United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 6, 2020

Case No. FL-2020-00021

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

Dear Mr. McGrath:

As we noted in our letter dated September 18, 2020, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Thus far, the Department has identified an additional six responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all six 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.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. 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-2020-00021, and the civil action number, 19-cv-03387, in all correspondence about this request.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman

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Deputy Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: an early draft readout // not for distribution
Date:	Tue, 22 Oct 2019 09:38:59 +0000

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(b) (b)(6)

UNCLASSIFIED

-----Original Message-----
From: McCormack, Brian (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 9:41 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) Kurt Volker (b)(6)
Cc: Buchan, Samuel (b)(6)
Subject: an early draft readout // not for distribution

Gentlemen,

Please see below a draft (b)(5)

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Recipient: (b)(6) gsondland (b)(6)

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: S Visit Crib Sheet
Date:	Sun, 13 Oct 2019 12:43:03 +0000

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From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2019 12:36 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: S Visit Crib Sheet

Ambassador,

A one-pager checklist for your reference during the S visit. We have copies for you in the office and also have it on a pocket card as useful.

Cheers,
Henry

S Visit to Brussels – September 2-3

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Ukraine trip updates - Zelenskyy and the East on Friday
Date:	Sun, 13 Oct 2019 11:15:17 +0000



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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 9:01 PM
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

Is Zelensky going on helo?

Zyrkal away till Sunday



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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)

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(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?
- (b)(5)

Embassy Kyiv tells us this is still very much in flux, (b)(5)

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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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Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 5:57 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: RE: Ukraine trip status

Ambassador,

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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)
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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.

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Political Officer
U.S. Mission to the European Union
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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	S(b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: S Visit Crib Sheet
Date:	Mon, 2 Sep 2019 11:23:06 +0000



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

Sent: Monday, September 2, 2019 12:35:46 PM

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

Cc: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b)(6)

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Updated List of Due-outs
Date:	Tue, 15 Oct 2019 16:30:55 +0000

Do you know who attended the TAR dinner incl staff?

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From: Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 6:28:40 PM
To: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Updated List of Due-outs

Ambassador:

Here's what I could find in terms of what we prepared and shared with you re: the dinner you hosted on the margins of the Brussels forum.

Mark

Mark W. Libby
Deputy Chief of Mission
U.S. Mission to the European Union (USEU)
Brussels

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 6:20 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Updated List of Due-outs

Ambassador,

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Best,
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From: (b)(6) (USEU)
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 12:19 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Updated List of Due-outs

Re-forwarding, per your request. (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 9:55 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Updated List of Due-outs

Ambassador,

Here's an updated list of due-outs, this time organized thematically. I recommend (b)(5) (b)(5) for follow-up.

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Fresh Start w/New EU Leadership Team:

Pending:

- (b)(5)
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Ukraine: (b)(5)

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Pending:

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- Amb. Volker invited GDS to join trip to Ukraine week of July 22; (b)(5)
- (b)(5)

Completed:

- OakTree's Herrera and Danyliuk connected
- WH meeting tweet live

5G: (b)(5)

Pending:

- (b)(5)

Completed:

- CISCO VP Jeff Campbell will meet Wilbur's COS 7/17
- Nokia Chairman and Krach connected
- Reciprocal data flow PowerPoint requested
- T+Lord letter on EDF/PESCO shared with E staff
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Energy: (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Pending:

- (b)(5)

Completed:

- (b)(5)

UNGA: (b)(5)

Pending:

- (b)(5)

Venezuela: (b)(5)
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Pending:

- (b)(5)

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Resources: (b)(5)

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Pending:

- (b)(5)

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

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Doyle, Emma (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: ON HOLD: 20 JUL, 0800 EDT (1500 Kiev) secure HoS Call with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine
Date:	Sat, 20 Jul 2019 (b)(6) +0000

Sorry I forgot to add you



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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 11:38:00 AM

To: Rick Perry; Kenna, Lisa D; McCormack, Brian; Taylor, William B (Kyiv); Volker, Kurt D; Mick Mulvaney

Subject: Fwd: ON HOLD: 20 JUL, 0800 EDT (1500 Kiev) secure HoS Call with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine

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(b)(5) Kindly advise soonest.

Thanks.

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(b)(6)

From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv)

Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 (b)(6) AM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU); McCormack, Brian (b)(6)

Subject: FW: ON HOLD: 20 JUL, 0800 EDT (1500 Kiev) secure HoS Call with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine

As requested

From: Hill, Fiona EOP/NSC (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 3:43 AM

To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

Subject: Fwd: ON HOLD: 20 JUL, 0800 EDT (1500 Kiev) secure HoS Call with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine

Fysa

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Pacelli, Andrew B. EOP/NSC" (b)(6)

Date: July 19, 2019 at 7:18:21 PM EDT

To: DL NSC EURUSSIA (b)(6)

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Cc: DL NSC PaperDeputies <(b)(6)

Subject: FW: ON HOLD: 20 JUL, 0800 EDT (1500 Kiev) secure HoS Call with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine

FYSA

From: Linder, Jerad M. EOP/NSC (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 7:16 PM

To: Haidet, Michael B. EOP/WHO (b)(6) DL NSC HOS (b)(6) DL NSC NSA FO Staff <(b)(6) Staff Secretary (b)(6)

Cc: DL NSC WHSR Watchfloor <(b)(6)

Subject: ON HOLD: 20 JUL, 0800 EDT (1500 Kiev) secure HoS Call with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine

(b)(5) call will be rescheduled pending election results and availability…**call is on hold.**

v/r,
WHSR

From: Nolan, James P. EOP/NSC (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 3:49 PM

To: Haidet, Michael B. EOP/WHO (b)(6) DL NSC HOS (b)(6); DL NSC NSA FO Staff <(b)(6)>; Staff Secretary (b)(6)

Cc: DL NSC WHSR Watchfloor <(b)(6)

Subject: RE: PROPOSE: 20 JUL, 0800 EDT (1500 Kiev) secure HoS Call with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine

Mike,

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Understood. WHSR will propose a 20 JUL, 0800 EDT (1500 Kiev) secure HoS call with President Zelensky of Ukraine.

v/r,
WHSR

From: Haidet, Michael B. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 3:47 PM
To: DL NSC HOS <(b)(6) DL NSC NSA FO Staff (b)(6) ; Staff Secretary <(b)(6)
Cc: DL NSC WHSR Watchfloor <(b)(6)
Subject: PROPOSE: 20 JUL, 0800 EDT (1500 Kiev) secure HoS Call with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine

WHSR,

Per approval of the NSC Schedule Proposal, please propose a **20 JUL, 0800 EDT (1500 Kiev)** secure HoS Call with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine.

Thanks,
Mike

Sender:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
Recipient:	Doyle, Emma (b)(6)

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