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American Oversight
Daniel McGrath
1030 15th Street NW, B255
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Dear Mr. McGrath:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, referenced above, dated September 11, 2019. In conjunction with FOIA case number F-2020-00309, the Department reviewed over 300 potentially responsive pages. The Department identified 19 pages responsive to your request and has determined that 12 pages may be released in full, and 7 pages may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from exempt material has been released in the enclosed pages.

The processing of your request remains ongoing. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Trial Attorney, Josh Abbuhl at (202) 616-8366 or at Joshua.Abbuhl@usdoj.gov. Please refer to civil action number 19-cv-3058, and FOIA case number F-2019-09097 in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Deputy Director
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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:
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| 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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[8/9/19, 2:24:21 PM] "You created group "Andrey/Gordon/Kurt"
[8/9/19, 2:24:21 PM] Andrey/Gordon/Kurt: "Messages to this group
are now secured with end-to-end encryption.
[8/9/19, 2:24:57 PM] Kurt Volker: Hi Andrey" we have all consulted
here, including with Rudy. Can you do a call later today or
tomorrow your afternoon time? Kurt
[8/9/19, 2:25:40 PM] Gordon Sondland: I have a call sched at 3pm
Eastern for the three of us. Ops will call
[8/13/19, 10:11:50 AM] Kurt Volker: Hi Andrey " we spoke with
Rudy. When is good to call you?
[8/13/19, 10:19:20 AM] Andrey Yermak: Hi Kurt
[8/13/19, 10:19:50 AM] Gordon Sondland: I can talk now
[8/13/19, 10:20:54 AM] Andrey Yermak: I'm in Israel
[8/13/19, 10:21:20 AM] Gordon Sondland: Important. Do you have 5
mins
[8/13/19, 10:21:21 AM] Andrey Yermak: I can speak in 10-15 min
[8/13/19, 10:22:55 AM] Gordon Sondland: Ok I will have our operator
dial us in at 4:35 Brussels time
[8/13/19, 10:23:14 AM] Kurt Volker: Can we do this one on what's
App?
[8/13/19, 10:23:31 AM] Gordon Sondland: Ok, fine. Can you initiate?
[8/13/19, 10:23:41 AM] Kurt Volker: Yes - will do
[8/13/19, 10:24:17 AM] Andrey Yermak: Ok
[8/13/19, 12:11:15 PM] Kurt Volker: Hi Andrey " good talking "
following is text with insert at the end for the 2 key items. We
will work on official request
[8/13/19, 12:11:19 PM] Kurt Volker: Special attention should be paid
to the problem of interference in the political processes of the
United States, especially with the alleged involvement of some
Ukrainian politicians. I want to declare that this is unacceptable.
We intend to initiate and complete a transparent and unbiased
investigation of all available facts and episodes, including those
involving Burisma and the 2016 U.S. elections, which in turn will
prevent the recurrence of this problem in the future.

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[7/10/19, 7:57:58 AM] Kurt Volker: Good grief. Please tell Vadym to let the official USG representatives speak for the U.S. lutsenko has his own self-Interest here...

[7/10/19, 7:58:37 AM] Bill Taylor: Exactly what I told them.

[7/10/19, 7:59:41 AM] Bill Taylor: And I said that RG is a private citizen.

[7/10/19, 11:43:41 AM] Bill Taylor: I briefed Ulrich this afternoon on this.

[7/10/19, 2:26:06 PM] Bill Taylor: Eager to hear if your meeting with Danyliuk and Bolton resulted in a decision on a call.

[7/10/19, 10:26:13 PM] Bill Taylor: How did the meeting go?

[7/10/19, 10:29:44 PM] Kurt Volker: Not good "let's talk" kv

[7/10/19, 10:31:20 PM] Bill Taylor: Just called. You are on the phone.

[7/14/19, 10:07:27 AM] Gordon Sondland: Everyone is now focused on making the Potus ZE call happen prior to 7/21

[7/14/19, 10:09:33 AM] Kurt Volker: Anything new you have heard?

[7/14/19, 10:12:57 AM] Gordon Sondland: Tim Morrison is also tracking now. Good sign

[7/14/19, 10:16:46 AM] Bill Taylor: They will make it happen whenever, but they want him in an office, ideally his, so the connection and interpretation are clear. Any indication of timing most welcome

[7/15/19, 10:10:22 AM] Bill Taylor: We keep getting readouts of the Danyliuk-Bolton meeting that predict no phone call or meeting any time soon. This can't be my message to Ze. How to proceed?

[7/15/19, 10:31:05 AM] Gordon Sondland: Talking to NSC tomorrow at 8:30 eastern

[7/16/19, 12:47:13 PM] Bill Taylor: Make any progress?

[7/17/19, 10:46:23 AM] Bill Taylor: Danyliuk just asked if there was any news from the WH. Any update?

[7/17/19, 10:47:01 AM] Gordon Sondland: I put in a call to Potus and am waiting for a return

[7/17/19, 10:47:44 AM] Bill Taylor: Excellent -- thanks, Gordon

[7/18/19, 10:19:54 AM] Bill Taylor: OMB on a SVTS just now said that all security assistance to Ukraine is frozen, per a conversation with Mulvaney and POTUS. Over to you.

[7/18/19, 11:07:08 AM] Gordon Sondland: All over it

[7/19/19, 10:19:10 AM] Bill Taylor: Can we marshal our forces to get a congratulatory phone call from POTUS to Ze mid to late next week, assuming the election goes well and Servant of the People does well?

[7/19/19, 11:31:03 AM] Gordon Sondland: Talked to WH. This is moving but post election

[7/19/19, 11:49:51 AM] Bill Taylor: If we can get a congratulatory call post election, that could begin to establish the relationship?

[7/19/19, 4:49:42 PM] Kurt Volker: Can we three do a call tomorrow "say noon WASHINGTON?"

[7/19/19, 6:50:29 PM] Gordon Sondland: Looks like Potus call tomorrow. I spike directly to Zelensky and gave him a full briefing. He's got it.

[7/19/19, 6:52:57 PM] Gordon Sondland: Sure!

[7/19/19, 7:01:22 PM] Kurt Volker: Good. Had breakfast with Rudy this morning "teeing up call w Yermak Monday. Must have helped.

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Most imp't is for Zelensky to say that he will help investigation "and address any specific personnel issues" if there are any

[7/19/19, 11:53:55 PM] Bill Taylor: Good idea for us to check in at noon Washington time. I just heard that the POTUS call that had been scheduled for 1500 Kyiv time today has been put on hold pending the outcome of the election tomorrow. Is that what you hear?

[7/20/19, 4:52:58 AM] Bill Taylor: If possible, I'd like to at least know when these are scheduled. I can at least reinforce what you are doing.

[7/20/19, 4:53:15 AM] Gordon Sondland: Call me Bill thx

[7/20/19, 10:41:01 AM] Bill Taylor: Do we need to talk at noon Washington time?

[7/20/19, 10:45:50 AM] Kurt Volker: Yes - I'm available. Not sure if Gordon can or not but let's plan on it, and we'll loop Gordon in if we can

[7/20/19, 11:33:00 AM] Bill Taylor: Kupperman (sp?) wants to talk to Danyliuk secure so I am meeting taking him to my office. Can we reschedule?

[7/20/19, 11:37:11 AM] Kurt Volker: Absolutely

[7/20/19, 11:37:19 AM] Kurt Volker: Anytime today will work for me

[7/20/19, 11:46:20 AM] Bill Taylor: Maybe after the Kupperman-Danyliuk call? Around 9 my time tonight?

[7/20/19, 12:29:14 PM] Kurt Volker: Ok

[7/20/19, 1:48:41 PM] Bill Taylor: Just finished with Danyliuk. Will be in the car in 10 minutes. Call then?

[7/20/19, 1:49:03 PM] Kurt Volker: Yes - good

[7/20/19, 2:27:04 PM] Bill Taylor: Call now?

[7/21/19, 1:45:54 AM] Bill Taylor: Gordon, one thing Kurt and I talked about yesterday was Sasha Danyliuk's point that President Zelenskyy is sensitive about Ukraine being taken seriously, not merely as an instrument in Washington domestic, reelection politics.

[7/21/19, 4:45:44 AM] Gordon Sondland: Absolutely, but we need to get the conversation started and the relationship built, irrespective of the pretext. I am worried about the alternative.

[7/21/19, 5:21:47 AM] Bill Taylor: So, the call tomorrow can be a positive step.

[7/22/19, 12:15:55 AM] Bill Taylor: Good, pretty long meeting -- both one-on-one and with Bohdan, Sasha, Yermak, Razumkov -- with the president at his campaign headquarters last night. Interested in both the call and meeting. I couldn't be specific.

[7/22/19, 12:17:16 AM] Bill Taylor: Sounds like Washington is thinking about a congratulatory call in the next couple of days --

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[7/22/19, 12:20:59 AM] Bill Taylor: Very good election result for Zelenskyy and us. Likely a young, Western-oriented prime minister. Ze likely in coalition with Vakarchuk (with whom I have met one-on-one twice in the last three days).

[7/22/19, 12:22:01 AM] Gordon Sondland: So Monday call was just rumor?

[7/22/19, 12:28:22 AM] Bill Taylor: Doesn't sound like from either side that it was actually scheduled.

[7/22/19, 8:38:05 AM] Kurt Volker: Yermak thinks Call is at 6pm Kiev today. Bill "any idea? Should I call sitroom?"

[7/22/19, 8:40:38 AM] Gordon Sondland: Good idea

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[7/10/19, 3:53:48 PM] Gordon Sondland: â€ŽMissed voice call
 [7/10/19, 9:57:14 PM] Kurt Volker: Hi Gordon â€” sorry I missed you earlier. Can talk tomorrow early morning? Kurt
 [7/10/19, 10:24:41 PM] Gordon Sondland: Will call
 [7/10/19, 10:30:45 PM] Gordon Sondland: â€ŽMissed voice call
 [7/22/19, 4:27:55 PM] Kurt Volker: Orchestrated a great phone call w Rudy and Yermak. They are going to get together when Rudy goes to Madrid in a couple of weeks.
 [7/22/19, 4:28:08 PM] Kurt Volker: In the meantime, Rudy is now advocating for phone call
 [7/22/19, 4:28:26 PM] Kurt Volker: I have call into Fionaâ€™s replacement and will call Bolton if needed.
 [7/22/19, 4:28:48 PM] Kurt Volker: But I can tell Bolton and you can tell Mick that Rudy agrees on a call, if that helps
 [7/22/19, 4:30:10 PM] Gordon Sondland: I talked to Tim Morrison. (Fionaâ€™s replacement). He is pushing but feel free as well.

We still meeting in Kyiv Fri?

[7/22/19, 4:30:35 PM] Kurt Volker: Yes â€” Morrison. Weâ€™re talking in 5
 [7/22/19, 4:31:05 PM] Kurt Volker: And yes â€” do come to kyiv! Iâ€™ll go east on Thursday (welcome there too) and go to kyiv on Friday.
 [7/22/19, 4:32:00 PM] Gordon Sondland: Tim is a good guy. Tell him we are in touch and synced. I wont make East but will be in Kyiv Thu night/all day Fri
 [7/22/19, 4:33:52 PM] Kurt Volker: Great!

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[9/20/19, 11:53:38 PM] Gordon Sondland: Just saw this. Call at convenience. In BRU. NY on Sun
[9/22/19, 12:03:58 PM] Kurt Volker: Landed yet? Will call
[9/22/19, 12:04:38 PM] Gordon Sondland: Yes, can u meet with S this afternoon?
[9/22/19, 12:05:02 PM] Kurt Volker: Iâ€™m in DC â€” but would be happy to join by phone
[9/22/19, 3:54:32 PM] Gordon Sondland: U dialing in?
[9/22/19, 3:54:44 PM] Gordon Sondland: At 5:45
[9/22/19, 3:58:51 PM] Kurt Volker: Yes â€” secure from state via ops
[9/22/19, 7:21:09 PM] Kurt Volker: Spoke w Rudy per guidance from S. He said he will use the statement and talk w John Solomon. Urged me to do so as well. Will stick with what we discussed. If you are with S - please pass along. Thanks!

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[7/23/19, 1:16:05 PM] Andrey Yermak: We have breakfast and lunch with Gordon Friday?

[7/23/19, 1:16:54 PM] Andrey Yermak: And phone call between Presidents Thursday?

[7/23/19, 1:18:52 PM] Kurt Volker: I am pretty sure the phone call is going forward for Thursday â€” will keep monitoring.

[7/23/19, 1:19:38 PM] Kurt Volker: For Friday â€” I could do 7:30am at the Hyatt. Alternatively, are you free Saturday morning?

[7/23/19, 1:20:01 PM] Kurt Volker: I think yes on Friday lunch â€” will check schedule on that

[7/23/19, 2:27:33 PM] Andrey Yermak: Up to you, Iâ€™m with pleasure and Friday and Saturday. Phone call still not confirm

[7/23/19, 2:31:49 PM] Andrey Yermak: When you can, let me know, I need 2 min by phone

[7/23/19, 2:33:05 PM] Kurt Volker: Ok â€” in about an hour?

[7/23/19, 2:33:14 PM] Kurt Volker: And call now being set for Friday I think

[7/23/19, 2:33:22 PM] Andrey Yermak: Super

[7/23/19, 2:33:36 PM] Kurt Volker: And Iâ€™m told president Z now available Thursday to meet w me, so I will rearrange schedule

[7/23/19, 2:33:54 PM] Andrey Yermak: Yes

[7/23/19, 2:34:51 PM] Andrey Yermak: Letâ€™s discuss in hour

[7/23/19, 2:35:10 PM] Kurt Volker: Ok

[7/25/19, 8:36:45 AM] Kurt Volker: Good lunch - thanks. Heard from White House â€” assuming President Z convinces trump he will investigate / â€œget to the bottom of what happenedâ€” in 2016, we will nail down date for visit to Washington. Good luck! See you tomorrow - kurt

[7/25/19, 10:15:06 AM] Andrey Yermak: Phone call went well. President Trump proposed to choose any convenient dates. President Zelenskiy chose 20,21,22 September for the White House visit. Thank you again for your help! Please remind Mr. Mayor to share the Madridâ€™s dates

[7/25/19, 10:16:42 AM] Kurt Volker: Great â€” thanks and will do!

â€Ž[7/26/19, 6:22:26 AM] Kurt Volker: 180730 Deployment Timeline â€¢
â€Ž2 pages â€Ž<attached: 00000075-180730 Deployment Timeline.pdf>

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[7/26/19, 6:25:23 AM] Kurt Volker: Hi Andrey â€” good meeting! Here is the paper we did last year â€” intended to be an annex to a UN Security Council Resolution about a peacekeeping force.

[7/26/19, 6:26:00 AM] Kurt Volker: Also â€” Rudy Giuliani says he arrives in Madrid on August 1 and departs August 5.

[7/27/19, 3:01:16 AM] Andrey Yermak: Good morning

[7/27/19, 3:01:42 AM] Andrey Yermak: I will be in Hyatt in 7 min

[8/1/19, 2:23:52 PM] Kurt Volker: Hi Andreyâ€” just checking in â€” how is everything? On track for Madrid? Visit to DC? Kurt

[8/1/19, 3:36:03 PM] Andrey Yermak: Hi Kurt. Now in plane from Zurich to Madrid. Will call you after landing

[8/2/19, 1:27:31 PM] Andrey Yermak: â€”Missed voice call

[8/2/19, 1:27:42 PM] Andrey Yermak: Hi Kurt

[8/2/19, 1:28:19 PM] Andrey Yermak: My meeting with Mr. Mayor was very good

[8/2/19, 1:30:36 PM] Andrey Yermak: We asked for White House meeting during week start 16 Sept. Waiting for confirmation. May be you know the date?

[8/2/19, 1:30:46 PM] Andrey Yermak: When we can talk?

[8/2/19, 1:31:04 PM] Andrey Yermak: Will be 1,5 hours in plane

[8/2/19, 1:38:44 PM] Kurt Volker: Hi Andrey â€” sorry I missed you. Will be free when you land

[8/4/19, 12:39:54 PM] Andrey Yermak: Hi Kurt, how are you? Do you have any news?

[8/4/19, 1:16:37 PM] Kurt Volker: Hi Andrey â€” speaking w Rudy in about 2 hours â€” call you after?

[8/4/19, 1:17:17 PM] Andrey Yermak: Yes, of course

[8/4/19, 4:20:55 PM] Kurt Volker: Have still not heard back â€” other than a text saying â€”great meetingâ€”

[8/4/19, 4:21:11 PM] Kurt Volker: I think it is late in Spain now so will try again first thing in the morning

[8/5/19, 1:19:18 PM] Kurt Volker: Hi Andrey â€” had a good long talk w Rudy â€” call anytime - Kurt

[8/7/19, 1:32:10 PM] Andrey Yermak: Hi Kurt. How are you? Do you have some news about White House meeting date?

[8/7/19, 1:34:35 PM] Kurt Volker: Hi Andrey! Not yet â€” I texted Rudy earlier to make sure he weighs in following your meeting. Gordon should be speaking with the president on Friday. We are pressing this...

[8/7/19, 1:35:09 PM] Andrey Yermak: Thank you!

[8/7/19, 1:36:07 PM] Kurt Volker: Also â€” I expect to see Pompeo next week as well, but not yet confirmed. Will ask him to help also.

[8/8/19, 3:46:10 PM] Andrey Yermak: Hi Kurt. Can you talk? I have some news

[8/8/19, 4:51:58 PM] Kurt Volker: Hi Andreyâ€” yes â€” Now is good â€” or tomorrow if too late for you now

[8/10/19, 4:46:29 PM] Andrey Yermak: â€”Missed voice call

[8/10/19, 4:53:15 PM] Andrey Yermak: â€”This message was deleted.

[8/10/19, 4:56:15 PM] Andrey Yermak: Hi Kurt. Please let me know when you can talk. I think itâ€™s possible to make this declaration and mention all these things. Which we discussed yesterday. But it will be logic to do after we receive a confirmation of date. We

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inform about date of visit and about our expectations and our guarantees for future visit. Let discuss it

[8/10/19, 5:01:32 PM] Kurt Volker: Ok! It's late for you " why don't we talk in my morning, your afternoon tomorrow? Say 10am/5pm?

[8/10/19, 5:02:18 PM] Kurt Volker: I agree with your approach. Let's iron out statement and use that to get date and then Prez can go forward with it?

[8/10/19, 5:26:17 PM] Andrey Yermak: Ok

[8/10/19, 5:38:43 PM] Kurt Volker: Great. Gordon is available to join as well

[8/10/19, 5:41:45 PM] Andrey Yermak: Excellent

[8/10/19, 5:42:10 PM] Andrey Yermak: Once we have a date, will call for a press briefing, announcing upcoming visit and outlining vision for the reboot of US-UKRAINE relationship, including among other things Burisma and election meddling in investigations

[8/10/19, 5:42:30 PM] Kurt Volker: Sounds great!

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[4/29/19, 5:01:59 PM] Bill Taylor: What did you volunteer me for?

[4/29/19, 5:02:31 PM] Kurt Volker: I can't remember context?

[4/29/19, 5:14:18 PM] Bill Taylor: George has asked me to go to Kyiv for a while.

[4/29/19, 5:16:52 PM] Kurt Volker: Ah.... good!!!

[4/29/19, 5:16:56 PM] Kurt Volker: You should!

[4/29/19, 5:17:39 PM] Bill Taylor: George described two snake pits, one in Kyiv and one in Washington.

[4/29/19, 5:19:15 PM] Kurt Volker: :) so what's new?

[4/29/19, 5:23:05 PM] Bill Taylor: Yes, but he described much more than I knew. Very ugly

~[5/25/19, 10:07:55 AM] Kurt Volker: Anti-Trust Reform ~ 2 pages ~<attached: 00000072-Anti-Trust Reform.docx>

[5/25/19, 10:21:15 AM] Bill Taylor: I like this a lot.

[5/25/19, 10:22:50 AM] Kurt Volker: Thanks! Will need more expert advice, but wanted to kick this off

[5/25/19, 10:23:22 AM] Bill Taylor: I look forward to pushing it in Kyiv.

[5/26/19, 2:14:39 PM] Bill Taylor: I am still struggling with the decision whether to go. Can anyone hope to succeed with the Giuliani-Biden issue swirling for the next 18 months? Can S offer any reassurance on this issue?

[5/26/19, 6:25:42 PM] Bill Taylor: You mentioned that several people have asked you to go out as CDA. I think that is the answer. It

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wouldn't be that long. No one knows the issues better. People will ask, why isn't Kurt going out -- we already have a special envoy.

[5/26/19, 11:23:10 PM] Kurt Volker: Let's see how it looks on Tuesday ... I don't know if there is much to do about the Giuliani thing, but I do think the key thing is to do what we can right now since the future of the country is in play right now

[5/27/19, 6:47:44 AM] Bill Taylor: It is, and that's why it's encouraging that you would consider being charged during this critical time. I, for one, fully support you -- as would Steve in any way we can.

[5/27/19, 2:33:31 PM] Kurt Volker: But as we discussed " I can't do it for a variety of reasons, and I am more useful being here anyway. We need someone on the ground there.

[5/27/19, 3:20:12 PM] Bill Taylor: How about for a short period of time?

[5/27/19, 4:22:43 PM] Kurt Volker: I can visit for a day or two, but not longer. Still have all the other commitments here

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[7/1/19, 2:43:27 PM] Kurt Volker: Hi Vadym. At the airport heading up to Toronto. Please tell the president I was unhappy to see the media link my comments about sakharova's claims on sailors with Klimkin's behavior. I was responding directly to Russian MFA claims before Klimkin had said anything, and of course I did not know that Klimkin would do so in a way that undercuts Zelensky. If I can help to reframe this in any way to help Zelensky, let me know. See you later " best " Kurt

[7/1/19, 11:31:14 PM] Vadym Prystaiko: Hi, Kurt, I knew you are a good friend with Pavlo!

[7/2/19, 6:12:48 AM] Kurt Volker: Very funny " thanks " see you in a bit

[7/2/19, 6:42:54 AM] Vadym Prystaiko: yiu still have you sense of humor with you - good sign. see you in a bit

[7/4/19, 8:22:14 AM] Kurt Volker: Thanks for everything. What is your take on our meeting, and the visit overall?

[7/4/19, 1:33:54 PM] Vadym Prystaiko: thank you. it was important contact. I must admit, I felt that you sugarcoated a message on a visit. Or the message I got earlier was not correct. the visit went well - he is fast learner and adapts constantly. Frankly, this one was expectedly easy and friendly. Will introduce him to a tougher ones gradually. What was your reading?

[7/4/19, 1:52:44 PM] Kurt Volker: I wanted to make sure he knew we are supporting him and his stated commitment to reforms " and that there are still concerns at the highest level he needs to address proactively " about Kolo and whether he will really pursue reforms he says. I talked to him privately about Giuliani and impact on president T

[7/4/19, 1:53:51 PM] Kurt Volker: My impression is that he is sincere in wanting to press forward on everything, but doesn't have a full team yet, doesn't quite know how to do it, and and knows there will be tough opposition

[7/4/19, 1:54:36 PM] Kurt Volker: But he made a good impression in Toronto and am sure he will do the same in Washington

[7/5/19, 10:13:31 AM] Vadym Prystaiko: Got it. Thank you. will you advise us on time for telephone call?

[7/5/19, 10:14:12 AM] Kurt Volker: Yes " am hoping we can nail that down on Monday or Tuesday

[7/5/19, 3:52:12 PM] Vadym Prystaiko: Thank you

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7/19/19, 4:48 PM

Mr Mayor — really enjoyed breakfast this morning. As discussed, connecting you here with Andrey Yermak, who is very close to President Zelensky. I suggest we schedule a call together on Monday — maybe 10am or 11am Washington time? Kurt

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Monday 10 to 11

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Ok, thank you

I will set up call — 10am — thanks - Kurt

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7/22/19, 8:29 AM

Hello

Good morning — and congratulations! Looking forward to talking — in 90 min

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Thank you very much! And I'm waiting

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Call at 10 correct?

Yes

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Yes

7/22/19, 10:50 AM

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Thank you, Mr. Mayor for honest and productive conversation. I'm sure things will move quickly from today onwards and we will be able to take this relationship to a new level. If I may have your

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schedule, I will plan a trip to meet in person ASAP.

9/26/19, 10:34 AM

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I will leave today 3 pm

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8/1/19, 9:55 AM

Hi Mr Mayor — hope all is well, and that things are on track to see Yermak in Madrid.

Am copying Gordon Sondland, a friend of POTUS who is our Ambassador to the EU. He is also helping on Ukraine and would love to catch up with you at some point.

As always, let me know if I can be helpful on anything - Kurt

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Thanks Kurt. Hi Mayor. Working on a number of time sensitive EU issues. Would welcome your take? I'm in Brussels but in DC and NY regularly. Gordon

8/1/19, 11:08 AM

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Seeing Yermak in Madrid tomorrow. Would like to meet with Gordon also.

I will be near Madrid over weekend

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Rudy, great. We met a while back in NY at one of Doug Ducey's events. Had a good talk. Roy Bailey was on the menu 😊. I will be in DC on the 12. Will you be there or in NY? Have a number of things for you to think about. Gordon

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I will probably be in NYC

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Bkfst @ Peninsula first thing on 8/12? Have to be in DC mid day.

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If I'm here will let you know as soon as I can

8/9/19, 11:27 AM

Hi Mr Mayor! Had a good chat with Yermak last night. He was pleased with your phone call. Mentioned Z making a statement. Can we all get on the phone to make sure I advise Z correctly as to what he should be saying? Want to make sure we

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get this done right. Thanks!

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Good idea Kurt. I am on Pacific time.

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Yes can you call now going to Fundraiser at 12:30

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I will have state ops build a call.



State is calling now

8/11/19, 10:28 AM

Hi Rudy — we have heard bCk from Andrey again — they are writing the statement now and will send to us. Can you talk for 5 min before noon today?

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Yes just call

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5/11/19, 10:04 AM

Hi Mr Mayor - Kurt Volker here. Good speaking w you yesterday. Call anytime up to about 4pm today if you want to follow up. Would like to brief you more about Zelensky discussion and also Russia-Ukraine dynamic.

This number is good for text and cell phone

7/10/19, 8:01 AM

Mr Mayor — could we meet for coffee or lunch in the next week or so? I'd like to update you on my conversations about Ukraine. I think we have an opportunity to get you what you need. Best - Kurt V

Yes I am so n way to Albania. I'll text some suggestions a little later

Great - thank you!

7/15/19, 2:53 PM

Dear Mr. Mayor -- are you back stateside? Let's talk or get together... Best - Kurt Volker

7/17/19, 12:00 PM

Checking in — are you stateside? Kurt V

7/17/19, 1:06 PM

Will be in DC this Friday

Great -- let's meet for breakfast or coffee?

Ok will let you know ASAP

7/18/19, 5:11 PM

Hi Mr Mayor — can I buy you breakfast tomorrow?

Suggest trump hotel - 7:30am or 8:00am?

8:00am is fine

Great — see you there — thanks - Kurt

7/19/19, 8:08 AM

Good morning! Am in the restaurant on the mezzanine. Kurt

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7/26/19, 5:55 AM

Hi Mr Mayor — you may have heard— the President has a great phone call with the Ukrainian President yesterday. Exactly the right messages as we discussed.

Please send dates when you will be in Madrid. I am seeing Yermak tomorrow morning. He will come to you in Madrid.

Thanks for your help! Kurt

I will arrive on Aug 1 and until 5

Thank you

Great —I will tell Yermak and he'll visit with you there. Thanks!

8/4/19, 12:55 PM

Mr Mayor — how was your meeting with Andrey — do you have time for a call? Best - Kurt

It was excellent I can call a little later.

Great to hear. Maybe 3pm DC time?

8/4/19, 4:10 PM

Is now a good time to call?

8/7/19, 12:52 PM

Hi Rudy —hope you made it back safely. Let's meet if you are coming to DC. And would be good if you could convey results of your meeting in Madrid to the boss so we get a firm date for a visit. Best - Kurt

8/13/19, 9:57 AM

Mr mayor — trying to set up call in 5 min via state Dept. If now is not convenient, is there a time later today?

9/22/19, 8:35 AM

Kurt,
Thanks for the support. All I need is for you to tell the truth. You called me about Yermak and I reported back to you and Sondland, eg., a

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conference call on Aug. 11. Three others before.
Really this is not hard just fair to affirm truth.
Rudy

Also Secretary seems not to know you put us
together. Straighten him out.



I certainly will let him know

Please send dates when you will be in Madrid. I am
seeing Yermak tomorrow morning. He will come to
you in Madrid.

Thanks for your help! Kurt

Kurt will you please get out a statement that State
connected me to Yermak and I reported back to
State on my conversations. Yermak has talked about
this to Press so it's now public information. All I'm
asking is to tell the truth. I can send you text chain if
you need to check your recollection.

Also have Sondland inform Pompeo he can say State
connected me with Ukraine official and was aware of
it.

9/22/19, 6:40 PM

Hi Rudy — sorry for delay — just spoke w Secretary
Pompeo — wanted to be sure we are coordinated.
We have a statement from Aug 22 that makes clear
it was coordinated — indeed, that i made the
connection between you and Yermak.



Was tweeted by NYTimes Ken Vogel at the time

STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON STATEMENT
AUGUST 22, 2019

- The United States strongly supports Ukraine as it deepens its democracy, fights corruption, pursues economic reform, and improves its ability to defend itself against Russia's ongoing aggression.
- President Trump has invited President Zelenskyy to visit him at the White House, and both sides are working on the scheduling of such a meeting.
- We understand that the Ukrainian government taking shape under President Zelenskyy is committed to fighting corruption and other illegal activities and that investigations into such matters would be consistent within that overall approach.
- Ambassador Volker has confirmed that, at Presidential Advisor Andriy Yermak's request, Volker put Yermak in direct contact with Mr. Giuliani.
- Mr. Giuliani is a private citizen and acts in a personal capacity as a lawyer for President

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Trump. He does not speak on behalf of the U.S. Government. We would refer you to Mr. Giuliani for information about the content of Mr. Giuliani's conversations with Ukrainian officials.

@StenyHoyer JUST IN: The @StateDept, which facilitated @RudyGiuliani's communications with the Ukrainian gov't (during which he urged an investigation of @JoeBiden), says Giuliani "acts in a personal capacity as a lawyer for President TRUMP. He does not speak on behalf of the US Government."



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