenskyy?

Thanks Michelle..

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Sent: 4/27/2023 10:53:08 AM
To: McFall, Caitlin [Caitlin.McFall@FOX.COM]
Subject: RE: Request for confirmation, prank call w/ chairman Powell

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Hi,

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Best,
Emma

From: McFall, Caitlin <Caitlin.McFall@FOX.COM>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 9:59 AM
To: Media <Media@frb.gov>
Subject: Request for confirmation, prank call w/ chairman Powell

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Good morning,

Could you please confirm reporting that Chairman Powell held a January call with Russian pranksters posing as Ukrainian President Zelenskyy?

Please confirm the nature of the call and what was discussed. What anything confidential discussed?

How did the chairman discover he was not speaking with Zelenskyy?

Thank you,

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Sent: 4/27/2023 10:56:18 AM
To: Emma Jones [emma.r.jones@frb.gov]
Subject: Re: Fed Chair Powell's phone call with Russian pranksters

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Thank you, Emma.

Dilara Zengin Okay

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From: Emma Jones <emma.r.jones@frb.gov>
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To: Dilara Zengin Okay
Subject: RE: Fed Chair Powell's phone call with Russian pranksters

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Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 9:56 AM
To: Media <Media@frb.gov>
Subject: Fed Chair Powell's phone call with Russian pranksters

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Hi,

I would like to inquire if there is an official statement available regarding the recent reports alleging that Fed Chair Powell engaged in a phone conversation with two Russian pranksters who were pretending to be Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy.

Best,
Dilara



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