



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 14, 2022

Case No. FL-2020-00018

Melanie Sloan
American Oversight
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

As noted in our letter dated September 2, 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 documents 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 record. 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,

Diamonece Hickson
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
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)
EUR/FO: GKent (ok)
EUR/EE: (b)(6) (ok)
S/P: (b)(6) (ok)
D: (b)(6) (ok)
P: (ok)
EUR/PD: LWahl-Tuco (ok)
DRL: (b)(6) (ok)
EUR/RUS: (b)(6) (ok)



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July 19, 2018

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INVITATION FOR ACTING UNDER SECRETARY NAUERT (R)

Event: Consultation with U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie "Masha" Yovanovitch.

Role: Host.

Date/Time: July 24, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.; July 25, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; July 26, after 2:30 p.m.

Possible Conflicts:

Host: You.

Location: Your office.

Date Received: July 16, 2018.

Date Response Required: July 18, 2018.

Spouse Invited: No.

(SBU) Details: Ambassador Yovanovitch will be in Washington for consultations July 23-27, 2018. She is also seeking meetings with Secretary Pompeo, EUR A/S Mitchell, EUR PDAS Millard, and Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Kurt Volker.

Media/Press: No press.

(SBU) Recommendation: (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Decision (Action Required):

- ☐ **Accept the invitation**
- ☐ **Decline the invitation**
- ☐ **Delegate the invitation to:** Elizabeth Fitzsimmons, Deputy Spokesperson, or PA A/S Michelle Giuda.

Attachments:

- Tab 1 – Briefing/Ambassador Checklist
- Tab 2 – Biographic Information

Approved: EUR – Elisabeth I. Millard EIM

Drafted: EUR/PD – Elise Crane, (b)(6)

Clearance: EUR/FO: AAndrews, Acting (ok)
EUR/EE: (b)(6) (ok)
EUR/RUS: (b)(6) (ok)
EUR/PD: AReinemeyer (ok)
EUR/ACE: (b)(6) (ok)
EUR/PRESS: (info)
D: (b)(6) (no response)
P: (b)(6) (ok)
S/P: (b)(6) (ok)
R: (b)(6) (ok)
IIP: (b)(6) (ok)
ECA: (b)(6) (ok)
Embassy Kyiv: (b)(6) (ok)



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July 17, 2018

INVITATION FOR ACTING UNDER SECRETARY NAUERT (R)

Event: Consultation with U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie “Masha” Yovanovitch.

Role: Host.

Date/Time: As of July 16, possible slots for the meeting include:

- July 24 any time except 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- July 25 any time except 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- July 26 any time before 12:30 p.m.
- July 27 between 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Possible Conflicts:

Host: You are the host.

Location: Your office.

Date Received: July 16, 2018.

Date Response Required: July 18, 2018.

Spouse Invited: No.

~~(SBU)~~ **Details:** Ambassador Yovanovitch will be in Washington for consultations July 23-27, 2018. She is also seeking meetings with Secretary Pompeo, EUR A/S Mitchell, EUR PDAS Millard, and Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Kurt Volker.

Media/Press: No press.

~~(SBU)~~ **Recommendation:** EUR recommends that you accept this meeting. Ambassador Yovanovitch has been at Post for two years and has one year remaining. She has been very effective in amplifying key Ukraine messages through strategic media engagement. Following the recent POTUS-Putin meeting in Helsinki, it would be useful for the Ambassador to touch base with you for any updates on messaging posture or volume.

Decision (Action Required):

- ☐ **Accept the invitation**
- ☐ **Decline the invitation**
- ☐ **Delegate the invitation to:** Elizabeth Fitzsimmons, Deputy Spokesperson

Attachments:

Tab 1 – Briefing/Ambassador Checklist

Tab 2 – Biographic Information

Approved: EUR – Elisabeth I. Millard EIM

Drafted: EUR/PD – Elise Crane, (b)(6)
EUR/FO: A Andrews, Acting (ok)
EUR/EE: (b)(6) (ok)
EUR/RUS: (b)(6) (ok)
EUR/PD: A Reinemeyer (ok)
EUR/ACE: (b)(6) (ok)
EUR/PRESS: (info)
D: (b)(6) (no response)
P: (b)(6) (ok)
S/P: (b)(6) (ok)
R: (b)(6) (ok)
IIP: (b)(6) (ok)
ECA: (b)(6) (ok)
Embassy Kyiv: (b)(6) (ok)