United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 17, 2023

Case No. FL-2020-00022

Daniel McGrath
American Oversight
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Dear Mr. McGrath:

As we noted in our letter dated September 5, 2023, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State ("Department") has identified an additional six responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined all six records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

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This concludes the processing of your request. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Trial Attorney Joshua Abbuhl at Joshua.Abbuhl@usdoj.gov or at (202) 616-8366. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00022, and the civil action number, 19-cv-03387, in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,



Diamonece Hickson
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
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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TUESDAY

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7 AM

Depart CMR

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Phone Call: Ambassador Nikolaus Marschik, Austrian Perm Rep
Amb. Marschik initiates call

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DCM Mark Libby
Libby, Mark W (USEU)

Discussion of Lisbon/Berlin Trips
AMB/O
Libby, Mark W (USEU)

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Meeting with House Manager (b)(6)
AMB/O

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HOLD: Management Meeting

12 PM

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ERT Board Lunch
TAR
Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

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2:45 ING with (b)(6)

15:40 Phone Call: S/P Brian Hook

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Mtg. Amb. Hutchinson
USEU AMB/O

Secretary Ross In-Brief with Bilat and USEU Ambassadors

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Depart USEU

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October 2, 2018

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Small Group
AMB/O

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Vaclav Bartuska, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security of the Czech Republic (ECON will join)
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12 PM

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Phone Call: Secretary Mnuchin
I initiate call

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Small Group
AMB/O
Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

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FO Huddle

Phone Call: Michelle Burton

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Depart USEU ert Parliament

Parliament for Parliament ID processing (b)(6) **will accompany)**
Old station - place du Luxembourg

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TUESDAY

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- ← From Oct 14 — (b)(6) in Brussels
- ← From Oct 15 — Brian Hook in Brussels
- Secretary Ross in Brussels — To Oct 19 →
- OBO (b)(6) in Brussels

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Small Group
AMB/O

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Erik Rye, Director at the DHS Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans (POC: Bob P.)
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ACEA (POC FCS)
TAR

12 PM

Lunch OBO Director Davis
De Warande

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Brian Hook at HUB for joint media (Michael will escort over to HUB)

Depart USEU

3

Meeting with European Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom (DG-Trade) (Secretary Ross)
Berlaymont

Pull-aside with Secretary Ross
Berlaymont (Room 11.287)

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Depart USEU

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Commissioner Jourova (Sec. Ross)
Berlaymont

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S/R Hook/Martin Selmayr
Berlaymont

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Wednesday

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WEDNESDAY

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← From Oct 16 — Secretary Ross in Brussels — To Oct 19 →

7 AM
- **Depart CMR for Breakfast at USEU**

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- **Breakfast Meeting with EU5 (POC: Bob P)**
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- **Huddle**
- **POL Cluster**
  AMB/O

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- **Weekly Ambassador/DCM Planning Mtg.**
  AMB/O
  Libby, Mark W (USEU)

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- (b)(6) **e IVLP Reception pre-brief**
  AMB/O
- **PR Read**
  PR/O

12 PM
- **POC** (b)(6) **Discussion for FTC Chairman Joseph Simon's visit**
  AMB/O

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- **Lunch with Ambassador Evans, U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg, Ambassador Grenell and Secretary Ross**
  De Warande

2
- **Roundtable with U.S. Space/Defense Industry Companies (Secretary Ross)**
  Whitlock Hall

3
- **Bruce Swartz**
  (b)(6) nitiates call: 202-(b)(6)

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- **Phone Call: A/S Singh**

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- **Depart USEU**

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October 18, 2018

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THURSDAY

18

← From Oct 16 — Secretary Ross in Brussels — To Oct 19 →

7 AM
- **Depart CMR for Berlaymont**

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- **Breakfast with Jourova (POC: FCS - Sec Ross)**
  Berlaymont 13th Floor, Saloon #2

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- **Small Group**
- **Privacy Shield Framework Annual Review (POC: FCS - Sec Ross)**
  Berlaymont, Robert Schuman - Ground Floor

10
- **Depart for USEU**

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12 PM

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- **Vondi**
  AMB/O

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- **Department of Commerce CG Peter Davidson**

3
- **Meeting with Ukraine Ambassador (Action Officer (b)(6)**
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- (b)(6) **Remarks for COTRA Meeting)**
  AMB/O

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7:00pm - 7:30pm P/U A/S Singh (The Hotel)

7:30pm - 9:00pm Dinner with A/S Singh(Au Vieux Saint Martin, Place du Grand Sablon 38, 1000)

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September 17, 2019

Tuesday

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TUESDAY

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← From Sep 16 (b)(6) To Sep 20

7 AM

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Small Group
AMB/O
USEU, EXEC

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Phil Linderman, PNR
AMB/O

Christina and Jamie

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Ambassador Kodama, Japanese Ambassador to the EU (b)(6) will join)
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12 PM

Lunch with Spanish Ambassador Garcia-Berdoy (b)(6) will join)
Parkside Restaurant

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Phone Call: Ambassador Robert Kohorst, U.S. Ambassador to Croatia
(b)(6) initiates the call: +385 (b)(6)

3

Secure Call: U/S Sigal Mandelker, Treasury
Mandelker's office initiates call

4

Chris Davis, Raytheon International President
Phone Call: (b)(nitaites + (b)(6)

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7:00pm - 8:30pm Dinner with Ambassador Gidwitz(Dolce Amaro, Chaussée de Charleroi 115-117, 1060 Bruxelles)

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