Involves Donald Trump, Eric

Trump advisers give his library their Republika Srpska consulting fees

B Reported

The donation was first reported by the New York Post, citing four sources, and Blair then confirmed it himself on X (The Hill). The client is reported by the New York Times (relayed by Al Jazeera and Reuters) and by the Post, which describe it differently. The delisting is a primary record, OFAC's Federal Register notice. The amount rests on the Post's sources and is estimated.

6 sources **1** primary record **0** with an archived copy

REACHED THE FAMILY

Oct 2026 month precision

$200,000 estimated

More than $200,000 combined: the New York Post, citing sources, reported that each adviser gave his full fee, more than $100,000 apiece, to the president's library; no exact figure has been published. The New York Times reported that each was paid hundreds of thousands of dollars (as relayed by Al Jazeera). The payer is described two ways: the Times says the two were hired through a Washington law firm retained by the Republika Srpska government; the Post describes the client as the ruling party led by Milorad Dodik, and The Hill as a pro-Russian political party in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The month is when the Post reported the gift; the payment date is not public. Blair, Trump's former deputy chief of staff, now runs MAGA Inc.; LaCivita is a senior Trump adviser (Al Jazeera). Their work came before Republika Srpska's Oct 4, 2026 election.

FROM James Blair and Chris LaCivita, donating fees from their Republika Srpska client (individual)

CHANNEL consulting fees donated to the president's library foundation

OFFICIAL ACTION

Oct 29, 2025

Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control removed Milorad Dodik, the Bosnian Serb leader, and 47 other people and entities from its sanctions list, about a year before the advisers' donation was reported. No source says when their work for the client began, and no source links Blair or LaCivita to the delisting

AGENCY Treasury (OFAC)

No day count is calculated because at least one of the two dates is known only to the month or year.

WHAT HAPPENED

James Blair, Trump's former deputy chief of staff, who now runs the super PAC MAGA Inc., and Chris LaCivita, a senior Trump adviser, advised the side of Bosnian Serb leader Milorad Dodik before Republika Srpska's Oct 4, 2026 election. The New York Times reported on Oct 6 that they were hired through a Washington law firm retained by the Republika Srpska government and that each was paid hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Trump wrote on Oct 7 that the two are outside consultants and that he would fire them if there was a conflict, then said in the Oval Office that they don't have one. On Oct 22 the New York Post reported, citing four sources, that both had given their full fees, more than $100,000 each, to Trump's presidential library, and described their client as the ruling party led by Dodik. Blair confirmed the donation on X, and LaCivita reposted it (The Hill).

A year earlier, on Oct 29, 2025, Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control removed Dodik and 47 other people and entities from its sanctions list. The delisting came before the donation; no source says when the advisers' work for the client began, and no source links Blair or LaCivita to the delisting.

POTENTIAL VIOLATION

No legal question has been raised by anyone with standing or expertise in the sources reviewed, so this field is left blank rather than supplied by the ledger.

THEIR RESPONSE

Blair confirmed on X that he and LaCivita donated their full fee, and LaCivita reposted it (The Hill). Before the donation was reported, Trump wrote on Oct 7, 2026 that the two are outside consultants, that he would ask them about other clients and would fire them immediately if there was a conflict; later that day he said in the Oval Office that they don't have a conflict (Reuters), because they are not White House employees (Al Jazeera).

SOURCES

The Hill Oct 23, 2026 news

James Blair and Chris LaCivita donate fees to Trump presidential library

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Read Oct 26, 2026 in a browser on the editor's computer; the cloud tools could not open it. Julia Manchester; reports Blair's own post on X confirming the donation

New York Post (via finwire) Oct 22, 2026 news

Chris LaCivita and James Blair donate full Bosnian consulting fee to Trump presidential library

archive pending Exclusive by Steven Nelson read through finwire's republication; nypost.com was blocked

Al Jazeera Oct 8, 2026 news

What were Trump operatives doing for pro-Russian politician Dodik in Bosnia?

archive pending Relays the New York Times report of Oct 6, 2026

Reuters (via GV Wire) Oct 7, 2026 news

Trump threatens to fire political advisers if their interests conflict

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U.S. Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (Federal Register notice) Nov 19, 2025 primary

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action (removal of 48 persons from the SDN List, effective Oct 29, 2025)

archive pending Public inspection copy; lists Milorad Dodik among 30 individuals and 18 entities removed

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Oct 29, 2025 news

US Removes Pro-Russian Bosnian Serb Politician Milorad Dodik And Allies From Sanctions List

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Last verified Oct 26, 2026.

REACH CONGRESS

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