United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 25, 2020

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

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

Dear Mr. McGrath:

We refer to our letter dated July 14, 2020, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department reviewed over 300 potentially responsive pages. The Department identified 57 pages responsive to your request. After reviewing these records, we have determined that 1 document may be released in full, 47 pages may be released in part, and 9 pages must be withheld in full.

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. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed. The documents that were withheld in full were withheld pursuant to Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5).

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-2020-00006 in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman

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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:

- 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:	(b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	(b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL
Date:	Wed, 21 Aug 2019 08:23:36 +0000

Hi Team,

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Thanks, Kristina

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To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: INL Edits - President Zelenskyy's Achievements – First 100 Days - Embassy Kyiv Edits
Date:	Fri, 16 Aug 2019 04:45:27 +0000

Thoughts?

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 1:57 AM

To: (b)(6) EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL

Cc: Taylor, William B (Kyiv); Kyiv EXEC; Kyiv POL Core; Kvien, Kristina A; (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: INL Edits - President Zelenskyy's Achievements – First 100 Days - Embassy Kyiv Edits

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Thanks for this. Who will be the "keeper" of this document in Kyiv? I will do so on this end and will coordinate with Post to ensure uniformity and necessary updates. Thanks –(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 10:00 AM

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Cc: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>; Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)

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Desk Team

Please see attached versions that include additional edits by INL – both marked up and clean copies. That is it from Embassy Kyiv.

Please let us know if you have questions.

Thank you.

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Please see attached Embassy Kyiv edits to the President Zelenskyy's First 100 Days document. I have included a clean version, and one that show's Embassy Kyiv's edits in track changes.

Please see below comments and one question regarding Post's timeline on future additions to this draft.

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2. Other sections made edits and additions

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Thank you.

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CC:	Kyiv Econ Clearances <Kyiv_EconClearances@state.gov>
Subject:	RE: FOR DCM CLEARANCE - Land Reform Cable
Date:	Fri, 16 Aug 2019 12:07:25 +0000

Clear, couple very small edits. Good to go!!

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 1:17 PM
To: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOR DCM CLEARANCE - Land Reform Cable

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From: (b)(6)
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To: Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
Cc: Kyiv Econ Clearances <Kyiv_EconClearances@state.gov>
Subject: FOR DCM CLEARANCE - Land Reform Cable

Good Afternoon FO Colleagues,

Attached hereto for DCM clearance is Econ's draft cable on land reform.

Many thanks,

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Date:	Sat, 27 Jul 2019 14:43:12 +0000

Hey sorry all, this was for (b)(6) Didn't realize all the cc:s

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Can you call me?? I don't have your num, but good news on Motorsich!

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Motor Sich Update

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Antonov

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CC:	Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>; (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: For Front Office Clearance: Bolton Visit Tweets
Date:	Tue, 20 Aug 2019 18:40:06 +0000

Clear! Thanks Kristin

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After Kristina clears, I do, too. Nice work

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Amb Taylor and Kristina,

Please find below a batch of tweets for your clearance for the Bolton visit. POL, INL, DAO, and USAID have reviewed the tweets relevant to them.

Since not all meetings are confirmed at this point, you'll see a couple placeholders for where we will insert names/titles of people who actually participate in meetings. Obviously if any meeting gets cancelled, we won't post those tweets. (We'd rather be over-prepared than under-prepared with content!)

After you review, (b)(5)

Thanks,
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To Post on August 28:

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Perhaps Less Likely To Occur, But Prepping Tweets Nonetheless…

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The attendees will be updated as needed based on the final meeting schedule.

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To Post on August 29:

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Date:	Wed, 21 Aug 2019 10:37:02 +0000

Clear, like the G7 idea

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:28 AM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6); Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
Cc: Kyiv IOs <KyivIOs@state.gov>; (b)(6)
Subject: For Front Office Clearance: Two policy-related tweets

Good morning Amb Taylor and Kristina,

Below are two tweets for your review, with a bit of background explanation:

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2. (b)(5)

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Thanks,
(b)(6)

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

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From:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Honcharuk meeting -- Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m.
Date:	Tue, 30 Jul 2019 15:35:36 +0000

Thanks :-)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 6:06:46 PM
To: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Honcharuk meeting -- Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Hi Kristina, FYI (b)(6) name is spelled without an H in it.

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From: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 6:05:52 PM
To: (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Cc: Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Honcharuk meeting -- Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Thanks (b)(6) I'll attend and (b)(6) should join

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 5:59:04 PM
To: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Cc: Kyiv EXEC <Kyiv_EXEC@state.gov>
Subject: Honcharuk meeting -- Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Gang,

The Honcharuk meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1st at Bankova 11. AMB Taylor will be arriving from another appointment, so you'll need to meet him there. ECON has the pen on this one, and the bio and BCL is due Wednesday, July 31st at noon (although I think we've already got something). Please confirm who will attend this meeting.

Cheers!

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:29 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Meeting with Trofimov

Thursday at 6 p.m. is fine. Who is going to accompany?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:21 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Meeting with Trofimov

How late could we do? The only time available on Thursday is following the SMM meeting, ca. 6:00 p.m. or so (depending how long it would take to get to his office from SMM). Alternatively, we could offer Friday after Klitschko, maybe around 4:15 or 4:30 p.m. Would Friday work with his schedule?

Thanks!

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(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:08 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Meeting with Trofimov

Honcharuk will not be able to meet tomorrow. Asks suggestions for Thursday.

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

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From:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	
Subject:	Re: invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises
Date:	Mon, 29 Jul 2019 18:43:03 +0000

Sorry, just saw this, so obviously can't go. I would have with a bit more notice!

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 4:17:30 PM
To: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises

Kristina, to clarify: If you cannot attend, one of us will try to, although we are not sure attendance is required at all.

Here is some more information:

PS 19:00 Dinner at the *Veranda on the River*

11A Naberezhnoe Highway, Navodnitsky Park, Kyiv, Onyx room (booked under the name of Maxim Timchenko)

6 Participants: Maxim Timchenko, Johan Bastin, Pim van Ballekom, Nick Butler, Edward Chow, Tim Ash *(after-dinner speaker presenting views on the Zelenskiy government; the status and prospects of energy market reform; and Ukraine's economic prospects)*

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From (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: FW: invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises

Kristina,

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DTEK has invited you to join its DTEK Advisory Council dinner tonight. I assume it's too short notice, but wanted to flag it for you just in case.

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From: Burmistenko Yuliya <(b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:53 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: Re: invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises

Dear (b)(6) thank you for your answer.
We will be happy if DCM Kristina Kvien could join.
Kind regards,
Yulia

-------- Исходное сообщение --------
От: (b)(6)
Дата: 26.07.2019 15:48 (GMT+02:00)
Кому: Burmistenko Yuliya (b)(6)
Копия: (b)(6)
Тема: RE: invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises

Dear Yulia,

Apologies for the delay in responding. We were trying to find a way to accept! Unfortunately, our Chargé d'Affaires Ambassador Taylor is grateful for the invitation but is unable to attend. He sends his regrets.

Please, where is the dinner to be held, and would you be interested in someone else from the Embassy attending if we are able to?

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Energy, ESTH, Cyber Unit Chief
Economic Section
U.S. Embassy – Kyiv, Ukraine

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From: Burmistenko Yuliya (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 1:58 PM
To: Kyiv PROTOCOL <KYIVPROTOCOL@state.gov>
Cc (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: invitation to DTEK Advisory Council dinner and visit to enterprises

Dear colleagues,
Please kindly pass this letter for the attention of Ambassador Taylor. This is an invitation to attend the dinner of DTEK Advisory Council on July 29, 2019, as well as helicopter tour of DTEK solar, wind and coal-fired plant in the Zaporizhzhya oblast on July 30, 2019.
I am honored to put in a copy Mr Edward Chow, who joined DTEK's Advisory Council.
Kind regards,
Yulia

Yulia Burmistenko
Head, International Public Affairs
DTEK

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Recipient:	(b)(6)

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From:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
To:	Kent, George P (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: John Herbst: is it true that?
Date:	Mon, 29 Jul 2019 16:44:00 +0000

Nor am I

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From: Kent, George P (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 7:37:39 PM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: John Herbst: is it true that?

We should talk secure (I am not in my office now)

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From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 12:35:33 PM
To: Kent, George P (b)(6); Reeker, Philip T (b)(6)
Subject: Re: John Herbst: is it true that?

I heard several versions, none included that. Where indeed.

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From: Kent, George P (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 7:28:42 PM
To: Reeker, Philip T (b)(6); Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Subject: John Herbst: is it true that?

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He'd heard that in the call last Thursday, DC pushed Kyiv on investigating the Bidens. I said I wasn't in the call, but looking forward that we were working on particulars of a visit, dates TBD.

As (b)(6) always wonders: where are the leaks coming from....

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Sender:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
Recipient:	Kent, George P (b)(6)

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From:	"Taylor, William B (Kyiv)" (b)(6)
To:	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Kolomoisky
Date:	Fri, 9 Aug 2019 08:10:54 +0000

Absolutely!

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From: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 11:00:44 AM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Kolomoisky

And me, please

From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 10:46 AM
To: (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Kolomoisky

Yes

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 10:41:02 AM
To: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Kolomoisky

We can do this on Monday at 11:30 a.m. during (b)(6) slot. Understand you would also like to have (b)(6) in the meeting?

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From: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 9:16 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Kolomoisky

(b)(please schedule this for as soon as AMB is in the EMB

From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2019 6:37 AM
To: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Kolomoisky

Can we schedule a small meeting in (b)(6) office to review all the relevant information?

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From: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2019 10:13:05 AM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Kolomoisky

Oy, yes, let's discuss

From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2019 9:35 AM
To: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: Kolomoisky

Let's discuss

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From: Igor Pasternak (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2019 9:17:32 AM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Subject: Kolomoisky

What time convenient for our dinner with Kolomoisky before end of the month?

V?R Igor

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

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From:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter - media narratives
Date:	Thu, 1 Aug 2019 18:38:55 +0000

Thanks (b)(6) for the updates

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 9:27:14 PM
To: (b)(6) Kent, George P
(b)(6) Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>
Cc: EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter - media narratives

Censor editor Yuriy Butusov speculates on Facebook this move is a symbolic gesture to the US, but Bohdan will remain influential and move over to another job, to control law enforcement agencies or fiscal authorities. He notes Censor.net's sources said Bohdan spent the whole day today in a normal sort of mode at the office with Zelenskyy.

(I'm sure there will be much more commentary overnight - I'll save the rest till the morning unless I see any public confirmation, etc come directly out of the Office of the President later tonight.)

From: (b)(6)
Date: August 1, 2019 at 9:16:23 PM GMT+3
To: (b)(6) Kent, George P
(b)(6) Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>, Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>
Cc: EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter - media narratives

Serhiy Leshchenko is also speculating on the possibility of the US being behind this development. Below is a google translation (sorry for rough quality, operating on cell phone only right now!) of his Telegram post:

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Head of the President's Office Andrei Bogdan wrote a resignation letter. Although the form of the application may seem frivolous, my sources say that everything is real and Bogdan has taken such a petition seriously.

A possible reason for the resignation is Americans. They originally opposed the appointment of Bogdan, but now allegedly made the condition of a meeting between Zelensky and Trump to resign Bogdan.

In the event that Bogdan really leaves, the contender for his place will be Ivan Bakanov, the current acting director. the head of the SBU, who was originally included in the shortlist of contenders for the head of the AP, and at the same time was kind to the Americans.

From: (b)(6)
Date: August 1, 2019 at 9:10:33 PM GMT+3
To: Kent, George P (b)(6) Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>, Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>
Cc: EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter - media narratives

Just checked in with one of our LE staff who would not consider it a pro-Russian-leaning publication.

Seemingly owned by 4 individuals, 3 of whom have the last name Bondarenko.

From a quick online search, Institute of Mass Information in summer 2018 gave Liga one of the top scores for compliance with general journalism standards among online Ukrainian media sources (behind only Ukrainska Pravda).

However it has had a new Editor in Chief (Boris Davydenko) since early 2019, so perhaps things have changed?

From: Kent, George P (b)(6)
Date: August 1, 2019 at 8:54:58 PM GMT+3
To: (b)(6) Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>, Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>
Cc: EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter - media narratives

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Liga owned by whom? Affiliated with any Russian/Medvedchuk entities perchance?

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 1:51 PM
To: Kent, George P (b)(6); Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>
Cc: EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter

Liga is reporting, according to its sources, the US side would not coordinate Ze's meeting with Trump while Bogdan was head of the Office of the President.

Novoye Vremya has picked this Liga narrative up as well.

From: Kent, George P <(b)(6)
Date: August 1, 2019 at 8:29:21 PM GMT+3
To: (b)(6), Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>, Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>
Cc: EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter

DFM Kyslytsya, on vacation in Ireland, just messaged me asking whether I could explain, and attached a Gordonua story. He then sent a meme of a confused sheep.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 1:18 PM
To: Kyiv Senior Staff <KyivSeniorStaff@state.gov>; Kyiv POL Core <KyivPOLCore@state.gov>
Cc: EUR-Ukraine Desk-DL <EUR-UkraineDesk-DL@state.gov>; Kent, George P (b)(6)
Subject: Media reporting Bogdan submitted a resignation letter

FYI - Ukrainian media are widely reporting this evening that Andriy Bohdan, head of the office of the president, submitted a letter of resignation. Media reports cite an anonymous source. The Babel published a photo reportedly of the (handwritten) letter. More info to come later, if it becomes available in the media...

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

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From:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL
Date:	Wed, 21 Aug 2019 13:08:16 +0000

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 4:04:50 PM
To: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 2:44 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Thanks (b)(6)

After responding to you I saw that they had sent a request for support through H, but confirmed it's a NODEL with unsure funding.

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Regards,

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Legislative Management Officer
Office of Congressional Travel
Bureau of Legislative Affairs
(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 7:40 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

(b)(6)

Thanks for your quick reply. (b)(5)
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 2:10 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Hi (b)(6)

Thanks for asking. (b)(5)
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I hope that helps. Happy to answer any other specific questions if you have them.

Good luck!

(b)(6)

Legislative Management Officer
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 4:41 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Dear (b)(6)

It was great to meet you in June before I came to post, and I'm so glad I did! (b)(5)
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Any insight you can provide in how we should support NODELs would be most appreciated!

(b)(6) | U.S. Embassy Kyiv | Management Counselor
(b)(6)

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From: Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:24 AM
To: (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Hi Team,

Please see chain below. (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Thanks, Kristina

From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:50 AM
To: Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>; Perrino, Jenny <Jenny.Perrino@mail.house.gov>; (b)(6) ; Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Nick,
Glad to help organize. Do you have a fund cite to pay for these events, drivers, meals, etc.? I am adding our econ counselor and DCM who will help organize.
Bill

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From: Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 9:35 PM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Cc: Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>; Perrino, Jenny <Jenny.Perrino@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Hi Bill,

Given the higher chances that the Zelenskiy meeting is happening, we thought it would make sense to start filling out the schedule for the days for the trip. It tentatively looks like they would arrive in the

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afternoon on Tuesday and then leave Saturday morning. Could we start filling out the Wed/Thu/Fri days? Right now we are looking flights that would arrive Tuesday afternoon (9/3) and departing on Saturday (9/7) in the early morning.

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Would it be easier to go through embassy staff to set these meetings up? I wouldn't want to burden you with the minutiae of trip logistics given your busy schedule. I'd also pull in Mr. Fitzpatrick's office staffer for coordination purposes.

Thanks!
Nick

From: Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 11:44 AM
To: 'Taylor, William B (Kyiv)' (b)(6)
Cc: Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Thanks so much, Bill. This is encouraging news. Yes I think it would be good to combine the meetings, especially if it increases the chances of securing time in the president's very compact schedule. Thanks again for all you and the embassy's efforts to look into this.

From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 11:34 AM
To: Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Nick,

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The president's staff is aware of the request and wants to make it happen. They have not promised yet. Also, Senator Johnson is asking for a meeting with the president during the same window. It would increase our chances of getting either meeting if we could combine the two into one. That OK?
Bill

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From: Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:03 PM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Cc: Hruska, Courtney <Courtney.Hruska@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Thanks so much, Bill for the quick email and warm response. I have received guidance that Ms. Kaptur's participation would hinge upon getting a meeting with President Zelenskiy. Would there be any availability for a meeting with the President, 9/3 to 9/6?

Once we had secured the meeting, Ms. Kaptur would want to me to work with the embassy to fill out an itinerary. I am cc'ing Ms. Kaptur, scheduler Courtney as well.

I should also mention, for what it's worth, that this would likely be an unofficial trip as Ms. Kaptur and Mr. Fitzpatrick would likely go with non-official source of funds instead of Committee due to the short-notice of the trip.

From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 10:18 AM
To: Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

Nick,
We would love to see you and Ms. Kaptur out here in early September! I am glad to check on President Zelenskyy's travel plans if that's appropriate now. If he is in town, I am pretty sure he would like to see you. (He didn't see Mr. Hoyer because the milair broke in Poland.) If you can plan to be here on a weekday, that will improve the odds. We try to respect their limited time with their families. Let me know how the planning comes along and I will do some checking here. Hope to see you soon.
Bill

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From: Kazvini-Gore, Nicholas <Nicholas.Kazvini-Gore@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:45:14 PM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Subject: Potential Kaptur/Fitzpatrick CODEL

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Hi Ambassador Taylor,

I hope all is well! Ms. Kaptur is weighing a trip with Mr. Fitzpatrick during the week of Labor Day. She is wondering if a meeting with Zelenskiy would be feasible given the meeting with CODEL Hoyer fell through for unknown reasons. Ms. Kaptur asked that I reach out to you to weigh possibility.

Thanks in advance for any guidance.

Best,
Nick

--
Nicholas Kazvini-Gore
Legislative Assistant
Representative Marcy Kaptur (OH-09)
2186 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-4146

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

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