United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No: FL-2020-00006

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

Dear Mr. McGrath:

We refer to our letter dated October 6, 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 identified an additional 11 pages responsive to your request. After reviewing these records, we have determined that all 11 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. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released. All released material is enclosed.

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 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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Released in Part

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Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Ambassador Kurt Volker
U.S. Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland
Visit to Kyiv
July 24-27, 2019

Control Officer: (b)(6)
Deputy Political Counselor
Office: (b)(5)
Mobile (b)(6)

Deputy Control Officer: (b)(6)
Political Officer
Office: (b)(6)
Mobile (b)(6)

Deputy Control Officer: (b)(6)
Political Officer
Office: (b)(6)
Mobile (b)(6)

U.S. Delegation:
Ambassador Kurt Volker
Ambassador Gordon Sondland
Charge d'Affaires, a.i., William Taylor
Catherine Croft, Special Advisor for Ukraine Negotiations
(b)(6) **U.S. Embassy to the EU**

Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency
Ally Tarasovoi St, 5
Kyiv, Ukraine, 01001
+380 44 581 1234

Ambassador Volker, Wednesday-Saturday (7/24-27)
Confirmation #37629608

Ambassador Sondland, Thursday-Saturday (7/25-27)
Confirmation #37623787

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Wednesday, July 24

1315 *Catherine Croft arrives KPB on Flight KLM 9623*
Transit to Hyatt via taxi

2120 *Ambassador Volker departs Vienna on Flight Austrian 667*

Thursday, July 25

0010 Ambassador Volker arrives KBP via OS 667
VIP Hall of Delegations confirmed
Greeted by Control Officer (b)(6) *and expeditor* (b)(6)

0020 *Transport KBP to Hyatt via motorpool*

RON Hyatt Regency

Vehicle and Driver Info:

CDA Vehicle		**Vehicle 2 (1st shift)**		**Vehicle 1 (1st shift)**	
Comfortable for two passengers		*Comfortable for four passengers*		*Comfortable for four passengers*	
Tag#:	(b)(6)	**Tag#:**	(b)(6)	**Tag#:**	(b)(6)
Make:	BMW	**Make:**	Chevy Suburban	**Make:**	Chevy Suburban
Driver:	(b)(6)	**Driver:**	(b)(6)	**Driver:**	(b)(6)
Mobile:	TBD	**Mobile:**	(b)(6)	**Mobile:**	(b)(6)
Passengers:		**Passengers:**		**Passengers:**	
1	Ambassador Volker	1	Catherine Croft	1	POL: Notetaker
2	CDA Taylor	2	(b)(6)	2	PAS: Photographer
3	Bodyguard	3		3	POL: Interpreter
		4		4	
Vehicle 1 (2nd shift)		**Vehicle 2 (2nd shift)**		**Vehicle 1 (2nd shift)**	
Comfortable for four passengers		*Comfortable for four passengers*		*Comfortable for four passengers*	
Tag#:	(b)(6)	**Tag#:**	(b)(6)	**Tag#:**	(b)(6)
Make:	BMW	**Make:**	Chevy Suburban	**Make:**	Chevy Suburban
Driver:	(b)(6)	**Driver:**	(b)(6)	**Driver:**	(b)(6)
Mobile:	TBD	**Mobile:**	(b)(6)	**Mobile:**	(b)(6)
Passengers:		**Passengers:**		**Passengers:**	
1	Ambassador Volker	1	Ambassador Sondland	1	Catherine Croft
2	CDA Taylor	2	(b)(6)	2	(b)(6)
3	Bodyguard	3		3	POL: Interpreter
		4		4	

0840 *Meet at Hyatt restaurant, second floor*

0845 **Breakfast meeting on improving competitiveness** ***(60 Minutes, Confirmed)***
Location: Hyatt *(semi-private room reserved in restaurant)*

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USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (notetaker)
External Participants: Stefan Schleuning (Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation), Goesta Ljungman (IMF Resident Representative), Meghan Iorianni (FTC), Marina Petrov (EBRD Deputy Head of Ukraine), Barber El-Hefnawy (acting Country Director for World Bank)
No translation required

0945 *Walk to Hyatt Sydney Room, second floor*

1000 **Meeting with Svyatoslav Vakarchuk** ***(25 Minutes, Confirmed)***
Location: Hyatt Sydney Room *(reservation confirmed)*
USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (notetaker)
External Participants: Svyatoslav Vakarchuk

1030 **Meeting with Yuriy Boyko** ***(35 Minutes, Confirmed)***
Location: Hyatt Sydney Room *(reservation confirmed)*
USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter, if needed)
External Participants: Yuriy Boyko
No translation required

1110 **Meeting with Yuliya Tymoshenko** ***(35 Minutes) (Confirmed)***
Location: Hyatt Sydney Room *(reservation confirmed)*
USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter)
External Participants: Yuliya Tymoshenko, Serhiy Vlasenko, Natalia Lysova (press secretary)

1150 *Executive time*

1215 **Meeting with Aivaras Abromavicius** ***(45 Minutes, Confirmed)***
Location: Hyatt Sydney Room *(reservation confirmed)*
USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (notetaker)
External Participants: Aivaras Abromavicius
No translation required

1300 *Depart Hyatt ert Chichiko restaurant via motorpool*
Police escort

1315 **Lunch with Presidential Advisor Andriy Yermak** ***(60 Minutes, Confirmed)***
Location: Chichiko (Yaroslaviv Val St, 23a) *Reservation under "Ivanna"*

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USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (notetaker)
External Participants: Andriy Yermak
No translation required

1430 *Depart Chichiko ert America House via motorpool*
Police escort

1445 **Media engagement – Press conference** ***(45 Minutes, Requested)***
Location: America House
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)
External Participants:

1530 *Depart America House ert ES Headquarters via motorpool*
Police escort

1600 **Meeting with Petro Poroshenko** ***(45 Minutes, Confirmed)***
Location: European Solidarity office (Lavrska 16)
USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (notetaker)
External Participants:
No translation required

1645 *Depart ES Headquarters ert CMR via motorpool*
Police escort

1700 Executive time

1730 **Meeting with Foreign Minister Klimkin** ***(45 Minutes, Confirmed)***
Location: CMR
USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (notetaker)
External Participants: Pavlo Klimkin
No translation required

1750 Ambassador Sondland and (b)(6) arrive KBP via Flight PS 146
VIP Hall of Delegations confirmed
Greeted by DCM Kristina Kvien, (b)(6) *and expeditor* (b)(6)

1805 *Transport KBP ert CMR/Ohota Na Ovets via hotel vehicle (Audi A6)*
Police escort

1815 Executive time

1850 *Depart CMR ert Ohota Na Ovets via motorpool*

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Police escort

1900 **Dinner with NSDC Secretary Oleksandr Danylyuk** ***(2 hours, Confirmed)***
Location: Ohota Na Ovets *(reservation under "Ivanna")*
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (notetaker)
External Participants:
No translation required

2100 *Depart Ohota Na Ovets ert Hyatt via motorpool*
Police escort

2115 *Arrive at Hyatt*

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Friday, July 26

0830 **Breakfast**
Location: TBD
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, DCM Kvien
External Participants: TBD

1040 *Depart Hyatt ert Presidential Office via motorpool*
**confirm police escort*

1100 **Meeting with President Zelenskyy** ***(60 Minutes) (TBD)***
Location: Presidential Office (Bankova St. 11)
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter)
External Participants:

1200 *Depart Presidential Office to KBP military airfield via motorpool*
**confirm police escort*

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TBD *Ambassador Sondland departs KBP ert Nice via Flight PS 135*
Hotel transportation (Audi A6)

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Vehicle and Driver Info:

COM Vehicle		Support 1		Support 2		RSO Vehicle	
Comfortable for four passengers		*Comfortable for four passengers*		*Comfortable for three passengers*			
Tag#:	(b)(6)	**Tag#:**	(b)(6)	**Tag#:**	(b)(6)	**Tag#:**	TBD
Make:	Chevy Suburban	**Make:**	Chevy Suburban	**Make:**	Toyota LC	**Make:**	TBD
VIN:	TBD	**VIN:**	TBD	**VIN:**	TBD	**VIN:**	TBD
Driver:	(b)(6)	**Driver:**	(b)(6)	**Driver:**	(b)(6)	**Driver:**	TBD
Mobile:		**Mobile:**		**Mobile:**		**Mobile:**	TBD
Passengers:		**Passengers:**		**Passengers:**		**Passengers:**	
1	Ambassador Volker	1	POL: (b)(6)	1	PAS: (b)(6)	1	(b)(6)
2	CDA Taylor	2	POL:	2	POL:	2	
3	Bodyguard	3	DAO	3	PAS:	3	TBD SF Medic
4	(b)(6)	4	SRUN: Catehrine Croft	4	TBD (Possibly journalist)	4	(b)(6)

Helicopter			
1	Ambassador Volker	6	DAO: (b)(6)
2	Ambassador Taylor	7	POL:
3	RSO: (b)(6)	8	POL:
4	POL:	9	SRUN: Catherine Croft
5	PAS:	10	PAS: Oleksander Kleshch

1300 *UAF-AIR Fixed-Wing Flight ert Dnipro*

1430 *UAF-AIR Helicopter ert TBD Landing Zone*

1600 *Motorpool transfer ert Stanytsia-Luhanska*

1630 **Meet Civilians Crossing Line of Contact** **(TBC) *(60 Minutes)***
USG Participants: Amb Volker, Amb Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter), (b)(6) (b)(6) (Photographer), (b)(6) (Media Coordinator), (b)(6) (b)(6) (RSO)
External Participants: Civilians Crossing Line of Contact

1730 **Media engagement – Press conference** **(TBC) *(30 Minutes)***
Location: UA Border Guard CHU
USG Participants: Amb Volker, Amb Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter), (b)(6) (b)(6) Photographer), (b)(6) (Media Coordinator), (b)(6) (b)(6) (RSO)
External Participants: TBD Press

1800 *Motorpool transfer ert TBD Landing Zone*

1900 *UAF-AIR Helicopter ert Dnipro*

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2030 *UAF-AIR Fixed-Wing Flight ert KBP Military Airfield*

2130 *Motorpool transfer ert Hyatt*

RON *Hyatt Regency Hotel*

Saturday, July 27

0600 *Catherine Croft departs KBP ert Paris via Flight Delta Airlines 8519*

0900 **Breakfast with Rinat Akhmetov** ***(60 Minutes, Confirmed)***
Location: CMR
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) (notetaker), (b)(6) (interpreter)
External Participants: Rinat Akhemtov

1100 **Deep dive media interview with Ambassador Volker** ***(60 minutes) (TBD)***
IF Volker departs on a later flight*
Location: TBD (Hyatt boardroom?)
USG Participants: Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, PAS
External Participants:

1200 *Ambassador Volker departs for KBP*

1245 *Arrive KBP*

1405 *Ambassador Volker departs KBP ert FRA via UA 9097*

1710 *Ambassador Volker departs FRA ert IAD via UA 933*

IF TIME PERMITS

Meeting with Humanitarian Organizations (if no meeting in the east) ***(60 Minutes) (TBD)***
Location: Hyatt (TBC)
USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6)
External Participants:

Meeting with OSCE SMM Leadership (if no meeting in the east) ***(45 Minutes) (TBD)***
Location: TBD

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USG Participants: Amb Sondland, Amb Volker, CDA Taylor, Catherine Croft, (b)(6) POL (notetaker)
External Participants:

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Useful Phone Numbers

U.S. Embassy Kyiv:	**4 Igor Sikorskiy Street, Kyiv, Ukraine**
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Post One	**+38 (044) 521-5700**
Duty Officer	**+38 (050) 311-1796**
Medical Unit	**+38 (044) 521-5151**

Drivers

(b)(6)

Control Officer: (b)(6) Deputy Political Officer
Mobile: (b)(6) Office: (b)(6)

Deputy Control Officer: (b)(6) Political Officer
Mobile: (b)(6) Office: (b)(6)

Deputy Control Officer: (b)(6) Political Officer
Mobile: (b)(6) Office: (b)(6)

CDA: Charge d'Affaires, a.i., William Taylor
(b)(6)

DCM: Kristina Kvien
(b)(6)

ECON Counselor: (b)(6)

Political Counselor: (b)(6)

Public Affairs Counselor: (b)(6)

Management Counselor: (b)(6)

Embassy Press Officer: (b)(6)

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General Services Officer: (b)(6)

Travel Assistants: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Regional Security Officer: (b)(6)

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Drafted: POL: (b)(6)
POL:

Cleared:
POL: (b)(6)
DCM

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