



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 22, 2022

Case No. FL-2020-00018

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

Dear Ms. Sloan:

I refer to our letter dated June 10, 2022, regarding the release of certain Department of State (“Department”) material under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Since its last production, the Department has identified three additional records responsive to your request. We have determined 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 Joshua C. Abbuhl, Trial Attorney 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



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October 1, 2018

INVITATION FOR UNDER SECRETARY HALE (P)

(SBU) Event: Meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie “Masha” Yovanovitch

(U) Role: Host

(U) Date/Time: October 5, 2018, between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (30 minutes)
Alternate time: After 3:00 p.m.

(U) Possible Conflicts:

(U) Host: U/S Hale

(U) Location: U/S Hale’s Office

(U) Date Received: September 27, 2018

(U) Date Response Required: October 4, 2018. This memo is submitted with less than five business days for a decision due to Yovanovitch’s schedule.

(U) Spouse Invited: No

(SBU) Details: Yovanovitch will be in Washington October 5 and has expressed interest in meeting with U/S Hale. She would like to discuss developments in Ukraine and would be interested in the view from Washington.

(U) Media/Press: Closed press

(SBU) Recommendation: EUR recommends U/S Hale accept this meeting to hear directly from Yovanovitch about developments in Ukraine.

(U) Decision (Action Required):

- ☐ **Accept the invitation**
- ☐ **Decline the invitation**
- ☐ **Delegate the invitation to:** N/A

Attachments:

Tab 1 – Ambassador Checklist

Tab 2 – Biographic Information

Approved: EUR: A. Wess Mitchell (AWM)

Drafted: EUR/EE - (b)(6)

Cleared: EUR/FO: EMillard (ok)
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 DRL: (b)(6) (ok)
 EUR/RUS: (b)(6) (ok)



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July 19, 2018

~~(SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED)~~ when separated from attachments)**INVITATION FOR ACTING UNDER SECRETARY MULL (P)****Event:** Meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie “Masha” Yovanovitch**Role:** Host**Date/Time:** Tuesday, July 24, 12:00pm (30 minutes)**Possible Conflicts:****Host:** Acting Under Secretary Mull**Location:** Acting Under Secretary Mull’s Office**Date Received:** 7/18/18**Date Response Required:** 7/23/18**Spouse Invited:** No

(SBU) Details: The Secretary has delegated this meeting to you. Yovanovitch will be in Washington July 23-27 and expressed interest in meeting with you. She would like to discuss developments in Ukraine and would be interested in the view from Washington, including on our Russia policy post-Helsinki.

(U) Media/Press: Closed press

(SBU) Recommendation: EUR recommends that you accept this meeting in order to hear directly from Yovanovitch about developments in Ukraine.

Decision (Action Required):

- ☐ **Accept the invitation**
- ☐ **Decline the invitation**
- ☐ **Delegate the invitation to:**

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July 17, 2018

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INVITATION FOR THE SECRETARY**Event:** Meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch.**Role:** Host.**Date/Time:** July 23 or 26, 2018, in the morning, 30 minutes
July 24 or 27, 2018, in the afternoon, 30 minutes
July 25, 2018, all day, 30 minutes**Possible Conflicts:** July 25 is the only option due to travel to California on July 23 and 24 for AUSMIN.**Host:** The Secretary.**Location:** The Secretary's office.**Date Received:** 7/11/18**Date Response Required:** July 20, 2018**Spouse Invited:** No.

(SBU) Details: Ambassador Yovanovitch will be conducting consultations in Washington, DC, from July 23 to July 27. She requests a meeting with the Secretary to review efforts to resolve the conflict in eastern Ukraine, progress toward Ukraine's IMF program, and the impact of the NATO Summit and Helsinki meeting with President Putin on U.S.-Ukraine relations. Yovanovitch plans to meet with EUR A/S Mitchell and other Department officials.

(U) Media/Press: No press.

(SBU) Recommendation: EUR recommends the Secretary accept this meeting as it would help align implementation of our Ukraine strategy heading into Ukraine's election season in 2019.

Decision (Action Required):

- ☐ **Accept the invitation**
- ☐ **Decline the invitation**
- ☐ **Delegate the invitation to:** N/A

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Tab 2 – Biographic Information

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