



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 11, 2020

Case No. FL-2020-00018

Melanie Sloan
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

As noted in our letter dated October 21, 2020, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the “FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has identified two additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that one record may be released in full, and one released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may contact Trial Attorney, Joshua C. Abbuhl at Joshua.Abbuhl@usdoj.gov; (202) 616-2531. Please refer to the case number, F-2019-06332/FL-2020-00018, and the civil action number, 19-cv-02934, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Miller
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

From:	"Brechtbuhl, Thomas U" [REDACTED] (b)(6)
To:	Cabelka, Carrie B [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Letter of Resignation
Date:	Fri, 10 May 2019 15:02:14 +0000

FYI...

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From: Merten, Kenneth H [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 10:51 AM
To: Brechtbuhl, Thomas U [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Cc: [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Letter of Resignation

Counselor:

You are probably aware of this already, but [REDACTED] (b)(6) wanted me to make sure. Attached is Masha's letter of resignation, effective 20 May. Please let me know if you have any questions. KM

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From: [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 8:56 AM
To: Merten, Kenneth H [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Subject: Letter of Resignation

As discussed.

AMB Yovanovitch did reach out to me on Fri. afternoon when I was out of the office.

[REDACTED] (b)(6)
Office of Presidential Appointments (HR/PAS)
Department of State
Tel: [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Fax: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

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From: Yovanovitch, Marie L (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 3:09 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Reeker, Philip T (b)(6); Kent, George P (b)(6) Pekala, Mark A
(b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Scanned Document - Letter of Resignation

(b)(6) — Please let me know if you need anything else from me. Best, M

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Sender:	"Brechtbuhl, Thomas U" (b)(6)
Recipient:	Cabelka, Carrie B (b)(6)



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Kyiv, Ukraine

May 6, 2019

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Serving as the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine during this historic moment in Ukraine's history and our bilateral relationship has been both an honor and a privilege.

As my tenure comes to a close, I would like to offer my resignation as Ambassador to Ukraine effective May 20, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie L. Yovanovitch".

Marie L. Yovanovitch
Ambassador