



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 18, 2022

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 February 4, 2022, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (the “FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has identified four additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all four records may be 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 or (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:	(b)(6)
	McKinley, P Michael (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	Invitation to NDU Hall of Fame Ceremony in honor of Masha Yovanovitch and Don Yamamoto
Date:	2019/04/15 16:17:04
Type:	Note

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Please see the invitation at the link below for information and RSVP.

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/index.cfm?i=440160&k=066542087D57>

Questions can be directed to (b)(6)
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Regards,

(b)(6)

Eisenhower School Faculty, NDU

Sender:	(b)(6)
	McKinley, P Michael (b)(6)
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Sent Date:	2019/04/15 16:16:05
Delivered Date:	2019/04/15 16:17:04

From:	Daughton, Thomas (b)(6)
To:	Skinner, Kiron K (b)(6)
Subject:	Invitation to NDU Foreign Affairs Day event
Date:	2019/04/12 18:51:17
Type:	Note

Dear Dr. Skinner,

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Best regards,

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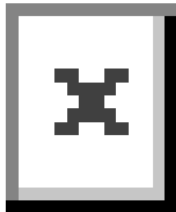
Ambassador Thomas F. Daughton
Deputy Commandant / International Affairs Advisor
The Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy
National Defense University, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.

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Sender:	Daughton, Thomas (b)(6)
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Sent Date:	2019/04/12 18:50:44
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From:	Skinner, Kiron K (b)(6)
SentVia:	(b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	HOLD: Foreign Affairs Day & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Date:	2019/05/08 20:16:36
Start Date:	2019/05/09 19:00:00
End Date:	2019/05/09 21:00:00
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Schedule.Meeting.Request
Location:	NDU
Attendees:	(b)(6)

NDU Foreign Affairs Day and Hall of Fame Induction May 2019



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Vice Admiral F. J. Roegge, USN

the 16th President of the National Defense University

requests the pleasure of your company

at Foreign Affairs Day and the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

in honor of

Ambassador Donald Yamamoto

Ambassador Marie L. Yovanovitch

on Thursday, the ninth of May, two thousand nineteen

at three o'clock in the afternoon

followed by a cocktail reception honoring our

diplomatic and international partners

at half past four o'clock

Abraham Lincoln Hall Auditorium

260 5th Avenue, Building 64

Fort Lesley J. McNair

Washington, D.C. 20319

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From: "Skinner, Kiron K" [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Date: April 13, 2019 at 9:51:42 AM EDT

To: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Subject: Fwd: Invitation to NDU Foreign Affairs Day event

Add to my daily binder, and let's see whether I am available for this event.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Daughton, Thomas (CIV US NDU/ES)" [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Date: April 12, 2019 at 2:50:44 PM EDT

To: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Subject: Invitation to NDU Foreign Affairs Day event

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Subject:	Fwd: Invitation to NDU Hall of Fame Ceremony in honor of Masha Yovanovitch and Don Yamamoto
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I will call to discuss...

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T. Ulrich Brechbühl
Counselor, U.S. Department of State

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Date: April 15, 2019 at 11:19:56 AM CDT
To: [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Subject: Invitation to NDU Hall of Fame Ceremony in honor of Masha Yovanovitch and Don Yamamoto

Mr. Brechbuhl –

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Eisenhower School Faculty, NDU

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