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the business rivals of his son

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Intro

It was all smiles and hugs when US Vice President Joe Biden visited Sweden in August of 2016.

At a press conference he told the world that he wanted the plans for a new Russian gas pipeline in the Baltic Sea halted.

What the Vice President did not say was that his son, Hunter Biden, worked for a direct competitor to the owner of the natural gas pipeline.

This conflict of interest is one of the worst scandals for current presidential candidate Joe Biden.

In this e-book you can read more about the 17 hours in Stockholm and why this can ruin Joe Biden's career.

The content of this e-book is a series of stories about the Vice President's meeting with Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, his son Hunter Biden, the controversial natural gas company Burisma and how bigwigs from the gas industry are helping Joe Biden with both funds and political advice.

The e-book is written by the experienced Swedish journalist Mikael Jägerbrand. He has previously written dozens books on a wide range of subjects, including archaeology, rock carvings, TV-scandals and Swedish adventurers.

Preface

***This a book about a completely forgotten scandal:
How an American Vice President visited Sweden to stop
one of his son's competitors.***

This is one of biggest blunders of Joe Biden.

It is a little bit strange that a scandal involving a US Vice President and a Ukrainian gas giant, started in Sweden.

During the summer and autumn of 2019, Ukraine has been at the center in American media. The hysterics started with a phone call Donald Trump made, and where Biden was mentioned. It has continued with political brawls, impeachment, interrogations and investigations.

In this e-book you will find a number of articles focusing on the "Scandal in Stockholm", the visit of Vice President Joe Biden to Sweden in August 2016.

In the texts you will find out why his pressure on several countries to stop a pipeline, really is a big big scandal.

The focus on this book is the Swedish narrative. The many scandals that led to the current political crisis in the US are only mentio-

ned occasionally.

This is not a definitive book on all the scandals involving Ukraine- Burisma or the Biden family. They are so extensive that I will leave it to someone more knowledgeable on the subjects. Much on these subjects has already been published. One of the most exhaustive is Peter Schweizer's fact-filled book "Secret empires – How the American political class hides corruption and enriches family and friends" from 2018.

The main reason for writing a book that mainly focuses on a 17 hour long visit to Sweden, is that it is the worst example of Joe Biden's conflicts of interest – so far.

While there has been almost daily revelations on Ukraine and Biden, no one has noticed the Swedish connection.

This is because Joe Biden made the visit in the middle of the dramatic US presidential election in 2016.

Why I started investigating this scandal is actually pure coincidence. I have written dozens of books but nothing on political scandals of this magnitude.

For many years I worked in the tabloid press. My job was to fine-tune headlines and first pages. My working life was scandals, murders, accidents and celebrities. Today I write books on archeology and history. Since I worked as a reporter in the USA for some time, I still try to keep up to date on the latest news.

When I went through my research for a completely different project, I happened to look at the back of a newspaper clip from 2016.

It was a story on Joe Biden's visit and the headline said that he wanted to stop the Russian natural gas pipeline North Stream 2. I must confess that I had no interest, what-so-ever, in the visit when it

happened.

But when I read the old newspaper I knew this was a scoop. During several months I had been following the Biden-Trump-scandals in American media. I realized that this was an unknown story.

I started doing research – and the result is this e-book.

Even though this scandal was interesting to research, it is time for others to take over.

There are plenty of scandals to uncover for those who dig even deeper.

During my work, a large number of questions have arisen:

Was the Swedish government aware that Joe Biden's efforts to stop the gas pipeline benefited his son's business?

What happened during the secret meeting that the Swedish Foreign Ministry arranged with Joe Biden on August 25?

Perhaps the investigations started by the US Senate will give some answers.

The Scandal in Stockholm has just begun.

Biden pressured Sweden to halt a pipeline

In the fall of 2016, Joe Biden made a visit to Sweden. Now it may put an end to his career.

He went to Stockholm to pressure the politicians to stop the Russian company Gazprom's North Stream 2 pipeline in the Baltic Sea.

What no one reacted to at the time, was that the Vice President's own son, Hunter Biden, worked for a direct competitor.

This is the first solid evidence of a direct link between presidential candidate Joe Biden's actions and his son's business.

In the midst of the US election campaign in the fall of 2016, the US Vice President Joe Biden made a short four-day tour of Europe.

In the three countries he landed in (Latvia, Turkey and Sweden), he met leaders who had the opportunity to stop planned Russian gas pipelines.

In Stockholm, Sweden, Joe Biden made no secrets of the purpose with the trip – Nord Stream 2.

– Speaking for ourselves, speaking for the United States, North Stream 2, pipeline, we think, is a fundamentally bad deal for Europe, Vice President Joe Biden said at a press conference in Stockholm on August 25

– I can tell you, from our perspective, it looks like a fairly bad deal.

– Europe needs diverse sources of gas, not in our view a new North Stream 2 pipeline.

He stated that the main reason for the US opposition was the threat for Europe to become dependent on energy from Russia.

If energy dependency was the most important argument, he should have visited mainland Europe. Sweden generally do not use natural gas, and do not import any from Russia.

When Joe Biden visited Sweden, he was not the only American politician who wanted to stop North Stream 2.

But he was the most influential.

In the spring of 2014, US President Barack Obama had appointed him point man for US policy in Ukraine. Essentially it was up to Joe Biden himself to create the USA policy towards Ukraine (and natural gas).

According to Foreign Policy Magazine, "No one in the U. S. government has wielded more power over Ukraine than Vice President Joe Biden".

Thus, it was the Vice President himself who was politically responsible for the US opposition to North Stream 2. The US considered the pipeline in the Baltic as part of the US strategy in Ukraine.

This message was also clearly conveyed at the joint press conference with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

– I know it will fundamentally destabilize Ukraine, Joe Biden said to the international press.

The majority of the export of Russian natural gas to Eastern Europe travels via pipelines in Ukraine. Each year, the country gets ca 3 billion dollar through fees for this gas export.

If Russia were allowed to create other avenues for its natural gas, it would result in a disaster for the natural gas industry in Ukraine. The delays in North Stream 2 have caused the gas companies in the country to earn millions.

During Joe Biden's visit, the media failed to report that his son Hunter Biden was on the board of directors of the second largest private gas company in Ukraine, Burisma.

Through a series of subsidiaries, the company is a direct competitor to Russian Gazprom, the owner of North Stream. Both companies have been competitors in Ukraine for many years but are also hot rivals in the energy sectors in both Kazakhstan and Italy.

The fact that Joe Biden was the point man for US policy in Ukraine, while the son had major financial interests in the country, is of course a conflict of interest.

This ethically questionable situation is the main basis of the political scandal that is currently paralyzing US politics. Democrats accuse President Trump of trying to influence Ukraine in order to investigate Hunter Biden's shenanigans.

The Democrat Joe Biden is the center of the US medias attention as he is the front runner in the race to become the party's presidential candidate in the 2020 election.

The scandal has not affected Joe Biden's campaign so far, there simply hasn't been much proof of him acting directly to benefit his

son's company.

But his visit to Sweden may prove to be one of the biggest political mistakes in his long career. It is simply a Scandal in Stockholm.

By pressuring several governments to stop the direct competitors of his son, he has undoubtedly contributed to the sales increases of his company.

Exactly how much Hunter Biden's Burisma company may have gained from the delay of the pipeline is difficult to determine. As the company is privately owned, no public financial statements are presented. Later in this book you can find statistics that show that Burisma have experienced a five-folded increase of sales of natural gas after Joe Biden's visit to Sweden.

There are indications that Ukrainian Burisma is more than a regular business competitor to Russian Gazprom.

According to the book "Secret Empires", some of the toughest fighting in eastern Ukraine has been going on in the areas where Burisma has large natural gas fields.

It may be pure speculation, but it is actually quite possible that there have been direct battles over gas fields – between troops from the two gas companies Burisma and Gazprom.

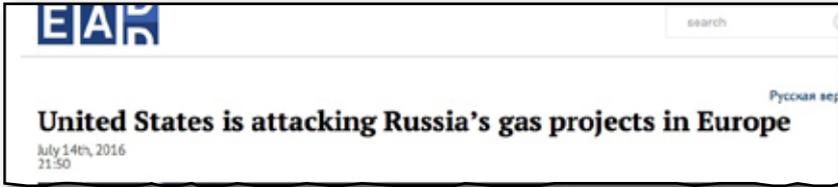
If this has happened, Joe Biden's support for his son's company will come in a completely different light.

In the coming months, countless new facts will emerge regarding Joe and Hunter Biden's operations in Ukraine.

More and more media outlets in US and Ukraine have already begun to dig into this scandal.

And now, in late November 2019, the US Senate has started a formal public inquiry into Joe and Hunter Biden.

This scandal will only grow bigger. But don't forget that Joe Biden did some of his worst blunders in Sweden, and that this should be called a "Scandal in Stockholm".



A story on EADaily on the American criticism of the new pipeline, 14th of July 2016.



Headline on Swedish state-owned SVT: "Biden: North Stream is 'bad business'."

” I don't think USA should interfere in the decisions of Sweden on North Stream 2.

*Björn Jansson (social democrat),
Chairman of the region of Gotland*



Joe Biden was criticized in the Swedish region of Gotland. The island was to be the base for the construction of the pipeline.



The Finnish news site Yle on the 25th of August: "USA praises Sweden and give warnings on the gas pipeline".

The Vice President and the 17 hours on Swedish soil

The visit of the US Vice President to Sweden in August 2016 probably broke some records.

He was only on Swedish soil for 17 hours.

We have mapped the American politician's program during his hours in Stockholm.

01.25 (1.25 AM)

Vice President Joe Biden lands at Arlanda airport, north of Stockholm, with the official Air Force Two aircraft.

According to the official program, the flight would have actually landed at 21.55 but is thus more than three hours delayed.

Although it is the middle of the night when the Vice President lands, he is met by a whole delegation of higher-ups. Among the group: the US ambassador to Sweden, the Swedish ambassador to the US. When he steps off the plane, he is met on the runway by Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallström.

ca 01.40 (1.40 AM)

The Vice President travels from the airport in a large caravan of ve-

hicles. The drive to his hotel is about 25 miles.

ca 02.10 (2.10 AM)

The caravan arrives at the luxury hotel Grand Hôtel in central Stockholm. The entire area around the hotel was blocked off as early as the morning of August 24th.

08.00 (8 AM)

The traffic in large parts of central Stockholm are restricted for most vehicles. The area around Rosenbad, the seat of the Swedish government, and the streets Fredsgatan – Strömgatan – Drottninggatan are totally closed off.

10.25 (10.25 AM)

The bilateral meeting between the US and Sweden is scheduled to start at 10.30. The Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and his staff are in place at Rosenbad.

But Vice President Joe Biden is very late, probably because of the late arrival in Sweden during the night.

11.15 (11.25 AM)

Vice President Joe Biden arrives at Rosenbad, 50 minutes late. He shakes hands with Stefan Löfven in front of the international press corps.

ca 11.20 (11.20 AM)



A tweet from The Ambassador of Sweden to the United States, Björn Lyrvall, shows the room where the meeting took place.

Discussions are held between Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and US Vice President Joe Biden.

The meeting also included Deputy Prime Minister Isabella Lövin, Foreign Minister Margot Wallström, Energy Minister Ibrahim Baylan and Swedish Ambassador to the United States Björn Lyrvall.

They discuss, among other things, the refugee crisis and an upcoming summit on the issue, Brexit and the military cooperation between Sweden and Finland.

But what is mainly discussed during the deliberations is "energy security" and the planned gas pipeline North Stream 2.

Exactly what is being discussed is not known. Most of the notes from the meeting are still classified. The document that was released, after a freedom of information-request, was heavily redacted. All notes that mentions Biden or natural gas are still classified.

The discussion on energy and natural gas appear to have lasted ca 10–15 minutes.

ca 12.50 (0.50 PM)

A joint press conference is held by the Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and the Vice President of the United States Joe Biden. The press conference is held in the Swedish governments official press room Bella Venezia.

The leaders each give a short introduction of about 10 minutes and then answer questions from two selected journalists. The press conference only lasts about 45 minutes.

ca 13.00 (1 PM)

Vice President Joe Biden leaves Rosenbad and returns to the Grand Hôtel.

ca 14.00 (2 PM)

The Vice President participates in some sort of secretive meeting or gathering, organized by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All details of this activity on the official programme are classified. It may have been a meeting with representatives from a third country. It may have been a discussion with Swedish business leaders. It may have been a discussion on the criminal case of Julian Assange, his organization Wikileaks was in the headlines during August as he had just published thousands of hacked e-mails from the Democratic party.

ca 15.30 (3.30 PM)

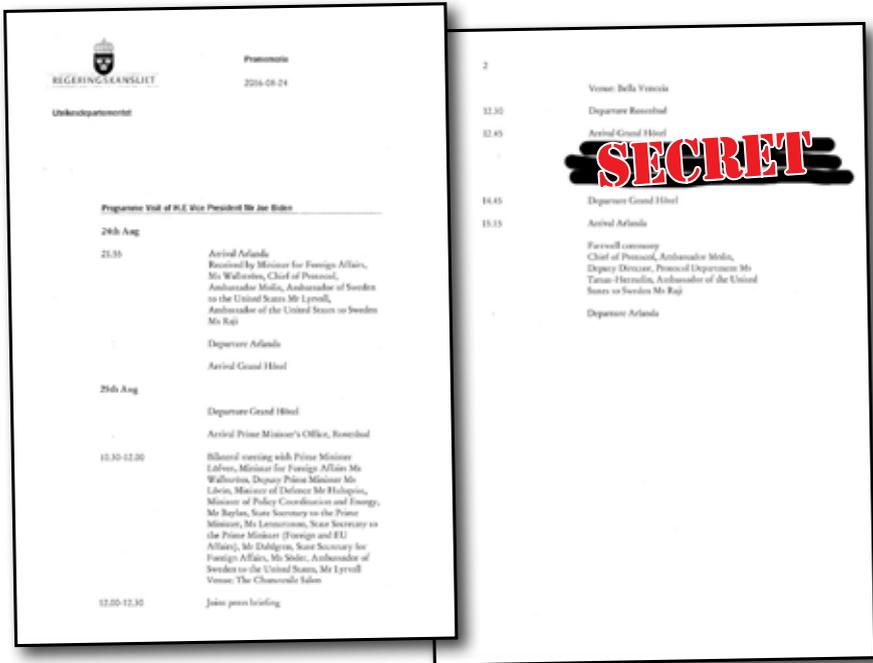
A large caravan with some 30 vehicles leaves Stockholm for the approximately 30 minute journey to Arlanda. The caravan includes both police cars and ambulances.

16.00 (4 PM)

The barriers are being raised around the Grand Hôtel.

18.35 (6.35 PM)

The Vice President and his large entourage take off from Arlanda Airport in the Air Force Two. The airplane is an Boeing C-32A normally used by President Obama (which then has the code name Air Force One).



The official programme for the visit of Vice President Joe Biden, 24th–25th of August 2016.



The Swedish Aftonbladet had a news team when Joe Biden arrived at the airport.



The press release from the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs on the visit of Joe Biden.

” Joe Biden almost ladled Löfven with laudations. Praise after praise. He said that this friendship has never been as good as it is today.

*Stephanie Zakrisson,
Journalist at SR Radio*



Headline in the largest Swedish newspaper that reads "The praise of Sweden". Aftonbladet the 26th of August 2016.



Even small local papers reported on the visit. The daily Bohusläningen, 26th of August.

The round trip followed the pipelines

When Vice President Joe Biden visited Europe in August 2016, he had a rather strange itinerary: Riga, Ankara and Stockholm.

But these stops had one thing in common: Russian pipelines for natural gas.

We have mapped out the notable journey that US Vice President Joe Biden made on August 22-25, 2016.

He visited three seemingly random countries: Latvia, Turkey and Sweden.

But they had one important detail in common:

Talks with political leaders, all with the power to make decisions which potentially could delay or stop gas pipelines from Russia to Europe.

All indications are that this round trip was made with one important goal: to halt all plans for pipelines outside the territory of Ukraine.

The trip was carried out at a critical stage. The plans for North Stream 2 had been presented earlier that year, and the decision to

continue the construction of Turkstream had been made a few weeks earlier.

Both of these projects were run by the Russian natural gas company Gazprom – a direct competitor to Hunter Biden’s company Burisma.

Here is the itinerary for the trip Joe Biden appear to have made to stop the competitor of his son.

- August 23, 2016.

Riga, Latvia

The Vice President lands in Riga and participates in a Baltic summit with the leaders of both Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

The planned North Stream 2 gas pipeline passes off the coast of all three countries.

In a speech in the National Library of Lithuania, he tells the Baltic leaders: “Europe needs diverse sources of gas — not new pipelines that lock in greater reliance on Russia”.

His speech to the three Baltic leaders is almost identical to the brief speech he will make to Stefan Löfven and the press two days later in Stockholm.

- August 24, 2016

Ankara, Turkey.

When Joe Biden lands in Ankara, it has only been a few weeks since Russia and Turkey agreed to resume construction of the Turkstream natural gas pipeline.

The project had been in the bag since the end of 2015 when a Turkish F-16 plane shot down a Russian battle plane.

But at the end of July 2016, the leaders of both countries met for talks. The construction was resumed at the end of the year.

The gas pipeline passing through the Black Sea and to Turkey was completed in 2018. There are plans to create a continuation of the pipeline up through Greece and further up to Austria.

- August 25, 2016

Stockholm, Sweden.

Vice President Joe Biden lands in Sweden in the middle of the night and don't even spend a day in Sweden.

The only items on the schedule is a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, a press conference, and later in the day, a secret meeting, the details of which are confidential.

For the media, there is no doubt as to the purpose of the Vice President's trip.

The press reported that "there were clear wishes from an American perspective that the EU and Sweden should not say yes to the planned gas pipeline North Stream 2".

In a short perspective, Biden's visit was a great success.

Only two weeks later the national radio station Sverige Radio concluded:

"There is Swedish agreement that Nord Stream 2 must be stopped. All Swedish parliamentary parties want to halt the controversial Russian gas pipeline".



The pressrelease from the White House on the four-day trip of Joe Biden, 13th of August 2016.

” Biden’s speech was strong and commendably clear. He didn’t use any of the high rhetorical techniques beloved by his boss, but he’s not that kind of guy really, is he? *Mike Collier, Latvian commentator.*



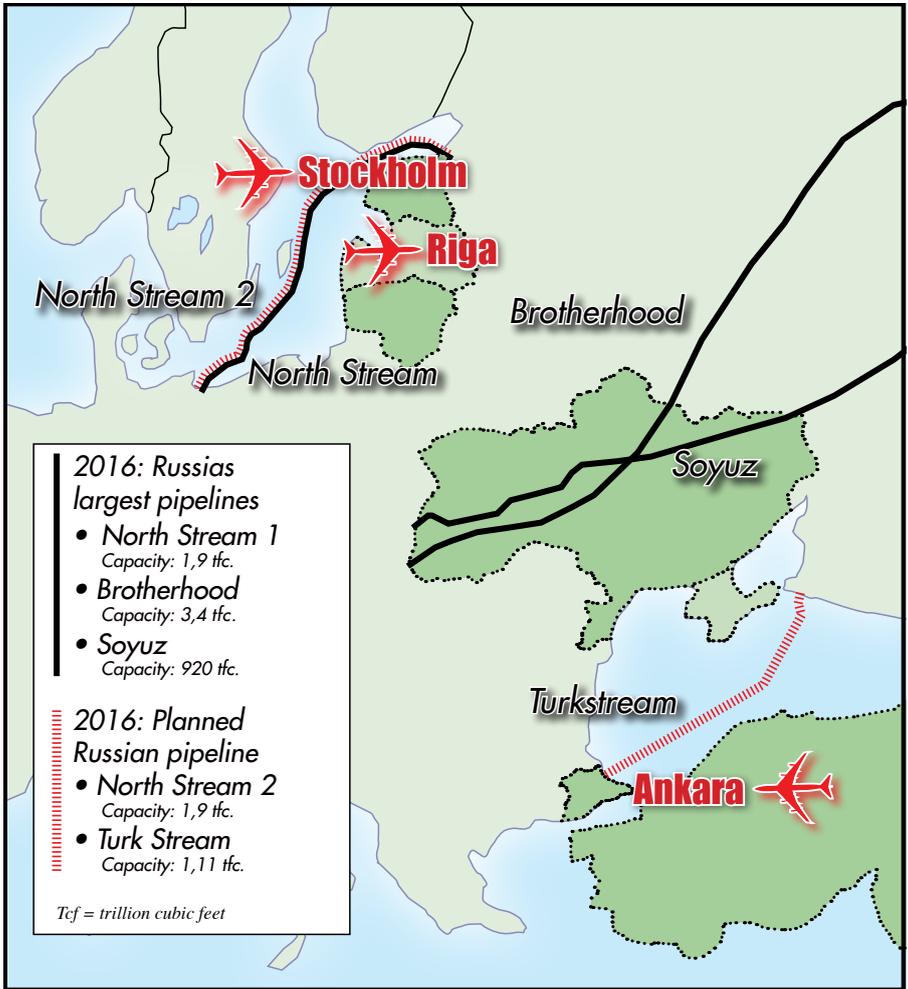
News story in Swedish newspaper, 24th of August 2016. The headline reads: "New" Turkey gets a visit by Joe Biden.



The Latvian news site LSM.lv made a hour-for-hour-report when Joe Biden visited the country on the 23rd of August 2016.



Vice President Joe Biden and the leaders of the three Baltic countries in the official group portrait.



Vice President Joe Biden made three stops during his eurotrip 2016. All destinations have connections to Russian pipelines for natural gas.

Gas bigwigs helps Joe Biden win the election

2016: The Vice President hustles to get customers to the gas giant.

2019: The natural gas bigwigs hustles to raise funds and voters for Joe Biden.

As US Vice President Joe Biden wanted to stop the Russian pipeline in the Baltic Sea.

This not only benefited his son Hunter Biden's company in Ukraine, it also helped to promote American export of natural gas.

In return, the bigwigs in the natural gas industry are now fundraising for his campaign.

On February 24, 2016, a major breakthrough was made when it comes to US export of natural gas.

At that date, the first cargo of liquefied natural gas, LNG, left plants of Cheniere Energy in Louisiana. This was the first time a shipload of US natural gas left a port in the lower 48.

Fast forward a couple of months, to August 2016. We now find

the US Vice President Joe Biden doing a road trip to Riga, Ankara and Stockholm.

On his to-do-list was two gassy items: 1. Stop the Russian pipelines. 2. Promote the new American export commodity.

— The time to act is now, because this is very transformational moment in global energy, the US Vice President Joe Biden said at a press conference in Sweden on the 25th of Augusti 2016.

— This year, for the first ever, shipments of liquified natural gas from the United States have arrived in Europe. And every country in Europe is now able to, if they choose, to buy natural gas from the Unites States.

Some journalists in the media were critical of the visit of the Vice President. One of Sweden's most influential political commentators, K-G Bergström wrote:

“One could wonder why he added Sweden on his European tour. /// Sure, Sweden will host a United States refugee summit in September, but the real reason was probably another. Biden wanted to warn Sweden and Europe of plans for yet another gas pipeline from Russia to Germany. /// Biden's moderately un-self-interested message was: If you need more natural gas, you can buy it from the US.”

Two days earlier, Biden had delivered exactly the same message in a speech to representatives of the Baltic countries. The urging to buy US natural gas was made at the same time as the Vice President wanted to stop Russian exports to Europe.

When Joe Biden made the trip, a woman named Heather Zichal sat on the board of Cheniere Energy. The very samt company that had just started exporting natural gas.

She was well acquainted with the Vice President. During many

of Biden's years as Vice President, she was his, and the president's, advisor on energy and climate issues.

The energy expert Heather Zichal quit working for Cheniere Energy in 2018 after four years on the board. Just a few months later she started working again at Joe Biden's side. When he announced his presidential campaign in 2019, Heather Zichal was an important part, she is the campaign's advisor on energy and climate policy.

Oddly enough, Zichal also has a connection with Burisma, the company where Hunter Biden worked at the time. Since January 2015, she has been a consultant for the think tank Atlantic Council, an organisation sponsored by – Burisma.

But the assistance from the natural gas bigwigs goes further than helping him get votes by drafting energy- and climate policies.

They have also become increasingly important when it comes to fundraising.

In September, Joe Biden took part in a climate-themed TV-debate on CNN.

It created a minor scandal when it emerged that Joe Biden was attending a fundraising event the day after the climate debate – organized by a gas bigwig.

The host of this private event was Andrew Goldman, founder of the gas company Western LNG in Houston. He has been working with Joe Biden for a long time. Goldman was an adviser to Biden during his time as a senator, and he was also one of the finance chiefs during the failed presidential campaign in 2008.

The event probably raised many millions, as the tickets cost \$2,800 per person.

The event attracted a lot of media attention as climate activists

protested on the street outside the fundraiser.

Andrew Goldman has connections to Cheniere Energy. He founded the company Western LNG together with the former Senior Vice President of Cheniere Energy, David Thames.

Statistics from the US agency EIA, U.S. Energy Information Administration, indicate that the euro-trip by Vice President Joe Biden in August 2016 was successful.

Shortly after Biden's visit, Lithuania began to import US gas. In 2017, imports were 7 billion cubic feet.

In August 2016 Biden also made a short visit to Turkey. The country began to import gas that same year, a total of 7 billion cubic feet. In 2017 and 2018, imports have since tripled to 24 billion cubic feet of natural gas.

Sales skyrocketed for Burisma after Bidens trip

US Vice President Joe Biden traveled around Europe in the fall of 2016 to stop Russian pipelines.

After his involvement, Hunter Biden's company experienced an fivefolded increase in sales of natural gas in Ukraine.

In the spring of 2014, Joe Biden became the point-man for the US policy in Ukraine. A few weeks later, son Hunter Biden became one of the top executives of Ukraine's second largest private gas company Burisma Holdings. This conflict of interest has caused heavy criticism, including from President Donald Trump.

Now we can reveal numbers that should be embarrassing for the Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden.

The company Burisma Holdings was founded in 2002, and after eight years of operations, according to the news agency Reuters, it produced 3,5 billion cubic feet of natural gas in Ukraine. According to a report from KMPG, production in 2015 had increased to 7 billion.

In August 2016, US Vice President Joe Biden made his trip to persuade, among others, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, to stop

a Russian pipeline in the Baltic Sea. This succeeded, North Stream 2, was substantially delayed and is still not fully completed in November 2019.

During these years, Burisma has grown very strongly in Ukraine's national natural gas market.

In 2018, sales had more than quintupled compared to the time before Joe Biden's European tour. According to the Reuters news agency, it produced about 45 billion cubic feet of natural gas in 2018, equivalent to 5 percent of total gas production in Ukraine. In 2015, only 7 billion cubic feet were produced.

When Hunter Biden accepted the post in Burisma, he made a statement about his duties in the company, declaring that he would be responsible for "international expansion", among other things.

Judging from the figures, Joe Biden seems to have given his son tremendous help with this.

The company Burisma Holdings Limited is currently based in Cyprus and consists of a large number of subsidiaries operating in a large number of countries. Through its subsidiaries, they are direct competitors to North Stream 2 owner Gazprom in Italy and Kazakhstan, among others.

Examples of some of Burma's subsidiaries are Esco-North, First Ukrainian Oil Company, Kub-Gas, Naftogaz and Pari. The exact figures for these various companies are unknown.

The natural gas that Burisma produces in Ukraine is mainly sold to other companies.

6 best facts: Why this is a **big** scandal

The meeting in the fall of 2016, between the Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven and the US Vice President Joe Biden, was hailed as a success.

But this short sleepover to Sweden may halt the veteran politicians dreams of becoming President.

Here are the 6 best facts on why this forgotten visit is a really really big scandal.

1. Long history of dubious business dealings

Throughout his nearly 50-year career, Joe Biden has been criticized for conflicts of interest between his office and the business dealings of his family.

In the early 2000s, his son Hunter Biden worked for the credit card company MBNA. The company didn't like that customers got protection when they went bankrupt. They lobbied for amendments of the bankruptcy laws. Senator Joe Biden was the foremost advocate for the new law that was introduced in 2005. Shortly thereafter, Hunter Biden was no longer at MBNA.

In June 2011, Joe's brother James Biden received a record-breaking \$15 billion housebuilding-contract in Iraq. At the time, Joe Biden was the US point man for Iraq.

When Joe Biden became point man for US policy in China, his son Hunter Biden accompanied him on an official state visit in 2013. A short time later, the son's company got billions to invest – from China.

When Joe was appointed the US point man for Ukraine, his son Hunter Biden suddenly became a major bigwig in a gas company in the country.

2. Joe pressured Europe to halt a pipeline

When Joe Biden landed in Sweden in August 2016, he wanted to stop the pipeline of the Russian company Gazprom. A few days earlier he had met the leaders of the Baltic countries and delivered the same message.

His visit was also successful, just a week later, the state-owned national radio SR reported a major shift in the attitude among the politicians in the country: "All Swedish parliamentary parties want to stop the controversial Russian gas pipeline North Stream 2".

The project was not approved by Swedish authorities until June 2018.

The pipeline is still not completed.

3. The very definition of a conflict of interest

When Joe Biden pressured several European countries to stop the pipeline, it was an obvious conflict of interest. You may even say that this could be used as an example of how conflict of interest should be defined.

The case in point:

- Vice President Joe Biden was point man for Ukraine.
- He was the one determining the US policy.
- He made the decision that the pipeline must be stopped.
- The pipeline was owned by the gas company Gazprom.
- His son Hunter Biden was a competitor to Gazprom.
- The pipeline was stopped/delayed.
- The company where his son worked gained millions.

He should have resigned from his assignment as point man of Ukraine the minute his son started working for one of the largest companys in Ukraine. But he didn't.

When he was warned that Ukraine was a conflict of interest, he ignored it.

Even worse. He stepped up, and widened, his mission to include a pipeline in another part of the world – the Baltic Sea.

4. The very first direct connection

During his visit to Sweden in August 2016, Vice President Joe Biden did not hide the fact that he wanted to stop the North Stream 2 natural gas pipeline. As the project had been presented only some months earlier, he wanted to "nip it in the bud".

— Europe needs a variety of different energy sources. Not, in our opinion, a new North Stream 2 pipeline, Joe Biden said at the press conference to the international press.

When he said this, his son worked for a competitor to the owner of the pipeline.

This is the first time it is possible to show a direct link between Joe Biden and his son's business.

In the many former scandals of Joe Biden, there has always been vague connections or indirect evidence.

During the visit to Stockholm, he was recorded by dozens of tv- and radiostations when he made it clear he wanted to stop the pipeline.

5. A forgotten visit

It is maybe baffling that the Scandal in Stockholm is unknown. Joe Biden has been in the crosshairs of media and politicians since he got back into politics with his presidential campaign.

But there are some very basic facts that made this to a very forgotten visit.

The US media mostly ignored the trip of the Vice President. He was a minor player in the political game at this time.

This was August of 2016 and the media concentrated on the main competitors in the ring: Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. The 2016 presidential election was the main event.

When the Ukraine-scandals started to gather traction the media had no idea that a Biden-Ukraine-scandal could be found by googling the words "Biden pipeline Sweden".

6. A very timely scandal

More than three years has passed since Joe Biden spent less than 17 hours on Swedish soil. But the visit is more timely than ever.

At this moment (november 2019) an impeachment hearing by the Congress have been paralyzing US politics. President Donald Trump is accused of urging Ukraine to launch an investigation into the Biden family.

At the same time Joe Biden is the front runner to win the Democratic nomination in the 2020 election.

The bombshell that there is a forgotten Scandal in Stockholm may alter the narrative forever.

It will strengthen President Donald Trumps, and the Republicans, argument that there are cause for the authorities to investigate the Bidens.