United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 14, 2020

Case No: F-2020-00308
FL-2020-00006

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

Dear Mr. McGrath:

This is in response to your requests under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated September 11, 2019. The Department has conducted a review in excess of the minimum required 300 pages across the requests pertaining to this litigation and identified 36 pages responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that all 36 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/[FL number] in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman

Susan C. Weetman
Deputy Director
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:

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- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

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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

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(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

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(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:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) >
CC:	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Draft schedule for Wednesday, August 28
Date:	Tue, 20 Aug 2019 16:18:39 +0000

(b)(5)

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From: Erath, John F. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 7:00 PM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC (b)(6) U) Vindman, Alexander S (Kyiv | EOP)
Cc: Schechter, Cecilia S. (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Draft schedule for Wednesday, August 28

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From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 7:45 AM
To: Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC (b)(6) Erath, John F. EOP/NSC (b)(6) Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)
Subject: Draft schedule for Wednesday, August 28

I don't want to get in the way of your advance team, but here is the current schedule as we know it. Any reactions welcome. (b)(5)

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Sender:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

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From:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: 1430 POL biweekly
Date:	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 11:13:21 +0000

Sure, (b)(6) please reschedule

-----Original Appointment-----
From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 12:31 PM
To: Kvien, Kristina A
Subject: Declined: 1430 POL biweekly
When: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 2:30 PM-3:00 PM (UTC+02:00) Helsinki, Kyiv, Riga, Sofia, Tallinn, Vilnius.
Where: DCM/O

Hi Kristina – Looks like I'll need to be on the road to meet the CDA for Shefir/Yermak at this time. Could we reschedule? Thanks!

Sender:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6)

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From:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) Croft, Catherine M (b)(6)
CC:	(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Amb Sondland meeting with Yermak - notetaker
Date:	Fri, 26 Jul 2019 09:28:02 +0000

Thanks, glad I left ;-)

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 12:20:19 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6) Croft, Catherine M (b)(6); Kvien; Kristina A

(b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Amb Sondland meeting with Yermak - notetaker

+DCM

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 12:19:19 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6) Croft, Catherine M (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Amb Sondland meeting with Yermak - notetaker

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I stayed, but Yermak wants to do it 1on1, so (b)(6) and I waiting outside and will see if we can get a readout.

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 11:54:10 AM

To: (b)(6) Croft, Catherine M

(b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: Re: Amb Sondland meeting with Yermak - notetaker

Copy, yes this makes sense will do.

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 11:53:04 AM

To: Croft, Catherine M (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: Amb Sondland meeting with Yermak - notetaker

(b)(6)

Our DCM was planning to join Amb Sondland's meeting with Yermak, but apparently PO protocol did not submit her name. Would you be able to ask (b)(6) if he can stay for the follow-on Yermak meeting (if Yermak and Amb Sondland agree)?

DCM is standing by in case she gets in.

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Thanks!

(b)(6)

Sender:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) Croft, Catherine M (b)(6) (b)(6)

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From:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) (b)(6)
CC:	Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: APNSA mtg. on CHN
Date:	Mon, 19 Aug 2019 10:03:16 +0000

It's a (b)(5)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 12:37:37 PM
To: (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Cc: Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6)
(b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: APNSA mtg. on CHN

Hi, (b)(6)

Amb Taylor said (b)(5)

Thanks!

(b)(6) Assistant to William B. Taylor, Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. | U.S. Embassy Kyiv
(b)(6)

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From (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 11:29 AM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Cc: Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6)
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(b)(6)
Subject: APNSA mtg. on CHN

Sir—

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(b)(5) the APNSA Bolton dip note and wanted to run by you (b)(5)
(b)(5) Please review at your earliest convenience and provide feedback
(b)(5)

(b)(6)
Political-Military Affairs Unit Chief
U.S. Embassy Kyiv, Ukraine

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Sender:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6) (b)(6) Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)

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From:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
To:	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: APNSA trip on - request for control officer
Date:	Thu, 8 Aug 2019 14:52:00 +0000

Thanks. FYI, I have given (b)(5)
(b)(5)

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From: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2019 5:37:07 PM
To: (b)(6) (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) Kent, George P (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: APNSA trip on - request for control officer

Hi (b)(6)

(b)(6) will be control. Attached a notional schedule. If (b)(5)
(b)(5)

- Kristina

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2019 4:06 AM
To: (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) Kent, George P (b)(6)
Subject: Re: APNSA trip on - request for control officer

Kyiv colleagues, NSC also asked for initial program ideas overnight. Guidance we received on timing was that (b)(5)

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.
From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 5:18 PM
To: Kvien, Kristina A; Taylor, William B (Kyiv); (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Kent, George P
Subject: APNSA trip on - request for control officer

Ukraine Team,

NSC reached out to us to confirm that Amb. Bolton plans to visit Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus between the G7 and the President's visit to Poland (roughly August 28-30). A NSC advance team may be going as early as next week. **They have asked us to touch base with you to designate a control officer?** Please let us know as soon

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as one has been designated. Seems like (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Thanks,

(b)(6)
Supervisor Ukraine Economic Unit, Belarus and Moldova Desks
Office of Eastern European Affairs
(b)(6)

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Sender:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
Recipient:	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

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From:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Bankova prolkem
Date:	Fri, 26 Jul 2019 08:16:34 +0000

Or this is to keep things 1+1?

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From: Kvien, Kristina A
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 11:16:13 AM
To: (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Bankova prolkem

Ugh, OK thx

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 11:02:54 AM
To: (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A
(b)(6)
Subject: Bankova prolkem

Kristina, Yermak's Assistant never submitted the access requests for all of us to Bankova. She's trying to fix it now, but there's some chance we are about to get stuck outside.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Sender:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)

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From:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) (b)(6)
CC:	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: China Points for Daniylyuk Meeting
Date:	Fri, 26 Jul 2019 16:46:52 +0000

Thanks, (b)(6) (b)(5) Good work, all. More to be done

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 6:04:50 PM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) (b)(6)
Cc: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) (b)(6)
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(b)(6)
Subject: RE: China Points for Daniylyuk Meeting

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From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 6:42 AM
To: (b)(6) (b)(6)
Cc: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) (b)(6)
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Subject: Re: China Points for Daniylyuk Meeting

Thanks, all. No news from the Chinese yesterday?

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 4:59:45 AM
To: (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Cc: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
(b)(6) Kreidler, Michael J (Kyiv) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: Re: China Points for Daniylyuk Meeting

AMB Taylor,

Also, (b)(5)
Details at the huddle (and when I see you).

V/R
(b)(6)

Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On July 25, 2019 at 16:27:01 GMT+3, (b)(6) wrote:

Good afternoon, CDA Taylor,

(b)(5)

Our suggested talking points are attached.

Best Regards,

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(b)(6)

(b)(6) Consul | Economic Affairs
U.S. Embassy | 4 Igor Sikorsky St., Kyiv, Ukraine
(b)(6)

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<China Points for CDA.docx>

Sender:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)

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From:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) Kent, George P (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
CC:	(b)(6) EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>; Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
Subject:	RE: CODEL Johnson and Codel Kaptur
Date:	Fri, 16 Aug 2019 15:40:50 +0000

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 6:36 PM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Kent, George P (b)(6)
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(b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>; Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
Subject: RE: CODEL Johnson and Codel Kaptur

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From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 7:23 AM
To: Kent, George P (b)(6) (b)(6)
(b)(6) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A
(b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>; Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
Subject: Re: CODEL Johnson and Codel Kaptur

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From: Kent, George P (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 1:27:48 PM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>; Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
Subject: CODEL Johnson and Codel Kaptur

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From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 11:47:46 PM
To: (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>; Kent, George P (b)(6) Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
Subject: Re: CODEL Johnson to Ukraine and Russia Sept. 3-8, requests meeting with Ze

Congresswoman Kaptur is planning to visit September 3-6 and has asked to see President Zelenskyy as well. Vadym Prystaiko is checking dates. (b)(5)
Bill

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 1:37:28 AM
To: (b)(6) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>; Kent, George P (b)(6) Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
Subject: FW: CODEL Johnson to Ukraine and Russia Sept. 3-8, requests meeting with Ze

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Away Team: You may already be aware (we just found out today), but Senators Ron Johnson, Mike Lee, and Chris Murphy are planning to travel to Russia and Ukraine right after Labor Day. Not yet clear what day(s) they will be in Ukraine, but they are looking for a meeting with President Zelenskyy. My sense is that he generally makes every effort to accommodate Codels, but can you check on his availability during that time period? Are there any blackout dates? We will work with H and Tyler to try to nail down exact dates ASAP.

The parade of visitors to Kyiv, never stops, does it? I suppose we'd be in trouble if it did.
Thanks, (b)(6)

(b)(6)
Director, EUR/EE (Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus)
U.S. Department of State
Tel: (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 5:20 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: CODEL Johnson early September to ukraine etc

Hi (b)(6)
Could your team please let Post know (if not asked already) about Sen Johnson's interest in seeing Zelensky some time Sept 3-8? The Ukraine stop sounds most likely the front end of those dates. As you see below their interest in stopping in Ukraine is dependent on that meeting.
Thanks
(b)(6)

From: Westlake, Lydia <lydia_westlake@ronjohnson.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 11:40 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: CODEL Johnson early September to ukraine etc

Yes, we are heading to Europe. Russia for sure, Ukraine likely (if Zelensky is available), and Serbia-Kosovo possibly. We plan to depart September 3 and return between September 6/8, tbd.
Can you have Embassy Kiev see if Zelensky is in town and available in that timeframe? If not, we won't stop there.
Thanks!

On Aug 15, 2019, at 11:30 AM, (b)(6) wrote:

> Hi Lydia

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We're getting drips of info that Senator Johnson is leading a CODEL early September to Ukraine, Russia and perhaps other stops. I understand Senators Murphy and Lee would join. Just wanted to loop everyone together so we are all on the same page. Could you please let us know what your plans are even if still somewhat tentative?
Thanks
(b)(6)

(b)(6)
Senior Congressional Advisor
Bureau of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of State
(b)(6)

Sender:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
Recipient:	(b)(6) Kent, George P (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) (b)(6) EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>; Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>

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From:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: CODEL Johnson Urgently Seeks Confirmation of President Zelenskyy's Availability
Date:	Mon, 19 Aug 2019 15:31:54 +0000

Prystaiko told me he was trying and wants to make it happen for a joint meeting with Kaptur and Johnson with the President. He hasn't promised.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 6:21 PM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Cc: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>; (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: CODEL Johnson Urgently Seeks Confirmation of President Zelenskyy's Availability

Sir,

CODEL Johnson's staff is urgently requesting confirmation of President Zelenskyy's availability to meet them during the CODEL's trip timeframe September 4-8.
The Kyiv leg is currently scheduled for September 4-5.

Would you be able to reach out to President Zelenskyy's senior staff to gauge the president's availability to meet the CODEL during this period?

The manifest and proposed itinerary information is copied below the line.

Many thanks, (b)(6)

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Good Afternoon from Washington, DC –

This serves as advance notice of an upcoming CODEL. Posts are requested to confirm a SENIOR CONTROL OFFICER as soon as possible, and forward their contact details to Washington Planning Contacts below.

HIGH-LEVEL VISIT: CTO recommends assigning a senior control officer with substantial experience handling high-level visits, and who has been at post for at least one year. Please see attached ALDAC (para 59).

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The intent of this notification is to assist posts with their logistical planning requirements only; substantive issues will be addressed separately. H/CTO will transmit separately an official cable with fiscal data.

WHO:

Senate Members (3)
Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI)
Senator Mike Lee (R-UT)
Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT)

Spouse (1)
(b)(6)

Senate Staff (3)
Ms. Lydia Westlake, Senior Policy Advisor, Sen. Johnson
Ms. Allyson Bell, Chief of Staff, Sen. Lee
Ms. Jessica Elledge, Senior Policy Advisor, Sen. Murphy

Military Escort (1)
(b)(6) Navy Senate Liaison Office

OFFICE: **Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC)**

WHERE: **Ukraine – Russia - Serbia - Kosovo**

WHEN: **September 3 – 8, 2019**

WHY: A Congressional delegation consisting of Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (S-HSGAC), Senator Mike Lee of the Senate Commerce Science and Transportation Committee (S-CST), and Senator or Chris Murphy (D-CT) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC), desires to travel to Russia, Ukraine, Serbia and Kosovo to conduct official discussions with senior government officials regarding political, economic, and military/security issues affecting bilateral and regional relationships. The delegation will also conduct oversight of U.S. security cooperation and regional security efforts. **Key trip purpose is to meet with President Zelensky in Ukraine, and CODEL asks post to advise if the President will in country during CODEL's trip timeframe.** In Kyiv, CODEL also will focus on bilateral relations/USG assistance, Russia, and anti-corruption efforts. Trip focus in Russia is on bilateral relations and Ukraine. In Serbia and Kosovo, CODEL

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would like to investigate how to get negotiations back on track.

HOW: **Commercial Air**

ITINERARY: (b)(5)

PLANNING CONTACTS:

H/CTO control officers:

(b)(6)

PLS direct questions about cables and fiscal data to H.

Staff Planning POC:

Lydia Westlake, 202-224-5323,
Lydia_Westlake@ronjohnson.senate.gov

Lead Military Escort/USN:

(b)(6)

For questions on legislative policy issues, please contact (b)(6) (b)(6) ***in H/RGF.***

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REQUESTS AND NOTES: ***Post, please assign control officers ASAP and forward their contact details to Harper/Lonon/Westlake/Robbins.***

Posts, your assistance with preparation of below items by Wed Aug 28, 2019, is greatly appreciated.

1. **Unclassified scenesetters covering top pol-mil-econ and security issues and**

2. **Detailed cost estimates for post support. Please see paras 14 of attached ALDAC. All anticipated Embassy costs must be pre-approved by CODEL. Please provide to H/EX ((b)(6)) for review.**

CODEL INFORMATION IS "CLOSE HOLD": A reminder that details regarding a Codel's itinerary and manifest should not be released outside the Department without the express permission of the head of the delegation, particularly before it has arrived in-country. Please see ALDAC (para 52).

CONTROL OFFICER GUIDANCE: Please refer to "CODEL" on DIPLOPEDIA for more information on preparing for Congressional travel: *http://diplopedia.state.gov/index.php?title=CODEL*

GENERAL POST GUIDANCE: Please note that COUNTRY CLEARANCE requirements do NOT/NOT apply to CODELs and STAFFDELs, and most Legislative Branch travelers do not use the eCC system. H/EX will cable formal notification and fiscal data for the visit, but such notification should not be treated as a CCR. Cables from the field, moreover, should not refer to country clearance in the subject line or elsewhere; please see **2014 ALDAC 12474** (attached).

FUNDING GUIDANCE: Only Members and Congressional staff should receive per diem chargeable to the fund cite. Military escorts will settle their own hotel bills.

Before the visit: Post should forward a COST ESTIMATE for all anticipated expenses for Congressional Committee approval *before* the CODEL departs the U.S.

After the visit: Posts should cable H/CTO the visit's actual costs (or cost estimates if actuals are not yet known) NLT 15 business days after the CODEL's departure.

For detailed guidance, please see **2014 ALDAC 12474, particularly paragraphs 41-48 relating to billable costs, and**

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Iryna just told me the same thing. Why is he sending me this?

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Our star LES (b)(6) found the same link on the PO website and offered the following brief synopsis. We'll take a closer look.

President Zelenskiy has simplified naturalization procedures for foreigners and stateless person who've "defended Ukraine" and for Russians who've faced "political persecution" in their country.

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