



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 29, 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 March 18, 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 three additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all three 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:	Kent, George P (b)(6)
To:	(U) Vindman, Alexander S (b)(6) (b)(6) Yovanovitch, Marie L (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) Holmes, David A (Kyiv) (b)(6) (b)(6)
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Subject:	Ukr:POTUS-Ze telecom readout
Date:	2019/04/22 11:48:20
Type:	Note

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Thanks, Alex. George

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From: Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 7:39:22 AM
To: Yovanovitch, Marie L (Kyiv); Kent, George P; (b)(6); (b)(6) (Kyiv)
Cc: hill, fiona (b)(6); Erath, John F. EOP/NSC
Subject: FW: In-town pool report #4

ICYMI. Below is the readout of the POTUS call with President-Elect Zelenskyy.

V/R,

Alexander S. Vindman

Director for Eastern Europe and Russia

National Security Council

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 6:52 AM

To: Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC (b)(6)

Subject: Fwd: In-town pool report #4

Statement was released to the press pool around 11 pm last night.

Begin forwarded message:

From: White House Press Office <info@mail.whitehouse.gov>

Date: April 22, 2019 at 5:53:45 AM EDT

To: (b)(6)

Subject: In-town pool report #4

Reply-To: White House Press Office <info@mail.whitehouse.gov>

From: (b)(6)

Date: April 21, 2019 at 11:00:59 PM EDT

Subject: In-town pool report #4

Forwarding from the White House press office:

Readout of President Trump's Call with Ukrainian President-Elect Volodymyr Zelenskyy:

President Donald J. Trump spoke today with President-elect Volodymyr Zelenskyy to congratulate him on his victory in Ukraine's April 21 election. The President wished him success and called the election an important moment in Ukraine's history, noting the peaceful and democratic manner of the electoral process. President Trump underscored the unwavering support of the United States for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity – within its internationally recognized borders – and expressed his commitment to work together with President-elect Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people to implement reforms that strengthen democracy, increase prosperity, and root out corruption.

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From:	Yovanovitch, Marie L. / (b)(6)
To:	Hale, David / (b)(6)
Subject:	Congratulations!
Date:	2018/08/31 16:11:22
Type:	Note

Dear David—

Congratulations on your new appointment. Big job – and I know you are up to it.

All of us are looking forward to working with you. I'll be back in early October for a quick visit and would appreciate catching you up on Ukraine.

Best, Masha

Marie L. Yovanovitch

Ambassador

U.S. Embassy Kyiv

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Sender:	Yovanovitch, Marie L. / (b)(6)
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From:	Kent, George P [REDACTED] (b)(6)
	[REDACTED] (b)(6)
To:	Brechbuhl, Thomas U [REDACTED] (b)(6)
	[REDACTED] (b)(6)
Subject:	Chuck Larson in Ukraine update
Date:	2019/03/28 12:05:46
Type:	Note

Ulrich – Good morning. I wanted to provide an update on Chuck Larson's visit to Kyiv, following up on his investment concern.

Today is his last day in Ukraine, and the embassy indicated to me this morning that he's had a robust engagement schedule.

He's met with Ambassador Yovanovitch, the economics and law enforcement capacity development (INL) teams at the embassy, the American Chamber of Commerce and its executive director [REDACTED] (b)(6), the second highest official in the National Police, and two key officials responsible for attracting and supporting foreign investment.

This afternoon there will be a court hearing on the raider action against his investment project, after which he'll meet with a Deputy Minister of Justice and the Ministry's anti-raider committee. The Embassy is optimistic that the advocacy and involvement will result in positive action; they will continue to follow (as we do all US investor disputes that we are made aware of).

Regards,

George

EUR DAS for Eastern Europe and the Caucasus

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