United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 31, 2023

Case No. FL-2020-00006

American Oversight
Daniel McGrath
1030 15th Street, NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. McGrath:

As we noted in our letter dated April 12, 2023, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State ("Department") has identified an additional two responsive records subject to the FOIA from the supplemental processing of your request as described in the parties' March 2, 2023 Joint Status Report. We have determined both records 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 record. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

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This concludes the processing of your request. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Josh Abbuhl, Trial Attorney, at (202) 616-8366 or at Joshua.Abbuhl@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00006, and the civil action number, 19-cv-3058, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,



Diamonece Hickson
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

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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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From:	Brechbuhl, Thomas (b)(7)(E) (b)(7)(E) (b)(7) (b)(6)
To:	Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(7)(E) (b)(7)(E) (b)(6)
CC:	Kenna, Lisa D (b)(7)(E) (b)(7)(E) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Thanks
Date:	2019/07/25 13:22:29
Type:	Note

Please do that. S told me we should work to get that scheduled.
As I mentioned below (b)(5)
(b)(5)
TUB

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2019, at 1:10 PM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6) wrote:

Yes. Just talked to Lisa. (b)(5)
(b)(5) (b)(5)
(b)(5) (b)(5)

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Gordon D. Sondland
Ambassador of the United States of America
United States Mission to the European Union
Rue Zinner 13
1000 Brussels, Belgium
(b)(6)

From: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 8:06:48 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Thanks

Great. I take it he was happy as well.

TUB

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 1:06 PM
To: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Thanks

Thanks Ulrich. I am in Kyiv w Zelensky

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(b)(6)

From: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 8:03:05 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Thanks

Thanks for all you did to make the Ukraine call happen!

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From:	(b)(6) (b)(7)(E) (b)(7)(E) (b)(6)
To:	Eckels-Currie, Kelley (b)(7)(E) (b)(7)(E) (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: S UNGA meetings
Date:	2019/08/06 17:31:12
Type:	Note

I am free right now, do you want to stop by?
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From: Eckels-Currie, Kelley (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 5:10 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: S UNGA meetings
This is what I wanted to ask you about.
Lemme know when you have a few minutes. I'm leaving at 6.
K
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 1:20 PM
To: JGCJ_Staff <JGCJ_Staff@state.gov>
Subject: S UNGA meetings
All,
These are the UNGA meetings that the Secretary approved:
Multilats

1. Quad with Australia, India, Japan
2. Meeting with Lima Group
3. GCC Ministerial
4. Transatlantic Dinner
5. Meeting with Pacific Island leaders
6. Meeting with 5 FMs of Central Asia Countries (C5)

Bilats

1. Cambodian PM

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2. Venezuela Guaido

3. Iraq Salah

4. Ukraine Zelensky

5. Colombia Duque

6. Spain Borrell

7. Ethiopia Ahmed

(b)(5) the following meetings (it sounds like (b)(5) (b)(5) and that the recommending bureaus will now ask other principals to take these):

1. Reception for African leaders

2. Co-host event on UN Peacekeeping Performance

3. Advancing responsible State behavior in Cyberspace

4. Meeting with Bahamas, DR, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia

He disapproved all other recommendations.
Thanks.

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Sent Date:	2019/08/06 17:31:11
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