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Washington, D.C. 20520

March 12, 2020

Case No. F-2020-00225/
FL-2020-00021

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

Dear Mr. McGrath:

This letter is in response to your request dated September 25, 2019, under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Thus far, the Department has located 59 responsive records subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined all 59 records may be released in part. The processing of your request is ongoing.

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, and is enclosed.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. To the extent another agency asserts that it can neither confirm nor deny the existence of certain records, the Department of State will similarly take the position that it neither confirms nor denies the existence of those records.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Joshua Abbuhl, Assistant U.S. Attorney at Joshua.Abbuhl@usdoj.gov or at (202) 616-8366). Please refer to the case number, F-2020-00225/FL-2020-00021, and the civil action number, 19-cv-03387, in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,

for Susan 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:

- 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)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Atlantic Council: If Zelenskyy's Serious about Re form, He'll Ditch the Cronies
Date:	Sun, 13 Oct 2019 12:44:38 +0000

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Cc (b)(6)
Subject: Atlantic Council: If Zelenskyy's Serious about Reform, He'll Ditch the Cronies

Ambassador – great piece (b)(found that is good reading for you as (b)(5)
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Regards,
Henry

FROM (b)(6) (b)(5)
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https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/ukrainealert/if-zelenskyy-s-serious-about-reform-he-ll-ditch-the-cronies

JULY 16, 2019

If Zelenskyy's Serious about Reform, He'll Ditch the Cronies

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BY DIANE FRANCIS

Recent polls forecast that President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's political party, Servant of the People, may take 43 percent in Sunday's parliamentary elections, or 30 percent less than he won in the April presidential race.

And there is one reason why: Ihor Kolomoisky.

A political proverb holds that not only must a leader be above suspicion but also that, as Julius Caesar stated, "Caesar's wife must be above suspicion." In other words, leaders are judged by those closest to them, and Zelenskyy's mishandling of this matter is destroying his "brand" and will impede his reform agenda.

Kolomoisky is a scourge and an impediment to progress, but the consensus is that Zelenskyy should not only take firm action against the oligarch but also dismiss the oligarch's lawyer, Andriy Bohdan, appointed as his chief of staff and the second most important decisionmaker in the new administration.

"Nobody's happy with his appointment so openly," said businessman Mohammed Zahoor in May. "He has a conflict of interest because Kolomoisky is fighting the government to get back his bank or to get billions in compensation. And here his lawyer is in the government."

The honeymoon period for the president continues, but is waning as an increasingly emboldened Kolomoisky causes consternation at home and abroad. For instance, he publicly stated that Ukraine should default on its IMF loans, causing the hryvnia to drop slightly.

As Zahoor stated: "He [Zelenskyy] should have the balls to say this openly… that Kolomoisky is a detached oligarch and has nothing to do with us. We are running our own government and he's not involved in any way. Now everyone thinks that Kolomoisky is behind Zelenskyy."

Since then, there have been rumors and some signals that Zelenskyy is trying to put distance between himself and Ukraine's most notorious oligarch. Not everyone is convinced.

Kolomoisky is the beneficiary of recent court judgments designed to cripple his airline competitor SkyUp and to damage the National Bank of Ukraine for nationalizing the bank he and a partner drove into the ground. Kolomoisky denies any involvement and churlishly responded to an interviewer's questions: "You probably know that at every meeting with the current president the Americans raise a question about you."

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"So what?" said Kolomoisky. "I do not care. Our property was stolen from us. The thieves who stole it from us, selected it under the auspices of the state, incited by international organizations, such as the IMF or the World Bank, which applauded."

Zelenskyy, for his part, has handled these oligarch onslaughts poorly. He refuses to fire Bohdan and said he will defend the independence of the National Bank and stay out of controversies like SkyUp's. But neither are good enough, given the oligarchy's manipulation and ownership of Ukraine's thoroughly rotten courts.

For instance, a small-town court ordered the grounding of SkyUp based on a complaint about a flight that never existed, by a "passenger" who never flew. Likewise, another small-town judge ruled to dismiss the deputy governor of the National Bank of Ukraine based on a complaint by a company that doesn't exist, according to the Kyiv Post.

Both decisions should be tossed out of hand by the president's office especially given that in June Zelenskyy promised to end "raider attacks" on businesses before 500 international businesspeople, said SkyUp's President Alexander Alba. "But he and his government don't even return our phone calls and the president has not condemned this."

Such silence damages the country and is also encouraging more misbehavior.

On July 1, 200 million hryvnia was set aside to build a new international runway at Dnipro Airport which is owned by Kolomoisky, who has banned SkyUp and Turkish Airlines from landing there for anti-competitive reasons. This allocation must be blocked, as must the airport's ban against the airlines.

Another issue is that there are Kolomoisky operatives littering the Servant of the People's party list, including Oleksandr Dubinsky. He is a commentator on Kolomoisky's 1+1 channel, that backed Zelenskyy, and has been at the forefront of campaigning against the National Bank of Ukraine's former head who nationalized Kolomoisky's bank as well as an obscenity-laden video attacking SkyUp discount airline which competes against Kolomoisky's Ukraine International Airlines.

Other Servant of the People candidates in single-member constituencies are linked to Kolomoisky's 1+1 channel or his UKROP party. The Liga news website counted more than twenty of Kolomoisky's people among them. Clearly, Dubinsky and all the others must be culled.

Parliamentary reformer Yegor Soboliev recently pointed out another corrupt Kolomoisky offensive. The tainted Constitutional Court overturned the cancelation, by the National Anti-Corruption Bureau and the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office, of 97 agreements proven unlawful. The complaint to the Constitutional Court was filed by an enterprise, Zaporozhye Ferroalloy Plant, owned by Kolomoisky.

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Clearly, an example must be made of the aggressive and entitled Kolomoisky, and his minions. This will send an important signal to voters, businesses, investors, foreign governments, courts, institutions, and other oligarchs.

If Zelenskyy does not stand up now, his plurality in the July 21 vote may shrink further and faster. And deservedly so.

Diane Francis is a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center, Editor at Large with the National Post in Canada, a Distinguished Professor at Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Management, and author of ten books.

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Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 9:22 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) ; Reeker, Philip T (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Brussels July 10-12

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Mark W. Libby
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U.S. Mission to the EU
Brussels

From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 4:52:05 AM
To: Reeker, Philip T
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU)
Subject: Re: Brussels July 10-12

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Subject:	FW: Missing piece to the Ukraine puzzle: State Department's overture to Rudy Giuliani | TheHill
Date:	Sun, 13 Oct 2019 13:35:19 +0000

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Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: Missing piece to the Ukraine puzzle: State Department's overture to Rudy Giuliani | TheHill

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To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Ukraine Inaug
Date:	Wed, 23 Oct 2019 11:43:59 +0000

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From: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:46 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Ukraine Inaug

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:14 AM
To: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: Ukraine Inaug

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(b)(5) Thx!

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	McCormack, Brian (b)(6)
CC:	Rick Perry (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: [External] Ukraine
Date:	Sun, 30 Jun 2019 20:50:48 +0000

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(b)(5) Thoughts?

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From: Herrera, Julio (b)(6)

Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2019 4:43:01 PM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

Subject: Re: [External] Ukraine

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Hi, Gordon, first and foremost, thank you for hosting us last night with your lovely family. It was a very fun night filled with good food, wine and friendship. I will let you know if we have interest. I spoke today with one of our energy specialists who advises state-owned oil companies. He sent me an internal deck that was presented to Zelensky's staff in the last week or so. Small world. I will let you know. Safe travels! Julio

On Jun 30, 2019, at 12:56 PM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6) wrote:

> Hi Julio,
>
> Great being with you last evening! Lmk if you and your colleagues have any interest in funding the Ukraine deal on some basis. Sec Perry and I can join you to discuss.
>
> All the best,
>
> Gordon



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Date:	Sat, 26 Oct 2019 19:11:35 +0000



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To:	Takats, Sarah O (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: CNN inquiry
Date:	Wed, 25 Sep 2019 14:24:32 +0000

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From: Hansler, Jennifer (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:14:35 AM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)

Subject: CNN inquiry

Hello Amb. Sondland,

I hope this email finds you well during this busy UNGA. I wanted to reach out to see if you had any comment on this Daily Beast piece and see if we could chat a bit about it? Do you feel it accurately portrays your role in this? Happy to speak off the record.

Thank you!

All the best,

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Jennifer

Jennifer Hansler

CNN State Department producer

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Subject:	Fwd: De Standaard on some of President Trump's Ambassadors in Europe
Date:	Mon, 16 Dec 2019 12:18:56 +0000

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Sir,

Flagging this article in De Standaard for your awareness.

Jason

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 8:39 AM
To: Benini, Carla A (Brussels) (b)(6) ; (b)(6) (b)(6)
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Article in *De Standaard* on Saturday, December 14 -
https://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20191213_04766575

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Google translate:

The mini-Trumps of U.S. diplomacy

De Standaard, December 14, 2019

The American-European diplomacy is not going well. Much has to do with the army of ambassadors that Trump has unleashed on Europe in recent years.

Gordon Sondland, the US ambassador to the EU, came to Brussels as a self-proclaimed "disruptive diplomat." Both in personal encounters and in his public appearances, since his appointment in 2018, Sondland has exhibited a remarkable parler-vrai and careless handling of protocol. On one occasion, according to The New York Times, Sondland, like President Donald Trump was a former hotel magnate, stated that he had been sent "to destroy the EU."

With his confrontation style, Sondland wanted to force breakthroughs in files such as the American-European trade relations, which his president found unbalanced. "If I give the impression that I am trying to disrupt the stagnant and circular way in which the US and the EU have dealt with issues of mutual interest," he said at a Brussels meeting in June, "you are right." "

But as an unintended center of impeachment hearings, in recent weeks Sondland has become an example of how things can go wrong with the type of envoys that Trump sent to major European capitals, people who conduct diplomacy following his example: more 'art of the deal', less tact

Richard Grenell, the American ambassador to Berlin, is one of the men who shares the nickname "mini-Trump" with Sondland. He bruised his hosts in 2018 by criticizing German refugee policy in an interview with the alt-right website Breitbart. Grenell added: "I absolutely want to give other conservatives across Europe a boost." He says they are on the rise due to "the failed policies of the left". A people's representative for the left-wing government party SPD responded that perhaps Grenell "had to leave the country."

David Cornstein, an 81-year-old New York jeweler who became Trumps ambassador to Budapest, broke with the tradition of his predecessors through his cordial relationship with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. In a meeting between Hungarian NGO staff and representatives of the American Congress, Cornstein walked in, two attendees confirmed to De Standaard. He questioned the experts' argument about the rule of law and corruption in their country. One of the two present, Marta Pardavi from the Hungarian Helsinki Committee, remembers his words such as: "I know these people don't agree, but things are going well here. The government has the support of the population. It is a strong government that has the legislature and the courts. "The American embassy in Budapest responds by e-mail:" There are of course areas where we think Hungary can do better, and as a friend of Hungary we throw these questions in private. "

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While the US President's first mandate is entering its final year, the balance of diplomats appointed by Trump in Europe is at best mixed. The hardest is for Sondland. "He has a particularly bad reputation here," says a Western European diplomatic insider in Brussels. "The news that he was sent to undermine the EU kept the doors shut for him." Sondland "is someone who fundamentally doesn't understand the EU," Nathalie Tocci, director of the Italian Istituto Affari Internazionali, agrees. She met him as a former adviser to EU foreign chief Federica Mogherini. "He really saw the EU as an opponent, just like China, and much more than Russia." "All the willingness that has been built up since the Marshall Plan doesn't seem to matter," he told Politico.

Eighteen months after taking office, Sondland testified before Congress about his parallel diplomacy in Ukraine, serving Trump. Sondland had also put pressure on Ukrainian president Volodimir Zelenski to conduct an investigation into Trumps Democratic opponent Joe Biden. Recognizing that "quid pro quo" even made him a target at the Republican fan club.

In the meantime, the German government in Berlin did not succumb to Grenell's warnings that cooperation with the Chinese Huawei in the development of the German 5G network entails serious risks of espionage. Nord Stream 2, the Russian gas pipeline to Germany, is also nearing completion, despite Grenell's warnings that German companies involved risked American "sanctions."

"Those disruptive diplomats are really just people walking around in an area they don't know," concludes the aforementioned Brussels insider. The new generation of Trump diplomats has sometimes "behaved in a manner that causes serious irritation," says Ian Lesser, vice-director of the German Marshall Fund for the US and himself once employed at the US Department of Foreign Affairs.

"The business culture (where Trump and some of his new ambassadors come from, ed.) And the diplomatic culture do not go together," analyzes Paul Meerts, former senior associate at Clingendael. Meerts trained diplomats in countless countries for a quarter of a century. "Business people sometimes say," You don't have to have empathy, you have to bring in money. "If you don't have empathy for the other party, you have a problem, certainly in the EU."

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The fact that the business culture could leave its mark in this way also has to do with an American tradition, in which political appointments of ambassadors are normal. Often it's political lenders: Sondland gave a million dollars to the Trump campaign. All presidents engaged in that tradition, but since Barack Obama's resignation, the percentage has risen from 30 percent to 44 percent: a score that has been unseen since the 1950s. Ryan Scoville, lawyer at Marquette University

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calculated that in a paper. He calls the practice "an aberration in developed democracies".

In addition, Scoville calculated that the politically nominated people are also less qualified than their professional counterparts in terms of language knowledge and other skills. Moreover, that gap grew while the amounts paid by new ambassadors to political campaigns increased. They reached a peak under Bush Jr. ($ 214,221 on average), to fall to $ 42,117 under Obama and to rise again to $ 189,448 under Trump. "Further professionalization is possible" in American diplomacy, Scoville concludes, "but also a return to extensive amateurism."

Lesser nuances: "From the point of view of European allies, it is not necessarily bad to have an ambassador who has political connections with the White House." Moreover, ambassadors are always flanked by an extensive team of professional diplomats. Between them and their European counterparts "an enormous amount of cooperation remains," he says.

But what the transatlantic relationships have lost in recent years is "predictability." Now that "Twitter diplomacy" and an increasingly personal approach to the new are normal, it becomes difficult to simply "reset" the old form of diplomacy, Lesser says. "In the meantime, everyone has adjusted, from our allies to Russia and China."

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American Embassy - Press Section
Brussels, Belgium
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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Kurt Volker (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: Fwd: Ukraine Action Required
Date:	Sat, 25 May 2019 14:13:27 +0000

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Gordon D. Sondland
Ambassador of the United States of America
United States Mission to the European Union
Rue Zinner 13
1000 Brussels, Belgium
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From: Microsoft Outlook O365
<MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@usdos.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 25, 2019 6:23 AM
To: Volker, Kurt D
Subject: Undeliverable: Fwd: Ukraine Action Required

Your message to (b)(6) couldn't be delivered.

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VolkerKD wasn't found at state.gov.

SondlandGD	Office 365	VolkerKD
Action Required		Recipient

Unknown To address

How to Fix It

The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- Send the message again following these steps: In Outlook, open this non-delivery report (NDR) and choose**Send Again** from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "**To send this message again, click here.**" Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click **Send**.
- Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address exists and is correct.
- The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check that any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
- Clear the recipient Auto-Complete List in Outlook or Outlook on the web by following the steps in this article:Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.10 in Office 365, and then send the message again. Retype the entire recipient address before selecting**Send**.

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More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 550 5.1.10

This error occurs because the sender sent a message to an email address hosted by Office 365 but the address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. The error is reported by the recipient domain's email server, but most often it must be fixed by the person who sent the message. If the steps in the **How to Fix It** section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:

The email address exists and is correct - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.

Synchronize your directories - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.

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domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.

For more information and additional tips to fix this issue, see Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.10 in Office 365.

Original Message Details

Created Date:	5/25/2019 1:23:35 PM
Sender Address:	SondlandGD@state.gov
Recipient Address:	VolkerKD@state.gov
Subject:	Fwd: Ukraine Action Required

Error Details

Reported error:	*550 5.1.10 RESOLVER.ADR.RecipientNotFound; Recipient VolkerKD@state.gov not found by SMTP address lookup*
DSN generated by:	MN2PR09MB3501.namprd09.prod.outlook.com

Message Hops

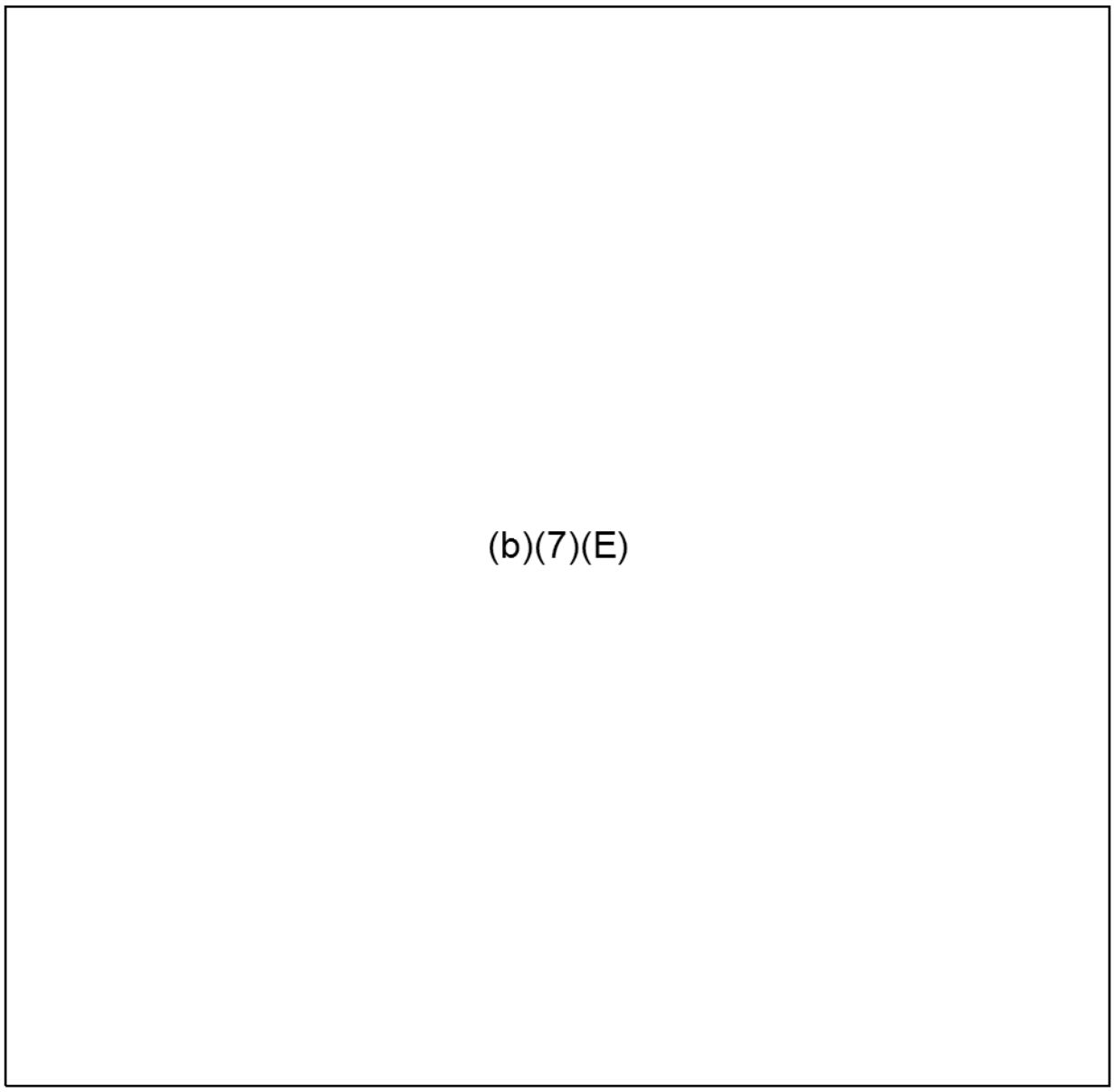
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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6)
CC:	Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) Mosbacher, Georgette (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: Hi Georgette, any interest
Date:	Thu, 16 May 2019 13:25:15 +0000

Thanks Georgette! Will you be joining?

Henry is on the case.

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

From: Georgette Mosbacher (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 6:22:52 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: Re: Hi Georgette, any interest

Gordon, President Duda will attend, he needs a formal invitation sent to his office. I suggest you send it electronically, now, and FedEx the paper version.

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Ambassador Georgette Mosbacher

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-------- Original message --------

From: "Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)

Date: 5/15/19 7:10 PM (GMT+01:00)

To: Georgette Mosbacher (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Hi Georgette, any interest

SACEUR YES.

SYG Maybe

Zelensky yes

Pompeo yes

Bakhtadze yes

Dancila yes

Perry yes

Mogherini yes

Tajani yes

Gordon D. Sondland

Ambassador of the United States of America

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From: Georgette Mosbacher <(b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 8:49:02 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: Re: Hi Georgette, any interest

If the are confirmed President Duda will try and attend, will confirm on Friday.

Ambassador Georgette Mosbacher
(b)(6)

-------- Original message --------
From: "Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
Date: 5/14/19 12:18 PM (GMT+01:00)
To: Georgette Mosbacher <(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Hi Georgette, any interest

Tripple checking

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From: Georgette Mosbacher (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 6:12:01 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: Re: Hi Georgette, any interest

Have they confirmed?

Ambassador Georgette Mosbacher
(b)(6)

-------- Original message --------
From: "Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
Date: 5/14/19 9:47 AM (GMT+01:00)
To: Georgette Mosbacher (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Hi Georgette, any interest

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Even with SACUER AND SYG?

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

From: Georgette Mosbacher (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 3:20:17 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: Re: Hi Georgette, any interest

Neither the Pres or PM can attend.

Ambassador Georgette Mosbacher
(b)(6)

-------- Original message --------

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From: "Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)

Date: 5/13/19 3:39 PM (GMT+01:00)

To: Georgette Mosbacher (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Hi Georgette, any interest

I believe so. Our teams are working the details. Who would come Pres or PM?

Gordon D. Sondland

Ambassador of the United States of America

United States Mission to the European Union

Rue Zinner 13

1000 Brussels, Belgium

(b)(6)

From: Georgette Mosbacher (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:08:09 PM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

Subject: Re: Hi Georgette, any interest

Gordon, has the SACEUR or NATO SYG confirmed yet? I am pushing to get an answer.

Ambassador Georgette Mosbacher

(b)(6)

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On May 11, 2019, at 2:52 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

From Duda or Morawiecki in attending 6/4 Brussels. We have a tight group and I need to know fairly soon. xxoo Gordon



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Sender:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
Recipient:	Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) Mosbacher, Georgette

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Breidenstine, John (Dept of Commerce) (b)(6)
CC:	(b)(6) Witmer, Kami A (USEU) (b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: INVITATION // Concordia Europe - AmChamSpain Forum_Madrid, June 26
Date:	Tue, 23 Apr 2019 12:59:44 +0000

John,

I would like to accept this invitation. Please try to make certain that my speaking role is substantive. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Gordon D. Sondland
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(b)(6)

From: Aida Casamitjana (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 5:04:54 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Cc: Breidenstine, John (Dept of Commerce); Sharlene Alonso; Concordia Speakers; Marta Santiago
Subject: INVITATION // Concordia Europe - AmChamSpain Forum_Madrid, June 26

Dear Ambassador Sondland,

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It was a pleasure to briefly meet you in Brussels during the AmChamEU briefing and the fireside chat between you and my colleague Susan Danger.

As I mentioned to you that day, we have reached an agreement with Concordia to host the annual Concordia Europe – AmChamSpain Forum in **Madrid on June 26, 2019.**

The *Concordia Europe – AmChamSpain Forum* will bring together politicians, CEOs, and experts in different fields to address economic, geopolitical, and other relevant business-related concerns. We are happy to announce that **Ambassador of the U.S. to Spain, the Hon. Richard Duke Buchan III** will be giving opening remarks for the Latin America – US – Spain Relations roundtable.

It would be an honor to be able to count on your participation as a speaker at the Forum as well, which will provide an exceptional platform to analyze and debate current affairs in Spain, the United States, Europe, and Latin America.

To be more precise, we foresee your participation during the Future of the EU roundtable.

Enclosed you may find a formal invitation letter as well as the programming agenda for the Forum. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions or need more information.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Aida Casamitjana

Executive Director

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The Hon. Gordon D. Sondland
US Ambassador to the European Union
Rue Zinner, 13
1000 Brussels
Belgium

April 10, 2019

Dear Ambassador Sondland,

It is an honor to announce the agreement reached between the American Chamber of Commerce in Spain (*AmChamSpain*) and Concordia, a prominent international non-governmental organization based in New York for the organization of the annual **Concordia Europe – AmChamSpain Forum** taking place on **June 26, 2019** at the **Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel**.

We are pleased to invite you to participate as a speaker at the inaugural edition of the *Concordia Europe – AmChamSpain Forum*, which will provide an exceptional platform to analyze and debate current affairs in Spain, the United States, Europe, and Latin America.

The *Concordia Europe – AmChamSpain Forum* will bring together politicians, CEOs, and experts in different fields to address economic, geopolitical, and other relevant business-related concerns. Some of the topics covered in the Forum will include: the key technologies driving the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the future of the European Union, the changing landscape of international trade, European-US relations, the role of Spain in relation to Latin America and Africa, and the driving forces behind the rise of political populism in Western countries.

AmChamSpain is an apolitical and non-profit institution created in 1917, which has about 300 associated companies, among them, the majority of large American companies established in Spain and large Spanish companies with presence in the US, as well as a significant group of SMEs from both countries. In total, our partner companies have an aggregate turnover in Spain of 248,000 million euros, approximately 24% of the national GDP, and generate about 1 million direct and indirect jobs in Spain.

Concordia is a global organization dedicated to fostering public-private partnerships for social impact. Concordia organizes three regional events (Africa, Latin America and now Europe), and its Annual Summit during the week of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, brings together leaders of governments and companies from around the world, such as: Iván Duque, President of Colombia; Alexis Tsipras, President of Greece; Her Royal Highness Crown Princess María of Denmark; Joe Biden, former Vice President of the United States; Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the IMF; or Ivanka Trump, Advisor to the President of the United States.

It would be our honor for you to join us in Madrid. To confirm your participation or for any other questions, contact Sharlene Alonso, Communication and Events Manager, at (b)(6) We ask that you respond to this invitation before **May 1, 2019**.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Swift
Co-Founder, Chairman & CEO
Concordia

Jaime Malet
Chairman
American Chamber of Commerce in Spain

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Concordia Europe - AmChamSpain Forum

June 26, 2019 | Eurostars Madrid Tower | Madrid, Spain

The Concordia Europe - AmChamSpain Forum will take place on June 26, 2019 at the Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel. As the first event celebrated by Concordia in Spain, the purpose of this forum is to provide a platform for dialogue and reflection on current issues related specifically to European and Spanish affairs.

Estimated Attendees	500
Estimated Speakers	50
Scope	Regional (Spain and the European Union)
Programming Formats	Plenary Stage, High-Level Roundtables (Open & Private), Private Lunch & Dinners, Private Meetings
Media Reach	Plenary Live Stream; National + International Coverage; 1 Million+ Estimated Social Media Impressions

Event Schedule - *Madrid, Spain* (*Subject to change*)

Wednesday, June 26

General Registration	8:30am - 9:00am
Morning Programming	9:00am - 1:30pm
Lunch	1:30pm - 3:00pm
Afternoon Programming	3:00pm - 6:00pm

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Major Programming Themes

The program for the **Concordia Europe - AmChamSpain Forum** in Madrid will largely be driven by the initiatives, projects, and interests of the Concordia and AmChamSpain membership communities. The below themes indicate existing priority areas within these communities. However, there are still opportunities to participate in and help steer programming further through Programming Partnerships and Sponsorships.

Fourth Industrial Revolution

Characterized by continuous advances in communication and connectivity, the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) is once again challenging the world to examine the ways in which technology is utilized in everyday life. From the rise of social media and the Internet of Things (IoT) to the advancement of artificial intelligence and quantum computing, our globe has never been more connected than it is today. But what are the implications for businesses, governments, and civil society, and what must be done to stay ahead of the curve?

Latin American, U.S. and Spanish Relations

As the European Union's top exporter to Latin America, Spain has an economically important, politically complex relationship with the region. Spain, in company with the U.S., is also one of the world's largest foreign direct investors in Latin America. Understanding Ibero-American relationships is therefore key to a comprehensive understanding of Spain in a global context.

Africa, U.S. and Spanish Relations

The relationship between Africa, the U.S., and Spain is complex, multi-faceted, and collaborative, and has huge potential. Africa remains a strategic and political priority for both Spain and the U.S., with both countries highlighting the importance of creating inclusive and sustainable economic growth, peace, and security in the region.

Future of the European Union

With the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union imminent, uncertainty abounds around the future of economic and political unions across the continent. With political fault lines and structural imbalances in existence within the EU, there is a need for continued connectivity and integration across the region.

China & Global Commerce

China has rapidly evolved from a manufacturing powerhouse to a global innovator, making significant strides in developing cutting-edge technologies. As western companies adapt to this shifting landscape, governing bodies have a key role to play in creating a level playing field for investment, commerce, and trade.

Western Political Populism

Like many parts of the world, Europe is witnessing a rise in populism across the continent, with Italy, Poland, and Austria currently being governed by populist leaders who were largely elected on a platform of anti-immigrant policies. Given the increasing polarization of social and political issues in Spain, striking a balance between populist priorities and liberal values is key to sustaining a representative democracy in the country.

Refugees & Migration

Providing refugees access to education and labor markets is essential for integration and enabling them to lead dignified lives. Initiatives instituted by the private sector have been a force for change in helping to find solutions to the refugee crisis but require cooperation from governments to ensure sustainability and success.

Addressing the Venezuelan Crisis

The ongoing crisis in Venezuela—now the largest humanitarian crisis in the Western Hemisphere—has remained a focal point for Concordia over recent years. The Concordia Europe: AmChamSpain Forum will focus on immediate policy and investment steps that can be taken at the local level to urgently support the millions of Venezuelans who have fled the country and address the latest geopolitical advancements.

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Past Event Highlights

2018 Concordia Annual Summit Highlights - *New York City, United States*

Attendees	3,200
Speakers	426
Notable Speakers	**Ms. Ivanka Trump,** Advisor to the President, the White House **Ambassador Robert Lighthizer**, US Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President **President Iván Duque**, Republic of Colombia **HE Alexis Tsipras**, President, The Hellenic Republic **Hon. Elaine Chao**, Secretary, US Department of Transportation **Hon. Alexander Acosta**, Secretary, US Department of Labor **Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark,** Kingdom of Denmark **Administrator Mark Green**, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) **Ambassador John Negroponte**, Former US Deputy Secretary of State **HE Nana Akufo-Addo,** President, Republic of Ghana **Akon**, Grammy-nominated, multi-platinum selling artist
Media Reach	#2 Trending Hashtag in New York City; 1,000,000+ Social Media Reach

2018 Concordia Americas Summit Highlights - *Bogotá, Colombia*

Attendees	743
Speakers	153
Notable Speakers	**President Iván Duque**, Republic of Colombia **Vice President Marta Lucía Ramírez**, Republic of Colombia **Hon. Juan Manuel Santos**, Former President, Republic of Colombia **President Laura Chinchilla**, Former President, Republic of Costa Rica **Hon. Joe Biden**, Former Vice President, United States of America **Administrator Mark Green**, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) **General (Ret.) David H. Petraeus**, Chairman, KKR Global Institute; Former Director, Central Intelligence Agency **Fabián Andrés Hernández Ramírez,** President & CEO, Telefónica Colombia **Jorge Mario Velásquez**, CEO, Grupo Argos
Media Reach	#1 Trending Hashtag in Colombia; 750,000+ Social Media Reach; 175,000+ Live Stream Views

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2017 AmChamSpain Centennial Highlights - *Madrid, Spain*

Attendees	550
Notable Speakers	**S.M. el Rey Don Felipe VI de España** **Benjamin G. Ziff**, Chargé d'Affaires, US Embassy Madrid **Alfonso Dastis,** Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation **Jaime Malet,** Chairman, AmChamSpain
Other Notable Event Speakers	**President Pedro Sánchez**, Spain **Felipe González,** Former President, Spain **José María Aznar,** Former President, Spain **José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero**, Former President, Spain **Pablo Casado,** President, Spain's Popular Party **Albert Rivera**, President, Spain's Ciudadanos Party **Nadia Calviño**, Minister of Economy and Business, Spain **Ángel Garrido**, President of the Community of Madrid **Luis de Guindos**, Former Minister of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness in Spain and Current Vice President, European Central Bank
Media Reach	25+ Newspaper articles; 200,000+ Social Media Reach

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Katy Durant (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: June Travel - Add Select USA?
Date:	Wed, 15 May 2019 15:32:01 +0000

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Ambassador of the United States of America
United States Mission to the European Union
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1000 Brussels, Belgium
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From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU)
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 11:21:08 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU)
Subject: June Travel - Add Select USA?

Ambassador,

Your current June travel schedule is below to include travel to **Kyiv, Ljubljana, Normandy, Paris, DC, and Madrid**. Without adding other travel, you would be in the office 11 work days in June.

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The one item you have not confirmed is Select USA. Do you want to go to Select USA in DC June 10-11?

- **May 31**: Helsinki
- June 1: Kyiv for Zelensky Inauguration
- **June 3-4**: Independence Day Events, Brussels
- June 5: Three Seas, Slovenia [GES in The Hague also June 5]
- **June 6:** D-Day 75th Anniversary, Normandy
- *June 10-11 (T):Amb travel to Select USA Summit, Washington DC*
- **June 17**: Paris Air Show, then ert London to catch June 18 London flight to DC
- June 18:S-Mogherini Bilat in Washington, D.C. (Amb to join) ñ
- **June 26**: Amb travel to Madrid Concordia Europe – AmChamSpain Forum ñ
- June 27-29**:** Brussels Forum

SELECT USA Rundown:

- Moderate a panel of U.S. Ambassadors from European markets in a discussion on transatlantic business investment in the U.S. would be ideal.
- Confirmed US Ambassadors to European capitals include:

Amb. Cornstein	Hungary
Amb. Duke Buchan	Spain
Amb. Ed McMullen	Switzerland and Lichtenstein
Amb. Eisenberg	Italy
Amb. Geoff Pyatt	Greece
Amb. Hans Klemm	Romania
Amb. Traina	Austria

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Sender:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
Recipient:	Katy Durant (b)(6)

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Libby, Mark W (USEU) <(b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: Meeting with Mogherini
Date:	Mon, 13 May 2019 10:33:03 +0000

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1000 Brussels, Belgium
(b)(6)

From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 10:32:23 AM
To: Kenna, Lisa D
Subject: Meeting with Mogherini

Mike,

My recommendation is t(b)(5)
(b)(5)

Thoughts for discussion.

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Oh, and Poroshenko wants to see you. Thanked him for running a clean election and he needs to turn over the keys and remain cooperative and his future with us is fine. This is what I told him.

See you on 6/4!

Gordon D. Sondland
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Sender:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)

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Recipient:	Libby, Mark W (USEU)	(b)(6)

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Larry Kudlow (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: POLITICO Brussels Playbook, presented by Corteva Ag riscience: Danes head to the polls — Sondland hearts M ogherini — Where are the women?
Date:	Thu, 6 Jun 2019 17:02:29 +0000

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GOOD MORNING. Tuesday evening's Brussels excitement was U.S. Ambassador Gordon Sondland's Independence Day party. Guests included presidential son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner, U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry and the EU's Federica Mogherini. Comedian Jay Leno entertained the audience (though a tipster tells us his material, delivered at breakneck speed and full of U.S. cultural references about things such as the service in American department store Sears, fell flat). The crowd, including many, many ambassadors to the EU, was very much worth a police helicopter or two patrolling overhead.

Fun fact: Commission Vice President Maroš Šefčovič was the first foreigner to fly aboard Air Force One under the Trump administration, when he traveled with the U.S. president to a Louisiana energy plant last month, Sondland, who was also on that flight, told Playbook over the phone late Tuesday during a break from his hosting duties. The trip was part of America's effort to convince the EU not to buy gas from Russia.

Dinner conversation: Right after Tuesday's splashy celebration of American independence, Sondland gathered about 20 VIPs for a more intimate dinner. Guests included Kushner, Mogherini and Perry, as well as Polish President Andrzej Duda, Romanian Prime Minister Viorica Dăncilă and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky (who is in Brussels on his first

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presidential visit abroad, and met with Jean-Claude Juncker Tuesday and will see Donald Tusk today). The countries represented are all America's "special friends" (as opposed to just plain old friends, by which the rest of the EU goes), Sondland told Playbook about the Easterner-heavy guest list. They were all "focused on strengthening Ukraine."

New-found love: Mogherini? "I call her my sister," the ambassador said. "We've had issues," he admitted of EU-U.S. relations in general, which have "created heated rhetoric on both sides." But things have gotten much better since last year's Trump-Juncker meeting, he said. Is the relationship currently in trouble? That's "not correct at all," Sondland said, expressing hopes that the relations that have gotten "warmer and warmer over the past months" would elicit "tangible results."

Any US wishes for the next term? America has no interest in meddling in the — difficult enough — search for new EU leadership, Sondland said. "We want leaders willing to engage with the U.S. and work with us on trade, on defense … whether those leaders come from one party or the other is less important … We want counterparts to be responsive to our requests as they want us to be responsive to theirs."

Middle East: The mood of a meeting between Juncker, Mogherini and Kushner was "very positive," Sondland said. Kushner gave some details of his otherwise still confidential Middle East peace plan. "It's fair to say that they found the part he presented interesting," Sondland said.

Not so convinced, perhaps: There's no pathway to Palestinian statehood in Kushner's plan as far as we know. Juncker and Mogherini "listened to Mr. Kushner's ideas" for peace in the Middle East, a Commission spokesperson said. That's code for … well … they were listening, taking notes and shaking their heads. Note that the EU's foreign policy has yet to show as much impact in the region as America's.

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Dear Ambassador Sondland,

I understand from the whistle blower complaint released by Congress today that you travelled with U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations, Kurt Volker, to meet President Zelenskyy in Kiev on July 26th.

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The complaint suggests that you and Volker provided advice to Zelenskyy on how to "navigate" the demands that President Trump had put to Zelenskyy on the phone the previous day.

Obviously, we would very much like to hear YOUR side of the account. Would you be able to tell us what your understanding of the trip and meeting on July 26 this year was?

Thank you in advance,

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Trump administration downgrades EU mission to US

Deutsche Welle (Jan 7) - The Trump administration has downgraded the diplomatic status of the European Union's delegation to the United States, an EU official has confirmed to DW. The demotion happened at the end of last year without notice. The unannounced move by the US State Department, which has not previously been reported, downgraded the EU delegation's diplomatic status in Washington from member state to international organization. "We don't exactly know when they did it, because they conveniently forgot to notify us," an EU official who is familiar with the matter told DW in an interview. "I can confirm that this has not been well received in Brussels," the person said, adding that the issue and an official EU response was still being discussed. After the delegation noticed that the EU's Washington ambassador had not been invited to certain events late last year, officials organizing the state funeral for President George H.W. Bush provided final confirmation to EU diplomats that the status of the representation had in fact been downgraded. Diplomats believe the downgrade must have been implemented in late October or early November. At the high-profile event on December 5, as diplomats gathered in Washington to pay their respects, the EU's ambassador to Washington, David O'Sullivan, was not called up in the usual chronological order from the longest-serving to the newest ambassador, said the EU official. "But he was called up as the last person." Prior to

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the demotion, O'Sullivan — who has served as the EU's ambassador to Washington since 2014 — would have been ranked among the first 20 or 30 ambassadors of the more than 150 foreign representatives dispatched to the US capital. Back to the Top.

Syria

US pullout from Syria to be done in 'prudent' way: Trump

AFP (Jan 7) - President Donald Trump on Monday sought to end fears of an abrupt US pullout from Syria, saying the fight against the Islamic State group was not over and that withdrawal would be done in a "prudent" manner. "We will be leaving at a proper pace while at the same time continuing to fight ISIS and doing all else that is prudent and necessary!" Trump tweeted. The president has come under withering pressure both at home and in allied capitals after previous statements indicating that he considered the IS group vanquished and that he wanted US troops out of Syria imminently. Trump's new statement follows a trip by his national security adviser John Bolton to Israel in which he told Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday that withdrawal would not happen before "ISIS is defeated and not able to revive itself." In a call, Trump and French President Emmanuel Macron spoke of "the commitment of the United States and France to the destruction of ISIS as well as plans for a strong, deliberate, and coordinated withdrawal of US troops from Syria," the White House said. "They reiterated that any further use of chemical weapons in Syria must not be tolerated." Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he had spoken with French officials. "We'll make sure we address the concerns that they have. Everyone understands what the United States is doing," he told reporters as he headed on a Middle East visit. The reassurances followed a diplomatic storm caused by Trump's surprise announcement in December that appeared to signal a rapid withdrawal from Syria, where US special forces play an important role in supporting local forces fighting IS. "We've won against ISIS," he said at the time. "We've beaten them and we've beaten them badly. We've taken back the land. And now it's time for our troops to come back home." Allies like Britain and France warned that IS was not defeated. Questions were also raised over the fate of Kurdish groups that have done much of the fighting alongside the United States in Syria, but now fear attacks from Turkey. Back to the Top.

Trump's shifting timetable on Syria leaves allies scrambling

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ANKARA, Turkey (AP, Jan 7) - President Donald Trump's shifting timetable for pulling U.S. troops out of Syria has left allies and other players in the region confused and jockeying for influence over a withdrawal strategy that appeared to be a work in progress. One day after White House national security adviser John Bolton announced the U.S. pullout would not be as immediate as Trump had initially declared, U.S. allies on Monday sought clarification from American diplomats. The Kurds, who have fought alongside U.S. forces against the Islamic State group and fear an assault by Turkey if the U.S. withdraws, were still asking publicly for an explanation from Washington. Bolton said the U.S. would first seek assurances from Turkey that it would not harm the Kurds - for the first time adding a "condition" to the withdrawal. He arrived Monday in Turkey to seek those guarantees from Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, but there was little reason for optimism. In a New York Times op-ed published ahead of the Tuesday meeting, Erdogan referred to the Syrian Kurdish Peoples Protection Units, or YPG, as a terrorist group, Turkey's longtime position, and rejected any role for Kurdish fighters in restoring peace to the war-torn region. The piece set up a contentious day of diplomacy for Bolton and underscored the destabilizing impact of Trump's shoot-from-the-hip approach to foreign policy. Trump's spur-of-the-moment withdrawal came with no details, leaving allies scrambling for answers and aides crafting a strategy that can satisfy all the players, including Trump. Back to the Top.

Bolton reassures a nervous Israel about Trump's Syria plan

Politico Europe (Jan 7) - JERUSALEM — National Security Adviser John Bolton on Sunday sought to reassure Israeli leaders who fear that U.S. President Donald Trump's plan to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria might increase the risk of war with Iran. Bolton held meetings here with top security and intelligence officials Sunday to help reassure Israel that the U.S. intends to protect it from Iranian aggression even after the 2,000 U.S. troops stationed in Syria, where Iran has a growing military presence, are gone. The meetings were part of what U.S. officials, diplomats and outside experts called a damage-control tour by the top Trump adviser — who himself disagreed with the president's December troop withdrawal decision — in part because Bolton believes the U.S. must challenge Iran's influence in the war-ravaged country. Bolton met with the Israelis amid multiple signals that an American withdrawal from Syria will be slower than Trump first indicated last month. He and Trump both said on Sunday that there is no specific timeline for the exit. Speaking

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alongside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu before the two men had dinner, Bolton also reaffirmed U.S. support for Israel. "We now have the best U.S.-Israel relationship in our history, and on our side we're certainly determined to continue that," Bolton said. In an implicit message to Iran, he warned that any country contemplating aggression against Israel should "think again." The departure of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who resigned last month, in part over Trump's Syria decision, is seen as a blow to Israel. But Israeli officials fear that even talk of a U.S. withdrawal will embolden Iranian efforts to open up a new front against Israel from neighboring Syria. Iran has exploited Syria's bloody civil war to establish a military presence in the country, and in recent months Israel has conducted airstrikes against Iranian positions inside Syrian territory. Back to the Top.

White House says Trump position unchanged as Syria withdrawal plans slow

WASHINGTON, Jan 7 (Reuters) - The White House sought to make the case on Monday that President Donald Trump had not changed his position on withdrawing U.S. troops from Syria, a day after his national security adviser outlined conditions for a withdrawal that could take months. Trump's abrupt announcement last month that he was bringing home the roughly 2,000 troops in Syria, saying they had succeeded in their mission to defeat Islamic State there, sparked concern among officials in Washington and allies abroad and prompted Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to resign. In recent days, Trump administration officials have applied the brakes, making clear the withdrawal will not happen quickly. The president himself said last week that the United States would get out of Syria slowly "over a period of time." "The president hasn't changed his position, as he mentioned his primary goal is to ensure the safety of our troops and the safety of our allies as well," White House spokeswoman Mercedes Schlapp told Fox News on Monday. "And so the Department of Defense will come up with its operational plan to safely withdraw our troops." "It takes time to take the troops out because we want to make sure that our troops are safe in this process," she said. Trump and French President Emmanuel Macron discussed the two countries' commitment to destroy Islamic State and "plans for a strong, deliberate, and coordinated withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria" during a telephone call on Monday, the White House said. On Sunday, White House national security adviser John Bolton added a new condition to the U.S. withdrawal from Syria, saying Turkey must agree to protect the United States' Kurdish allies. Trump reiterated on Sunday that the United States would pull its troops out of Syria but

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suggested the move might not happen soon. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told CNBC on Monday that the Syria drawdown is a "change of tactics" but reiterated that it does not alter the U.S. commitment to defeat Islamic State and counter Iran's influence in the region. Back to the Top.

Middle East

Pompeo pledges no IS return on Middle East tour

AFP (Jan 7) - US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo vowed Monday that the Islamic State group would not be allowed to regroup as he headed to the Middle East following President Donald Trump's surprise decision to pull US troops from Syria. Leaving on a trip to eight Arab capitals, Pompeo told reporters he would show that "the United States is still committed to all the missions that we've signed up for with them over the past two years." The trip comes weeks after Trump announced that the United States would quickly pull its 2,000 soldiers out of Syria, declaring that the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS or IS, had been defeated. His advisers have since been walking back his timeline, with national security adviser John Bolton saying Monday in Jerusalem that the United States would verify that the group is truly defeated before withdrawing. Highlighting that IS emerged during the tenure of Trump's predecessor Barack Obama, Pompeo said the campaign to destroy the movement's self-styled caliphate in war-battered Syria has been "enormously successful." "And I am confident that we will continue to ensure that the kind of rise that ISIS had under the Obama administration doesn't occur again," he said on his plane as he started his longest trip since taking over as top US diplomat last year. - Coalition against Iran - Pompeo opens his trip in Jordan and will deliver an address on Middle East policy in Egypt, whose military ruler turned president, Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, has been a key partner of Trump. Another major focus of the tour will be sustaining a regional coalition to counter Iran, the main enemy of US allies Saudi Arabia and Israel. "This is a coalition that understands that the largest threats -- terrorism and the Islamic Republic of Iran -- are things that we ought to work on jointly and we will be marshaling all of the resources, theirs and ours, to achieve them," Pompeo said. Last year, Trump pulled out of an international accord negotiated under Obama on ending Iran's nuclear program and has instead reimposed biting sanctions. Pompeo repeatedly has called Iran "the world's largest

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state sponsor of terror," pointing to its targeting of domestic rivals in Europe and support of militant movements such as Lebanon's Hezbollah. Back to the Top.

US pivots from Obama's Mideast vision

Politico Europe (Jan 8) - U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is heading out on what may prove his toughest trip yet, a weeklong swing through the Middle East in which he will give a major speech about America's role in the region and privately reassure Arab allies that his country remains committed to them. In his speech, to be given in Cairo, Pompeo plans to repudiate the Middle East vision of former President Barack Obama, who famously delivered an address to the broader Muslim world while in Egypt in 2009. Pompeo will slam Obama's engagement with Iran, sources told POLITICO, while asserting that President Donald Trump has the region's best interests at heart. But as Pompeo departed Monday, a question looms larger by the minute: Can foreign leaders believe he speaks for an unpredictable president? After all, Trump has spent the last several days contradicting him and other top advisers about his administration's plans in the Middle East. On Monday, the State Department sought to reassure on that front. "As Secretary Pompeo has made clear on numerous occasions, of course he speaks on behalf of President Trump," said Robert Palladino, a department spokesman. "They talk often and the secretary is in lockstep with the president on the foreign policy priorities of the administration." The confusion centers largely on when the U.S. will withdraw from Syria. Trump in December said it was imminent, but he and his advisers have spent weeks walking that back. Over the weekend, while in Israel, Trump's national security adviser, John Bolton, indicated that the U.S. wouldn't withdraw troops from Syria until after the Islamic State terrorist group was eradicated and Iran had also pulled out its forces — a timetable that could be indefinite. Back to the Top.

Brexit

There will be no further negotiations with London on Brexit agreement, Commission repeats

07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) – The European Commission indicated on Monday 7 January that there was still no question of conducting further negotiations on the agreement reached on 25 November between Theresa May and the Twenty-Seven on the orderly exit of the United Kingdom from the EU. "There will be no meetings

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between the negotiating teams", said Margaritis Schinas, the institution's spokesperson, which is "normal, because the negotiations have been concluded". The spokesperson was reacting to the comments of the British leader, who confirmed on Sunday 6 January that the British Parliament would vote on the current negotiation on 15 January and that she would continue to seek assurances from European partners until then. Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker met with her on 4 January and is expected to speak to her again this week, Schinas added. Back to the Top.

May says the 'danger' is ending up with 'no Brexit at all'

EurActiv (Jan 7) - A week ahead of a crucial vote in Parliament, Prime Minister Theresa May said on Sunday (6 January) that "the danger there is actually we end up with no Brexit at all". She also said Britain would be in uncharted territory if her Brexit deal is rejected by parliament, despite little sign that she has won over sceptical lawmakers. Britain is due to leave the European Union on 29 March but May's inability so far to get her deal for a managed exit through parliament has alarmed business leaders and investors who fear the country is heading for a damaging no-deal Brexit. May said the vote in parliament would be around 15 January, as expected, contrary to reports she could delay it. May has already delayed the vote once, in December, when it became clear she would lose unless extra reassurances from the EU were agreed. Describing what would happen if she was defeated, May told the BBC: "We're going to be in uncharted territory. I don't think anybody can say exactly what will happen in terms of the reaction we'll see in parliament." Amid the uncertainty over Britain's next steps – which range from leaving without a deal to not leaving at all – a poll showed more Britons want to remain a member of the EU than leave, and voters want to make the final decision themselves. May's party itself is divided over her deal, with many fearing that an insurance policy designed to avoid the re-emergence of a hard border between Ireland and Northern Ireland could leave Britain subject to EU rules indefinitely. One of those leading that opposition, lawmaker Jacob Rees-Mogg, said in a newspaper article that it was "wishful thinking" that time away from parliament over the Christmas holiday could persuade him to change his mind and back the deal. The Northern Irish party that props up May's minority government called on her to stand firm in demanding that the EU changes its "poison" backstop provision on Ireland's post-Brexit border. Back to the Top.

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No-deal is closest to UK voters' idea of Brexit, says Boris Johnson

Politico Europe (Jan 7) - A no-deal exit from the European Union corresponds most closely to the British public's idea of Brexit, according to former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson. In his weekly column in the Daily Telegraph, the leading Brexiteer said that government warnings about shortages of food and medicines had been met with indifference from voters. "The grimmer the warnings, and the more systematic the efforts to make their flesh creep, the greater has been [people's] indifference and their resolve," he wrote. "It is no deal, or WTO terms, that actually corresponds to their idea of coming out; and they view that option with a confidence that is now directly proportional to the growing strength of the Government's warnings against it, because these doom-laden predictions are so hyperbolical as to suffer from the law of diminishing returns." Brexiteers have, for months, been arguing that a no-deal exit is manageable and government warnings are overblown. Johnson added, however, that the government needs to do more work to prepare the country for leaving the EU without a deal. "There has been for far too long a confected hysteria about no deal, and a determination to make it taboo," he said. "That deliberate hysteria has prevented sensible preparations from being made." Back to the Top.

UK plans rehearsals for no-deal Brexit amid fears of road, port chaos

EurActiv (Jan 7) - Britain will begin rehearsals for the possible chaos of a no-deal Brexit on Monday (7 January) by testing how the road network copes with a tailback of around 150 lorries caused by disruption at its most important trading gateway to continental Europe. Prime Minister Theresa May is trying to force her Brexit deal through parliament but if it is rejected then the United Kingdom will either leave without a deal at 2300 GMT on March 29 or have to delay Brexit. May has repeatedly warned that if lawmakers do not approve her deal then the world's fifth largest economy will leave the EU without one, a nightmare scenario for many big businesses who fear disruption to trade. Britain will hold a trial run on Monday of its plans for dealing with long queues of lorries at the port of Dover caused by disruption to cross-Channel traffic in the event of a no-deal Brexit, the Department for Transport said. The test will involve driving around 150 trucks between a local airport, which will be used as a lorry park, and Dover in southeast England to see if it clogs up the road network. "We do not want or expect a no-deal scenario and continue to work hard to deliver a deal with the EU," a spokeswoman for the

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Department for Transport said. "However, it is the duty of a responsible government to continue to prepare for all eventualities and contingencies, including a possible no-deal." May's government has repeatedly warned of the disruption a no-deal Brexit would unleash on everything from pet tourism to the import of crucial medicines and supply chains that criss-cross Europe and beyond. Brexit supporters say that, while there may be some short-term disruption, in the long-term the UK will thrive outside what they cast as an undemocratic and excessively bureaucratic project dominated by Germany. Amid the uncertainty over the future course of Brexit, the British economy is showing clear signs of slowing. Back to the Top.

Trade

Malmström-Lighthizer meeting this Tuesday in Washington

Brussels, 07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) - EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström met with US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer in Washington on Tuesday as part of the Executive Working Group, and Commission spokesperson Margaritis Schinas announced on Monday 7 January. According to him, the meeting takes place within the framework of the agreement of 25 July between the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, and the American President, Donald Trump, to advance the new trade agenda between the EU and the United States. In recent months, Brussels and Washington have blamed each other for the lack of progress on the roadmap, which aimed to deepen the trade relationship between the two entities. Their last meeting, in mid-November (see EUROPE 12137), apparently did not unblock the situation, especially since the US trade deficit with Europe in 2018 should reach new records. On Wednesday 9 January, Ms Malmström will also discuss unfair commercial practices with her American and Japanese counterparts, focusing mainly on Chinese practices of forced technology transfer and the role of state-owned enterprises. Soybean imports up: In addition, according to the Commission, imports of American soya by the European Union increased by 112% in the current market year (July-December 2018) compared to the same period of the previous year, the European Commission announced on Monday 7 January. The United States remains the EU's largest supplier of soya, accounting for 74.5% of imports, well ahead of Brazil (39%). The EU is also the leading destination for US soybean exports (28%), followed by Argentina (10%) and Mexico (9%).Back to the Top.

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Former Greek PM teases fresh bailout, Commission says Greece is 'secured'

EurActiv (Jan 7) - Greece's position at the heart of the eurozone and the EU is "secured", according to the European Commission, following remarks made by a former Greek prime minister who claimed the country will soon seek fresh EU aid. Greece is currently trying to find its feet after its exit in August 2018 from the eight-year bailout programme. Government officials say that the economy should now focus on pro-growth reforms and the people who have been hardest hit by the crisis. But Kostas Simitis, a socialist politician who served as prime minister of Greece from 1996 to 2004, said in an interview on 30 December 2018 that the country would turn to the EU institutions again for additional aid. "In the European Union, it is certain that after 2018, Greece will quickly seek lending from the European Stability Mechanism (ESM)," Simitis said. "The inevitable consequence would be the imposition of new conditions on the economic policy of the Greek government," he added. EURACTIV.com asked the European Commission if there are talks in Brussels about another bailout, as Simitis pointed out. "We don't comment on comments. Greece successfully concluded the three-year stability support programme last August with its place at the heart of the euro area and the European Union secured," a Commission spokesperson said. The EU official also referred to the Commission's first report into "strengthened supervision" for Greece, which said that the draft budget for 2019 ensures the target of a primary surplus of 3.5% of GDP. But sources also say that no new bailout talks are taking place in Brussels. The Greek government reacted strongly to Simitis' statements, ruling out any scenario for new EU aid. "Our country will not enter into a new program, nor will it resort to ESM lending again […] the answer is being given every day by the course of the economy and the statements of EU officials," leftist Syriza spokesperson Rania Svigkou said.
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Banks: Green light from Member States to European Parliament/Council agreement on minimum coverage of losses inherent to future stock of non-performing loans

07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) – On Monday 7 January, the Member States' ambassadors to the European Union ('Committee of Permanent Representatives' -

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Coreper) approved the Interinstitutional agreement between the representatives of the European Parliament and the former Austrian Presidency of the EU Council of 18 December, on the Regulation introducing common minimum coverage thresholds (see EUROPE 12162) for bank loans issued in the future that may become 'non-performing loans' (NPL). A formal green light from the EU Council and the European Parliament is now required for the text to enter into force. Back to the Top.

Finance: EU Council gives green light to prudential framework for investment firms with a strengthened equivalence regime

Brussels, 07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) - On Monday 7 January, the Member States' ambassadors to the EU (Coreper) reached political agreement in principle on the Directive and Regulation forming the legislative package on investment firms (see EUROPE 11930). Presented at the end of 2017, the package introduces a three-category classification of investment firms according to their size, nature and complexity, allowing them to be subject to proportional prudential and supervisory requirements. Among the amendments made by the Council features the reduction of the threshold to €15 billion for the first category of investment firms, which are considered to present similar risks to those of banks and are therefore subject to the same prudential rules as them. The Commission had proposed that systemically important investment firms with total assets exceeding €30 billion should be included in this category. The text also provides for a transitional period of five years to give companies sufficient time to adapt to the new regime. But the most sensitive point of the negotiation was the equivalence regime for third countries, including British companies, once the country left the EU, explained a European source. A compromise proposal from the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU had already been submitted to the Member States for approval by a silent procedure on 13 December 2018, but France and Luxembourg had broken the procedure and pointed to difficulties with the provisions on equivalence. The two countries have therefore prepared a joint compromise proposal on this point, subject to a new silence procedure that ended without objection on 4 January 2019. Back to the Top.

Cybersecurity

German police raid home of 19-year-old in probe of data hack

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Politico Europe (Jan 7) - BERLIN — German police raided the home of a 19-year-old man identified as a witness in a massive hack of politicians' online accounts as Berlin scrambled to coordinate a response to the breach. Police officers raided the home in Heilbronn, in the southwestern state of Baden-Württemberg, on Sunday, and confiscated some of his technical equipment, German media reported. The man, identified as Jan S. in reports, confirmed to German public broadcaster ARD that he had been questioned "for several hours" by police. The raid came as German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer planned to meet the president of the German Federal Office for Information Security, Arne Schönbohm, as well as the head of Germany's federal police agency, Holger Münch, on Monday. The leaders are scrambling to respond to a breach that exposed data of hundreds of politicians, journalists, comedians and activists. The stolen information also concerned German Chancellor Angela Merkel as well as members of the national parliament, regional state parliaments, the European Parliament and local officials. Among political parties, only the far-right Alternative for Germany appears not to be affected. A Twitter user claiming to be Jan S. — who according to German media works in the IT industry — said he had "only been listed as a witness." He earlier wrote in a tweet that he knew the presumed hacker known as "Orbit" who is believed to be behind the breach and had also published screenshots of conversations between the two. He further claimed the hacker contacted him shortly after the data breach, announcing he planned to destroy his computer. The 19-year-old man stressed he "would clearly distance himself" from the hacker's actions. Back to the Top.

Data Privacy & Digital Economy

MEPs are concerned about implications of US CLOUD Act on protection of EU information systems

Brussels, 07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) - Members of the European Parliament's Civil Liberties Committee (LIBE) expressed serious concerns to the European Commission on Monday 7 January about the implications of the US CLOUD Act for data protection in EU information systems. US law provides that US service providers will be required to comply with US data disclosure orders, regardless of where the data is stored. In the field of justice and home affairs, the Commission has concluded contracts with companies for the development and management of large-scale EU IT systems. MEPs fear that, if these companies are subject to US jurisdiction, they will

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be forced by US law enforcement authorities to disclose sensitive data about European citizens stored in these systems. Dutch MEP Sophie in't Veld (ALDE) submitted a written question to the Commission on 2 July on this subject, to which the Commission did not reply within the deadline. The subject was therefore referred to the parliamentary committee. Among the major concerns are the conflicts between the application of US law and the application of European law, namely the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). "Where the Americans say 'American first', we should say 'GDPR first, Europeans first'", said the Dutch MP. Tania Schroeter, in charge of the case at the European Commission, tried to reassure. The CLOUD Act only allows data to be requested from companies with links to the United States, which are registered in the United States, for example, she explained. "Eu-Lisa has confirmed to us that no direct suppliers are registered in the United States", she said. In addition, contracts with companies contain strict confidentiality requirements that prohibit them from disclosing this data to the US authorities. Back to the Top.

Digital: Final step in negotiations between European Parliament and EU Council on copyright, P2B and sales contracts

Brussels, 07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) - The timetable is becoming clearer for digital files for which interinstitutional negotiations are ongoing in the EU. With regard to the very significant reform of the European copyright framework, which provides for the creation of a neighbouring right for newspaper publishers and clarifies the tasks of platforms when publishing protected content, the co-legislators are planning a trialogue on 21 January. The Council's working group will discuss this on 9 January. Regarding the proposal for a regulation on unfair practices in platform-to-business (P2B) relations, which requires platform intermediaries and search engines to be transparent about ranking parameters and to strengthen the possibilities for an aggrieved company to redress, the next European Parliament-Council-Commission meetings are scheduled for 28 January and 12 February. Lastly, on the legislative package on sales contracts, the co-legislators are expected to meet on 21 and 29 January to conclude the draft Directive on the provision of digital content and the draft Directive on the sale of tangible goods. Back to the Top.

Apple moves Denmark from cows to clouds

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EUObserver (COPENHAGEN, 7. JAN) - Foulum is a rural village of just 173 inhabitants, near Viborg in mid-Jutland, Denmark. Apart from the local football field, not much happens in Foulum, where farming has provided people with a livelihood for as long as anyone can remember. But soon Foulum will become a key hub in the global data infrastructure. California-based technology giant Apple will open its first data centre outside the US in the village in 2019, and turn it into the physical location for storage of millions upon millions of Apple users' data. Between cows and pigs in Foulum, data from iPhones, iTunes music, Apple's voice assistant Siri, iCloud and other Apple services will be stored and distributed. The first servers are expected to start routing data via Foulum in 2019 and when the centre reaches full capacity it will be one of the biggest in the world. Still under construction, six large halls will be full of computer servers, requiring huge amounts of electricity. It will produce surplus heat, and also need high-security protection. Denmark was chosen due to its stability, both geographical and political (no earthquakes or foreseeable societal upheaval), but above all because of its electricity infrastructure, which is "crazy good and reliable," one source close to Apple told EUobserver. "The Nordic area, and in particular Denmark, also has an attractive climate with, normally, not very high temperatures," he said. Back to the Top.

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Latvia: Latvia's president nominates MEP as prime minister

Politico Europe (Jan 7) - Latvia's president on Monday nominated an MEP as the country's next prime minister. Krišjānis Kariņš, a former economy minister and member of the center-right New Unity party, is expected to present a government to be voted on this month, President Raimonds Vējonis told reporters, Bloomberg reported. It will be the third attempt at forming a coalition since the election. The first two candidates put forward — from the populist KPV LV and the anti-corruption New Conservative parties — both failed to form a government. "The main question is sorting out the state's financial sector," Kariņš said, according to Bloomberg. The Russia-friendly Harmony party garnered the most support in the election. In the past, other parties have worked together to prevent Harmony from entering a governing coalition. Back to the Top.

Italy: Italy's Di Maio urges Yellow Jackets to not give up

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Politico Europe (Jan 7) - Italian Deputy Prime Minister Luigi Di Maio told Yellow Jacket protesters in France to "not give up," and said Italy has been following their "battle from the day you first appeared." The Yellow Jackets movement started in November in protest against rising fuel prices and a planned fuel tax, which the French government has since abandoned, and has spread to other countries, including Belgium. Writing in a blog posted on the website of the 5Star Movement on Monday, Di Maio said that in both France and Italy "politics has become deaf to the needs of citizens who have been kept out of the most important decisions affecting the people." He added that "the cry that rises strongly from the French squares is ultimately one of 'let us participate!'" He urged the protestors to continue, noting that the 5Star Movement entered the Italian parliament less than four years after its birth, "despite the insults and sneers," adding that "those who teased us [in the past have] today disappeared from the political scene." Di Maio also offered his party's support if needed, offering the protestors "to use some of the functions of our software, for instance calls for actions to organise meetings or voting system to ... pick candidates for elections." Back to the Top.

Poland: Poland to increase number of lobbyists in Brussels

EurActiv (Jan 7) - Warsaw announced to create a lobbying centre for Polish entrepreneurs in Brussels to help them exert a greater influence on EU legislation. EURACTIV Poland reports. According to the Polish ministry of enterprise and technology, it is estimated that over 70% of EU law has an impact on the activities of Polish companies, and in comparison with German or French companies, they have a negligible contribution to the creation of this EU legislation. “This is meant to be an impulse for more activity and the presence of Polish entrepreneurs in Brussels. It is about creating an instrument, thanks to which Polish companies will be able to more effectively protect their interests and gain new development opportunities,” deputy minister of entrepreneurship and technology, Marcin Ociepa said. The resort counts on the fact that formalities regarding the registration of the organisation that will run Business Poland House will be finalised within a few weeks. Then, more companies will be able to join the initiating companies of the project. “Polish entrepreneurs should see a more active presence in the EU, also in the lobbying dimension. The stronger the representation of Polish companies in the capital of the EU, the better their voice will be heard,” Ociepa told Polish press agency PAP. Back to the Top.

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National Rally chooses Jordan Bardella as head of list for European elections

Brussels, 07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) - The voice of L'Europe des Nations in France for the European elections is now known. The executive board of the far-right French party, the Rassemblement national (RN), appointed Jordan Bardella as the head of the list for the elections on 26 May on Sunday 6 January. This choice was confirmed by the National Office on Monday 7 January. The RN has focused on youth. At just 23 years of age, the party's spokesman and regional councillor for Ile-de-France could become one of the youngest MEPs. Beyond his young age, he would also represent, according to several party members, this generation that no longer believes in the "beautiful promises" of the technocratic European Union. "Jordan Bardella represents a generation that no longer believes, can no longer believe, in the lies of the European Union", said David Rachline, member of the executive board, in an article published on Monday. While in France all polls place the RN in the lead, with 20 to 24% of voting intentions, well ahead of The Republic on the march, the party also counts on its nationalist allies in Europe with whom it hopes to form a blocking minority in the European Parliament. Marine Le Pen will officially launch her party's campaign and unveil its complete list on Sunday 13 January, at a "grand convention" in Paris. She should be in an ineligible position. Back to the Top.

Italy and Poland in talks on anti-EU league

EUObserver (BRUSSELS, 7. JAN) - Poland and Italy's right-wing rulers are to cement their "special relations" at a meeting in Warsaw, in what could make a new anti-EU league a major force in the next European Parliament (EP). The meeting, between Polish ruling party chief, Jaroslaw Kaczynski, and Italian interior minister and deputy prime minister Matteo Salvini, on Wednesday (9 January) is to discuss Poland's membership in Salvini's new EP group, according to Italian daily La Repubblica. "It's a meeting at the highest level. If [party] president Kaczynski meets another politician, it's a sign of a certain special relationship, which is how we're treating it," Polish foreign minister Jacek Czaputowicz also told Polish radio station RMF on Saturday. "We have to discuss matters related to the European Parliament," Czaputowicz added. Jacek Sasin, an MP from Kaczynski's ruling Law and Justice (PiS) party, said it was "uncertain" whether the meeting would "deliver a certain objective, an agreement". But Salvini and Kaczynski would "exchange ideas ... on how the

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European Union should function", he said. "There are definitely different points of view between us and Mr Matteo Salvini ... but that doesn't mean we don't have some ideas in common on how the [European] project should be modified," he added. Kaczynski's party currently sits in the right-wing European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) group, which has 73 deputies. But the ECR is likely to collapse when its British Conservative party members leave after Brexit, leaving PiS homeless in Brussels. The main group, the centre-right European People's Party (EPP), already has a Kaczynski-type member, Hungary's nationalist leader Viktor Orban, whom it has kept in its club to try to contain him. But the EPP is also home to Poland's main opposition party, the Civic Platform, ruling out PiS membership. Back to the Top.

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EU Commission: 'Delivery, Destiny and Democracy' will be European Commission's main triptych for 2019

Brussels, 07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) - "Delivery, Destiny and Democracy" will be the three watchwords that will guide the European Commission's steps until the end of its mandate, said Margaritis Schinas, Chief Spokesperson of the Commission, at the opening of the midday press conference on Monday 7 January. Thus, with regard to the "Delivery", the current Commission has made it a priority to complete all the proposals currently on the table before the end of its mandate. In practical terms, nearly 240 proposals have yet to be adopted, although only about 300 days remain before the end of the Commission's financial year. Mr Schinas assured that the Commission would work hard to ensure that as many of these proposals as possible would be adopted. Mr Schinas then announced that 2019 will be the year in which Europe must take its destiny into its own hands, as Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, had called for in his last State of the Union address (see EUROPE 12094). According to the Commission's Chief Spokesperson, the European Summit, scheduled for 9 May in Sibiu, Romania, will pave the way for a stronger, more united and more democratic Europe, thus ushering in a new era. Lastly, Mr Schinas recalled that, two weeks after the Sibiu Summit, citizens will be called upon to participate in the European elections from 23 to 26 May. An event that he described as a "chance", not only for European citizens, who can thus have their say on "the kind of European Union they want", but also for all European parties,

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who can use this event to put forward their ideas for the future of the Union. Back to the Top.

Development & Aid

EU's ESSN programme for refugees in Turkey has benefited 1.5 million people

Brussels, 07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) - The Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) programme, the largest humanitarian programme ever deployed by the EU, has helped 1.5 million refugees in Turkey, the European Commission announced on Monday 7 January. The visit to Turkey of the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos Stylianides, provided the opportunity. Launched in September 2016, this programme is funded by the Refugee Facility for Turkey (see EUROPE 11619). It allows the most vulnerable refugees to provide for their day-to-day needs (accommodation, food, medicines, education of children) through debit cards powered by cash transfers (€30 per month per person). With these cards, refugees can purchase supplies from the local market or withdraw cash. "With Turkey, we will continue to provide this assistance", the Commissioner said in a statement. Humanitarian funds planned for 2019 amount to €640 million, including €80 million to support education in emergencies. The Turkey Refugee Facility, which was endowed with €3 billion for 2016-2017, has €500 million for 2018 out of the €3 billion planned for 2018-2019 (second tranche). The Court of Auditors has just drawn up a mixed assessment. The Emergency Social Safety Net is implemented by the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Turkish Red Crescent, in consultation with the Turkish authorities. Back to the Top.

Security & Defense

Trump struggles to replace Mattis as Pentagon chief

Politico Europe (Jan 7) - WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is having a tough time hiring a Pentagon chief after the abrupt departure of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis late last month. Jon Kyl, the retired Arizona Republican senator, became the second person to wave off Trump's overtures last week, telling the White House he is not interested in the job. Retired General Jack Keane also turned down the job shortly after Mattis' resignation. (Keane, who frequently advises Trump, had refused

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the position once before, during the 2016 presidential transition.) The refusals are particularly striking given that the top Pentagon job is historically among the Cabinet's most prestigious and powerful, and coveted by national security veterans. But Mattis' resignation — announced in a letter indicating that Trump had disregarded his advice on fundamental issues — has reinforced the image of a commander in chief unafraid to buck his top military advisers. Both Kyl and Keane declined to comment. Mattis' deputy, Patrick Shanahan, took over for him on January 1 in an acting capacity, and Trump has said the former Boeing executive could run the Pentagon "for a long time." But the White House has quietly ramped up a search effort for a permanent replacement. Kyl, a longtime national security expert, served three terms in the Senate before retiring in 2012, and was appointed again briefly last year after the passing of Senator John McCain. He helped guide Trump's last Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, through his confirmation battle. Mattis stepped down in late December, partly in protest over the president's decision to pull American troops out of Syria but also, he wrote in a stinging public letter, because Trump does not share his views about the importance of American "alliances and partnerships" abroad. Back to the Top.

Ukraine

Ukraine Orthodox Church obtains independence from Moscow

EurActiv (Jan 7) - The spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians worldwide on Sunday (6 January) presented the head of the Ukrainian church with a decree granting it independence from Moscow, a historic split strongly opposed by Russia. Ukraine sees the break as vital to its security and independence, but it is bound to aggravate the wider conflict between the two countries. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who signed the autocephaly decree on Saturday, handed the document to Ukrainian Metropolitan Epifaniy at St George's Cathedral in Istanbul after a mass to mark the feast of Epiphany. "Unity has been restored. Now we are united," Epifaniy told the congregation, standing with Bartholomew at the front of the crowded church, both wearing ceremonial robes and holding staffs. The 39-year-old Epifaniy was chosen to head the new church last month. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, who also attended the event, compared the development to Ukraine's referendum for independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. Russia bitterly opposes the split, comparing it to the Great Schism of 1054 that divided western and eastern

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Christianity. President Vladimir Putin has warned of possible bloodshed. Back to the Top.

DRC

Pressure mounts on DR Congo over election outcome

EurActiv with AFP (Jan 7) - Public and diplomatic pressure mounted Monday (8 January) on the Democratic Republic of Congo to announce the outcome of 30 December elections to replace long-term leader Joseph Kabila. More than a week after the crucial poll, the volatile central African country's electoral commission has not set a date for the results announcement, already postponed once. The count is taking place in a climate of deep suspicion in a country that has never had a peaceful transition of power since independence from Belgium in 1960. DR Congo to vote in end-of-an-era poll: Democratic Republic of Congo goes to the polls this week in elections which could see the country emerge from 17 years of conflict-ridden rule under controversial President Joseph Kabila. On Sunday, election commission head Corneille Nangaa said just over half of ballots had been counted. He appealed to the public "to remain patient for the time it will take to consolidate all our data." But on Monday, the foreign minister of Belgium — a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council — urged haste. "The important thing today is to publish the results of the elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo even if they do not please the powers that be," Didier Reynders told Belgium's RTBF broadcaster. "We hope for an announcement in the coming days." For its part, the CLC collective of Congolese Catholic laypeople which coordinated anti-Kabila protests in 2017 and 2018, bemoaned what it described as "collusion" between the country's ruling FCC coalition and the CENI election commission. It accused the FCC (Common Front for Congo) and CENI of levelling "aggressive and unjustified" criticism against the country's powerful Catholic Church, and said this "confirms, in everyone's eyes, their collusion" and revealed "a hidden agenda." Back to the Top.

Food, Agriculture & Fisheries

GMOs: Testbiotech accuses Commission of authorising a Monsanto/Bayer maize despite incomplete risk assessment

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Brussels, 07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) - For public health reasons, the NGO Testbiotech requested on Friday 4 January that the European Commission withdraw the authorisation it gave on 19 December to import into the EU a genetically modified maize from Monsanto/Bayer for use as food and feed (see EUROPE 12163). The NGO claims that the authorisation was given despite potential health risks that were not taken into account or duly assessed by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). This transgenic corn produces six Bt toxins. However, according to Testbiotech, recent scientific discoveries indicate that Bt toxins pose substantial risks to the immune system. The NGO states that it has recently provided the Commission with evidence that EFSA has not properly assessed the risks to the immune system from the ingestion of Bt toxins, which can, inter alia, cause allergies. In addition, the combined effects of these toxins with herbicide residues have not been assessed, even though these combined effects may lead to higher toxicity than individually, the NGO says in a statement. Similar to Monsanto's GMOs called "SmartStax", this maize nevertheless has a higher resistance to glyphosate. It can therefore be sprayed with high doses of herbicides that can lead to a higher residue load. However, according to EFSA itself, there is not enough data to draw conclusions on the safety of these residues. Back to the Top.

Agriculture: Milk market situation is considered to be relatively balanced

Brussels, 07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) - The market situation for milk and milk products is considered to be relatively balanced, with reasonable growth in world production and a satisfactory trend in demand. This is indicated in the EU experts' report published after the last meeting of the European Dairy Market Observatory on 13 December. The report indicates that EU milk production, which has been on the rise overall since early 2018, started to decline in October and high farm prices are expected in the coming months. EU milk collection increased by 1.2% over the period January-October 2018, but started to decline by 0.4% last October, with France, the Netherlands, Italy and Germany being the main contributors to this decline. However, in some Member States, production continues to increase, especially in Ireland (+111,000 tonnes, or +20% in October) and Poland (+26,000 tonnes). Over the period, skimmed milk powder production was 1.5% lower than last year, butter production increased by 1.6% and cheese production by 0.4%. Average farmgate milk prices in the EU have improved over the past five months, reaching 35.8 cents/kg in October, 3.7% higher than the five-year average. "Firm

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prices are expected in the coming months", experts predict. Protein-based dairy products experienced an "impressive increase in 2018": +27% for whey powder and +16% for skimmed milk powder. Prices of fat products also improved, but at a slower pace (+2% for butter and whole milk powder). Cheese prices, on the other hand, fell slightly. Worldwide, milk production increased by 1.3% in January-September 2018, with the EU providing half of the additional milk. Back to the Top.

Animal Health: Management of wild boar populations is a priority to contain African swine fever

Brussels, 07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) - The European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis, confirmed on 19 December 2018 in Brussels that the fight against and eradication of African swine fever is an absolute priority for the EU. At this informal meeting of EU Agriculture Ministers on African swine fever, the Commissioner focused on the long-term management of wild boar populations. In several parts of Europe, these populations have developed "in an uncontrolled way; this plays an important role in the spread and persistence of the disease", he stressed. He also indicated that African swine fever cannot be controlled "without considering the long-term management of wild boars in areas not yet affected by the disease". Ministers and Chief Veterinary Officers of the Member States have called for the "development of a common strategy" to manage wild boar populations. In this context, hunters have a key role to play, the Commissioner stressed. The European Commission and the European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE) will organise a workshop on this issue on 30 January in Dortmund. The Commissioner acknowledged that recent developments in Romania "are a major concern". More than 1,100 outbreaks have been discovered in domestic pigs since June 2018. Back to the Top.

Fisheries: Public consultation on revision of Eel Regulation

Brussels, 07/01/2019 (Agence Europe) - The European Commission launched a public stakeholder consultation on the implementation of the 2007 Eel Regulation from 14 December 2018 to 8 March 2019. The stock of European eels is in critical condition, the Commission recalls, adding that"recruitment is at an all-time low and exploitation of the stock is currently unsustainable". Due to the ineffectiveness of the Eel Regulation, the EU had to adopt fishing restrictions this year and last year to save the eel stock. These measures were taken within the framework of the

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regulations on total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas. The decline in eel stock has numerous causes, including fisheries (commercial or recreational), hydropower turbines and pumps, pollution, habitat modification and the creation of obstacles to eel migrations. "It is important to avoid further deterioration in the state of the stock", says the Commission. The current Regulation 1100/2007 provides for national plans including measures to ensure a long-term escapement of at least 40% of adult eels. The results of this consultation and the evaluation may be used to inform decisions on whether the Eel Regulation and/or the implementation measures need to be reviewed. Back to the Top.

German MEP: Politicians should trust EFSA, set aside their personal views

EurActiv (Jan 7) - EU politicians should show trust in the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and put their personal opinions on food safety assessments on hold, centre-right MEP Peter Jahr told EURACTIV Germany in an interview. Jahr, an EU lawmaker of the centre-right European People's Party (EPP) group of the European Parliament, called on politicians to stick to their political role and let EFSA, the EU food safety watchdog, get its job done. "We should not make any political gut decisions but instead be guided by the scientific findings provided to us by EFSA, which is responsible for risk assessment," he said. "But doing it this way also means sometimes putting your personal opinion on hold," he added. The German MEP also backed the re-approval of the world's most commonly used weedkiller, glyphosate, which sparked an intense debate in the EU last year and was actually the reason why the European Commission came up with new proposals on food safety transparency rules. Jahr, who is also a member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the Committee on Petitions, supported the decision to ban neonicotinoid pesticides, which according to EFSA threaten bees. "I stand by the EFSA's recommendation for glyphosate as much as by its recommendation for neonicotinoids, where a ban was recommended," he said. "In my view, it isn't fair when some colleagues heap praise on the EFSA when it is in line with their gut feeling and who then attack it when it isn't," he emphasised. Both cases triggered reactions among stakeholders in Brussels. The industry praised the Commission and EFSA over the glyphosate re-authorisation while environmentalists and civil society organisations questioned the transparency of the decision. On the other hand, the industry disagreed with the method used by EFSA to assess neonicotinoids while NGOs praised the EU institutions for their decision to ban them. "Some of the same

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campaign groups who attacked EFSA's credibility over glyphosate applauded our work on neonicotinoids," EFSA director Bernhard Url told EURACTIV.com in September 2018. Back to the Top.

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Thanks Ellen. Have a great Memorial day.



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Attending: Mogherini, Juncker, Pres Tajani Sec Perry, Pres Zelensky (Ukraine) Pres Duda (Poland) PM Dancila Romania. PM Bahktadze Georgia. Sec Gen Stoltenberg. Either Pompeo or Kushner Jay Leno, CEO of Qatar Oil & a few others.

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Yes, we'll see what we can do tomorrow.

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Can you run them through translation so we can send to S? Thx

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Sir: Coverage of your media engagements in Ukraine. We'll do some amplification of these on our social media properties over the next few days.

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Hi USEU Team,

Below are links to videos and articles from Amb Sondland's media engagements in Kyiv. Both exclusive interviews have been published, and the RFE/RL one has been picked up by lots of other outlets, focusing especially on Amb Sondland's comments about the positive interaction between Presidents Trump and Zelenskyy.

Coverage from Ambassador Sondland's Exclusive Interviews:

UATV full video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zW8pad9RDCQ

https://www.facebook.com/UATVEN/

> Facebook post reads as follows and links to the YouTube link above: U.S. President Donald Trump congratulated his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky on his parliamentary victory. They spoke by phone on July 25 to discuss ways to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Ukraine, including energy and economic cooperation. Kurt Volker, the U.S. special peace envoy to Ukraine, traveled to Kyiv this week with U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland. Mr. Sondland is joining us to discuss US-Ukraine relations.

https://twitter.com/KariOdermann/status/1154816134895550464

> Also retweeted on https://twitter.com/uatv_en?lang=en

Ukrainian RFE/RL video (dubbed into Ukrainian) on how Zelenskyy handled the ship incident (about one minute of video) https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/30077643.html

Ukrainian RFE/RL text articles:

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- U.S. Ambassador to the EU spoke about the conversation between Zelenskyy and Trump (https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/news-rozmova-trampa-i-zelenskoho/30077577.html)

- U.S. Ambassador to the EU described Zelenskyy as a rock star, discussed the Russian tanker, and his Kyiv roots (https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/posol-ameryky-v-es-sondorland-interview/30077678.html)

Additional articles covering Sondland's remarks to RFE/RL (generally focusing on how President Trump and President Zelenskyy hit it off during their phone call): Obovsem,Gordon, Antikor, Ukrinform, NewsOne, Liga, Depo, Espreso

Additional media coverage of the visit (not based on the two exclusive interviews):

European Pravda, Telegraf,Zik, Reports quoting Amb. Sondland's tweet about meeting with Zelenskyy

Censor.net: Zelenskyy discussed with Volker and Sondland the current situation in the Joint Forces Operation zone (based on Zelenskyy's readout)

Crimea Realities: Zelenskyy and Volker discussed the situation in the Donbas (based on Embassy tweet; while Sondland is not in the headline, he is mentioned in the article)

Odd visit-related articles (one from Ukraine, one from Russia) — we will translate these tomorrow. It's not unusual to get a bit of propaganda-like coverage of major visits here.

- 112: Why Volker and a sponsor of Trump came to Kyiv
- Gazeta.ru: Volker flew to Kyiv regarding compromising information on Biden, media reported

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Send to Lisa as an FYI

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Ambassador, here is a summary of your press in the Ukrainian media (including some translations) prepared by (b)(6)

(b)(6) and the Hub team also ran a scan through their Russian media search tool and found 700+ articles since Friday mentioning your trip to Ukraine. They range from news reporting on the fact of the trip, with a focus on Volker (the majority of the coverage), to coverage of your interviews, to articles speculating about what the "real purpose of the presence of the U.S. Ambassador to the EU on a trip to Ukraine." The latter articles focus on commentary by pundits that says "Volker isn't in President Trump's circle of trust" and so "Sondland is curating the dialogue with Kyiv," as well as alleging that you want to ensure "the Biden affair"—an investigation into former VP Biden's ties through his son to an energy company in Ukraine—stays on track.

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Ambassador Sondland Visit to Kyiv – Press Coverage
July 29, 2019

- **UATV Interview**
- **Ukrainian RFE/RL TV Interview**
- **US Ambassador to the EU spoke about the relationship between Zelensky and Trump (Ukrainian RFE/RL - Google translation)**
- **US Ambassador to the EU about Zelensky as a rock star, Russian tanker and their Kiev roots (Ukrainian RFE/RL – Google Translation)**
- **Trump, Ukraine's Zelenskiy Outline Pending Meeting During Phone Call (RFE/RL)**
- **U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland has stated that the presidents of Ukraine and the United States found a common language (Ukrinform)**
- **Zelensky, U.S. administration reps hope ceasefire regime introduced in Donbas on July 21 to be comprehensive, permanent (Interfax)**
- **Ukrainian president, US envoys meet to discuss Donbass (BBC)**
- **Trump invited Zelensky to the White House (Obovsem – Google Translation)**
- **US Ambassador to the EU talking about Trump and Zelensky: They immediately found a common language (Gordon – Google Translation)**
- **The Ambassador declared the details of the telephone talk of Zelensky and Trump (NewsOne - Google Translation)**
- **US ambassador to the EU about Trump's conversation with Zelensky: Found a common language (Liga - Google Translation)**
- **Presidents of the USA and Ukraine have found a common language, Zelensky received an invitation to the White House - US representative to the EU (Depo – Google Translation)**
- **Trump and Zelensky immediately found a common language - US Ambassador to the EU on the telephone conversation of presidents (Google Translation)**
- **US Ambassador to the EU spoke about the meeting with Zelensky (European Pravda – Google Translation)**
- **US Ambassador to the EU - the importance of supporting Ukraine (Telegraph – Google Translation)**
- **Zelensky discussed with Volker and Sundland the current situation in the area of environmental protection (Censor – Google Translation)**
- **The US ambassador to the EU commented on a meeting with Zelensky (Zik – Google Translation)**
- **Zelensky and Volker discussed the situation in the Donbass (Crimea realities – Google Translation)**

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Ukrainian RFE/RL (July 26, 2019) - "The conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language," - says Permanent Representative of the United States to the European Union Gordon Sondland

"The conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language," - says Permanent Representative of the United States to the European Union Gordon Sondland

US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland believes that the presidents of Ukraine and the United States have found a common language. The American diplomat said this about Radio Liberty after meeting on July 26 in Kyiv with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky.

"Yesterday, President Zelensky talked with President Trump for a long time (telephone - Ed.), They met. I communicated with both before and after this conversation. The conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language. At the end of the conversation, President Trump invited Zelensky to the White House within a term suitable for both sides in the near future, "the diplomat said.

Volodymyr Zelensky met with Gordon Sondland and Kurt Volcker, US Special Envoy for Ukraine , on July 26 in Kyiv.

Gordon Sondland informed Radio Liberty that they discussed, among other things, the war, the issue of energy security, the situation in Naftogaz, the rule of law.

According to him, now on the initiative of US President Donald Trump, there is a team with the participation of Energy Minister Rick Perry, ambassadors Kurt Volker and William Taylor, and other representatives of the US State Department, which focuses on various aspects of relations with Ukraine.

The Office of the Ukrainian President announced on the eve of the telephone conversation of Vladimir Zelensky and his American colleague Donald Trump.

According to reports, the presidents, in particular, agreed to "discuss substantively the practical issues of Ukrainian-American cooperation" during the visit of Zelensky to the United States.

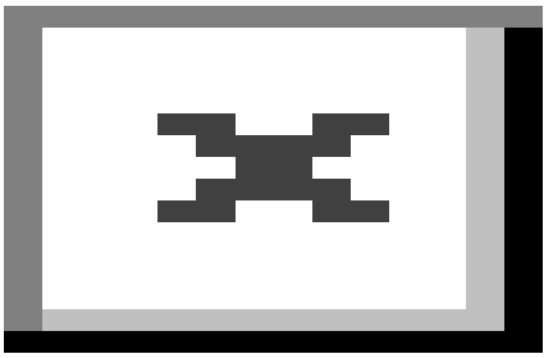
The exact date of the visit of Vladimir Zelensky to the US is not known at this time.

Earlier, then Ukrainian Ambassador to the US Valery Chaly announced two possible dates for Zelensky's visit to the United States: either in August (when the President of Ukraine will visit only Washington) or September (when this visit will be combined with the participation in the debate at the UN General Assembly session).

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On June 25, US Charge d'Affaires in Ukraine William Taylor said that the date of the visit of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky to the United States for a meeting with the President of this country Donald Trump has not yet been determined , but the United States is very interested in determining the date and the agenda as soon as possible.

US Ambassador to the EU about Zelensky as a rock star, Russian tanker and their Kiev roots (Ukrainian RFE/RL – Google Translation)



US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland. Kyiv, July 26, 2019

Oksana Dumskaya

Ukrainian RFE/RL (July 27, 2019) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland, arrived in Kyiv to meet with Ukrainian politicians, including President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky. He spoke about his expectations from the Ukrainian authorities, how the United States helps the new team to find a common language with Ukraine's neighbors in the West and about the roots of his family in Kyiv in an interview with Radio Liberty.

- On July 26, you met with President Zelensky. Have you discussed at this meeting the recent conversation between Presidents Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelensky and the possible future visit of the President of Ukraine to the United States?

The telephone conversation was very good. They quickly found a common language
- Yes, President Zelensky and President Trump had a fairly long conversation. They met. I spoke with Donald Trump, and with Volodymyr Zelensky before and after a telephone conversation. The telephone conversation was very good. They quickly found a common language. At the end of the conversation, President Trump invited Volodymyr Zelensky to meet at the White House in a convenient time for both parties in the near future.

- What did you discuss with President Zelensky during the meeting?

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- We have a whole list of issues we are working on. There is a team that was assembled by President Trump: Ambassador Taylor, who is our main contact with the Ukrainian authorities, Special Representative Volker. There is also a group that we call "three amigos", which includes me, Spokeswoman Volcker and Energy Minister Rick Perry. And our job is to make sure that American power is focused on Ukraine and is ready to respond quickly to Ukrainian issues.

- What particular questions did you raise during the meeting?

- They talked about energy, security, war, the team that President Zelensky collects, the rule of law, Naftogaz, about everything in the world.

- What is your position regarding the SBU detained a Russian tanker that was involved in the incident in the Kerch Strait in November? How close to the country are they approaching a serious escalation this time?

- President Zelensky perfectly coped with the situation. He immediately released the sailors, because they were not involved in the seizure that the Russians carried out in November. He had the right to detain the tanker as soon as he left the international waters that he actually did. Volodymyr Zelensky demonstrates to the Russians that he can not be offended. He shows that he is ready to answer. We believe that his actions were very and very responsible.

- How do you see the situation with Russia's militarization of the annexed Crimea, the buildup of Russia's military power in the Black Sea? How will Washington and NATO react to it?

- We believe that Russians should return to Russia and leave Ukraine alone. Ukraine is rooted in Western values, in the Western rule of law. Russians belong to Russia, and Ukrainians to Ukraine. Both the United States and all our friends in Europe share this opinion.

- A difficult issue for Ukraine concerns the "North Stream-2". You are an adversary in the erection of this lawn. How would you comment on Russia and Germany's willingness to implement this project? Will American sanctions be imposed against companies involved in the project? When?

- We are disappointed with the behavior of our friends in Germany, who support the completion of the construction of the North Stream 2. We think that it is not in the interests of Europe to be completely energy dependent on Russia. There are many other sources of energy other than, in particular, the United States. You can also receive energy from the Middle East or from the countries of the South. We want Europe to be free to make political decisions without interference from Russians who have already shut off gas at the worst moment.

- What should Ukraine do in this situation?

- I think Ukraine does what it should do. Led by President Zelenskiy Ukraine works fast and persistently, looking for other energy sources. And he also seeks to never give Russia the opportunity to influence its political future.

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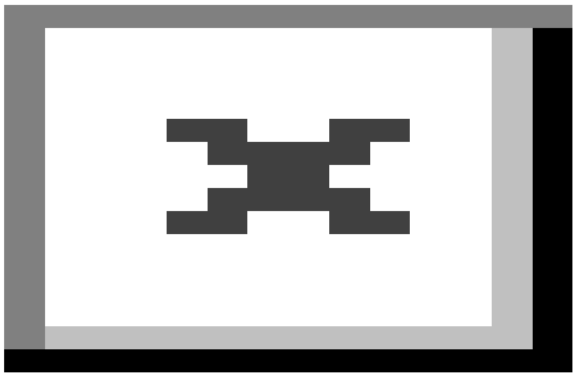
- How does the US see Ukraine's relations, sometimes very difficult, with its western neighbors, in particular, Poland and Hungary? Can Washington help establish this relationship, since such conflicts distract Kiev against Russia's aggression in the east?

- We made a small step forward in this direction a few weeks ago, on the day of President Zelensky's inauguration. I invited him to Brussels and arranged for him a small party, attended by the leaders of Poland, Romania and leaders of several other countries, as well as representatives of the White House. We wanted to give him the opportunity to establish contacts during informal communication. Today (July 26 - ed.), We talked with President Zelensky and realized that relations are beginning to be settled.

- How can you assess the visit of President Zelensky to Brussels, which took place a few weeks ago?

- I can evaluate only those events in which I participated. President Zelensky proved to be beautiful, as for one of the first international meetings. He was like a rock star.

- Fifth President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko met with US Special Representative Kurt Volker on the eve.



Fifth President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko (right) during a conversation with US Special Representative Kurt Volker (left). Kiev, July 25, 2019

He spoke with him about Ukraine's MAP (NATO Membership Action Plan - Ed.), And also called on the United States to raise this issue during the NATO summit in December. How quickly Ukraine can get the MAP and what is the US position on this issue?

- This is not a decision of the United States. This is NATO's decision. NATO has specific procedures for potential members. I believe that Ukraine will be a good candidate, but it must follow all NATO protocols and procedures.

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- Ukraine has elected a new parliament, which will form a government. Two months ago, Ukraine chose a new president, and the leaders in the main institutions of the European Union changed. Will this affect the relations between Ukraine and the European Union?

One of the main issues will be - how to communicate very clearly and very clearly to our Russian friends that Ukraine remains pro-Western
- I believe that relations between Ukraine and the European Union are already very good. The United States and the EU are cooperating very closely to support Ukraine in many of the issues that I have described to you. We will meet with the new head of the European Commission, Ursula von der Lien, on Monday. We already had a telephone conversation and one of the main questions will be - how to communicate very clearly and very clearly to our friends from Russia that Ukraine remains pro-Western.

- President Zelensky proposed to expand the "Norman format" and involve the United States and Great Britain. How is it possible and if this will help move from the implementation of the Minsk Agreements?

- I do not want to assume this before meeting in the Norman format. I do not want to put anyone in an awkward position, including President Zelensky. I want them to solve problems during meetings. Therefore, I will not make any assumptions.

- The United States supports Ukraine in many spheres. What are the next steps for bilateral cooperation?

We will increase our support when Ukraine starts reform
- We have supported and will support Ukraine. We will increase our support when Ukraine starts implementing reforms as promised. Volodymyr Zelensky was elected president with a great mandate, because more than 70% of Ukrainian voters voted for him. Representatives of the United States government, such as Minister of Energy Perry, I, Special Representative Volker, not to mention the US ambassador to Ukraine, we have a whole team in Washington, the State Department and the White House, which focused on various Ukrainian issues - military , energy, economic, political, all.

- What other reforms should be implemented in Ukraine?

- There is a long list of reforms. But the good news is that in many cases they are simple. They need political will. I believe that President Zelensky is the person who not only has political will, but will also embody reforms. Execution is key. Talking is good, but doing is better.

- Mr. Ambassador, tell your parents who, it turns out, come from Kiev?

I am proud that my parents were born here in Kiev. I would like to know which street, and in what house
- I am proud that my parents were born here in Kyiv. I would like to know on what street and in what building. I could stay here. But I can not. They obviously spoke in Ukrainian, Russian, and German and Spanish. Because they lived in Uruguay. Unfortunately, my parents died. But there were some family records. So, during one of my upcoming visits to Kyiv, I plan to do a little research and maybe find where they were born.

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Trump, Ukraine's Zelenskiy Outline Pending Meeting During Phone Call (RFE/RL)
Radio Free Europe (July 26, 2019) - WASHINGTON -- U.S. President Donald Trump congratulated Ukrainian counterparty Volodymyr Zelenskiy on his parliamentary victory as the leaders discussed the agenda of their first tet-a-tet.

Trump and Zelenskiy spoke by phone on July 25 to discuss "ways to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Ukraine, including energy and economic cooperation," the White House said in a statement.

No date has yet set for their first meeting, which will take place in Washington most likely before the end of the summer.

Zelenskiy will come to the White House with a strong mandate for change after his Servant of the People party swept a majority of the seats in parliament during the July 21 election, the first party in the history of independent Ukraine to control the Rada.

Trump congratulated Zelenskiy for his party's success, the White House said.

Zelenskiy's office said in a statement that Trump voiced confidence the new Ukrainian government could improve the nation's image and complete the investigation of corruption cases that have "held back U.S.-Ukrainian cooperation."

The U.S. has repeatedly called on Ukraine to tackle corruption and weaken the influence of business tycoons that control power behind the scenes.

Zelenskiy, a former comic who played a fictitious history teacher on TV who is accidentally elected president, won a landslide presidential election in April amid popular frustration over endemic corruption and low living standards.

His party repeated the feat on July 21, garnering 254 seats, more than 60 percent of those in the legislature, as citizens gave him a green light to reform the political system.

The Ukrainian president's office said that Trump expressed U.S. support for the country's large-scale reform program as well as its territorial integrity.

Zelenskiy thanked Trump for keeping and strengthening sanctions against Russia, which annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and backed separatists in eastern Ukraine, kicking off a five-year war that has killed more than 13,000 people.

Ukraine and the United States have held high-level talks over the past few weeks in preparation for the meeting. Ivan Bakanov, first deputy chief of Ukraine's Security Service, presidential assistant Andriy Yermak, and potential prime minister Oleksandr Danylyuk have traveled to Washington for meetings.

Kurt Volker, the U.S. special peace envoy to Ukraine, traveled to Kyiv this week with U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland.

During his trip to Washington, Zelenskiy will also meet with members of Congress, where Ukraine has received greater support than it has from the White House during the Trump presidency.

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The Ukrainian Congressional Caucus has asked House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to invite Zelenskiy to address both chambers during his visit to Washington. Pelosi has yet to answer.

U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland has stated that the presidents of Ukraine and the United States found a common language (Ukrinform)

Ukrinform (July 26) - "Yesterday, President Zelensky had quite a long [telephone] conversation with President Trump, they got acquainted. I spoke with both of them before and after this conversation. The conversation was very successful. They found a common language immediately. President Trump invited Zelensky to visit the White House in the timeline suitable for both parties in the near future," the American diplomat told Radio Liberty after a meeting with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky on July 26 in Kyiv.

On July 26, President Zelensky met in Kyiv with Gordon Sondland and U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Kurt Volker.

Gordon Sondland told Radio Liberty that they discussed, among other things, the war, energy security issues, the situation in the NJSC Naftogaz of Ukraine, the rule of law.

A team with the participation of U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry, ambassadors Kurt Volker and William Taylor, and other representatives of the U.S. Department of State currently works at the initiative of US President Donald Trump focusing on various aspects of relations with Ukraine, Sondland added.

Yesterday, the Presidential Office reported that President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky and US President Donald Trump held a telephone conversation.

According to the report, the presidents, in particular, agreed to "substantively discuss the practical issues of US-Ukraine cooperation" during Zelensky's visit to the United States.

Zelensky, U.S. administration reps hope ceasefire regime introduced in Donbas on July 21 to be comprehensive, permanent (Interfax)

KYIV. July 26 (Interfax-Ukraine) - President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky has met with U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Kurt Volker and U.S. Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland to discuss the current situation in the area of the Joint Forces Operation (JFO), in particular, the process of disengagement of forces and equipment near Stanytsia Luhanska.

"The parties voiced a hope that the ceasefire regime, which was agreed on July 21, would be comprehensive and permanent and that any armed provocations on the part of the occupied territories would be permanently discontinued," the presidential press service said on Friday.

During the meeting, the necessity of taking steps by the occupation authorities, which will allow successfully complete the process of disengagement of forces and improvement of the humanitarian situation on the contact line, was noted.

Zelensky thanked the U.S. side for its consistent support of Ukraine and the U.S. efforts aimed at achieving a peaceful settlement to conflict in Donbas.

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Ukrainian president, US envoys meet to discuss Donbass (BBC)
BBC Monitoring Ukraine & Baltics (July 26) - Today President Volodymyr Zelensky has discussed the pull-back of troops near Stanytsya Luhanska and the situation at the frontline in general with American guests - US special representative for Ukraine Kurt Volker and US Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland.

The Ukrainian president thanked the USA for its consistent support and assistance in bringing peace to Donbass. Both sides stressed that the occupying authorities must adhere to agreements that will make it possible to complete the pull-back of troops and improve the humanitarian situation at the line of contact.

Trump invited Zelensky to the White House (Obovsem – Google Translation)
Obovsem (July 26) - Presidents Vladimir Zelensky and the United States Donald Trump found a common language during a telephone conversation. According to the US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland, according to Radio Liberty.

"Yesterday, President Zelensky spoke with the President for a long time. They talked to us before and after this conversation, the conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language,"said Sundland.

According to him, one of the consequences of this conversation was the invitation of the President of Ukraine for a visit to Washington. "President Trump at the end of the conversation invited Zelensky to the White House on a date suitable for both parties in the near future," the diplomat said.

The exact date of Zelensky's visit to the United States is currently unknown, but this may occur in August or September. In the first case, the Ukrainian will remain only in the US capital, in the second he can also be combined with participation in debates at the UN General Assembly in New York.

The President of the United States congratulated Ukraine on successful parliamentary elections and expressed his conviction that the new government would quickly stop investigating the problems of corruption that had stopped interaction between the countries. Then, when the President of Ukraine thanked his colleague for maintaining the sanctions against Russia.

US Ambassador to the EU talking about Trump and Zelensky: They immediately found a common language (Gordon – Google Translation)
Gordon (July 27) - The first telephone conversation between US President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky was quite lengthy, said US Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland.

US Permanent Representative to the EU, Gordon Sondland, in a commentary to Radio Liberty on July 26, said that the first telephone conversation between President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky and US President Donald Trump was successful.

"Yesterday, President Zelensky talked with President Trump for a long time, they met." I talked to both before and after the conversation. "The conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language, and President Trump invited Zelensky to the White House at the end of the term, which suitable for both parties in the near future, "said Sondland.

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He also said that, at the initiative of Trump in the United States, a working group has been set up, which focuses on various aspects of cooperation with Ukraine. The group includes, among others, US Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, US Special Envoy to Ukraine Kurt Volker and Charge d'Affaires of Ukraine William Taylor, said Sonland.

Zelensky met with Sondland and Volcker on July 26, they discussed the current situation in the Donbass, in particular issues related to the allocation of forces and facilities in Stanitsa Lugansk.

The exact date of the meeting between Zelensky and Trump is still unknown. Deputy Head of the Office of the President Vadim Prystaiko did not deny that the presidents will meet on September 1 in Poland, where the Ukrainian head of state will go on invitation of Polish President Andrzej Dudi.

The Ambassador declared the details of the telephone talk of Zelensky and Trump (NewsOne - Google Translation)
NewsOne (July 26) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland told how the conversation between the Presidents of Ukraine and the USA, Vladimir Zelensky and Donald Trump, was held.

It is reported by Radio Liberty.

So, Sondland assured that the heads of state found a common language.

"President Zelensky talked for a long time on the phone with President Trump, they got to know each other. I spoke with both before and after this conversation. The conversation went very successfully, they immediately found a common language," the ambassador noted.

He also said that at the end of the conversation Trump invited Zelensky to Washington.

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As reported earlier NEWSONE, the Ukrainian head of state Vladimir Zelensky held a telephone conversation with US President Donald Trump.

US ambassador to the EU about Trump's conversation with Zelensky: Found a common language (Liga - Google Translation)
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Liga (July 27) - Permanent Representative of the United States to the European Union Gordon Sondland believes that the presidents of Ukraine and the United States have found a common language. An American diplomat said this after a meeting on July 26 in Kiev with President Vladimir Zelensky, Radio Liberty reports .

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July 25 Zelensky had a telephone conversation with Trump. The parties agreed to discuss Ukrainian-American interaction during Zelensky's visit to the States. The American president expressed confidence that the new Ukrainian government will be able to complete the investigation of corruption cases that have restrained cooperation between Ukraine and the United States. He also reaffirmed the continued support of the US sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and its readiness to promote reform.

On July 24, the US Chargé d'Affaires ad interim in the affairs of Ukraine, William Taylor, said that it is still unknown whenZelenskywill meet with Trump.

Presidents of the USA and Ukraine have found a common language, Zelensky received an invitation to the White House - US representative to the EU (Depo – Google Translation)
Depo (July 26) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland believes that the presidents of Ukraine and the US have found a common language.

The American diplomat said this about Radio Liberty after a meeting on July 26 in Kyiv with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky, Depo.ua reports referring to Ukrinform.

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Volodymyr Zelensky met with Gordon Sondland and Kurt Volcker, US Special Envoy for Ukraine, on July 26 in Kyiv.

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Recall that on July 25, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky talked with US President Donald Trump.

Trump and Zelensky immediately found a common language - US Ambassador to the EU on the telephone conversation of presidents (Google Translation)
Espreso (July 26) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland said that the presidents of Ukraine and the US found a common language and would soon meet. Radio Liberty reports.

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US Ambassador to the EU spoke about the meeting with Zelensky (European Pravda – Google Translation)
European Pravda (July 26) - The US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland, after meeting with the President of Ukraine, said that the security of Europe depends on the security of Ukraine.

"I had the honor to meet with my good friend Vladimir Zelensky. The United States and the EU united to support Ukraine and oppose the occupation of Crimea by Russia, its aggression in the east, the manipulation of Ukraine's energy and the detention of military personnel. Secure Ukraine = Safe Europe" Twitter.

Zelensky met on July 26 in Kiev with Sundland and US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Walker. One of the leading themes was the situation in the conflict zone in eastern Ukraine.

On the eve of Sondland and Volker met with the head of the supervisory board of the state concern "Ukroboronprom" Aivaras Abromavicius. They exchanged views on the prospects for reforming Ukraine and cooperation in the defense industry.

US Ambassador to the EU - the importance of supporting Ukraine (Telegraph – Google Translation)
US Ambassador to the EU - the importance of supporting Ukraine

Telegraf (July 26) - Gordon Sondland after meeting with Vladimir Zelensky said that the US and the EU should unite to support Ukraine.

The United States Ambassador to the European Union, Gordon Sundland, explained the importance of supporting Ukraine by the international community.

This is stated in the message of the US Embassy in Ukraine in the microblog Twitter.

Ambassador Sondland: I had the honor to meet with my good friend Vladimir Zelensky. The United States and the EU have united to support Ukraine and oppose the occupation of

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Crimea by Russia, its aggression in the east, the manipulation of Ukraine's energy sector and the detention of servicemen. Safe Ukraine - Safe Europe ", - it is said in the message.

As previously reported, Zelensky discussed with the US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Walker and US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland the current situation in the zone of operation of the combined forces, in particular the process of breeding forces and equipment near the Village of Lugansk.

Zelensky discussed with Volker and Sundland the current situation in the area of environmental protection (Censor – Google Translation)
Censor.net (July 26) - President Vladimir Zelensky met with US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Walker and US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sundland.
As informs Tsenzor.NET, reported the press service of the President.

The head of state thanked the American side for the consistent support of Ukraine and the efforts of the United States to achieve a peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Donbas.

Zelensky discussed with representatives of the US administration the current situation in the zone of the Operation of the combined forces, in particular the process of breeding forces and assets around the Village of Lugansk.

During the meeting, it was noted that the occupation authorities had previously agreed upon mutual steps by the parties that would successfully complete the process of separation of forces and improve the humanitarian situation on the demarcation line.

The parties expressed the hope that the ceasefire imposed on July 21 would be comprehensive and sustainable, and any armed provocations by the occupied territories would be permanently stopped.

The US ambassador to the EU commented on a meeting with Zelensky (Zik – Google Translation)
Zik (July 26) - US Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland highly appreciated the meeting with President Vladimir Zelensky.

He wrote about it on Twitter.

"It was an honor to meet with my good friend Vladimir Zelensky. The United States and the EU united to support Ukraine and oppose the occupation of the Crimea by Russia, its aggression in the east, manipulation of the energy sector of Ukraine, and the arrest of servicemen. Safe Ukraine - Safe Europe, "wrote Sondland.

Let's add, today, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky met with the United States Special Representative for Ukraine, Kurt Volcker, and US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland.

Zelensky and Volker discussed the situation in the Donbass (Crimea realities – Google Translation)
Crimea Realities (July 26, 2019) - President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenski met with Gordon Sondland, Special Representative of the US Department of State for Ukraine, Kurt Volcker and US Permanent Representative to the European Union.

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Zelensky discussed with the representatives of the US administration the current situation in the area of Operation of the Joint Forces, in particular the process of raising forces and facilities around Stanisla Luhansk.

During the meeting, the parties noted the need for mutual steps by the mutually agreed parties by the Russian-backed militants that would successfully complete the process of dividing forces and improve the humanitarian situation on the line of separation.

The US Embassy in Ukraine reported that Volker and Sondland discussed cooperation between Ukraine and the United States and expressed solid support from the United States for democracy, security and prosperity in Ukraine.

On June 26, Ukrainian troops departed from one of the positions in front of the KPVB in Stanislau Luhansk. In the group supported by Russia, "LNR" also announced the breeding of forces in Stanitsa Luhansk and added that this process could take up to three days. The

The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission stated that the militants announced the completion of the separation of forces near Stanitsa Lugansk.

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Ambassador, here is a summary of your press in the Ukrainian media (including some translations) prepared by (b)(6)

(b)(6) and the Hub team also ran a scan through their Russian media search tool and found 700+ articles since Friday mentioning your trip to Ukraine. They range from news reporting on the fact of the trip, with a focus on Volker (the majority of the coverage), to coverage of your interviews, to articles speculating about what the "real purpose of the presence of the U.S. Ambassador to the EU on a trip to Ukraine." The latter articles focus on commentary by pundits that says "Volker isn't in President Trump's circle of trust" and so "Sondland is curating the dialogue with Kyiv," as well as alleging that you want to ensure "the Biden affair"—an investigation into former VP Biden's ties through his son to an energy company in Ukraine—stays on track.

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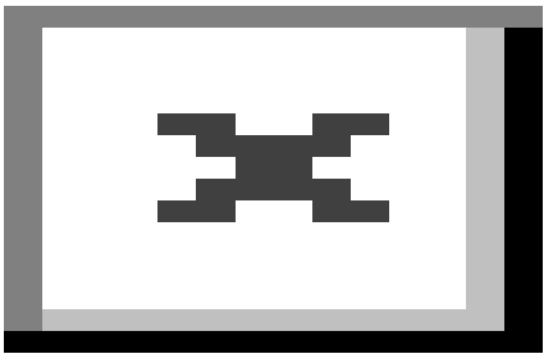
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Earlier, then Ukrainian Ambassador to the US Valery Chaly announced two possible dates for Zelensky's visit to the United States: either in August (when the President of Ukraine will visit only Washington) or September (when this visit will be combined with the participation in the debate at the UN General Assembly session).

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On June 25, US Charge d'Affaires in Ukraine William Taylor said that the date of the visit of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky to the United States for a meeting with the President of this country Donald Trump has not yet been determined , but the United States is very interested in determining the date and the agenda as soon as possible.

US Ambassador to the EU about Zelensky as a rock star, Russian tanker and their Kiev roots (Ukrainian RFE/RL – Google Translation)



US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland. Kyiv, July 26, 2019

Oksana Dumskaya

Ukrainian RFE/RL (July 27, 2019) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland, arrived in Kyiv to meet with Ukrainian politicians, including President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky. He spoke about his expectations from the Ukrainian authorities, how the United States helps the new team to find a common language with Ukraine's neighbors in the West and about the roots of his family in Kyiv in an interview with Radio Liberty.

- On July 26, you met with President Zelensky. Have you discussed at this meeting the recent conversation between Presidents Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelensky and the possible future visit of the President of Ukraine to the United States?

The telephone conversation was very good. They quickly found a common language
- Yes, President Zelensky and President Trump had a fairly long conversation. They met. I spoke with Donald Trump, and with Volodymyr Zelensky before and after a telephone conversation. The telephone conversation was very good. They quickly found a common language. At the end of the conversation, President Trump invited Volodymyr Zelensky to meet at the White House in a convenient time for both parties in the near future.

- What did you discuss with President Zelensky during the meeting?

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- We have a whole list of issues we are working on. There is a team that was assembled by President Trump: Ambassador Taylor, who is our main contact with the Ukrainian authorities, Special Representative Volker. There is also a group that we call "three amigos", which includes me, Spokeswoman Volcker and Energy Minister Rick Perry. And our job is to make sure that American power is focused on Ukraine and is ready to respond quickly to Ukrainian issues.

- What particular questions did you raise during the meeting?

- They talked about energy, security, war, the team that President Zelensky collects, the rule of law, Naftogaz, about everything in the world.

- What is your position regarding the SBU detained a Russian tanker that was involved in the incident in the Kerch Strait in November? How close to the country are they approaching a serious escalation this time?

- President Zelensky perfectly coped with the situation. He immediately released the sailors, because they were not involved in the seizure that the Russians carried out in November. He had the right to detain the tanker as soon as he left the international waters that he actually did. Volodymyr Zelensky demonstrates to the Russians that he can not be offended. He shows that he is ready to answer. We believe that his actions were very and very responsible.

- How do you see the situation with Russia's militarization of the annexed Crimea, the buildup of Russia's military power in the Black Sea? How will Washington and NATO react to it?

- We believe that Russians should return to Russia and leave Ukraine alone. Ukraine is rooted in Western values, in the Western rule of law. Russians belong to Russia, and Ukrainians to Ukraine. Both the United States and all our friends in Europe share this opinion.

- A difficult issue for Ukraine concerns the "North Stream-2". You are an adversary in the erection of this lawn. How would you comment on Russia and Germany's willingness to implement this project? Will American sanctions be imposed against companies involved in the project? When?

- We are disappointed with the behavior of our friends in Germany, who support the completion of the construction of the North Stream 2. We think that it is not in the interests of Europe to be completely energy dependent on Russia. There are many other sources of energy other than, in particular, the United States. You can also receive energy from the Middle East or from the countries of the South. We want Europe to be free to make political decisions without interference from Russians who have already shut off gas at the worst moment.

- What should Ukraine do in this situation?

- I think Ukraine does what it should do. Led by President Zelenskiy Ukraine works fast and persistently, looking for other energy sources. And he also seeks to never give Russia the opportunity to influence its political future.

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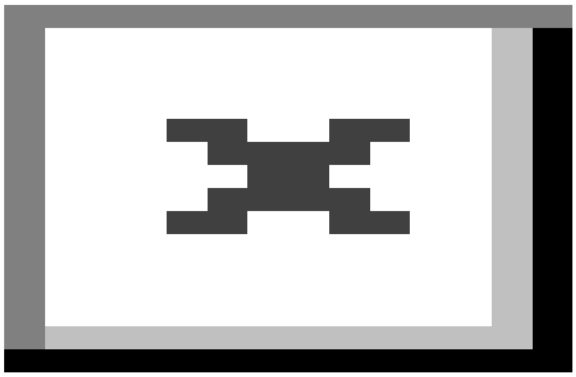
- How does the US see Ukraine's relations, sometimes very difficult, with its western neighbors, in particular, Poland and Hungary? Can Washington help establish this relationship, since such conflicts distract Kiev against Russia's aggression in the east?

- We made a small step forward in this direction a few weeks ago, on the day of President Zelensky's inauguration. I invited him to Brussels and arranged for him a small party, attended by the leaders of Poland, Romania and leaders of several other countries, as well as representatives of the White House. We wanted to give him the opportunity to establish contacts during informal communication. Today (July 26 - ed.), We talked with President Zelensky and realized that relations are beginning to be settled.

- How can you assess the visit of President Zelensky to Brussels, which took place a few weeks ago?

- I can evaluate only those events in which I participated. President Zelensky proved to be beautiful, as for one of the first international meetings. He was like a rock star.

- Fifth President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko met with US Special Representative Kurt Volker on the eve.



Fifth President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko (right) during a conversation with US Special Representative Kurt Volker (left). Kiev, July 25, 2019

He spoke with him about Ukraine's MAP (NATO Membership Action Plan - Ed.), And also called on the United States to raise this issue during the NATO summit in December. How quickly Ukraine can get the MAP and what is the US position on this issue?

- This is not a decision of the United States. This is NATO's decision. NATO has specific procedures for potential members. I believe that Ukraine will be a good candidate, but it must follow all NATO protocols and procedures.

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- Ukraine has elected a new parliament, which will form a government. Two months ago, Ukraine chose a new president, and the leaders in the main institutions of the European Union changed. Will this affect the relations between Ukraine and the European Union?

One of the main issues will be - how to communicate very clearly and very clearly to our Russian friends that Ukraine remains pro-Western
- I believe that relations between Ukraine and the European Union are already very good. The United States and the EU are cooperating very closely to support Ukraine in many of the issues that I have described to you. We will meet with the new head of the European Commission, Ursula von der Lien, on Monday. We already had a telephone conversation and one of the main questions will be - how to communicate very clearly and very clearly to our friends from Russia that Ukraine remains pro-Western.

- President Zelensky proposed to expand the "Norman format" and involve the United States and Great Britain. How is it possible and if this will help move from the implementation of the Minsk Agreements?

- I do not want to assume this before meeting in the Norman format. I do not want to put anyone in an awkward position, including President Zelensky. I want them to solve problems during meetings. Therefore, I will not make any assumptions.

- The United States supports Ukraine in many spheres. What are the next steps for bilateral cooperation?

We will increase our support when Ukraine starts reform
- We have supported and will support Ukraine. We will increase our support when Ukraine starts implementing reforms as promised. Volodymyr Zelensky was elected president with a great mandate, because more than 70% of Ukrainian voters voted for him. Representatives of the United States government, such as Minister of Energy Perry, I, Special Representative Volker, not to mention the US ambassador to Ukraine, we have a whole team in Washington, the State Department and the White House, which focused on various Ukrainian issues - military , energy, economic, political, all.

- What other reforms should be implemented in Ukraine?

- There is a long list of reforms. But the good news is that in many cases they are simple. They need political will. I believe that President Zelensky is the person who not only has political will, but will also embody reforms. Execution is key. Talking is good, but doing is better.

- Mr. Ambassador, tell your parents who, it turns out, come from Kiev?

I am proud that my parents were born here in Kiev. I would like to know which street, and in what house
- I am proud that my parents were born here in Kyiv. I would like to know on what street and in what building. I could stay here. But I can not. They obviously spoke in Ukrainian, Russian, and German and Spanish. Because they lived in Uruguay. Unfortunately, my parents died. But there were some family records. So, during one of my upcoming visits to Kyiv, I plan to do a little research and maybe find where they were born.

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Trump, Ukraine's Zelenskiy Outline Pending Meeting During Phone Call (RFE/RL)
Radio Free Europe (July 26, 2019) - WASHINGTON -- U.S. President Donald Trump congratulated Ukrainian counterparty Volodymyr Zelenskiy on his parliamentary victory as the leaders discussed the agenda of their first tet-a-tet.

Trump and Zelenskiy spoke by phone on July 25 to discuss "ways to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Ukraine, including energy and economic cooperation," the White House said in a statement.

No date has yet set for their first meeting, which will take place in Washington most likely before the end of the summer.

Zelenskiy will come to the White House with a strong mandate for change after his Servant of the People party swept a majority of the seats in parliament during the July 21 election, the first party in the history of independent Ukraine to control the Rada.

Trump congratulated Zelenskiy for his party's success, the White House said.

Zelenskiy's office said in a statement that Trump voiced confidence the new Ukrainian government could improve the nation's image and complete the investigation of corruption cases that have "held back U.S.-Ukrainian cooperation."

The U.S. has repeatedly called on Ukraine to tackle corruption and weaken the influence of business tycoons that control power behind the scenes.

Zelenskiy, a former comic who played a fictitious history teacher on TV who is accidentally elected president, won a landslide presidential election in April amid popular frustration over endemic corruption and low living standards.

His party repeated the feat on July 21, garnering 254 seats, more than 60 percent of those in the legislature, as citizens gave him a green light to reform the political system.

The Ukrainian president's office said that Trump expressed U.S. support for the country's large-scale reform program as well as its territorial integrity.

Zelenskiy thanked Trump for keeping and strengthening sanctions against Russia, which annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and backed separatists in eastern Ukraine, kicking off a five-year war that has killed more than 13,000 people.

Ukraine and the United States have held high-level talks over the past few weeks in preparation for the meeting. Ivan Bakanov, first deputy chief of Ukraine's Security Service, presidential assistant Andriy Yermak, and potential prime minister Oleksandr Danylyuk have traveled to Washington for meetings.

Kurt Volker, the U.S. special peace envoy to Ukraine, traveled to Kyiv this week with U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland.

During his trip to Washington, Zelenskiy will also meet with members of Congress, where Ukraine has received greater support than it has from the White House during the Trump presidency.

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The Ukrainian Congressional Caucus has asked House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to invite Zelenskiy to address both chambers during his visit to Washington. Pelosi has yet to answer.

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On July 26, President Zelensky met in Kyiv with Gordon Sondland and U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Kurt Volker.

Gordon Sondland told Radio Liberty that they discussed, among other things, the war, energy security issues, the situation in the NJSC Naftogaz of Ukraine, the rule of law.

A team with the participation of U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry, ambassadors Kurt Volker and William Taylor, and other representatives of the U.S. Department of State currently works at the initiative of US President Donald Trump focusing on various aspects of relations with Ukraine, Sondland added.

Yesterday, the Presidential Office reported that President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky and US President Donald Trump held a telephone conversation.

According to the report, the presidents, in particular, agreed to "substantively discuss the practical issues of US-Ukraine cooperation" during Zelensky's visit to the United States.

Zelensky, U.S. administration reps hope ceasefire regime introduced in Donbas on July 21 to be comprehensive, permanent (Interfax)

KYIV. July 26 (Interfax-Ukraine) - President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky has met with U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Kurt Volker and U.S. Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland to discuss the current situation in the area of the Joint Forces Operation (JFO), in particular, the process of disengagement of forces and equipment near Stanytsia Luhanska.

"The parties voiced a hope that the ceasefire regime, which was agreed on July 21, would be comprehensive and permanent and that any armed provocations on the part of the occupied territories would be permanently discontinued," the presidential press service said on Friday.

During the meeting, the necessity of taking steps by the occupation authorities, which will allow successfully complete the process of disengagement of forces and improvement of the humanitarian situation on the contact line, was noted.

Zelensky thanked the U.S. side for its consistent support of Ukraine and the U.S. efforts aimed at achieving a peaceful settlement to conflict in Donbas.

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Ukrainian president, US envoys meet to discuss Donbass (BBC)
BBC Monitoring Ukraine & Baltics (July 26) - Today President Volodymyr Zelensky has discussed the pull-back of troops near Stanytsya Luhanska and the situation at the frontline in general with American guests - US special representative for Ukraine Kurt Volker and US Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland.

The Ukrainian president thanked the USA for its consistent support and assistance in bringing peace to Donbass. Both sides stressed that the occupying authorities must adhere to agreements that will make it possible to complete the pull-back of troops and improve the humanitarian situation at the line of contact.

Trump invited Zelensky to the White House (Obovsem – Google Translation)
Obovsem (July 26) - Presidents Vladimir Zelensky and the United States Donald Trump found a common language during a telephone conversation. According to the US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland, according to Radio Liberty.

"Yesterday, President Zelensky spoke with the President for a long time. They talked to us before and after this conversation, the conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language,"said Sundland.

According to him, one of the consequences of this conversation was the invitation of the President of Ukraine for a visit to Washington. "President Trump at the end of the conversation invited Zelensky to the White House on a date suitable for both parties in the near future," the diplomat said.

The exact date of Zelensky's visit to the United States is currently unknown, but this may occur in August or September. In the first case, the Ukrainian will remain only in the US capital, in the second he can also be combined with participation in debates at the UN General Assembly in New York.

The President of the United States congratulated Ukraine on successful parliamentary elections and expressed his conviction that the new government would quickly stop investigating the problems of corruption that had stopped interaction between the countries. Then, when the President of Ukraine thanked his colleague for maintaining the sanctions against Russia.

US Ambassador to the EU talking about Trump and Zelensky: They immediately found a common language (Gordon – Google Translation)
Gordon (July 27) - The first telephone conversation between US President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky was quite lengthy, said US Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland.

US Permanent Representative to the EU, Gordon Sondland, in a commentary to Radio Liberty on July 26, said that the first telephone conversation between President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky and US President Donald Trump was successful.

"Yesterday, President Zelensky talked with President Trump for a long time, they met." I talked to both before and after the conversation. "The conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language, and President Trump invited Zelensky to the White House at the end of the term, which suitable for both parties in the near future, "said Sondland.

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He also said that, at the initiative of Trump in the United States, a working group has been set up, which focuses on various aspects of cooperation with Ukraine. The group includes, among others, US Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, US Special Envoy to Ukraine Kurt Volker and Charge d'Affaires of Ukraine William Taylor, said Sonland.

Zelensky met with Sondland and Volcker on July 26, they discussed the current situation in the Donbass, in particular issues related to the allocation of forces and facilities in Stanitsa Lugansk.

The exact date of the meeting between Zelensky and Trump is still unknown. Deputy Head of the Office of the President Vadim Prystaiko did not deny that the presidents will meet on September 1 in Poland, where the Ukrainian head of state will go on invitation of Polish President Andrzej Dudi.

The Ambassador declared the details of the telephone talk of Zelensky and Trump (NewsOne - Google Translation)
NewsOne (July 26) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland told how the conversation between the Presidents of Ukraine and the USA, Vladimir Zelensky and Donald Trump, was held.

It is reported by Radio Liberty.

So, Sondland assured that the heads of state found a common language.

"President Zelensky talked for a long time on the phone with President Trump, they got to know each other. I spoke with both before and after this conversation. The conversation went very successfully, they immediately found a common language," the ambassador noted.

He also said that at the end of the conversation Trump invited Zelensky to Washington.

"President Trump at the end of the conversation invited Zelensky to the White House for a time that is suitable for both parties in the near future," Sondland summed up.

As reported earlier NEWSONE, the Ukrainian head of state Vladimir Zelensky held a telephone conversation with US President Donald Trump.

US ambassador to the EU about Trump's conversation with Zelensky: Found a common language (Liga - Google Translation)
President Trump at the end of the conversation invited Zelensky to the White House

Liga (July 27) - Permanent Representative of the United States to the European Union Gordon Sondland believes that the presidents of Ukraine and the United States have found a common language. An American diplomat said this after a meeting on July 26 in Kiev with President Vladimir Zelensky, Radio Liberty reports .

"Yesterday, President Zelensky talked for a long time with President Trump, they got acquainted. I talked with both before and after this conversation. The conversation went very successfully, they immediately found a common language. President Trump at the end of the conversation invited Zelensky to the White House a time that is suitable for both parties in the near future, "the diplomat said.

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July 25 Zelensky had a telephone conversation with Trump. The parties agreed to discuss Ukrainian-American interaction during Zelensky's visit to the States. The American president expressed confidence that the new Ukrainian government will be able to complete the investigation of corruption cases that have restrained cooperation between Ukraine and the United States. He also reaffirmed the continued support of the US sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and its readiness to promote reform.

On July 24, the US Chargé d'Affaires ad interim in the affairs of Ukraine, William Taylor, said that it is still unknown whenZelenskywill meet with Trump.

Presidents of the USA and Ukraine have found a common language, Zelensky received an invitation to the White House - US representative to the EU (Depo – Google Translation)
Depo (July 26) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland believes that the presidents of Ukraine and the US have found a common language.

The American diplomat said this about Radio Liberty after a meeting on July 26 in Kyiv with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky, Depo.ua reports referring to Ukrinform.

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Volodymyr Zelensky met with Gordon Sondland and Kurt Volcker, US Special Envoy for Ukraine, on July 26 in Kyiv.

Gordon Sondland informed Radio Liberty that they discussed, among other things, the war, the issue of energy security, the situation in Naftogaz, the rule of law.

According to him, now on the initiative of US President Donald Trump, there is a team with the participation of Energy Minister Rick Perry, ambassadors Kurt Volker and William Taylor, and other representatives of the US State Department, which focuses on various aspects of relations with Ukraine.

The Office of the Ukrainian President announced on the eve of the telephone conversation with Vladimir Zelensky and his American colleague Donald Trump.

According to reports, the presidents, in particular, agreed to "substantively discuss practical issues of Ukrainian-American engagement" during the visit of Zelensky to the United States.

The exact date of the visit of Vladimir Zelensky to the US is not known at this time.

Recall that on July 25, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky talked with US President Donald Trump.

Trump and Zelensky immediately found a common language - US Ambassador to the EU on the telephone conversation of presidents (Google Translation)
Espreso (July 26) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland said that the presidents of Ukraine and the US found a common language and would soon meet. Radio Liberty reports.

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US Ambassador to the EU spoke about the meeting with Zelensky (European Pravda – Google Translation)
European Pravda (July 26) - The US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland, after meeting with the President of Ukraine, said that the security of Europe depends on the security of Ukraine.

"I had the honor to meet with my good friend Vladimir Zelensky. The United States and the EU united to support Ukraine and oppose the occupation of Crimea by Russia, its aggression in the east, the manipulation of Ukraine's energy and the detention of military personnel. Secure Ukraine = Safe Europe" Twitter.

Zelensky met on July 26 in Kiev with Sundland and US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Walker. One of the leading themes was the situation in the conflict zone in eastern Ukraine.

On the eve of Sondland and Volker met with the head of the supervisory board of the state concern "Ukroboronprom" Aivaras Abromavicius. They exchanged views on the prospects for reforming Ukraine and cooperation in the defense industry.

US Ambassador to the EU - the importance of supporting Ukraine (Telegraph – Google Translation)
US Ambassador to the EU - the importance of supporting Ukraine

Telegraf (July 26) - Gordon Sondland after meeting with Vladimir Zelensky said that the US and the EU should unite to support Ukraine.

The United States Ambassador to the European Union, Gordon Sundland, explained the importance of supporting Ukraine by the international community.

This is stated in the message of the US Embassy in Ukraine in the microblog Twitter.

Ambassador Sondland: I had the honor to meet with my good friend Vladimir Zelensky. The United States and the EU have united to support Ukraine and oppose the occupation of

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Crimea by Russia, its aggression in the east, the manipulation of Ukraine's energy sector and the detention of servicemen. Safe Ukraine - Safe Europe ", - it is said in the message.

As previously reported, Zelensky discussed with the US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Walker and US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland the current situation in the zone of operation of the combined forces, in particular the process of breeding forces and equipment near the Village of Lugansk.

Zelensky discussed with Volker and Sundland the current situation in the area of environmental protection (Censor – Google Translation)
Censor.net (July 26) - President Vladimir Zelensky met with US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Walker and US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sundland.
As informs Tsenzor.NET, reported the press service of the President.

The head of state thanked the American side for the consistent support of Ukraine and the efforts of the United States to achieve a peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Donbas.

Zelensky discussed with representatives of the US administration the current situation in the zone of the Operation of the combined forces, in particular the process of breeding forces and assets around the Village of Lugansk.

During the meeting, it was noted that the occupation authorities had previously agreed upon mutual steps by the parties that would successfully complete the process of separation of forces and improve the humanitarian situation on the demarcation line.

The parties expressed the hope that the ceasefire imposed on July 21 would be comprehensive and sustainable, and any armed provocations by the occupied territories would be permanently stopped.

The US ambassador to the EU commented on a meeting with Zelensky (Zik – Google Translation)
Zik (July 26) - US Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland highly appreciated the meeting with President Vladimir Zelensky.

He wrote about it on Twitter.

"It was an honor to meet with my good friend Vladimir Zelensky. The United States and the EU united to support Ukraine and oppose the occupation of the Crimea by Russia, its aggression in the east, manipulation of the energy sector of Ukraine, and the arrest of servicemen. Safe Ukraine - Safe Europe, "wrote Sondland.

Let's add, today, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky met with the United States Special Representative for Ukraine, Kurt Volcker, and US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland.

Zelensky and Volker discussed the situation in the Donbass (Crimea realities – Google Translation)
Crimea Realities (July 26, 2019) - President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenski met with Gordon Sondland, Special Representative of the US Department of State for Ukraine, Kurt Volcker and US Permanent Representative to the European Union.

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Zelensky discussed with the representatives of the US administration the current situation in the area of Operation of the Joint Forces, in particular the process of raising forces and facilities around Stanisla Luhansk.

During the meeting, the parties noted the need for mutual steps by the mutually agreed parties by the Russian-backed militants that would successfully complete the process of dividing forces and improve the humanitarian situation on the line of separation.

The US Embassy in Ukraine reported that Volker and Sondland discussed cooperation between Ukraine and the United States and expressed solid support from the United States for democracy, security and prosperity in Ukraine.

On June 26, Ukrainian troops departed from one of the positions in front of the KPVB in Stanislau Luhansk. In the group supported by Russia, "LNR" also announced the breeding of forces in Stanitsa Luhansk and added that this process could take up to three days. The

The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission stated that the militants announced the completion of the separation of forces near Stanitsa Lugansk.

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Ambassador, here is a summary of your press in the Ukrainian media (including some translations) prepared by (b)(6)

(b)(6) and the Hub team also ran a scan through their Russian media search tool and found 700+ articles since Friday mentioning your trip to Ukraine. They range from news reporting on the fact of the trip, with a focus on Volker (the majority of the coverage), to coverage of your interviews, to articles speculating about what the "real purpose of the presence of the U.S. Ambassador to the EU on a trip to Ukraine." The latter articles focus on commentary by pundits that says "Volker isn't in President Trump's circle of trust" and so "Sondland is curating the dialogue with Kyiv," as well as alleging that you want to ensure "the Biden affair"—an investigation into former VP Biden's ties through his son to an energy company in Ukraine—stays on track.

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Thanks
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UATV Interview
UATV full video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zW8pad9RDCQ

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Ukrainian RFE/RL TV Interview
Ukrainian RFE/RL video (dubbed into Ukrainian) on how Zelenskyy handled the ship incident: https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/30077643.html

US Ambassador to the EU spoke about the relationship between Zelensky and Trump (Ukrainian RFE/RL - Google translation)
Ukrainian RFE/RL (July 26, 2019) - "The conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language," - says Permanent Representative of the United States to the European Union Gordon Sondland

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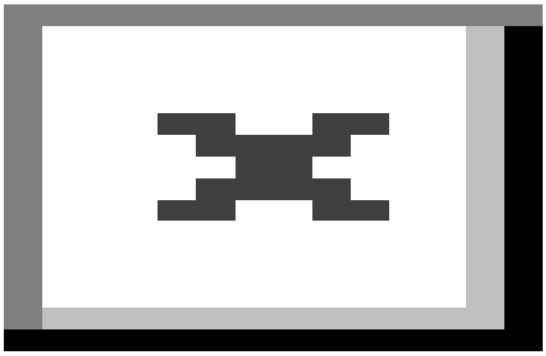
The exact date of the visit of Vladimir Zelensky to the US is not known at this time.

Earlier, then Ukrainian Ambassador to the US Valery Chaly announced two possible dates for Zelensky's visit to the United States: either in August (when the President of Ukraine will visit only Washington) or September (when this visit will be combined with the participation in the debate at the UN General Assembly session).

On June 25, US Charge d'Affaires in Ukraine William Taylor said that the date of the visit of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky to the United States for a meeting with the President of this country Donald Trump has not yet been determined , but the United States is very interested in determining the date and the agenda as soon as possible.

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US Ambassador to the EU about Zelensky as a rock star, Russian tanker and their Kiev roots (Ukrainian RFE/RL – Google Translation)



US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland. Kyiv, July 26, 2019

Oksana Dumskaya

Ukrainian RFE/RL (July 27, 2019) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland, arrived in Kyiv to meet with Ukrainian politicians, including President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky. He spoke about his expectations from the Ukrainian authorities, how the United States helps the new team to find a common language with Ukraine's neighbors in the West and about the roots of his family in Kyiv in an interview with Radio Liberty.

- On July 26, you met with President Zelensky. Have you discussed at this meeting the recent conversation between Presidents Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelensky and the possible future visit of the President of Ukraine to the United States?

The telephone conversation was very good. They quickly found a common language
- Yes, President Zelensky and President Trump had a fairly long conversation. They met. I spoke with Donald Trump, and with Volodymyr Zelensky before and after a telephone conversation. The telephone conversation was very good. They quickly found a common language. At the end of the conversation, President Trump invited Volodymyr Zelensky to meet at the White House in a convenient time for both parties in the near future.

- What did you discuss with President Zelensky during the meeting?

- We have a whole list of issues we are working on. There is a team that was assembled by President Trump: Ambassador Taylor, who is our main contact with the Ukrainian authorities, Special Representative Volker. There is also a group that we call "three amigos", which includes me, Spokeswoman Volcker and Energy Minister Rick Perry. And our job is to

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make sure that American power is focused on Ukraine and is ready to respond quickly to Ukrainian issues.

- What particular questions did you raise during the meeting?

- They talked about energy, security, war, the team that President Zelensky collects, the rule of law, Naftogaz, about everything in the world.

- What is your position regarding the SBU detained a Russian tanker that was involved in the incident in the Kerch Strait in November? How close to the country are they approaching a serious escalation this time?

- President Zelensky perfectly coped with the situation. He immediately released the sailors, because they were not involved in the seizure that the Russians carried out in November. He had the right to detain the tanker as soon as he left the international waters that he actually did. Volodymyr Zelensky demonstrates to the Russians that he can not be offended. He shows that he is ready to answer. We believe that his actions were very and very responsible.

- How do you see the situation with Russia's militarization of the annexed Crimea, the buildup of Russia's military power in the Black Sea? How will Washington and NATO react to it?

- We believe that Russians should return to Russia and leave Ukraine alone. Ukraine is rooted in Western values, in the Western rule of law. Russians belong to Russia, and Ukrainians to Ukraine. Both the United States and all our friends in Europe share this opinion.

- A difficult issue for Ukraine concerns the "North Stream-2". You are an adversary in the erection of this lawn. How would you comment on Russia and Germany's willingness to implement this project? Will American sanctions be imposed against companies involved in the project? When?

- We are disappointed with the behavior of our friends in Germany, who support the completion of the construction of the North Stream 2. We think that it is not in the interests of Europe to be completely energy dependent on Russia. There are many other sources of energy other than, in particular, the United States. You can also receive energy from the Middle East or from the countries of the South. We want Europe to be free to make political decisions without interference from Russians who have already shut off gas at the worst moment.

- What should Ukraine do in this situation?

- I think Ukraine does what it should do. Led by President Zelenskiy Ukraine works fast and persistently, looking for other energy sources. And he also seeks to never give Russia the opportunity to influence its political future.

- How does the US see Ukraine's relations, sometimes very difficult, with its western neighbors, in particular, Poland and Hungary? Can Washington help establish this relationship, since such conflicts distract Kiev against Russia's aggression in the east?

- We made a small step forward in this direction a few weeks ago, on the day of President Zelensky's inauguration. I invited him to Brussels and arranged for him a small party,

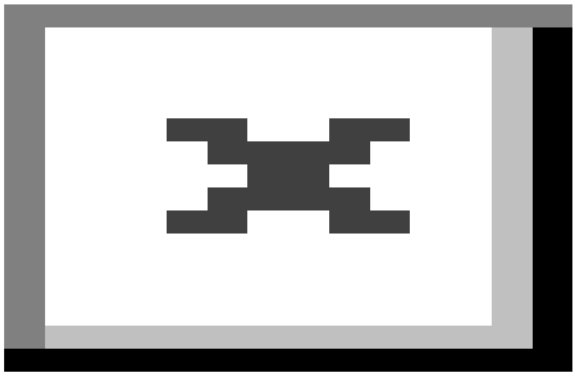
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attended by the leaders of Poland, Romania and leaders of several other countries, as well as representatives of the White House. We wanted to give him the opportunity to establish contacts during informal communication. Today (July 26 - ed.), We talked with President Zelensky and realized that relations are beginning to be settled.

- How can you assess the visit of President Zelensky to Brussels, which took place a few weeks ago?

- I can evaluate only those events in which I participated. President Zelensky proved to be beautiful, as for one of the first international meetings. He was like a rock star.

- Fifth President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko met with US Special Representative Kurt Volker on the eve.



Fifth President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko (right) during a conversation with US Special Representative Kurt Volker (left). Kiev, July 25, 2019

He spoke with him about Ukraine's MAP (NATO Membership Action Plan - Ed.), And also called on the United States to raise this issue during the NATO summit in December. How quickly Ukraine can get the MAP and what is the US position on this issue?

- This is not a decision of the United States. This is NATO's decision. NATO has specific procedures for potential members. I believe that Ukraine will be a good candidate, but it must follow all NATO protocols and procedures.

- Ukraine has elected a new parliament, which will form a government. Two months ago, Ukraine chose a new president, and the leaders in the main institutions of the European Union changed. Will this affect the relations between Ukraine and the European Union?

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One of the main issues will be - how to communicate very clearly and very clearly to our Russian friends that Ukraine remains pro-Western
- I believe that relations between Ukraine and the European Union are already very good. The United States and the EU are cooperating very closely to support Ukraine in many of the issues that I have described to you. We will meet with the new head of the European Commission, Ursula von der Lien, on Monday. We already had a telephone conversation and one of the main questions will be - how to communicate very clearly and very clearly to our friends from Russia that Ukraine remains pro-Western.

- President Zelensky proposed to expand the "Norman format" and involve the United States and Great Britain. How is it possible and if this will help move from the implementation of the Minsk Agreements?

- I do not want to assume this before meeting in the Norman format. I do not want to put anyone in an awkward position, including President Zelensky. I want them to solve problems during meetings. Therefore, I will not make any assumptions.

- The United States supports Ukraine in many spheres. What are the next steps for bilateral cooperation?

We will increase our support when Ukraine starts reform
- We have supported and will support Ukraine. We will increase our support when Ukraine starts implementing reforms as promised. Volodymyr Zelensky was elected president with a great mandate, because more than 70% of Ukrainian voters voted for him. Representatives of the United States government, such as Minister of Energy Perry, I, Special Representative Volker, not to mention the US ambassador to Ukraine, we have a whole team in Washington, the State Department and the White House, which focused on various Ukrainian issues - military , energy, economic, political, all.

- What other reforms should be implemented in Ukraine?

- There is a long list of reforms. But the good news is that in many cases they are simple. They need political will. I believe that President Zelensky is the person who not only has political will, but will also embody reforms. Execution is key. Talking is good, but doing is better.

- Mr. Ambassador, tell your parents who, it turns out, come from Kiev?

I am proud that my parents were born here in Kiev. I would like to know which street, and in what house
- I am proud that my parents were born here in Kyiv. I would like to know on what street and in what building. I could stay here. But I can not. They obviously spoke in Ukrainian, Russian, and German and Spanish. Because they lived in Uruguay. Unfortunately, my parents died. But there were some family records. So, during one of my upcoming visits to Kyiv, I plan to do a little research and maybe find where they were born.

Trump, Ukraine's Zelenskiy Outline Pending Meeting During Phone Call (RFE/RL)
Radio Free Europe (July 26, 2019) - WASHINGTON -- U.S. President Donald Trump congratulated Ukrainian counterparty Volodymyr Zelenskiy on his parliamentary victory as the leaders discussed the agenda of their first tet-a-tet.

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Trump and Zelenskiy spoke by phone on July 25 to discuss "ways to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Ukraine, including energy and economic cooperation," the White House said in a statement.

No date has yet set for their first meeting, which will take place in Washington most likely before the end of the summer.

Zelenskiy will come to the White House with a strong mandate for change after his Servant of the People party swept a majority of the seats in parliament during the July 21 election, the first party in the history of independent Ukraine to control the Rada.

Trump congratulated Zelenskiy for his party's success, the White House said.

Zelenskiy's office said in a statement that Trump voiced confidence the new Ukrainian government could improve the nation's image and complete the investigation of corruption cases that have "held back U.S.-Ukrainian cooperation."

The U.S. has repeatedly called on Ukraine to tackle corruption and weaken the influence of business tycoons that control power behind the scenes.

Zelenskiy, a former comic who played a fictitious history teacher on TV who is accidentally elected president, won a landslide presidential election in April amid popular frustration over endemic corruption and low living standards.

His party repeated the feat on July 21, garnering 254 seats, more than 60 percent of those in the legislature, as citizens gave him a green light to reform the political system.

The Ukrainian president's office said that Trump expressed U.S. support for the country's large-scale reform program as well as its territorial integrity.

Zelenskiy thanked Trump for keeping and strengthening sanctions against Russia, which annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and backed separatists in eastern Ukraine, kicking off a five-year war that has killed more than 13,000 people.

Ukraine and the United States have held high-level talks over the past few weeks in preparation for the meeting. Ivan Bakanov, first deputy chief of Ukraine's Security Service, presidential assistant Andriy Yermak, and potential prime minister Oleksandr Danylyuk have traveled to Washington for meetings.

Kurt Volker, the U.S. special peace envoy to Ukraine, traveled to Kyiv this week with U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland.

During his trip to Washington, Zelenskiy will also meet with members of Congress, where Ukraine has received greater support than it has from the White House during the Trump presidency.

The Ukrainian Congressional Caucus has asked House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to invite Zelenskiy to address both chambers during his visit to Washington. Pelosi has yet to answer.

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U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland has stated that the presidents of Ukraine and the United States found a common language (Ukrinform)
Ukrinform (July 26) - "Yesterday, President Zelensky had quite a long [telephone] conversation with President Trump, they got acquainted. I spoke with both of them before and after this conversation. The conversation was very successful. They found a common language immediately. President Trump invited Zelensky to visit the White House in the timeline suitable for both parties in the near future," the American diplomat told Radio Liberty after a meeting with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky on July 26 in Kyiv.

On July 26, President Zelensky met in Kyiv with Gordon Sondland and U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Kurt Volker.

Gordon Sondland told Radio Liberty that they discussed, among other things, the war, energy security issues, the situation in the NJSC Naftogaz of Ukraine, the rule of law.

A team with the participation of U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry, ambassadors Kurt Volker and William Taylor, and other representatives of the U.S. Department of State currently works at the initiative of US President Donald Trump focusing on various aspects of relations with Ukraine, Sondland added.

Yesterday, the Presidential Office reported that President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky and US President Donald Trump held a telephone conversation.

According to the report, the presidents, in particular, agreed to "substantively discuss the practical issues of US-Ukraine cooperation" during Zelensky's visit to the United States.

Zelensky, U.S. administration reps hope ceasefire regime introduced in Donbas on July 21 to be comprehensive, permanent (Interfax)
KYIV. July 26 (Interfax-Ukraine) - President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky has met with U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Kurt Volker and U.S. Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland to discuss the current situation in the area of the Joint Forces Operation (JFO), in particular, the process of disengagement of forces and equipment near Stanytsia Luhanska.

"The parties voiced a hope that the ceasefire regime, which was agreed on July 21, would be comprehensive and permanent and that any armed provocations on the part of the occupied territories would be permanently discontinued," the presidential press service said on Friday.

During the meeting, the necessity of taking steps by the occupation authorities, which will allow successfully complete the process of disengagement of forces and improvement of the humanitarian situation on the contact line, was noted.

Zelensky thanked the U.S. side for its consistent support of Ukraine and the U.S. efforts aimed at achieving a peaceful settlement to conflict in Donbas.

Ukrainian president, US envoys meet to discuss Donbass (BBC)
BBC Monitoring Ukraine & Baltics (July 26) - Today President Volodymyr Zelensky has discussed the pull-back of troops near Stanytsya Luhanska and the situation at the frontline in general with American guests - US special representative for Ukraine Kurt Volker and US Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland.

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The Ukrainian president thanked the USA for its consistent support and assistance in bringing peace to Donbass. Both sides stressed that the occupying authorities must adhere to agreements that will make it possible to complete the pull-back of troops and improve the humanitarian situation at the line of contact.

Trump invited Zelensky to the White House (Obovsem – Google Translation)
Obovsem (July 26) - Presidents Vladimir Zelensky and the United States Donald Trump found a common language during a telephone conversation. According to the US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland, according to Radio Liberty.

"Yesterday, President Zelensky spoke with the President for a long time. They talked to us before and after this conversation, the conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language,"said Sundland.

According to him, one of the consequences of this conversation was the invitation of the President of Ukraine for a visit to Washington. "President Trump at the end of the conversation invited Zelensky to the White House on a date suitable for both parties in the near future," the diplomat said.

The exact date of Zelensky's visit to the United States is currently unknown, but this may occur in August or September. In the first case, the Ukrainian will remain only in the US capital, in the second he can also be combined with participation in debates at the UN General Assembly in New York.

The President of the United States congratulated Ukraine on successful parliamentary elections and expressed his conviction that the new government would quickly stop investigating the problems of corruption that had stopped interaction between the countries. Then, when the President of Ukraine thanked his colleague for maintaining the sanctions against Russia.

US Ambassador to the EU talking about Trump and Zelensky: They immediately found a common language (Gordon – Google Translation)
Gordon (July 27) - The first telephone conversation between US President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky was quite lengthy, said US Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland.

US Permanent Representative to the EU, Gordon Sondland, in a commentary to Radio Liberty on July 26, said that the first telephone conversation between President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky and US President Donald Trump was successful.

"Yesterday, President Zelensky talked with President Trump for a long time, they met." I talked to both before and after the conversation. "The conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language, and President Trump invited Zelensky to the White House at the end of the term, which suitable for both parties in the near future, "said Sondland.

He also said that, at the initiative of Trump in the United States, a working group has been set up, which focuses on various aspects of cooperation with Ukraine. The group includes, among others, US Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, US Special Envoy to Ukraine Kurt Volker and Charge d'Affaires of Ukraine William Taylor, said Sonland.

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Zelensky met with Sondland and Volcker on July 26, they discussed the current situation in the Donbass, in particular issues related to the allocation of forces and facilities in Stanitsa Lugansk.

The exact date of the meeting between Zelensky and Trump is still unknown. Deputy Head of the Office of the President Vadim Prystaiko did not deny that the presidents will meet on September 1 in Poland, where the Ukrainian head of state will go on invitation of Polish President Andrzej Dudi.

The Ambassador declared the details of the telephone talk of Zelensky and Trump (NewsOne - Google Translation)
NewsOne (July 26) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland told how the conversation between the Presidents of Ukraine and the USA, Vladimir Zelensky and Donald Trump, was held.

It is reported by Radio Liberty.

So, Sondland assured that the heads of state found a common language.

"President Zelensky talked for a long time on the phone with President Trump, they got to know each other. I spoke with both before and after this conversation. The conversation went very successfully, they immediately found a common language," the ambassador noted.

He also said that at the end of the conversation Trump invited Zelensky to Washington.

"President Trump at the end of the conversation invited Zelensky to the White House for a time that is suitable for both parties in the near future," Sondland summed up.

As reported earlier NEWSONE, the Ukrainian head of state Vladimir Zelensky held a telephone conversation with US President Donald Trump.

US ambassador to the EU about Trump's conversation with Zelensky: Found a common language (Liga - Google Translation)
President Trump at the end of the conversation invited Zelensky to the White House

Liga (July 27) - Permanent Representative of the United States to the European Union Gordon Sondland believes that the presidents of Ukraine and the United States have found a common language. An American diplomat said this after a meeting on July 26 in Kiev with President Vladimir Zelensky, Radio Liberty reports .

"Yesterday, President Zelensky talked for a long time with President Trump, they got acquainted. I talked with both before and after this conversation. The conversation went very successfully, they immediately found a common language. President Trump at the end of the conversation invited Zelensky to the White House a time that is suitable for both parties in the near future, "the diplomat said.

July 25 Zelensky had a telephone conversation with Trump. The parties agreed to discuss Ukrainian-American interaction during Zelensky's visit to the States. The American president expressed confidence that the new Ukrainian government will be able to complete the investigation of corruption cases that have restrained cooperation between Ukraine and the United States. He also reaffirmed the continued support of the US sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and its readiness to promote reform.

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On July 24, the US Chargé d'Affaires ad interim in the affairs of Ukraine, William Taylor, said that it is still unknown whenZelenskywill meet with Trump.

Presidents of the USA and Ukraine have found a common language, Zelensky received an invitation to the White House - US representative to the EU (Depo – Google Translation)
Depo (July 26) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland believes that the presidents of Ukraine and the US have found a common language.

The American diplomat said this about Radio Liberty after a meeting on July 26 in Kyiv with President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky, Depo.ua reports referring to Ukrinform.

"Yesterday, President Zelensky had been talking for a long time (telephone - Ed.) With President Trump, they met. I talked to both before and after this conversation, the conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language, and at the end of the conversation President Trump invited Zelensky to White House in a term suitable for both sides in the near future, "the diplomat said.

Volodymyr Zelensky met with Gordon Sondland and Kurt Volcker, US Special Envoy for Ukraine, on July 26 in Kyiv.

Gordon Sondland informed Radio Liberty that they discussed, among other things, the war, the issue of energy security, the situation in Naftogaz, the rule of law.

According to him, now on the initiative of US President Donald Trump, there is a team with the participation of Energy Minister Rick Perry, ambassadors Kurt Volker and William Taylor, and other representatives of the US State Department, which focuses on various aspects of relations with Ukraine.

The Office of the Ukrainian President announced on the eve of the telephone conversation with Vladimir Zelensky and his American colleague Donald Trump.

According to reports, the presidents, in particular, agreed to "substantively discuss practical issues of Ukrainian-American engagement" during the visit of Zelensky to the United States.

The exact date of the visit of Vladimir Zelensky to the US is not known at this time.

Recall that on July 25, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky talked with US President Donald Trump.

Trump and Zelensky immediately found a common language - US Ambassador to the EU on the telephone conversation of presidents (Google Translation)
Espreso (July 26) - US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland said that the presidents of Ukraine and the US found a common language and would soon meet. Radio Liberty reports.

"Yesterday, President Zelensky had talked for a long time (telephone - ed.) With President Trump, they met. I communicated with both before and after this conversation. The conversation was very successful, they immediately found a common language. At the end of the conversation, President Trump invited Zelensky to the White House within a term suitable for both sides in the near future, "the diplomat said.

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US Ambassador to the EU spoke about the meeting with Zelensky (European Pravda – Google Translation)
European Pravda (July 26) - The US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland, after meeting with the President of Ukraine, said that the security of Europe depends on the security of Ukraine.

"I had the honor to meet with my good friend Vladimir Zelensky. The United States and the EU united to support Ukraine and oppose the occupation of Crimea by Russia, its aggression in the east, the manipulation of Ukraine's energy and the detention of military personnel. Secure Ukraine = Safe Europe" Twitter.

Zelensky met on July 26 in Kiev with Sundland and US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Walker. One of the leading themes was the situation in the conflict zone in eastern Ukraine.

On the eve of Sondland and Volker met with the head of the supervisory board of the state concern "Ukroboronprom" Aivaras Abromavicius. They exchanged views on the prospects for reforming Ukraine and cooperation in the defense industry.

US Ambassador to the EU - the importance of supporting Ukraine (Telegraph – Google Translation)
US Ambassador to the EU - the importance of supporting Ukraine

Telegraf (July 26) - Gordon Sondland after meeting with Vladimir Zelensky said that the US and the EU should unite to support Ukraine.

The United States Ambassador to the European Union, Gordon Sundland, explained the importance of supporting Ukraine by the international community.

This is stated in the message of the US Embassy in Ukraine in the microblog Twitter.

Ambassador Sondland: I had the honor to meet with my good friend Vladimir Zelensky. The United States and the EU have united to support Ukraine and oppose the occupation of Crimea by Russia, its aggression in the east, the manipulation of Ukraine's energy sector and the detention of servicemen. Safe Ukraine - Safe Europe ", - it is said in the message.

As previously reported, Zelensky discussed with the US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Walker and US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sondland the

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current situation in the zone of operation of the combined forces, in particular the process of breeding forces and equipment near the Village of Lugansk.

Zelensky discussed with Volker and Sundland the current situation in the area of environmental protection (Censor – Google Translation)
Censor.net (July 26) - President Vladimir Zelensky met with US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Walker and US Permanent Representative to the European Union Gordon Sundland.
As informs Tsenzor.NET, reported the press service of the President.

The head of state thanked the American side for the consistent support of Ukraine and the efforts of the United States to achieve a peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Donbas.

Zelensky discussed with representatives of the US administration the current situation in the zone of the Operation of the combined forces, in particular the process of breeding forces and assets around the Village of Lugansk.

During the meeting, it was noted that the occupation authorities had previously agreed upon mutual steps by the parties that would successfully complete the process of separation of forces and improve the humanitarian situation on the demarcation line.

The parties expressed the hope that the ceasefire imposed on July 21 would be comprehensive and sustainable, and any armed provocations by the occupied territories would be permanently stopped.

The US ambassador to the EU commented on a meeting with Zelensky (Zik – Google Translation)
Zik (July 26) - US Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland highly appreciated the meeting with President Vladimir Zelensky.

He wrote about it on Twitter.

"It was an honor to meet with my good friend Vladimir Zelensky. The United States and the EU united to support Ukraine and oppose the occupation of the Crimea by Russia, its aggression in the east, manipulation of the energy sector of Ukraine, and the arrest of servicemen. Safe Ukraine - Safe Europe, "wrote Sondland.

Let's add, today, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky met with the United States Special Representative for Ukraine, Kurt Volcker, and US Permanent Representative to the European Union, Gordon Sondland.

Zelensky and Volker discussed the situation in the Donbass (Crimea realities – Google Translation)
Crimea Realities (July 26, 2019) - President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenski met with Gordon Sondland, Special Representative of the US Department of State for Ukraine, Kurt Volcker and US Permanent Representative to the European Union.

Zelensky discussed with the representatives of the US administration the current situation in the area of Operation of the Joint Forces, in particular the process of raising forces and facilities around Stanisla Luhansk.

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During the meeting, the parties noted the need for mutual steps by the mutually agreed parties by the Russian-backed militants that would successfully complete the process of dividing forces and improve the humanitarian situation on the line of separation.

The US Embassy in Ukraine reported that Volker and Sondland discussed cooperation between Ukraine and the United States and expressed solid support from the United States for democracy, security and prosperity in Ukraine.

On June 26, Ukrainian troops departed from one of the positions in front of the KPVB in Stanislau Luhansk. In the group supported by Russia, "LNR" also announced the breeding of forces in Stanitsa Luhansk and added that this process could take up to three days. The

The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission stated that the militants announced the completion of the separation of forces near Stanitsa Lugansk.

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To:	McCormack, (b)(6) Kurt Volker <(b)(6)
CC:	Buchan, Samuel <(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: an early draft readout // not for distribution
Date:	Fri, 28 Jun 2019 08:39:48 +0000

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From: McCormack, Brian (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 9:41:17 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU); Kurt Volker
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Subject:	Re: Atlantik Brucke - negative article re Amb Grenell
Date:	Fri, 16 Aug 2019 18:43:24 +0000

Discussed at length today with Grenell. Call me

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Bustamante, Michael (USEU) <(b)(6)

Subject: Atlantik Brucke - negative article re Amb Grenell

Ambassador—given your September 5 speech at Atlantik Brucke, I wanted to flag this article from Spiegel Online today that alleges Ambassador Grenell lobbied against former FM Gabriel becoming the head of AB. I reached out to the press section in Berlin, who said the Ambassador says it is not true and they'd denied the story on background. They also said many didn't see Gabriel as the right choice but he was selected.

Gabriel has offered you a courtesy call before your speech.

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Lobby organization

US ambassador wanted to prevent Gabriel as head of Atlantic Brücke

Sigmar Gabriel as head of a German-American lobby organization? This personality did not suit Richard Grenell. The US Ambassador intervened according to SPIEGEL information at the Atlantik-Brücke - without success.

Paul Zinken / DPA
Ex-SPD leader Sigmar Gabriel: "We would actually need an American ambassador who mediates"
Friday, 16.08.2019 13:16

US Ambassador Richard Grenell intervened before the election of Sigmar Gabriel as the new chairman of the Atlantik-Brücke last June to explain his disapproval. Grenell did not want to comment to SPIEGEL's request on the process. Gabriel took the lead in the German-American lobby organization after the longtime chairman Friedrich Merz (CDU).

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According to the former German Foreign Minister, in the SPIEGEL, Grenell does not contribute to an improvement of the German-American relationship. "We would actually need an American ambassador who mediates, who explains to the Americans, even if he does not share our position, why we are doing things," said Gabriel.

The head of the Atlantik-Brücke also expressed concern about the German-American relationship overall. He worries that "it has become popular even in the leading German business community to say goodbye to America ," said Gabriel .

SALVATORE DI NOLFI / EPA
US Ambassador Richard Grenell: Personal Intervention

Former US Ambassador to NATO, Nicholas Burns, was also concerned about the transatlantic relationship. "We are experiencing a crisis in German-American relations, which I wouldn't have thought possible," said Burns, who advises the Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden on foreign policy issues.

Burns also criticized Grenell, who had threatened indirectly with a withdrawal of US troops from Germany, if Germany did not increase its military spending. "It would be a betrayal of our alliance with Germany," said Burns to the SPIEGEL and added: "In Congress, there is not even close to a majority for endangering or even destroying relations with Germany."

The federal government, meanwhile, has blocked another career project by Sigmar Gabriel. As can be seen from a response to a request by the left-wing MP Lorenz Gösta Beutin, the SPD politician may not start a supervisory board mandate at Kulczyk Holding for the time being.

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Because of threatened interference with public interests, Gabriel must comply with a waiting period of twelve months, the letter goes on to say. The decision was made at the end of 2018, but was not known so far.

The company of Polish multimillionaire Jan Kulczyk, who died in 2015, is based in the tax haven of Luxembourg, while Gabriel had sharply criticized such tax optimization practices during his time as vice-chancellor.

Gabriel himself informs that he has already canceled Kulczyk Holding, while the Federal Government was still examining the possible side job.
Parliamentarian Beutin criticizes Gabriel for allowing himself to talk to such a company. "Especially for a longtime SPD chairman, who has dedicated himself to the fight for social justice, the switch to the side of big money is a shameless behavior."

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To:	Reeker, Philip T <(b)(6)
CC:	Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Brussels July 10-12
Date:	Sun, 7 Jul 2019 00:05:33 +0000

Thanks Phil. Means a lot coming from you.



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From: Reeker, Philip T
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 1:52:44 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU)
Subject: Re: Brussels July 10-12

I read your interview in "Parliament" (I think that's what it's called) Magazine. Really good.

Safe travels.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.
From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 4:52 AM
To: Reeker, Philip T
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU)
Subject: Re: Brussels July 10-12

Thanks Phil. We are in touch. I will be in DC when Elliott visits.



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From: Reeker, Philip T
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 1:49:52 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU)
Subject: Fw: Brussels July 10-12

Gordon,
Not to steal Elliott's own outreach to you -- but Fyi.

I'm en route to Vienna overnight. Covering OSCE Ministerial Mon-Tues; stop in Budapest, then London (Media Freedom Ministerial Conference, etc) Back July 14.

Best, Phil

P.s. (b)(5)
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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.
From: Abrams, Elliott (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 12:07 PM
To: Reeker, Philip T; Fisher, Julie D; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Brussels July 10-12

Right—I'll email him.

From: Reeker, Philip T (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Fisher, Julie D (b)(6) Abrams, Elliott (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Brussels July 10-12

Elliott,
I'm not sure if he'll be in town then, but if you have a chance (b)(5)
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Save travels.

Phil

From: Fisher, Julie D (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 10:39 AM

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To: Abrams, Elliott <(b)(6) Reeker, Philip T (b)(6)
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Subject: Re: Brussels July 10-12

Of course! We'll circle back with a name.

From: Abrams, Elliott <(b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 10:27
To: Reeker, Philip T; Fisher, Julie D; T(b)(6)
Subject: Brussels July 10-12

There's a big (Canadian-led) Venezuela conference in Brussels on July 11 and I will attend.

I am figuring on going over the night of the 9th, returning the 12th.

Can you help me let Embassy Brussels know this, and get me a control officer?

Many thanks,

Elliott

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Date:	Fri, 26 Jul 2019 04:34:50 +0000

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To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6)

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(b)(6) ; Bustamante, Michael (USEU) <(b)(6)

Subject: Re: Clearance: Kyiv Tweets

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Hope the trip is going well. Thanks.

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Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 6:07 PM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

Cc: (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); USEU-PRESS_TEAM-DL

Subject: Clearance: Kyiv Tweets

Good evening sir,

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Respectfully,

Michael Bustamante

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Date:	Fri, 26 Jul 2019 04:44:49 +0000

Second one



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On the first one right? Thanks.

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Actually, (b)(5)

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)

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Subject: Re: Clearance: Kyiv Tweets

Sir - reflagging these for your clearance please. (b)(5)

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Hope the trip is going well. Thanks.

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From: Bustamante, Michael (USEU) (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 6:07 PM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

Cc: (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); USEU-PRESS_TEAM-DL

Subject: Clearance: Kyiv Tweets

Good evening sir,

PA would like to recommend the following two tweets:

(All cleared by PA Kyiv)

1. (b)(5)

2.

Respectfully,

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Subject:	Re: Email to Amb Mossbacher
Date:	Wed, 8 May 2019 06:49:34 +0000

Call me

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From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU)
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:49:14 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU); USEU-Staff-Aide DL
Subject: RE: Email to Amb Mossbacher

Not yet, but appears likely. Will put (t) by non-confirmed folks.

Regards,

Henry

From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:48 AM
To: Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6); USEU-Staff-Aide DL (b)(6)
Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Email to Amb Mossbacher

Have we received confirm from Juncker?

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From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU)
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:46:20 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU); USEU-Staff-Aide DL; Haggard, Henry R (USEU)
Subject: Email to Amb Mossbacher

Ambassador,

Per your request, the VVIP list for the June 4 events (reception and dinner) below. Note that not all of the below would attend the VVIP dinner since Whitlock holds only 18.

Regards,
Henry

VVIPs Attending USEU Independence Day Events June 4

-Secretary Pompeo
-Commission President Juncker (t)
-HRVP Mogherini
-European Parliament President Tajani
-EU VP Timmermans (t)
-Romanian President Iohannis
-Ukrainian President-elect Zelensky (t)
-Polish President or PM (t)
-NATO SYG Stoltenberg (t)
-SACEUR Wolters (t)
-Vice Prime Minister of Romania Ana Birchall
-Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager
-Security Commissioner Julian King
-Energy Commissioner Canete
-Trade Commissioner Malmstrom (t)
-Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen (SG of the Council)
-EU Brexit Negotiator Michel Barnier
-Belgian FM or DefMin (t)
-Other DC VIPs TBD

Henry Haggard
Political Counselor
United States Mission to the EU
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Offic

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: For S
Date:	Sun, 5 May 2019 06:24:46 +0000

Lisa,

Update on 6/4

Mogherini is asking Juncker to join her.
Iohannis is coming
PM Bahktadze is coming
Pres Elect Zelensky likely

(b)(5)



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(b)(6)

From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 12:41:51 AM
To: Kenna, Lisa D
Subject: Re: For S

Thanks. On the ground by 6-6:30 should work. (b)(5) (b)(5) At least three heads of state/govt are coming in addition to the EU. (b)(5) (b)(5)



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(b)(6)

From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 1:08:35 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: RE: For S

Yes, the travel is a bear, but we are working on it. He needs to wheels down in Brussels at what time?

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 6:43 AM
To: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: Re: For S

Thanks Lisa. Did you get my note about deconflicting the dinner portion of 6/4?

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(b)(6)

From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 12:26:18 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: RE: For S

Gordon,

(b)(5) Lisa

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 1:29 AM
To: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: For S

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Mike,

(b)(5)

Gordon

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To:	(b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
CC:	Libby, Mark W (USEU) <(b)(6) Takats, Sarah O (USEU)
Subject:	Re: Hi from NY - urgent request re: Sondland
Date:	Wed, 25 Sep 2019 11:30:59 +0000

Run it by Morgan. (b)(5)



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From: (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 7:04:30 AM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)

Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU) <(b)(6) ; Takats, Sarah O (USEU)

(b)(6)

Subject: Fwd: Hi from NY - urgent request re: Sondland

Sir — see backgrounder request from David Herszenhorn on Ukraine. (b)(5)

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From: David Herszenhorn <(b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 12:53 PM
To: (b)(6) (USEU)
Subject: Hi from NY - urgent request re: Sondland

Hi (b)(6) from New York.

(Full disclosure – have been chatting informally with ambo about Javanka dinner with Charles Michel et al. Playbook missed the twitter photo I had sent, but we'll have a full story up shortly that will clarify everything)

I've been asked to write a piece about DC and Ukraine … given I spent a lot of time in both Kiev and Washington. And now of course I am in Brussels with Ambassador Sondland and where Ambasssador Volker used to be based at NATO.

I think it would be a good idea to chat with Ambassador Sondland, on background, to make sure I've got things well-clarified, given accounts that USEU was being briefed by Rudy Giuliani (my ex-mayor, who `I covered in City Hall) on what he was up to.

Things get messy whenever Ukraine is involved. When WH says that European allies have not always been consistent in their support, there is core truth.

(See this piece: https://www.politico.eu/article/the-eu-broke-ukraine-with-help-from-russia/)

Anyway, I think it would be helpful to organize a phone call at the very least on background and at the soonest interval, to clarify where USEU comes into this, and make sure the coverage

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remains grounded in hard facts.

Thanks for your help. I am on whatsapp with Belgian number +(b)(6) or US voice number +(b)(6)

Bests, David

David M. Herszenhorn

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Subject:	Re: Introduction
Date:	Sun, 28 Jul 2019 07:58:28 +0000

Michael,

Welcome! I look forward to working with you.

Gordon

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From: Michael Lally <Michael.Lally@trade.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2019 8:42:47 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6)
Cc: Pelzer, Katherine E (USEU) <(b)(6); Breidenstine, John (Dept of Commerce) <John.Breidenstine@trade.gov>; Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU) <(b)(6) Mullins, Michael C <(b)(6)
Subject: Introduction

Mr. Ambassador:

It was good to meet you briefly during your May visit to Kyiv for the inauguration of President Zelenskyy. While I was unfortunately out of Kyiv during your visit last week, I know your level of engagement is deeply appreciated here by the President and his Administration.

As I transition to my USEU assignment, I provide a brief personal introduction in the attached letter.

I look forward to working for you and contributing to the Country Team.

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Sincerely,

Michael A. Lally
Minister Counselor (Designate)
for Commercial Affairs – Europe
U.S. Commercial Service
U.S.Mission to the European Union
Brussels, Belgium
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To:	Katy Durant <(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: June Travel - Add Select USA?
Date:	Wed, 15 May 2019 16:40:46 +0000

Oops

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From: Katy Durant (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 12:23:50 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: Re: June Travel - Add Select USA?

You know you emailed me, not Henry....

- Katherine J. Durant
(b)(6) Direct line
Mobile

On May 15, 2019, at 10:09 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6) wrote:

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> Yes to select if I have a role
>
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From: Katy Durant <(b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 11:54:04 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: Re: June Travel - Add Select USA?

I will be in DC on the 10th for the Pappy dinner.

Katherine J. Durant
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Mobile

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Yes to Select if I have a relevant role

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To:	(b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
CC:	Takats, Sarah O (USEU) (b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU)
Subject:	Re: just checking
Date:	Thu, 26 Sep 2019 16:23:40 +0000

Ok

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:56:40 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Takats, Sarah O (USEU) (b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU)
(b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: just checking

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Sir, I just wanted to let you know about this in case Steve also tried to reach you directly. We will politely refer him to the White House, as well as let PA know about the various inquiries we've received.

Regards
(b)(6)

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From: Erlanger, Steven <(b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 5:46 PM
To: (b)(6) USEU)
Subject: just checking

dear (b)(6)

just to ask whether ambassador sondland would like to make any comment on the whistleblower document and the reference to his conversations with kurt volker and zelensky about how to handle president trump and his requests.

allbest, steven

Sender:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: kind request for comment
Date:	Fri, 27 Sep 2019 11:41:56 +0000

Got to her her something for tenacity!

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 7:39:10 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)
Subject: RE: kind request for comment

Ambassador, we will refer her to the White House. By the way, this is the third separate request from Reuters.

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From: Baczynska, Gabriela (Reuters) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 1:25 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: kind request for comment

Dear Ambassador Sondland,

My name is Gabriela Baczynska, I am a correspondent with Reuters here in Brussels and I am reaching out to kindly ask your comment on the whistleblower report released on Thursday in the United States, which relates to President Donald Trump's contacts with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy.

Your name, as well as that of Ambassador Kurt Volker, appears twice in the text and I was wondering if you would agree to discuss that. Beyond any official comment, I was also hoping we could arrange a meeting at a time of your convenience to have a more informal conversation on the matter when you are back in Brussels.

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I hope to hear back from you soon and I am also copying Mrs. Tomlinson on this email.

Yours sincerely,
Gabriela Baczynska

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To:	Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6)
CC:	Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) <
Subject:	Re: Kyiv News Bullets – Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Date:	Wed, 22 May 2019 11:58:02 +0000

Way ahead of you. Talked to her late last night and will again today. (b)(5) Maros and I are calling Zelensky about Bohdan tomorrow.

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From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU)
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Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU)
Subject: FW: Kyiv News Bullets – Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Very bad news -Andrii Bohdan, known to be Zelenskyy's friend and legal advisor as well as Ihor Kolomoisky's personal lawyer, was appointed Head of the Presidential Administration.

Zerkal - Media report that Zerkal, who is a current Deputy Foreign Minister, only gave consent to be a special representative in international courts in Ukraine's litigation against Russia, not a Deputy Head of Administration

From: "(b)(6) (Kyiv)" <(b)(6)
Date: May 22, 2019 at 11:57:13 AM GMT+2
To: Undisclosed recipients:;
Subject: Kyiv News Bullets – Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Political News:

Note: The Political News in the Kyiv News Bullets is a summary of prominent narratives in the Ukrainian media, rather than Embassy Kyiv's analysis of current political developments.

Rada Updates: On May 21, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy convened consultations with Rada factions and suggested that Rada, at an extraordinary session, make amendments to the parliamentary election law. The amendments would include removing the single-

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mandate constituency, thereby switching to a proportional system, and also lowering the threshold for parties to be in parliament from 5% to 3% of the vote. Later in the day, a presidential decree was issued on the dissolution of the current Rada and the date for holding the next parliamentary elections on July 21. Zelenskyy also officially requested that Speaker Andriy Parubiy convene an extraordinary Rada session for amending the election law. Parubiy complied, calling an extraordinary session for May 22 at noon. Media report that Parubiy later made a statement on Facebook indicating that Zelenskyy started his presidency off with a gross violation of the Constitution. (UkrPravda, Interfax, 112, UkrPravda)

Presidential Appointments: According to media reports, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced his first presidential appointments on May 21. General Ruslan Khomchak was appointed Chief of General Staff / Commander of the Armed Forces, replacing Viktor Muzhenko (UkrPravda, Studio 1+1 TSN). Andrii Bohdan, known to be Zelenskyy's friend and legal advisor as well as Ihor Kolomoisky's personal lawyer, was appointed Head of the Presidential Administration. Media note that this appointment came despite Bohdan falling under the lustration law's prohibition on officials of the Viktor Yanukovych administration holding public office until 2024. Another presidential decree appointed Serhii Trofimov First Deputy Head of the Administration, and Ruslan Ryaboshapka, Olena Zerkal, Kyrylo Tymoshenko, and Yurii Kostyuk as Deputy Heads of the Administration. Media report that Zerkal, who is a current Deputy Foreign Minister, only gave consent to be a special representative in international courts in Ukraine's litigation against Russia, not a Deputy Head of Administration. Trofimov, Kostyuk, and Serhii Shefir, appointed First Aide to the President, are known to be affiliated with Studio Kvartal 95, having been either its co-owners and/or creative staffers. Ruslan Stefanchuk became the President's advisor and his representative in the Rada. (UNN, UkrPravda, 112)

Andrii Bohdan's Interview: Media report that shortly after his appointment as Head of the Presidential Administration was announced on May 21, Andrii Bohdan did an interview with 112 TV channel. In the interview, he defended the presidential decree on the dissolution of the Rada as fully compliant with the Constitution. He discussed the proposed amendments to the election law, expressed hope that the Rada will pass them, but said that the Rada is not ready to support open party lists in the proportional system. Bohdan argued that application of the lustration law to him as a former Viktor Yanukovych government official is not justified, and therefore his new appointment is legitimate. He promised to suspend his own legal practice while he serves in public office. Bohdan also discussed ways to end the military conflict in the East through negotiations; specifically, that it is not useful to come to the negotiation table with pre-conceived red lines. At the same time, he ruled out the possibility of Ukraine sacrificing any of its territories. He said that an agreement with Russia to end hostilities may be put to a vote via a national referendum. (112)

Donbas Conflict Updates:

MoD update as of 12:30, May 22, 2019:

- De-escalation at the LOC. 5 RLF attacks, RLF did not use Minsk-proscribed heavy weapons;
- Luhansk sector: 4 RLF attacks in Vodiane, Pavlopil, Hnutove;
- Donetsk sector: 1 short RLF attack in Shumy;

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- UAF truck was temporarily misplaced and accidentally crossed the LOC, 8 UAF personnel captured by the RLF. JFO HQ is investigating the incident.
- UAF combat losses in the past 24 hours: 0 KIA, 3 WIA;

Map not released as of 12:35pm.

Economic News:

IMF Visit to Ukraine Started May 20. The IMF Representative Office in Ukraine announced that an IMF Mission had arrived in Ukraine on May 20 for two weeks of meetings with the Government of Ukraine to evaluate the current stand-by arrangement program with Ukraine and consultations on the Article IV of the IMF Charter. Some media sources erroneously reported yesterday that the Mission revised its schedule due to the dismissal of the Parliament and returned to Washington, D.C.

Currency Rate: The exchange rate averaged **UAH 26.30/USD 1** at Bloomberg Markets as of 12:45 pm on **May 22, 2019**.

Western Media Roundup:

Please see the attached Word document for the full text of the following Western media articles relating to Ukraine and the surrounding region.

● Putin, Merkel and Macron discuss Ukraine in phone call: Kremlin (Reuters)
● Ukraine president appoints lawyer linked to PrivatBank tycoon as administration chief (Reuters)
● Volodymyr Zelensky hires oligarch's lawyer as chief of staff (FT)
● Ukraine parliament election may happen on July 21: presidential adviser (Reuters)
● International loan an option for Ukraine's winter fuel needs: U.S. secretary Perry (Reuters)
● Ukraine's new president replaces Chief of the General Staff: decree (Reuters)
● Ukraine's New Leader Sets Snap Parliamentary Election for July (Bloomberg)
● Ukraine Lawmakers To Discuss Changes To Electoral Law In Emergency Session (RFE/RL)
● UN Security Council Rejects Russian Request For Ukraine Meeting (RFE/RL)
● 'Your Move': Graffiti On Putin Mural In Crimea Taunts FSB (RFE/RL)
● Ukraine's New President Signs Decree to Dissolve Parliament and Calls for Snap Election (Time)
● Canada hopeful for Ukraine's actor-turned-president (Toronto Star)
● New Ukraine Leader Calls Snap Election (WSJ)
● Kremlin Warns Ukraine's New Leader Against Calls for More Russia Sanctions (VOA News)

Ukrainian Social Media Commentary:

Ukrainian social media users are discussing the first officials appointed by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Andriy Bohdan was appointed Head of the Presidential Administration, but commentators note that his appointment may be illegitimate because, as a former official under ex-President Viktor Yanukovych, Bohdan is banned from government positions until 2024. Ruslan Khomchak is the new Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. Khomchak is known as the General who headed the failed Ilovaisk

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operation, in which Ukraine lost with at least 366 men killed, 429 injured, and nearly 300 wounded.

Journalist Ariana Gic wrote, "Bohdan represents [oligarch Ihor] Koloimoisky's interests in PrivatBank cases … The oligarchic revanche in full swing." MP Hanna Hopro shared Tetiana Kozachenko's post, in which she wrote, "According to publicly available information, Andriy Bohdan does not have the right to assume the position of the PA Head ... Issuing a Presidential Decree that contradicts the law means that the President considers himself above the law, and demonstrates his true attitude to the Rule of Law."

Blogger Dmytro Vovnyanko posted nine controversial questions for the new Commander-in-Chief Khomchak. Some of the questions ask how Khomchak is connected to Privat Group, how the attack on Ilovaisk was carried out, and why there is no record of the order to attack. Blogger Anton Hodza noted that after the Ilovaisk operation, Khomchak successfully served in the Army command for several years. Journalist Yuriy Butusov described the decision to appoint Khomchak as "weighted and professional," and suggested a list of objectives for Khomchak to work on.

Journalist Vitalii Moroz summarized the reaction of many social media users to the appointments: "First two appointments – and it's already a shame. [Zelenskyy] surpassed Yanukovych on the first day."

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CC:	Takats, Sarah O (USEU) <(b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU) < (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: New Yorker magazine request
Date:	Wed, 25 Sep 2019 19:12:55 +0000

I have had nothing to do with discussions about Amos Hochstein. Cant speak to the others. Give them that on the record

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Ambassador—we received the following inquiry from Adam Entous at the New Yorker.

Per Morgan's previous guidance I again recommend (b)(5)

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(b)(5) Thank you.

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 8:15 PM

To: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) (USEU)

Subject: Fwd: New Yorker magazine request

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Here is the New Yorker's request.

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Date: 25 September 2019 at 19:34:28 GMT+2

Subject: Fwd: New Yorker magazine request

To: (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)

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Sorry to bother you. I was hoping to speak with Ambassador Sondland. I am working on a story related to Ukraine. Specifically, I was told that Sondland (and Secretary Perry) has been privately urging Ukrainian officials to remove Amos Hochstein, a former Obama/Biden administration official, from the Supervisory Board of Naftogaz. I just wanted to get a sense of why this was a priority for the ambassador and the Trump administration.

Adam

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To:	Abrams, Elliott (b)(6) Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6)
CC:	Witmer, Kami A (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Next week
Date:	Sun, 7 Jul 2019 21:12:28 +0000

Henry, pls make sure that Amb. Abrams and I find some time to meet before I leave DC. Thanks.

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From: Abrams, Elliott

Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2019 12:53:41 PM

To: Haggard, Henry R (USEU); Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

Cc: Witmer, Kami A (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Next week

The meeting in Brussels is off. Because round three of Oslo (this time in Barbados) starts Monday (b)(5)

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I very much appreciate your assistance and regret that it did not work out.

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But I do hope it will be possible to get on Amb. Sondland's schedule this week in Washington.

Elliott Abrams

From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU) <(b)(6)

Date: July 5, 2019 at 2:36:06 PM EDT

To: Abrams, Elliott <(b)(6), Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)

Cc: Witmer, Kami A (USEU) <(b)(6), (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Next week

Ambassador Abrams,

Our team will (b)(5) (b)(5)

Regards,

Henry

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From: Abrams, Elliott

Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 7:20:25 PM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

Cc: Haggard, Henry R (USEU)

Subject: RE: Next week

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For sure—let's talk the following week.

Henry, I appreciate your help in finding out who's around then and worth seeing.

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 1:11 PM

To: Abrams, Elliott (b)(6)

Cc: Haggard, Henry R (USEU) <(b)(6)

Subject: Re: Next week

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disappointed that I will miss your visit. Lets download by phone after?

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From: Abrams, Elliott

Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 9:58:08 AM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

Subject: RE: Next week

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From: Abrams, Elliott

Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 12:44 PM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Next week

Our schedules conflict: I leave the morning you return. Unfortunate.

Should I (b)(5)

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 12:35 PM

To: Abrams, Elliott (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Next week

Elliott, I will be in DC on 10 &11 for White House/Potus meetings, returning to Brussels early morning on the 12th. If you are still there, I can meet you that morning.

On other fronts, (b)(5)

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Meeting Vecchio in DC nxt week.

Hope this helps a little and let me know how we can connect.

All the best,

Gordon



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From: Abrams, Elliott
Sent: Friday, July 5, 2019 9:09:36 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: Next week

Dear Gordon,

The Canadians appear to be hosting a meeting on Venezuela next Thursday 7/11 in Brussels, and if it happens I will attend. I am planning to arrive Wednesday 7/10 and if you are available would appreciate seeing you.

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Many thanks,

Elliott

Elliott Abrams

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To:	Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6)
CC:	Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Olena Zerkal
Date:	Wed, 29 May 2019 16:47:17 +0000

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From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU)
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 9:46:22 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU)
Subject: RE: Olena Zerkal

Ambassador,

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Ok to go ahead w the invites?

Thanks,
Henry

June 4 Transatlantic Dinner Guest List

1. Secretary Pompeo
2. Secretary Perry
3. White House Senior Advisor Kushner
4. Counselor Brechbuhl
5. EUR AAS Reeker
6. Perry CoS McCormack
7. Ambassador Sondland
8. Ambassador Gidwitz

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9. Ambassador Mosbacher
10. Belgian Interior Minister Pieter De Crem/Belgian PM Michel
11. HRVP Mogherini
12. Commissioner Canete
13. Commissioner Vestager
14. Romanian Prime Minister Dancila
15. Romanian Vice Prime Minister Birchall
16. Polish President Duda
17. Ukrainian President Zelenskyy
18. Georgian Prime Minister Bakhtadze
19. President Tajani
20. Commissioner Jourova (t)
21. EU VP Ansip (t)
22. Kami Witmer (back bench notetaker)
23. Ukrainian Dep Head of Pres Admin Olena Zerkal (t)

From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Olena Zerkal

Do you have her attending with Zalensky?

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CC:	USEU-PRESS_TEAM-DL(b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) Haggard, Henry R (USEU) <(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Proposed tweet ahead of Kyiv travel
Date:	Sun, 19 May 2019 11:21:02 +0000

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To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Cc: USEU-PRESS_TEAM-DL; Libby, Mark W (USEU); Haggard, Henry R (USEU)
Subject: Re: Proposed tweet ahead of Kyiv travel

(b)(5) Here's what it looks like now:

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 12:54 PM
To: (b)(6) (USEU)
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Subject: Re: Proposed tweet ahead of Kyiv travel

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From: (b)(6) (USEU)
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 1:13:30 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Cc: USEU-PRESS_TEAM-DL; Libby, Mark W (USEU); Haggard, Henry R (USEU)
Subject: Proposed tweet ahead of Kyiv travel

Ambassador-

We suggest (b)(5)
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Kurt Volker (@SpecRepUkraine)
5/18/19, 23:37
Returning to Kyiv tomorrow as part of delegation headed by @SecretaryPerry to represent the U.S. at the inauguration. I look forward to thanking @poroshenko for close cooperation between the & and to working w/President @ZelenskyyUa to further that cooperation. pic.twitter.com/Rv2sdQJ80n

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CC:	Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) Takats, Sarah O (USEU) (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker
Date:	Fri, 27 Sep 2019 13:45:09 +0000

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 9:41:29 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) Takats, Sarah O (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

Sir - Morgan's deputy in GPA tells us that State (b)(5) (b)(5) . We'll need to refer the New Yorker to the White House.

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From: Takats, Sarah O (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 3:04 PM
To: Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

Send it to him on a sep chain — I'll see him in 30 and can discuss if there's any concern.

Sent from a mobile device; please excuse any brevity, typos, or autocorrect misfires.

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From: Libby, Mark W (USEU) <(b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 9:01 AM

To: (b)(6) (USEU)

Cc: Takats, Sarah O (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU)

Subject: Re: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

Looks good. Please let Amb see.

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) [(b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 2:58:51 PM

To: Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6)

Cc: Takats, Sarah O (USEU) (b)(6) (USEU)

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Subject: FW: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

Mark,

Here is a one line response we drafted in response to the New Yorker, in line with Cale Brown's suggestion below. (b)(5)

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Thank you,

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Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 2:52 PM

To: (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)

Subject: FW: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

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From: Brown, Cale (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 1:36 AM

To: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) Takats, Sarah O (USEU) <(b)(6)

Webster, Elizabeth W <(b)(6)

Subject: RE: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

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Morgan talked to AMB Sondland.

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 5:19 PM
To: Brown, Cale (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Takats, Sarah O (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

Cale - just so you know, (b)(5)
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From: (b)(6) (USEU)
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 11:04:11 PM
To: Brown, Cale (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) Takats, Sarah O (USEU) <(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

Cale, Completely understood. Thanks. I just spoke with Ruben. I (b)(5)
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From: Brown, Cale (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:54 PM
To (b)(6) (USEU)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

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(b)(5) Call me if there is an issue.

All best,

Cale Brown

Deputy Spokesperson

(b)(6)

From: Webster, Elizabeth W <(b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 4:08 PM

To: (b)(6) Brown, Cale (b)(6)

Subject: Fwd: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)

Date: September 25, 2019 at 4:06:16 PM EDT

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

To: Hynes, Shaylyn <(b)(6)

Cc: Takats, Sarah O (USEU) <(b)(6) ,Webster, Elizabeth W <(b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6) Love, Kelly <(b)(6) ,Vande Beek, Dirk <(b)(6)

Thanks Shaylyn. (b)(5)

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From: Hynes, Shaylyn <(b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:03:53 PM

To: (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)

Cc: Takats, Sarah O (USEU) (b)(6) Webster, Elizabeth W (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) Love, Kelly (b)(6) Vande Beek, Dirk (b)(6)

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

Hi there- Thanks for reaching out. This is the statement we will be responding to the New Yorker with (b)(5) (b)(5) Available at (b)(6) if you would like to discuss. Thanks!

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)
Date: Wednesday, Sep 25, 2019, 3:56 PM
To: Hynes, Shaylyn <(b)(6)
Cc: Takats, Sarah O (USEU) <(b)(6)>, Webster, Elizabeth W (b)(6), (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Statement to New Yorker

Dear Shaylyn

I'm the PAO at the US mission to the EU and work with ambassador Sondland. I believe we've been in contact for previous visits of Secretary Perry to Brussels.

(b)(5)

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I would be grateful to see the statement and your guidance on how we could get this done.

I can call you any time or you can reach me by email or phone at (b)(6)

Thanks

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To:	Haggard, Henry R (USEU) <(b)(6)
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Subject:	Re: S Call Points
Date:	Mon, 27 May 2019 13:25:43 +0000

Excellent. Thanks

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Ambassador of the United States of America

United States Mission to the European Union

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1000 Brussels, Belgium

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From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU)

Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 6:21:55 AM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); Haggard, Henry R (USEU); Witmer, Kami A (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6) USEU);

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Breidenstine, John (Dept of Commerce); (b)(6) (Brussels)

Subject: S Call Points

Ambassador,

Points for your S call below. Kami sent you EP outreach points separately.

Regards,

Henry

(b)(5)

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June Schedule

- June 3-4 Independence Day
- **June 5-6 Three Seas, Ljubljana**
- June 7-8 Globsec[plus Vienna mtgs (if new Chancellor in place)]
- **June 11-12 Helsinki**
- June 14 All Hands
- **June 15-16 Art Basel**
- June 17 Paris Air Show plus London dinner
- **June 18 HRVP in DC**
- June 25-26 Concordia Speech, Madrid
- **June 27-29 Brussels Forum**

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Summary for S
Date:	Mon, 8 Jul 2019 13:31:33 +0000

Thanks Lisa

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From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 7:30:42 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: Re: Summary for S

Thank you, Gordon. I'll print and pass to him tomorrow morning. Best, Lisa

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2019, at 11:59 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

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Mike,

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Sender:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
Recipient:	Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) USEU) <(b)(6)
CC:	USEU-Staff-Aide DL <USEU-Staff-Aide@state.gov>; USEU-PRESS_TEAM-DL <USEU-PRESS_TEAM-DL@state.gov>; Libby, Mark W (USEU) <(b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Tweet clearance: Meeting with Ukraine DFM Olena Zerkal
Date:	Tue, 7 May 2019 14:30:27 +0000

Ok

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) (USEU)
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 4:09:46 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Cc: USEU-Staff-Aide DL; USEU-PRESS_TEAM-DL; Libby, Mark W (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU); (b)(6) (USEU)
Subject: Tweet clearance: Meeting with Ukraine DFM Olena Zerkal

Dear Ambassador,

Here is a tweet suggestion (b)(5)

(b)(5)

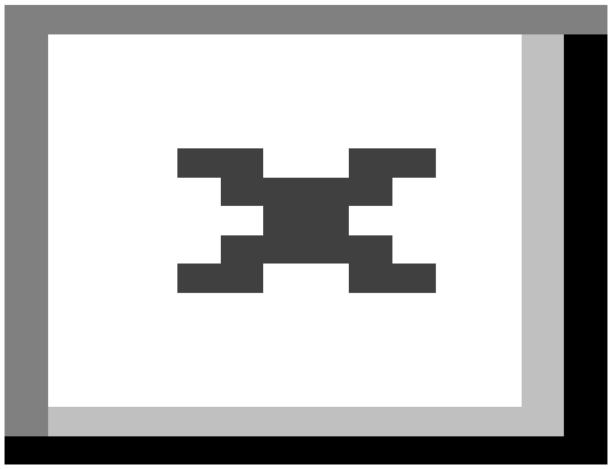
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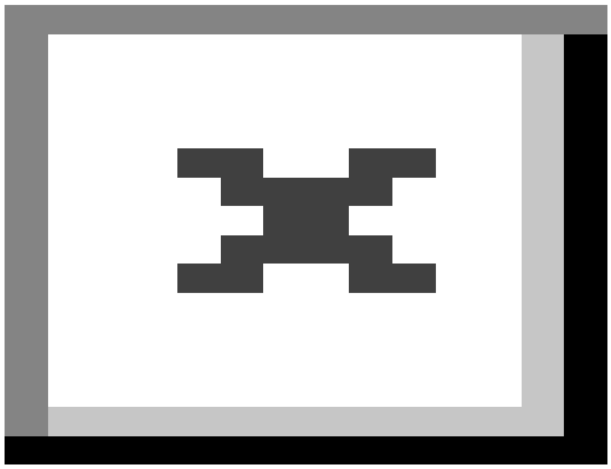
Photos:

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Kind regards,

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(b)(6)
Social Media Coordinator
U.S. Mission to the European Union
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1000 Brussels
(b)(6)
Twitter: @US2EU
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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" <(b)(6)
To:	Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Ukraine
Date:	Mon, 1 Apr 2019 12:35:34 +0000

Understood. Thanks.

Gordon D. Sondland
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1000 Brussels, Belgium
(b)(6)

From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 4:43:28 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: RE: Ukraine

Gordon,

(b)(5) Best, Lisa

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 11:21 AM
To: Kenna, Lisa D <(b)(6)
Subject: Ukraine

For S:

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(b)(5) Let me know. At your disposal.

Gordon

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Recipient:	Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Kenna, Lisa D <(b)(6)>
Subject:	Re: Ukraine Inaug
Date:	Thu, 16 May 2019 13:08:40 +0000

Great. (b)(5) I am on the west coast.

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(b)(6)

From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:45:37 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: RE: Ukraine Inaug

(b)(5) (b)(5) Lisa

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:14 AM
To: Kenna, Lisa D <(b)(6)
Subject: Ukraine Inaug

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(b)(5) Thx!

Gordon D. Sondland

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Recipient:	Kenna, Lisa D <(b)(6)

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To:	(b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)
CC:	Witmer, Kami A (USEU) (b)(6) Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Ukraine trip updates - Zelenskyy and the East on Friday
Date:	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 19:00:47 +0000

Is Zelensky going on helo?

Zyrkal away till Sunday

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Ambassador of the United States of America
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From: (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 7:45:26 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Witmer, Kami A (USEU) <(b)(6) Haggard, Henry R (USEU) <(b)(6) (b)(6) T (USEU) <(b)(6) Tomlinson, Christina (USEU) <(b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU) <(b)(6)
Subject: Ukraine trip updates - Zelenskyy and the East on Friday

Ambassador,

I'm attaching the latest Kyiv schedule, with the portion for your participation pasted below. We're looking at a confirmed dinner with Danylyuk on Thursday evening (we may go directly from the airport)

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(b)(5) Kurt Volker will go onward to Stanytsia-Luhanska in the East, traveling via helicopter. He'll visit the line of contact and do press.

Open questions:

- Friday breakfast is still open on the schedule. (b)(5) (b)(5) Or do you have another preference?

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Embassy Kyiv tells us this is still very much in flux, (b)(5)

Tara

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, Tara Maher, Michael Kreidler (notetaker)
External Participants:
No translation required

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

2115 *Arrive at Hyatt*

RON Hyatt Regency

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Subject: RE: Ukraine trip status

Ambassador,

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Tara

From: (b)(6) USEU)
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 3:34 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Witmer, Kami A (USEU) (b)(6) ; Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6) ; Libby, Mark W (USEU) <(b)(6)
Subject: Ukraine trip status

Ambassador,

Embassy Kyiv is working on scheduling the Zelenskyy meeting for Thursday. We may not know until late tonight or even tomorrow what time the meeting will take place – (b)(5) (b)(5)

Best case scenario, we hope they can schedule the meeting for Thursday evening, which would allow you to travel as scheduled and participate in the meeting. In that case, you could overnight Thursday, (b)(5) then depart Kyiv Friday morning/midday.

(b)(5)

Tara

Tara E. F. Maher
Political Officer
U.S. Mission to the European Union
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	Libby, Mark W (USEU)	(b)(6)

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CC:	Libby, Mark W (USEU) <(b)(6) Takats, Sarah O (USEU) (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: WaPo inquiry
Date:	Tue, 8 Oct 2019 17:18:14 +0000

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 1:16:15 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU) <(b)(6)>; Takats, Sarah O (USEU) (b)(6)
(b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: WaPo inquiry

Sir,

I received a phone call from Michael Birnbaum at the Washington Post today. Michael asked several questions that I did not / could not answer and have relayed to EUR/Press. (b)(5)
(b)(5) For your reference, here are his questions:

- Whether USEU had approached its EU counterparts to urge them to provide more assistance to Ukraine. (b)(5)
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- To what extent you solicit and heed the advice of members of the Mission, and to what extent Mission staff were aware of the full content of your engagements on Ukraine. Birnbaum noted that he had spoken with an individual who was until recently an American ambassador in Europe and who said that political appointee ambassadors frequently disregard the advice of their staff.

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- Whether USEU could confirm that the CMR and/or the Chancery are under renovation. If so, for what reasons (e.g. security, aesthetic, etc.). And whether you had directed that these renovations take place in spite of reservations by USEU staff.

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(b)(6)
Deputy Public Affairs Officer
U.S. Mission to the European Union
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Subject:	Re: Ze not available July 26
Date:	Wed, 24 Jul 2019 04:47:27 +0000

Hold line. (b)(5)

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From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU) <(b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 7:33:05 PM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6)

Cc: Witmer, Kami A (USEU) <(b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU)
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(b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)

Subject: Fwd: Ze not available July 26

Ambassador,

Would you be open to (b)(5)
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(b)(5)

Regards,

Henry

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From: (b)(6) (Kyiv) (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 7:16:15 PM

To: (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) <(b)(6)
Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6)

Cc: Holmes, David A (Kyiv) (b)(6) ; Kelly, Matthew A (Kyiv)
(b)(6) (b)(6) (Kyiv) (b)(6)

Subject: Ze not available July 26

Colleagues -

The Presidential Office just contacted me to say Zelenskyy is NOT available to meet July 26 ((b)(5) (b)(5)

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(b)(6) I understand you are departing soon - happy to discuss options over the phone if you are available.

Best,

(b)(6)

Sender:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
Recipient:	Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6) ; Witmer, Kami A (USEU) <V (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (Brussels) <(b)(6) Zimmer, Christopher T (USEU) <ZimmerCT@state.gov>

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Haggard, Henry R (USEU) <(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Zelensky
Date:	Thu, 16 May 2019 15:48:02 +0000

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(b)(6)

From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU)
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:26:36 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: RE: Zelensky

Understood. Will have more on the del by 1900 Bxl time.

Regards,
Henry

From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:52 PM
To: Haggard, Henry R (USEU) <(b)(6)
Subject: Zelensky

Please hold the Delta/KLM PDX-AMS-KYIV flight in business and a suite at the Hyatt Regency. Lmk asap if there is a delegation issue. I have many things to alter if I go

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