United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 21, 2021

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 5, 2021, regarding the release of certain Department of State ("Department") material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department identified an additional 11 records responsive to your request. After reviewing these records, we have determined that nine records may be released in part and two records must be withheld in their entirety.

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. The records withheld in full are exempt from release pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 1, 5, and 6, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(1), (b)(5), and (b)(6). 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,

Jeanne Miller

Jeanne Miller
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
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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To:	(b)(6)
CC:	Kent, George P (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Official Informal (OI) for EUR/EE, July 24, 2019
Date:	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 20:10:52 +0300

Got it – not a pain at all – most welcome input, (b)(6) Thanks

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To: Taylor, William B
Cc: Kent, George P
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- Dmytro (vice the Russian Dmitriy)

Also, there is no such title as "Deputy of the National Security and Defense Council." It's "Deputy Secretary."

Not trying to be a pain.

Thanks and best,
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Kyiv, Official Informal
Subject: Official Informal (OI) for EUR/EE, July 24, 2019

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July 24, 2019

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Cable(s) of the Day

No cables today.

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Reasons: Derived Per DSCG.

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

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From:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	(b)(6) Kyiv, EXEC AMs <KyivEXECAMs@state.sgov.gov>
Subject:	RE: Country Team Notes - Tuesday, July 23
Date:	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 04:26:38 -0400

Oops! Looping in KYIV EXEC! I'm sure Paris enjoyed our notes, anyway ☺

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Derived From: Derived from previous message in thread.
Declassify On: 2044/07/24

From: Kvien, Kristina A
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Aleksandrova, Ilona
Cc: Kincaid, W. Bryce; Paris Executive Office
Subject: RE: Country Team Notes - Tuesday, July 23

(b)(6), excellent notes, I made a few small edits in blue below.

(b)(6) will coordinate getting these to CT collectives.

It seems we have not been sending these around to the Country Team after DCM review. We have set up a protocol to do this from now on.

(b)(6) can you please let FAST coordinators (as organizers of notetaking) know that we will start sharing these, and that when they are sent to me they should also be sent to the Paris Executive Office distro, and should say on the note: FOR DCM CLEARANCE.

Thank you! - Kristina

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Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 4:59 PM

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To: Kvien, Kristina A
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: Country Team Notes - Tuesday, July 23

(SBU) EXEC – DCM Kristina Kvien

- Thank you for everyone's hard work during the elections.
- When sending cables on the high side, CDA/DCM are already included in the Kyiv Exec distribution list. When sending cables on the low side, need to include CDA and/or DCM on the "to:" line because they are not included in the Kyiv Exec distribution list.

(SBU) USAID – Susan Kotor

- USAID attending press conference regarding election monitoring today.
- Will have a meeting with IFIS regarding local elections.
- Will have an informal meeting with EU representatives about Russian disinformation.
- Will have a donor coordination meeting on security next Monday. People from other sections are welcome to attend.

(SBU) PAS – Mike Reinert

- Looking for people to sign up to serve on the review committee for the prestigious Humphrey Program. Look for email from Michael Hackett.

Portions declassified by Senior Reviewer David Noble, 11/18/2021

~~(C)~~ PAS – (b)(6)

- Retweeted G7 yesterday on elections, and retweeted Kurt Volker today.
- If anyone receives inquiries regarding press, please notify PAS.

(SBU) POL – (b)(6)

- Thank you for all the support from other sections during the elections; election wrap up cable was sent out yesterday.
- Servant of the People party will have a majority and is therefore unlikely to form a coalition.
- Poroshenko and Tymoshenko's parties came in with about the same percentage of support.
- Servant of the People swept the single mandate constituencies and displaced many "bad guys."
- It may be several days before results are certified. Within 30 days of the certification, the Rada will be seated. The PM will be selected, he or she will propose a plan, the Rada will then vote on that plan. This may take 4-8 weeks.
- There are reports that the SBU has been doing raids on Hungarians.
- Kurt Volker arriving late Wednesday and departing sometime on Saturday, TBD.

(SBU) MGT – Acting, (b)(6)

- There is a mandatory fire extinguisher training this week for those who live in a building with 7+ floors.
- There is a first time bidders brown bag this Thursday.
- DPO services may be impacted due to the U.S. pulling out of an international postal service union starting October.

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- July 30-August 1: ClassNet and OpenNet will both be down from 7pm for mandatory upgrades each evening.

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~~(C)~~ **ECON** – (b)(6)

- G7 meeting with Zelenskyy is tomorrow, CDA attending.
- Naftogaz paid off its debt to the government; been dropping price of industrial gas to reflect market rates, which is good.
- Anti-raiding decree: this is to do with illegal document raiding because people create fake documents that give you ownership of businesses.

(SBU) RSO – (b)(6)

- RSO is short staffed this week.
- Continue to take bomb threats seriously.

(SBU) CONS – (b)(6)

- Visa wait times are about 3-4 weeks long, so have contacts apply as early as possible.
- Consular officer is attending the hearing of an Israeli-American whose case they have been following closely.

(SBU) DAO – (b)(6)

- Trident Defense representative wants to meet with the CDA next Tuesday.
- Working on a possible outreach program with NLO.

(SBU) ODC – (b)(6)

- Doing an equipment donation in Zhytomyr this week; coordinating with PAS.

~~(C)~~ **RSO** – (b)(6)

- Sea Breeze had 4 incidents; press was avoided.
- Imposed 12am curfew.
- Patrol police bribing incidents occurred twice.

(U) FCS – (b)(6)

- N/A

(U) MODA – (b)(6)

- STAFFDEL moving forward.

(U) CLO – (b)(6)

- Kim and Kerry are out this week.

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- There's an EFM coffee this week.

(U) Peace Corps – (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

(U) CDC – (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

(U) EXEC – (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

(U) EXEC – (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group

(b)(6) is duty officer.
(b)(6) is note taker.

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Recipient:	(b)(6) Kyiv, EXEC AMs <KyivEXECAMs@state.sgov.gov>

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From:	"Kvien, Kristina A" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	
Subject:	RE: 20190724 Scenesetter on Motor Sich for APDNSA Kupperman _Kyiv
Date:	Thu, 25 Jul 2019 07:31:49 -0400

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Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 1:44 PM
To: Kvien, Kristina A
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Subject: 20190724 Scenesetter on Motor Sich for APDNSA Kupperman _Kyiv

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Approved:	EUR: Michael J. Murphy, SBO	[]
Drafted:	EUR/EE (b)(6) work: 7-4331 and cell: (b)(6)	
Cleared:	EUR/FP: JFisher, APDAS	()
	EUR/FO: GKent	()
	EUR/FO: TBrace	()
	EUR/FO: GFishel	()
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To:	(b)(6)
CC:	(b)(6)
Subject:	FW: very broad agenda for Ukraine PCC, Tuesday, July 23, 0900-1010
Date:	Tue, 23 Jul 2019 04:53:08 -0400

AMB says we can back bench. Assume we should invite Quin and Tim as well. Can you do?

(b)(6) please add to my schedule.

- KK

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Derived From: DSCG 11-01
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From: Kent, George P
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 12:33 AM
To: Taylor, William B; Kvien, Kristina A; (b)(6)
Subject: very broad agenda for Ukraine PCC, Tuesday, July 23, 0900-1010

So much for this PCC being just about security assistance. I never thought that concept would hold. Now a scramble post COB to get the PM A/S and EUR SBO up to speed on a whole host of (other) issues.

See you on screen. Tyler and I will be the additional EUR backbenchers.

Ukraine PCC Discussion Paper
DATE: July 23, 2019
LOCATION: WHSR EXEC
Time: 0900 a.m. to 1020 a.m.

(U) AGENDA
I. Parliamentary Election Update .....USEMB Kyiv and IC
II. Ukraine Action Plan
    a. Energy LOE.....DOE and State
    b. Economic LOE .....State and Treasury
    c. Security Cooperation LOE.....DOD and State
III. Security Cooperation Policy Review .....All
IV. PRC Inroads into Ukraine Mil-Ind Complex ....DOD and State
V. AOB .....All

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(U//FOUO) Purpose: Obtain views on parliamentary elections and the current and near-term security environment; receive an update on energy, economic, and security cooperation efforts nested under the Ukraine Action Plan and reafirm the action plan; and review standing security cooperation policy.

(U) Key Tasks:

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From: Vindman, Alexander S. (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 4:07 PM
To: (b)(6)

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Cc: (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Volker, Kurt D; (b)(6)

(b)(6) Taylor,

William B; Kvien, Kristina A; (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Volker, Kurt D; (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: HOLD: Ukraine PCC, Tuesday, July 23, 0900-1010

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Assistant Secretaries,

Attached, please find the read ahead for tomorrow's Ukraine PCC.

V/R,
Alex Vindman
Director for Eastern Europe and Russia
Secure: (b)(6)

From: Vindman, Alexander S.
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 7:05 PM
To: (b)(6)

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Ladies/Gentlemen,

Please hold **Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 0900-1010** for a Ukraine PCC on Security Cooperation. The PCC will convene in WHSR EXEC and Assistant Secretaries are requested to attend in person. A SVTC connections has been requested for USEMB Kyiv.

Please have your staffs contact me on NIPR for White House access.

This PCC is a prelude to a notional Ukraine Security Cooperation DC later in the week. More to follow.

V/R,
Alexander S. Vindman
Director for Eastern Europe and Russia
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To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	FW: UKRAINE: Zelenskyy Responsibly Manages Tanker Incident amid Increased Russian Pressure in Black Sea
Date:	Tue, 30 Jul 2019 03:18:32 -0400

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 7:49 PM
To: (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D;
(b)(6) Kent, George P; (b)(6)
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(b)(6) Taylor, William B; Kvien, Kristina A; (b)(6)
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Subject: FW: UKRAINE: Zelenskyy Responsibly Manages Tanker Incident amid Increased Russian Pressure in Black Sea

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From: SMART Core
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To: (b)(6)
Subject: UKRAINE: Zelenskyy Responsibly Manages Tanker Incident amid Increased Russian Pressure in Black Sea

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Action Office:	POL, ODC, POL_MIL
Info Office:	POL_INFO, AID, DAO_INFO

MRN:	19 KYIV 421
Date/DTG:	Jul 26, 2019 / 261642Z JUL 19
From:	AMEMBASSY KYIV
Action:	WASHDC, SECSTATE *ROUTINE*
E.O.:	13526
TAGS:	PREL, PGOV, MARR, UA, RU
Captions:	NOFORN, SENSITIVE
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Subject:	UKRAINE: Zelenskyy Responsibly Manages Tanker Incident amid Increased Russian Pressure in Black Sea

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3. (SBU) The crew was briefly detained before reportedly being released to Russian consular authorities in Odesa and transported to Moldova; they flew from Chisinau to Moscow by the morning of July 26. Prior to the sailors' release, Ukrainian officials interviewed the crew of ten, whom media sources noted only began working on the *Nika Spirit* immediately before its departure to Izmail. The SBU publicly stated July 25 the crew had neither violated the UN Convention of the Law of the Sea nor Ukrainian law, and therefore should not be arrested.

U.S. Embassy Expresses Support of Ukrainian Operation

4. (SBU) Ukrainian media widely covered the *Nika Spirit* search and seizure and the U.S. Embassy's reaction published July 26 via Twitter. "Ukraine's handling of yesterday's ship incident suggests the new administration is focused on protecting the country's interests not only firmly, but also in accordance with international norms and humanely. This sets a good precedent for the peaceful resolution of disputes," read the tweet. *Ukrainska Pravda, ATR,* and *TSN* all ran positive coverage of the Embassy's social media post.

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(b)(1) **End Comment.**

10. (SBU) Embassy Moscow has cleared on this cable.

Signature: TAYLOR

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Office: Embassy Kyiv
Agency: Department of State

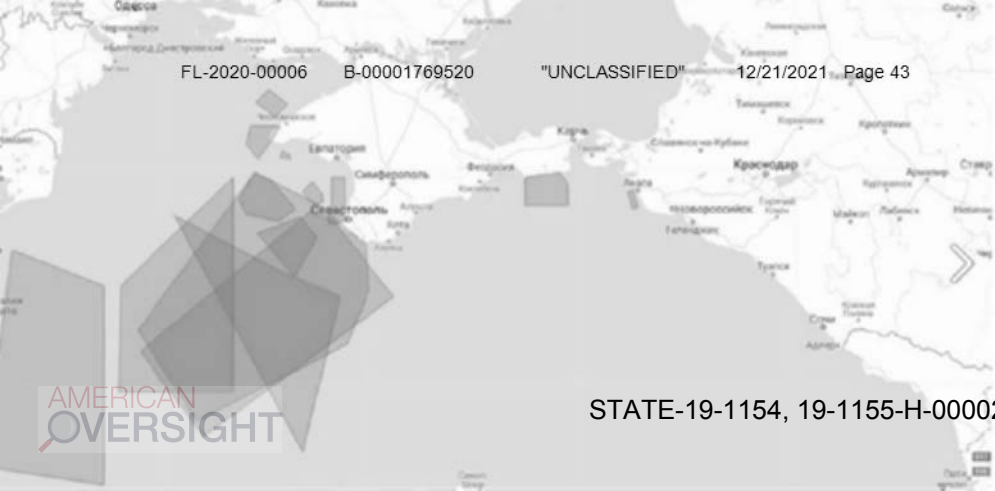
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To:	Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Official Informal (OI) for EUR/EE, July 24, 2019
Date:	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 13:12:07 -0400

See advice from (b)(6) on spelling and titles

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Also, there is no such title as "Deputy of the National Security and Defense Council." It's "Deputy Secretary."

Not trying to be a pain.

Thanks and best,
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 2:55 PM
To: Taylor, William B
Cc: Kvien, Kristina A
Subject: FOR CLEARANCE/APPROVAL: Cable on

Sir, Attached is a cable drafted by (b)(6) detailing your election day engagements.

I've cc'd the DCM if she wants to clear as the cable is based on her notes of the meeting with Rashkovan.

Best regards, (b)(6)

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Vakarchuk Open to Coalition, But Waiting for Zelenskyy to Make First Move

7. (SBU) During a walkthrough of Holos' party headquarters on election day, Slava Vakarchuk told CDA Taylor he was not sure if Zelenskyy was interested in a coalition with his party, but he would be open to the idea. He appeared optimistic but acknowledged he was on the cusp of the five percent threshold to enter the Rada.

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Zelenskyy on Election Eve: Bohdan is Also an Economist

9. (SBU) At the Servant of the People election headquarters on election day, Zelenskyy celebrated anticipated election results with his close friends and colleagues. Assistant to the President Andriy Yermak greeted CDA Taylor and escorted him to a large balcony overlooking the Dnipro to meet with administration officials including Zelenskyy, NSDC Secretary Oleksandr Danylyuk, Bohdan, Yuriy Kostyuk, Serhiy Trofimov, and Ihor Novikov. Zelenskyy inquired about the possible phone call with the White House and potential visit to Washington, D.C. Earlier in the day, Zelenskyy stated he would select a professional economist as Prime Minister, and Bohdan lightheartedly affirmed he was an economist (he has an economics degree). Bohdan relished showing U.S. counterparts exit-polling results on his cell phone

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demonstrating the party's strong performance in SMD races, particularly over Poroshenko's notoriously corrupt MP Ihor Kononenko. Zelenskyy lauded the vital importance of U.S. support for Ukraine, concluding with the humorous remark: "We don't have money, but we have you."

Drafter:

Cleared:

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To:	Paris Executive Office <ParisExec@state.sgov.gov>
Subject:	FW: Country Team Notes - Tuesday, July 23
Date:	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 04:24:32 -0400

Oops!! Sorry. Old habits die hard ☺

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Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 10:59 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Paris Executive Office
Subject: RE: Country Team Notes - Tuesday, July 23

(b)(6) excellent notes, I made a few small edits in blue below.

(b)(6) will coordinate getting these to CT collectives.

It seems we have not been sending these around to the Country Team after DCM review. We have set up a protocol to do this from now on.

(b)(6) can you please let FAST coordinators (as organizers of notetaking) know that we will start sharing these, and that when they are sent to me they should also be sent to the Paris Executive Office distro, and should say on the note: FOR DCM CLEARANCE.

Thank you! - Kristina

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(SBU) EXEC – DCM Kristina Kvien

- Thank you for everyone's hard work during the elections.
- When sending cables on the high side, CDA/DCM are already included in the Kyiv Exec distribution list. When sending cables on the low side, need to include CDA and/or DCM on the "to:" line because they are not included in the Kyiv Exec distribution list.

(SBU) USAID – Susan Kotor

- USAID attending press conference regarding election monitoring today.
- Will have a meeting with IFIS regarding local elections.
- Will have an informal meeting with EU representatives about Russian disinformation.
- Will have a donor coordination meeting on security next Monday. People from other sections are welcome to attend.

(SBU) PAS – Mike Reinert

- Looking for people to sign up to serve on the review committee for the prestigious Humphrey Program. Look for email from Michael Hackett.

~~(C)~~ PAS – (b)(6)

- Retweeted G7 yesterday on elections, and retweeted Kurt Volker today.
- If anyone receives inquiries regarding press, please notify PAS.

(SBU) POL – (b)(6)

- Thank you for all the support from other sections during the elections; election wrap up cable was sent out yesterday.
- Servant of the People party will have a majority and is therefore unlikely to form a coalition.
- Poroshenko and Tymoshenko's parties came in with about the same percentage of support.
- Servant of the People swept the single mandate constituencies and displaced many "bad guys."
- It may be several days before results are certified. Within 30 days of the certification, the Rada will be seated. The PM will be selected, he or she will propose a plan, the Rada will then vote on that plan. This may take 4-8 weeks.
- There are reports that the SBU has been doing raids on Hungarians.
- Kurt Volker arriving late Wednesday and departing sometime on Saturday, TBD.

(SBU) MGT – Acting, (b)(6)

- There is a mandatory fire extinguisher training this week for those who live in a building with 7+ floors.
- There is a first time bidders brown bag this Thursday.
- DPO services may be impacted due to the U.S. pulling out of an international postal service union starting October.
- July 30-August 1: ClassNet and OpenNet will both be down from 7pm for mandatory upgrades each evening.

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~~(C)~~ **ECON** – (b)(6)

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- G7 meeting with Zelenskyy is tomorrow, CDA attending.
- Naftogaz paid off its debt to the government; been dropping price of industrial gas to reflect market rates, which is good.
- Anti-raiding decree: this is to do with illegal document raiding because people create fake documents that give you ownership of businesses.

(SBU) RSO – (b)(6)

- RSO is short staffed this week.
- Continue to take bomb threats seriously.

(SBU) CONS – (b)(6)

- Visa wait times are about 3-4 weeks long, so have contacts apply as early as possible.
- Consular officer is attending the hearing of an Israeli-American whose case they have been following closely.

(SBU) DAO – (b)(6)

- Trident Defense representative wants to meet with the CDA next Tuesday.
- Working on a possible outreach program with NLO.

(SBU) ODC – (b)(6)

- Doing an equipment donation in Zhytomyr this week; coordinating with PAS.

~~(C)~~ **RSO** – (b)(6)

- Sea Breeze had 4 incidents; press was avoided.
- Imposed 12am curfew.
- Patrol police bribing incidents occurred twice.

(U) FCS – (b)(6)

- N/A

(U) MODA – (b)(6)

- STAFFDEL moving forward.

(U) CLO – (b)(6)

- Kim and Kerry are out this week.
- There's an EFM coffee this week.

(U) Peace Corps – (b)(6)

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- Nothing for the group.

(U) CDC – (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

(U) EXEC – (b)(6)

- Nothing for the group.

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- Nothing for the group

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