United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 9, 2021

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 February 26, 2021, 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 34 responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all 34 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,

Jeanne Miller
Chief, Programs and Policies Division
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

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
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- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
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- 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

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

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- (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

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Other Grounds for Withholding

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

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Approved: CDA Tomlinson ()

Drafted: ECON (b)(6) – July 9, 2019

Cleared: ECON – (b)(6) (ok)
DOE – (b)(6) (ok)
POL – (b)(6) (ok)
KYIV – (b)(6) (ok)

From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: [EXTERNAL] I Talked to Zelensky just now
Date:	Sun, 13 Oct 2019 13:24:46 +0000



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Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 9:30 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) ; McCormack, Brian (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] I Talked to Zelensky just now

Mick just confirmed the call being set up for tomorrow by (b)(5)

RP

From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Date: Friday, Jul 19, 2019, 2:28 PM
To: Mick Mulvaney (b)(6) , Perry (b) R. (b)(6) , S (b)(6) (b)(6) , Blair, Robert B (b)(6)
Cc: McCormack, Brian (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
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To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: I Talked to Zelensky just now
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Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 10:25 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Rick Perry (b)(6) SE(b)(6) Blair, Robert B (b)(6) McCormack, Brian (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
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MM

Sent from my iPhone

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Pompeo
Date:	Mon, 4 Nov 2019 20:47:09 +0000

From: (b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 2:23 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Pompeo

Pompeo

VISA Program
Romania/Georgia/Ukraine
Zelensky-Inaug

Trade New Strategy. Ireland Germany Italy

FTA 's Geopolitical (Swiss)

Romania Johannis State Visit
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UK Start negotiations

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To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Scenesetter - Take 2
Date:	Sun, 13 Oct 2019 13:42:50 +0000



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Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:04 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) Witmer, Kami A (USEU) (b)(6)
Putney, Barton J (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU)
(b)(6)
Subject: Scenesetter - Take 2

Good morning Ambassador,

A new version of the scenesetter is attached and below for your review. Hopefully this is in line with your thinking. As always, feel free to call or let me know if I should call you. I'm also checking my cell for texts periodically.

Thank you,
(b)(6)

EU: Scenesetter for Secretary Pompeo's September 2-3 Visit to Brussels

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Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 4:48 PM
To: Tomlinson, Christina (USEU) (b)(6) Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: USEU-PRESS_TEAM-DL (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) Witmer, Kami A (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Tweet clearance: meetings in Kyiv

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From: Tomlinson, Christina (USEU) (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 5:31 PM

To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)

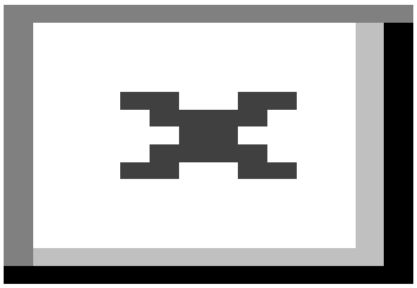
Cc: (b)(6) (USEU); USEU-PRESS_TEAM-DL; (b)(6) T (USEU); Witmer, Kami A (USEU)

Subject: Tweet clearance: meetings in Kyiv

Sir, hope your trip is going well. Please clear the following. Thanks.

Tweet 1:

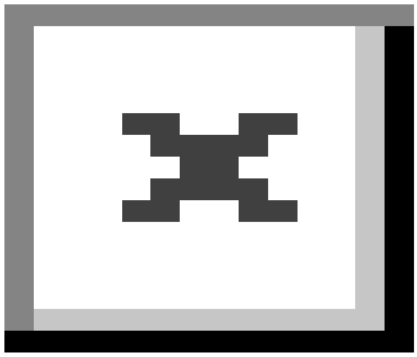
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[Tag: @USEmbassyKyiv @USAandEurope @USApoRusski @SpecRepUkraine @US2EU @UA_eumission]

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Christina Tomlinson

Minister Counselor for Public Affairs

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Ukraine
Date:	Wed, 23 Oct 2019 11:44:51 +0000



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From: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 10:09 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Ukraine

We needed you there!

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 4:05 PM
To: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Ukraine

Thx for fixing Lisa.



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From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 9:21:54 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: RE: Ukraine

I'll look into it. We made it clear that we support your participation.

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:06 PM
To: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: Ukraine

Lisa,

See below. This is getting old. The Ukrainians reached out. They want me there. Perry also asked me to join him.



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Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 8:46 AM
To: Mick Mulvaney
Cc: Doyle, Emma; Rick Perry; McCormack, Brian
Subject: Ukraine

Hi Mick,

Rick Perry asked me to join him on the inaug delegation. I have a lot going on right now with Ukraine vis-a-vis the EU and I am hosting Pres Zelensky in a couple of weeks for dinner in Brussels. Their Dep FM called me personally to confirm if I am attending and told me they are holding a space for me.

Someone at the WH/NSC keeps bumping me off the list. Not sure why but if you dont want me there, pls advise. I am just trying to do my job but this internal back and forth with unknown folks is really frustrating. Thx for your help.

Gordon



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Subject:	FW: Ukraine Energy Update
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Subject: RE: Update on S and VPOTUS Travel

I've been assured by the VP's CoS that Amb Sondland will be fully integrated into the VP's program. Lisa

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 12:29 PM
To: Prattipati, Anupama (b)(6)
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Subject: Re: Update on S and VPOTUS Travel

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To avoid confusion, kindly let Lisa Kenna and her team handle. I expect to be in all of the bi-lats previously confirmed as well as the VVIP dinner and the Zelensky bil lat. Lisa has been working this. Thx



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Ambassador:

Some new information. The Vice President's office just confirmed that you were manifested for the Vice President's trip to Poland, and that you had a seat on the support plane departing on the evening of August 31. We're working with the VP's office on the logistics. Please let us know if you'd like to travel via the support plane, or whether you would like to travel commercial via JFK?

I waiting for a phone call with the Vice President's staff who wanted to discuss meeting participation.

Thank you.

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From: (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: Update on S and VPOTUS Travel

Ambassador:

Welcome to Washington. Unfortunately I don't have any updates on either the Vice President's or Secretary's plans. I'm waiting for a call from the Vice President's office about his trip. The Secretary's staff has said they won't know whether the Secretary is traveling until later in the afternoon.

In the meantime your schedule for today is set. I will meet you in the HST Lobby at 3:15 for your meeting with U/S Bulatao.

Friday, August 30

12:00 pm Arrive at Union Station via Acela 2151

Travel to Four Seasons

1:30 pm Depart Four Seasons ert White House

2:00 pm Meeting with Jared Kushner (WAVES have been submitted)

3:15 Depart White House ert HST

3:30 pm Meeting with U/S Bulatao, HST 7207

4:00 pm Meeting with A A/S Reeker, HST 6226

4:30 pm Intel Read, (b)(7)(E)

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
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VP or S in that order. I would return in time for Brussels meetings from Warsaw

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Subject: Update on S and VPOTUS Travel

Sir:

I've been in touch with both the Vice President's office and the Secretary's staff, and here's what we know for now:

- the Secretary will not be going to Poland. He has not yet decided whether to go to Brussels

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Questions for you:

- if the Secretary goes to Belgium would you accompany him rather than the VP?

- if the Secretary does not go to Brussels, would you like to join the Vice President or head back to Brussels?

Thank you.

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From: (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: Your August 30 visit to Washington - UPDATES

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(b)(5) We've confirmed your intel read for 4:30. Below is the latest schedule. Please let us know if there's anything else you'd like while you're here.

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Saturday, August 31

Morning Depart Four Seasons to Andrews Air Force Base

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DAS Boyse has to go to Dulles at 3:00 pm (b)(5) (b)(5) We can let him know the timing doesn't work for this trip.

We'll schedule your intel read for after your meeting with A A/S Reeker.

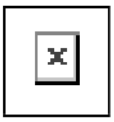
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I've engaged the VP's Chief of Staff and will circle back with confirmation. Best, Lisa

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To avoid confusion, kindly let Lisa Kenna and her team handle. I expect to be in all of the bi-lats previously confirmed as well as the VVIP dinner and the Zelensky bil lat. Lisa has been working this. Thx



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Subject: RE: Update on S and VPOTUS Travel

Ambassador:

Some new information. The Vice President's office just confirmed that you were manifested for the Vice President's trip to Poland, and that you had a seat on the support plane departing on the evening of August 31. We're working with the VP's office on the logistics. Please let us know if you'd like to travel via the support plane, or whether you would like to travel commercial via JFK?

I waiting for a phone call with the Vice President's staff who wanted to discuss meeting participation.

Thank you.

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Ambassador:

Welcome to Washington. Unfortunately I don't have any updates on either the Vice President's or Secretary's plans. I'm waiting for a call from the Vice President's office about his trip. The Secretary's staff has said they won't know whether the Secretary is traveling until later in the afternoon.

In the meantime your schedule for today is set. I will meet you in the HST Lobby at 3:15 for your meeting with U/S Bulatao.

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VP or S in that order. I would return in time for Brussels meetings from Warsaw

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Sir:

I've been in touch with both the Vice President's office and the Secretary's staff, and here's what we know for now:

- the Secretary will not be going to Poland. He has not yet decided whether to go to Brussels

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Questions for you:

- if the Secretary goes to Belgium would you accompany him rather than the VP?

- if the Secretary does not go to Brussels, would you like to join the Vice President or head back to Brussels?

Thank you.

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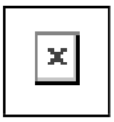
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Here's an update on your Warsaw trip:

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- Time between your arrival at the RON and start of the Borrell meeting might be tight, especially if the Secretary wants a pre-brief. AF1 baggage delivery will take time. There's no guarantee you'll receive any checked bags prior to your meeting with S and Borrell; bring all essentials in your carry-on. You will have to swipe a credit card at the hotel for incidentals.

- Your control officer – (b)(6) (goes by (b)(6) – is not credentialed for any of the events and does not have a seat in the motorcade. But, he will meet you at the RON upon arrival, and be on call to return at any time if you need assistance. He'll send you an updated schedule and his contact information on Friday.

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Subject: Yermak interview

Ambassador,

This short interview with Andriy Yermak in the Ukrainian press is worth a read. He mentions you when discussing his DC trip and the Bolton meeting.

He also addresses plans for a Ze visit to Washington, NS2, security assistance, and plans to replace the Ukrainian AMB to the U.S. - no major surprises on any of these fronts (he's quite controlled in his comments) but interesting to get a sense of Yermak. He also describes his role in the administration at the very end.

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https://en.interfax.com.ua/news/interview/601400.html

Speaking in an exclusive interview with Andriy Yermak, aide to the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky, elaborated on his visit to the United States and preparation for the president's upcoming visit, prospects for the development of Ukrainian-American relations and his functions as an aide to the president.

Q: A few days ago, you had an eventful visit to the United States jointly with Oleksandr Danyliuk, Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine. Could you please share details of the visit and the meetings you had?

A: It was a two-day visit. I had a number of meetings, including meetings we jointly held with Oleksandr Danyliuk. One of them was a meeting in the White House with National Security Adviser John Bolton, U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Kurt Volker, and U.S. Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland.

A number of key issues concerning relations between our countries, as well as details of the future visit were discussed. You know that we've got an official invitation, and now we are working on preparations for this important official visit.

I would like to separately emphasize the support of Ukraine in all areas. Interest was expressed in building relations with President Zelensky, congratulations and expectations were conveyed. In the U.S., they closely monitor the president's actions, his steps, including trips around the country, communication with various officials, are in the center of attention.

Separately, I would like to highlight a meeting with Kurt Volker. This was just happening on the eve of our trip with Deputy Head of the Office of the President Vadym Prystaiko to Paris for a Normandy Four meeting.

The second day was devoted to congressional meetings. I talked to both Republicans and Democrats. The main purpose of these negotiations was to discuss a bill against Nord Stream 2.

In general, I will say that President Zelensky is a very visible figure for the United States; they are awaiting his visit with great interest. They see that he is a young, energetic, aimed at fighting corruption and sincerely wants changes in the country.

I got the firm impression that they in the United States believe Zelensky, and it isn't easy to convince Americans. It seems to me that the openness and sincerity of the president, the desire, in the first place, to remain human is very appealing to the Americans. Our partners expect that relations with Ukraine will reach a qualitatively new level, this was mentioned at all meetings. In the United States, President Zelensky's peace initiatives also resonate.

I also had meetings with representatives of the Ukrainian Diaspora, who are traditionally very active. Many of them were at the [President Zelensky's] inauguration. They are also waiting for the president's visit.

Separately, I'd like to note that I arrived in the United States with the news about President Zelensky's decision on changing the Ukrainian ambassador to the United States, which should be an important step towards taking the relations between our countries to a new level.

Q: Tentatively when could Zelensky's visit the United States take place?

A: The most convenient dates are under discussion right now, because the planning of the visit should take into account not only the schedules of the presidents, but also a huge interest in President Zelensky, as I said, from the leaders of Congress, American businesses, and so on.

Q; Was the possibility of expanding the Normandy Format involving, in particular, the American side, discussed during your meetings in the U.S.? After all, in his recent video address to Russian President Vladimir Putin, President Zelensky proposed, as an option, involving the signatories to the Budapest Memorandum – the United States and Great Britain – in Normandy Four talks.

A: In the address by President Zelensky, of course, there was a call that once again demonstrates that we are for transparency and openness, including in the negotiations to end the war in Donbas. If this goes into the framework of any formal proposals, then we will discuss it. So far we have the Trilateral

Contact Group in Minsk and the Normandy format in which the United States is not officially participating.

At the same time, I absolutely support the position of our president to expanding the range of possible participants. And their participation may be different. We are ready for the examination of our position by any international partners and organizations, because openness always provides an opportunity to defend our position.

Q: A few days ago, William B. Taylor, Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. of the United States Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine, said that Ukraine had first applied for military equipment through the sales program of the U.S. Department of Defense, which would be considered. Did you discuss this issue in the U.S.?

A: I can say the following: during our meeting in the White House, we, together with NSDC Secretary Oleksandr Danyliuk, discussed prospects for our cooperation with the United States, including in the military sphere. I am not ready to talk about the details, but I confirm the fact of a conversation on this topic.

Q: Does Ukraine find the U.S. position on Nord Stream 2 satisfying?

A: Of course, we support all the steps of our partners that strengthen the energy security of Ukraine.

Q: What do you expect from the change of the Ambassador of Ukraine to the U.S.?

A: I fully support this decision. Ukrainian-U.S. relations should reflect and take into account the position of President Zelensky. Ukraine should become a mutually beneficial strategic partner for the United States. This is the key to our success, and we have all the possibilities for this, the political will and a great desire. Naturally, this all implies there should be another person in the place of the Ukrainian ambassador to the United States.

Q: Are there any candidates now?

A: We are working on it. The president is very attentive to the choice of candidates. He does not make chaotic decisions. The president opts to hold a personal meeting with all key candidates, in addition to reading their dossiers, to understand for himself what kind of person he or she is, the level of his or her professionalism and motivation.

Q: There is an opinion that the president is in isolation and his communication is carefully controlled...

A: I can tell you the following: having graduated from the Institute of International Relations under Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, being a professional lawyer, I personally know so many politicians in our country, and all my life I have refused offers to go into politics. And only my unconditional faith in Zelensky and to President Zelensky is my personal motivation to devote five years of my life to this work. Knowing the president well, I can tell you that he is a strong, intelligent, charismatic leader who always makes decisions independently. And I am sure that in the very near future he will pleasantly surprise even the most pessimistic skeptics.

Q; What is your scope of your authority, and which areas are you responsible for in the Presidential Office?

A: The same as First Assistant to the President Serhiy Shefir, I am directly subordinate to the president. We are the people who perform the functions directly delegated by the president.

For example, one of the areas of my work is the sphere of international relations: the settlement of the situation in Donbas, participation in talks as part of the Normandy Four format, regional policy, energy security issues, the humanitarian sphere.

In principle, I am always there where the president needs my help. Now, for example, this is a question of preparing his visit to the United States.

My background involves a variety of tasks. I am an expert in international law by profession and therefore I understand challenges perfectly well both inside and outside the country, including those related to the economy, security and a number of other areas.

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I'll try for sure.

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> Lisa,
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> Can you get 10-15 min on the Warsaw sched for this? I'd like to know when it is locked so that I can call Zelensky and brief him.
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> Should we block time in Warsaw for a short pull-aside for Potus to meet Zelensky?
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Subject:	FW: Zelensky Bi-Lat UNGA
Date:	Wed, 23 Oct 2019 12:01:09 +0000

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From: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2019 2:09 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Zelensky Bi-Lat UNGA

No, but I can't see when things get confirmed. We will get an update on Monday, I'm sure.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2019, at 6:13 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

> Did you know the bilat is confirmed in NY on 9/25 at 14:15?
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> **From:** Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
> **Sent:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 3:13:21 PM
> **To:** Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)

Cc: Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC (b)(6) Rick Perry (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Zelensky Bi-Lat UNGA

Are we discussing a meeting at unga or in DC?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 14, 2019, at 8:55 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

> We discussed and Kurt and I will attend without Rick if he is unable
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> **From:** Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
> **Sent:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 2:17:47 PM
> **To:** Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
> **Cc:** Rick Perry (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6)
> **Subject:** Re: Zelensky Bi-Lat UNGA
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> I don't know if we know when it will be yet; it may occur when Sec Perry is still (b)(6) Will follow-up.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Sep 14, 2019, at 12:30 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:
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> > Tim,
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> > Please manifest Sec Perry, Amb Volker and me for the bilat. Thx
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Subject:	FW: Zelensky Oval
Date:	Tue, 22 Oct 2019 09:15:23 +0000



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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 3:10 PM
To: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Zelensky Oval

Great!

1. Could you get me a copy please?

2. Can we give it to Zelensky in person Tues in Brussels?



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From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 9:08:39 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: RE: Zelensky Oval

The letter was signed in S' presence yesterday.

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 9:06 AM
To: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Zelensky Oval

I am headed to WH later. Any update on this?



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From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 2:02:50 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: RE: Zelensky Oval

Passing to S. We will check on this today.

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 1:58 PM
To: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: Zelensky Oval

Mike,

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(b)(5) We all got up from meeting and agreed, now this. (b)(5)
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Subject:	Fwd: Amb. Sondland article questions
Date:	Wed, 13 Nov 2019 16:51:39 +0000

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 8:44:43 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Tomlinson, Christina (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Amb. Sondland article questions

Sir,

Just an FYI that Michael Birnbaum anticipates this article will be published tomorrow. We'll flag it as soon as we see it.

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From: Birnbaum, Michael (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2019 8:56 PM
To: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6) Tomlinson, Christina (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Amb. Sondland article questions

Dear Christina and (b)(6)

We're at work on another article about Ambassador Sondland, this time looking at his time in Brussels and his conduct inside the mission. I've just sent this list of questions to his lawyer, but I wanted to send them to you as well, both for your awareness and because I wanted to see if there was any State Department comment. Or, if either of you happens to know anything that shines a light on any of this, I'd certainly welcome a more informal conversation as well. We intend this story to run over the weekend.

Best,
Michael

1) Part of this article will be a summary of the week, and attacks on you from both Democrats and Republicans in Congress. Do you think you can still effectively do your job after misremembering key events under oath, getting attacked by Trump's top allies, such as Lindsey Graham as someone who is conspiring with the Democrats, and receiving complaints from your underlings in Brussels? Have you spoken to Trump recently? Have you felt pressure to resign?

2) We were told that you made subordinates at the mission walk your dog. Is this accurate?

3) We were told that your stay at the Amigo Hotel -- at a cost of $50,000 a month -- raised concerns among State Department officials in Washington as well as subordinates at the mission. Was there another way to handle the temporary relocation during the renovations? Any comments about the stay at the Amigo?

4) We have heard multiple accounts from people who saw you bring devices such as an iPhone, other cellphones, into secured areas of the mission where they are banned. This has raised security concerns. Did you indeed bring cellphones into the secure areas of the mission? Were you ever counseled on how to handle unsecured electronic devices? Any response to these accounts of misusing the classified space?

5) Did Jay Leno have a military escort from the airport at the Independence Day celebrations? We were told that he did -- a treatment typically reserved for officials of cabinet level or higher.

6) What was your goal for the Independence Day dinner? We were told that the informality of the dinner and the presence of Jay Leno raised some concerns within the mission and with Ambassador Gidwitz, who felt that it should be more business-focused. At the same time, we also heard from someone close to Mogherini that she was delighted with being seated next to Zelensky, and found it very useful for breaking the ice with him, which I imagine was precisely one of your goals in hosting the meal.

7) Despite Mogherini's happiness about having been seated next to Zelensky, we've also heard that you don't particularly like working with her, and that when she sought a meeting with Pompeo, you intervened to prevent it from taking place. Is this accurate? Separately, we were told that during one meeting you said of Mogherini, "We're gonna push her back against the wall and make her play." Is that accurate?

8) We were told that during a mission staff meeting, you told diplomats your opinion about having kids in cages at the U.S. border with Mexico. We were told you said: "We can do whatever we want. If people come into our country who aren't supposed to be here, the courts say it'll take six months to get them out, but POTUS can do it immediately." This surprised at least some of the diplomatsin the mission. Is this an accurate rendering of what you told them?

9) In the same meeting, we were told that you supported unusual hardline tactics with E.U. allies. One official gave an update about something that was progressing well. We were told that you said we need to threaten the Europeans. "Tell them you can't come into our country if you don't share." The idea was that the US should consider banning Europeans from boarding any flights to the US unless they

immediately complied with what we wanted them to do. Is this accurate?

10) The job search for a protocol/events manager. We were told you told staff you wanted the position to be filled by a single woman with no kids, so that she would be able to travel with you without any outside responsibilities. Is this accurate?

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To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: BOOTLEG: Menendez QFRs to Deputy Secretary Sullivan
Date:	Sat, 2 Nov 2019 15:51:48 +0000



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From: Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2019 4:47:53 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: BOOTLEG: Menendez QFRs to Deputy Secretary Sullivan

Sir:

The Department is working on these "questions for the record" related to D's hearing for his nomination to Russia. (b)(5)

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(b)(5)

Mark

Mark W. Libby
Deputy Chief of Mission
U.S. Mission to the EU

Brussels

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2019 03:21

To: Libby, Mark W (USEU)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: Fwd: BOOTLEG: Menendez QFRs to Deputy Secretary Sullivan

Mark:

FYI that the QFRs for the Sullivan hearing included several related to Ambassador Sondland.

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From: EUR-StaffAssistants (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 8:20 PM

To: EUR-RUS-DL; EUR-Directors-DL; EUR-Deputy Directors-DL; EUR-Deskofficers-DL

Cc: EUR-StaffAssistants

Subject: BOOTLEG: Menendez QFRs to Deputy Secretary Sullivan

Dear RUS and other offices,

Please see the bootleg of the Sullivan-Menendez QFRs. The spreadsheet will follow. Two notes:

-The deadline for all the D QFRs will actually be**10 am tomorrow to the EUR/FO** to accommodate the corrected deadline to the Line of 3pm tomorrow (the prior spreadsheet the Line sent was in error).
-H will use placeholders for several of the questions (see highlights below), which will be reflected in the forthcoming spreadsheet.

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

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 8:08 PM

To: EUR-StaffAssistants (b)(6)

Cc: SES-Line_H_Tasking (b)(6)

Subject: For EUR: Menendez QFRs to Deputy Secretary Sullivan

Importance: High

EUR Colleagues,

Please see attached a bootleg of the Menendez QFR questions, (b)(5)
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(b)(5) We will follow up this evening with the formal spreadsheet tasker. All items in that formal tasking will be listed as be due to SES-Line_H_Tasking**NLT 3PM tomorrow, November 2**.

Thank you,
(b)(6)

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

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2019 8:01 PM

To: SES-Line_H_Tasking (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
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Subject: Menendez QFRs to Deputy Secretary Sullivan

Importance: High

Colleagues,

Please see attached QFRs from Senator Menendez.

Tasking Instructions:

Placeholder for questions in Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 13, 14, 15, 32, 33

Section 2: Task questions 1-7, 17-18 (placeholder for 8-16)

Section 6: Task question 2 (placeholder for 1)

Task questions in sections 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 16-29, 31

Task question in section 30 to L

Thanks,

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Questions for the Record Submitted to
John Joseph Sullivan on his Nomination to Serve as Ambassador to Russia
By Senator Robert Menendez
U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
November 1, 2019

1. **Department Employees Testifying and Subpoena Compliance.** You said in your nomination hearing, "there would be no greater honor for me, if confirmed as the U.S. Ambassador to Russia, than to serve with the dedicated women and men and their families who constitute our mission in Russia…Dedicated career officers from across the U.S. government are serving with distinction in the wake of massive staff cuts, uncertainty, and intense pressure from the host government."

- **Do you commit that none of the individuals who have testified before the House related to the Ukraine/impeachment inquiry will be subject to any retaliatory action, demotion, reassignment, transfer, or curtailment of duties or assignment for giving testimony to Congress?**
  - Please describe in details the steps you are taking or will take to ensure that these actions do not take place.
- **Do you commit that the Department will not seek to interfere with, block, preclude, or dissuade any Department employee or former Department employee from providing any testimony to Congress related to Ukraine/impeachment?**
- **Do you commit that the Department will cease sending any form of written or oral communication to any Department employee or former employee that has the direct or indirect purpose of seeking to dissuade an individual from testifying before Congress on Ukraine/impeachment?**
- **On what legal basis has the State Department been directing Department employees not to appear voluntarily before Congress to provide testimony?**
- **On what legal basis has the State Department been directing former Department employees not to appear voluntarily before Congress to provide testimony?**
- **On what legal basis has the State Department been directing Department employees not to appear before Congress in response to duly authorized subpoenas?**
- **On what legal basis has the State Department been directing former Department employees not to appear before Congress in response to duly authorized subpoenas?**
- **Do you believe the executive branch should comply with congressional subpoenas?**
- **What are you doing to ensure that the Department is responsive and provides documents to Congress, including in response to the House inquiry on Ukraine?**
- **Will the Department be providing documents in response to the House inquiry on Ukraine?**

2. **State Department Personnel, Retaliation, and Retention.**

- **Does the Department have a formal retention program that provides guidance and support to those contemplating resignation?**

- **Do you or does anyone from the Department interview personnel resigning from the Foreign Service?**
- **What steps does the Department take to ascertain the reasons why employees are retiring or leaving the Department?**
- **What is your assessment of the Department's ability to retain experienced and talented employees?**
- **In your opinion, what are the minimum qualifications that an individual should possess to be nominated for a Senate-confirmed job at the State Department or USAID? What are the ideal qualifications?**
- **What steps are you and the Department taking to ensure whistleblowers know their rights, know how to raise concerns through appropriate channels, and are not subject to retaliation for exercising their rights?**
- **Do you agree retaliation of any kind has no place in federal government? Do you agree that anyone found to have engaged in retaliation should be held fully accountable, up to and including losing their job?**
- **When did you first become aware of allegations of retaliation at the Department? What did you do with those concerns? Did you ever raise concerns about political retaliation at the Department to Secretary Pompeo?**
- **What have you done, personally, to address concerns of retaliation against career employees?**
- **In April 2018, according to the Inspector General, a PDAS in IO expressed concerns about the management of IO and treatment of staff by Moley and Stull. What steps did you take next?**
- **Did you recommend any disciplinary action for Assistant Secretary Moley, including administrative steps to sideline Moley's supervisory role?**
- **What prompted your June 25, 2018 meeting with Assistant Secretary to discuss "the general atmosphere in IO?"**
- **After your meeting with Assistant Secretary Moley on June 25, 2018, at which he dismissed employee concerns about leadership misconduct and retaliation in IO, what steps did you take next to protect IO employees or discipline Assistant Secretary Moley?**
- **Given you were aware of employee concerns about leadership misconduct in IO for at least three months by the time you met with Mr. Moley directly, did you express concerns to Secretary Pompeo or any other senior State Department officials about his conduct before meeting with him? How about afterward?**
- **Did you ask Moley to resign? Why not?**
- **What steps are you taking to address low morale at the Department and in the IO Bureau?**
- **What steps are you and the Department taking to ensure whistleblowers know their rights and are not subject to retaliation for exercising them?**
- **What else can the State Department do to prevent and counter retaliation?**

3. **<u>Ukraine Policy/Giuliani.</u>**
   - **What did you know about Rudy Giuliani's involvement in Ukraine policy?**

  - **What is the basis of that understanding?**
- **When did you first learn that Mr. Giuliani was seeking to meet with Ukrainian officials?**
- **How did you learn that Mr. Giuliani was seeking to meet with Ukrainian officials?**
- **When did you learn that Mr. Giuliani was seeking to meet with State Department officials about Ukraine?**
- **How did you learn that Mr. Giuliani was seeking to meet with State Department officials about Ukraine?**
- **Were you aware of Mr. Giuliani's meetings with Ukrainian officials on or around the dates that they happened?**
- **Are you aware of other meetings between Mr. Giuliani and foreign officials?**
- **Are you aware of other meetings between Mr. Giuliani and State Department officials?**
- **Did you instruct anyone in the Department to not provide assistance to Mr. Giuliani regarding his meetings with foreign officials?**
- **Did you ever discuss Ambassador Yovanovitch with Rudy Giuliani?**
- **Were you aware that Special Envoy Kurt Volker or Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland were engaged with Mr. Giuliani regarding Ukraine? How were you aware?**
- **Who from the Department received readouts of, met with, or spoke to Mr. Giuliani about his meetings with foreign officials?**
- **Were you ever asked to communicate to Ukrainian officials President Trump's desire for assistance in investigating one of his political opponents or unsubstantiated theories related to Ukraine's involvement in the 2016 U.S. election?**
- **Do you have any reason to believe that Ukraine interfered in the 2016 U.S. election? If so, what?**
- **Since you have been in your current role, how many times have you met or communicated with Rudy Giuliani? Please describe the subject and nature of your discussions with him.**
- **Were you aware of any attempts by Giuliani to lobby, directly or indirectly, the state Department about any individuals, topics, clients, or countries? If so, whom/what topics? Please provide details.**
- **Were you ever directed by Secretary Pompeo or anyone outside the State Department to meet or communicate with Rudy Giuliani? If so, please describe the circumstances.**
- **When did you first become aware that Mr. Giuliani was working with and directing the actions of State Department officials on U.S. policy toward Ukraine?**
- **Upon learning of Mr. Giuliani's role with regards to U.S. policy toward Ukraine, did you or anyone at the State Department take any steps to ensure that U.S. policy was not being influenced by Mr. Giuliani's private interests?**
- **Did you or anyone at the State Department review Mr. Giuliani's business interests for potential conflicts of interest?**
- **Are you aware of Mr. Giuliani working with any other State Department officials on any other matters involving countries besides Ukraine?**

- **Were you aware of any efforts to provide Viktor Shokin with a visa to enter the United States? If so, what did you know and what did you do in response? What did you do to stop it?**
- **Since you have been in your current role, has anyone from outside the State Department contacted you regarding Dmitry Firtash? If so, please describe the content of those discussions.**
- **You testified in your nomination hearing that neither you, nor Secretary Pompeo, nor John Bolton ordered Volker, Sondland, and Taylor to coordinate with each other in pressing the Ukrainians for these investigations into Burisma or the origins of the 2016 U.S. elections interference. You also testified that, since you learned of these activities in September, you have not made any attempt to find out where their instructions were coming from. Why did you not seek to find out why people under your control were being given direction from an unknown source? Why did you not try to find out what the policy of the U.S. toward Ukraine was during this time period?**
- **Were you ever asked to communicate to Ukrainian officials President Trump's desire for assistance in investigating one of his political opponents or unsubstantiated theories related to Ukraine's involvement in the 2016 U.S. election?**
- **Have you received or are you aware of any requests from Ukraine that the US investigation of oligarch Ihor Kolomoisky, a former business partner and patron of Ukraine President Zelensky, for money laundering to be dropped? Are you aware of any discussions of U.S. legal proceedings against Kolomoisky?**
- **Have you or anyone at the State Department undertaken any action in response to the statement from Donald Trump that China should investigate Hunter Biden to pursue the issue with China or with any other country?**

4. **<u>Zelensky Call.</u>**
   - **When did you first hear concerns from senior officials about the July 25 Trump-Zelensky call?**
   - **Did you speak to any Ukrainian officials between May 1, 2019 and September 12, 2019? If so, what did you discuss?**
   - **Did you ever communicate to Ukrainian officials that the President wanted to discuss corruption or investigations in Ukraine?**

5. **<u>Security Assistance.</u>**
   - **When did you first become aware that security assistance to Ukraine would not be immediately obligated? What did you do to ascertain why it was being held up?**
   - **Did you ever discuss assistance for Ukraine with U.S. diplomats based in Ukraine, including but not limited to Ambassador Taylor and Ambassador Yovanovitch?**
   - **Did you discuss assistance to Ukraine with Ambassador Sondland or Special Representative Volker?**
   - **Sondland testified that he understood all of his actions involving Ukraine to have "the blessing of Secretary Pompeo," and that, "very recently," he received a congratulatory note from Secretary Pompeo saying he was doing great work and encouraging him to "keep banging away." To what extent were you aware of**

Sondland's actions in Ukraine? Were you aware of Secretary Pompeo's "very recent" note to Sondland? Did Sondland keep you updated on his work relating to Ukraine?

- **When did Sondland start engaging with Ukraine, which, as you know, is not an EU member state? Did you instruct Sondland to engage with Ukraine? When? How?**
- **Did you make any effort, through formal channels or otherwise, to weigh in and reverse the Office of Management and Budget hold on security assistance to Ukraine?**
- **Other than Ukraine, have you signed off on shutting down assistance to any country until that country addressed any alleged corruption issue in which a U.S. person was said to be involved?**
- **In your view, what changed from the time the funds were withheld until they were released in early September, other than the fact that the fiscal year was coming to a close? Did the White House communicate any changes to you? Did the State Department provide any analysis about Ukraine's anti-corruption efforts during this time period?**
- **Did you have any role in providing during the period of "interagency review" of security assistance to Ukraine? Was the State Department involved in this interagency review in any manner? Please describe.**
- **Did the State Department take into account the Department of Defense's May 23, 2019 certification of Ukraine's anti-corruption efforts in its analysis?**
- **Sondland testified that the U.S. Mission to the EU's June 4, 2019 event had a main event and then, "Following the main event…a smaller, separate dinner for about 30 people. President Zelensky and several other leaders of EU and non-EU member states attended the dinner, along with Secretary Perry, U.S. State Department Counselor Ulrich Brechbuhl on behalf of Secretary Pompeo, and numerous other key U.S. and EU officials." Did you participate in the decision to send Brechbuhl on Pompeo's behalf? When was that decision made?**
- **Sondland testified that "my boss Secretary Pompeo was very supportive of our Ukraine strategy"—speaking about the strategy that Sondland, Secretary Perry, and Ambassador Volker were pursuing. Did you ever hear Pompeo express support of the "Ukraine strategy"? To whom?**
- **Sondland testified that he encouraged Ambassador Taylor to contact Secretary Pompeo about "concerns that the Ukrainians could perceive a linkage between U.S. security assistance and the President's 2020 reelection campaign." Did Ambassador Taylor contact you about these concerns? When? What did you say?**
- **Taylor testified that he wrote and transmitted a first-person cable to Pompeo relaying his concerns about the "folly" of withholding of military aid to Ukraine on August 29, 2019. Did you see that cable? If so, when? What was your response?**

6. **<u>Trump Organization.</u>**

- **Since you have been in your current role, how many times have you met or communicated with individuals from the Trump Organization? Please describe the content of your discussions with them.**
- **Since January 20, 2017, how much money has the State Department spent at properties owned or licensed by the Trump Organization?**

7. **G7**. President Trump selected his own property, Trump National Doral Miami, to host the 2020 Group of Seven (G7) leader-level summit. He has since walked back the decision, which raises further concerns about the process by which the Trump administration has been planning the U.S. Chairmanship of the G7 in 2020.

- **In the past, the White House would pick the host city and the Department would choose the hotels for the G7 site. Is that the process that was followed leading up to the selection of Doral as the site for the 2020 G7 summit? If not, will it be followed moving forward?**
- **Did you have any role in providing recommendations about, or in selecting the G7 site? If so, describe that role.**
- **What was the Department's role in the initial selection of Doral to host the 2020 G7? Which Bureaus, Offices, and personnel in the Department were involved at any point in the selection process? Which Bureaus, Offices, and personnel in the Department will be involved moving forward? Please provide dates for the selection of the location for the G7 summit, including the date that the site selection process for the 2020 G7 began, the date that an initial solicitation was sent out, when proposals were received, when Doral was selected, when Doral was decided against, when the process of selection began again, and the deadline for a new site to be selected.**
- **Was the Department consulted in the decision to rescind the initial selection of Doral to host the 2020 G7? If so, which Bureaus, Offices, and personnel in the Department were involved? When?**
- **Since the rescinded location decision, has the Department been consulted in the site selection process moving forward for the 2020 G7? If so, which Bureaus, Offices, and personnel in the Department are involved in the process?**
- **Did President Trump or anyone else at any point suggest hosting any other events associated with U.S. Chairmanship of the G7 in 2020 at any other Trump Organization properties in addition to Doral?**
- **Does the Department have a total estimated budget for the 2020 U.S. Chairmanship of the G7 in its entirety, including a total estimated budget for the 2020 G7 leader-level summit, and including the Department's portion? How much of that would go directly to the host venue?**
- **Did anyone in the Department seek a legal opinion or guidance about hosting an official summit at Doral? Did anyone in the Department seek a legal opinion or guidance about hosting an official summit at Doral? Did the Office of the Legal Adviser furnish any opinion?**

8. **Climate and the G7.** Mulvaney said that "climate change will not be on the agenda" for next year's G7 summit.

- **Do you believe that climate change should be on the agenda for the 2020 G7?**
- **Given your current position as Deputy Secretary of State, what role has, does, and will the Department play in the agenda-setting process for the 2020 G7, including on decisions such as whether to include climate change?**

- **Do you believe it is appropriate for the U.S., or even has the authority, to unilaterally strike an issue, like climate change, from the agenda of the G7?**

9. **Foreign Interference**. In the wake of President Trump's comments welcoming derogatory information on a U.S. political figure from foreign entities, it is important that the State Department have explicit guidance for all of its personnel on how to deal with this scenario. Guidance on handling interactions that prompt concern about exploitation by a foreign entity, such as FAM Chapter 12, Section 262, does not clearly address this situation.

- **Do you agree that any candidate for office in the United States who is presented with information on an opponent from a foreign power should report that to the FBI?**
- **If a foreign person or government approaches you or a staffer at the embassy with derogatory information on a U.S. political figure, what is your understanding of official State Department policy on how to handle this specific situation?**
- **Has a cable with clear guidance on how to handle this specific situation been sent to all U.S. embassies?**
- **In your current role as Deputy Secretary of State, do you commit to issuing clear guidance to all U.S. embassies on how embassy staff should handle the specific situation of a foreign person or government approaching them with derogatory information on a U.S. political figure? Existing guidance on handling interactions that prompt concern about exploitation by a foreign entity, such as FAM Chapter 12, Section 262, does not clearly address this situation.**
- **If confirmed as U.S. Ambassador to Russia, do you commit to issuing clear guidance on how to handle this specific situation?**

10. **Anticorruption.** Senator Coons asked you in your nomination hearing about the Trump administration's repeated attacks on U.S. anticorruption funding. Budgets reflect priorities, and the President's budget shows a diminished prioritization of State Department anticorruption efforts. You responded that "the prime obstacle to anticorruption reform in Ukraine is not technical or monetary support by the United States but the will of the Ukrainian government."

- **What role do you believe U.S. technical and monetary support plays in U.S. anticorruption efforts?**
- **Do you believe combatting corruption should be a U.S. foreign policy priority?**

11. **Alliances.** President Trump has made a number disparaging comments about UN member states. In tweets, he has referred to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as "Very dishonest & weak," called Europe "A total mess!"

- **Do you personally agree with these statements?**
- **Is this how the U.S. should be conducting diplomacy?**
- **How do you plan to keep U.S. alliances strong with some of our closest partners, including those who have been the target of the President's verbal attacks?**
- **What do you see as the role of U.S. alliances generally?**
- **Do you believe that allies are important and integral to U.S. foreign policy?**

12. **Whistleblower Protection**. As you know, those working for the federal government, including civil service, foreign service, and contractors, who possess information they reasonably believe demonstrates a violation of law; gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; abuse of authority; a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; or censorship related to research, analysis, or technical information are protected and entitled under federal law to raise those concerns through authorized channels, including to Congress or Inspectors General, without fear of retribution or reprisal. Even in cases where information is required to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs, disclosure to Inspectors General or the Special Counsel is still protected. It is imperative that senior officials throughout government ensure that employees know their rights, and that employees are not discouraged from raising valid concerns.

- **Do you agree with the President's statements on whistleblowers, including his reference to them as "spies"?**
- **What are you doing to stand up for career employees, both internally and externally?**
- **What are you doing to ensure that all State Department personnel know and understand their rights under federal whistleblower laws?**
- **What have you done to make sure all employees feel free to report concerns through the proper channels, including to Congress and Inspectors General?**
- **Has the U.S. Embassy in Russia issued any communications or documents to staff regarding whistleblower rights or communicating or cooperating with Congress since January 2017? If so, please provide a copy of each such communication or document. If not, do you pledge to issue such a communication if confirmed as Ambassador to Russia?**
- **In light of President Trump's efforts to discredit and unmask the identity of a whistleblower, how do you plan to counter the damage to U.S. credibility in pressing for greater whistleblower protections globally?**
- **How do you plan to advance whistleblower protection at the U.S. Embassy to Russia?**

13. **Yovanovitch**

- **Did you ever personally advocate for a statement of support on behalf of Ambassador Yovanovitch? In your nomination hearing, you said, "At the time of her removal, I did not." Did you do so at any other time?**
- **At what point did you learn that the President had lost confidence in Ambassador Yovanovitch and no longer wished her to serve? Who told you?**
- **Did you ever discuss Ambassador Yovanovitch with Rudy Giuliani?**
- **What specifically did you do to protect Ambassador Yovanovitch from political retaliation?**
- **How did you defend Ambassador Yovanovitch against efforts by President Trump, Giuliani, and others to discredit her using debunked conspiracy theories?**
- **Ambassador Yovanovitch testified that you told her in your April 2019 conversation that there had been a concerted campaign against her, and that the Department had been under pressure from Trump to remove her since the summer of 2018. At what**

point did you become aware of the smear campaign against Ambassador Yovanovitch and Mr. Giuliani's role in seeking her removal?

- **Ambassador Yovanovitch testified that you told her in your April 2019 conversation that she had done nothing wrong and this was not like other situations where you had recalled ambassadors for cause. Do you stand by that assessment? Had Ambassador Yovanovitch done nothing wrong?**
- **Did you receive instructions from the President, the White House, Rudy Giuliani, or Secretary Pompeo about Ambassador Yovanovitch's removal on prior to May 7, 2019? If so, what were they?**
- **After you became aware of Ambassador Yovanovitch's recalling, did you express concern to Secretary Pompeo about the way she was being treated? Did you express concerns before?**
- **Did you speak to Ambassador Taylor about concerns he had about Ambassador Yovanovitch's treatment as he tried to make a final decision on taking the post in Ukraine?**
- **Taylor testified that the decision of whether to agree to Secretary Pompeo's request to return to Kyiv was "not an easy decision," because of how Ambassador Yovanovitch had been treated. Are you concerned about the implications for U.S. foreign policy if qualified candidates think twice about accepting important positions because of uncertainty that they will be treated fairly?**
- **Michael McKinley testified that he left his post over frustration with Pompeo regarding the treatment of Ambassador Yovanovitch. He testified that he asked Pompeo repeatedly to show support for Ambassador Yovanovitch in the past month (September 2019-October 2019) but that he did not respond. Did McKinley ask you to show support for Ambassador Yovanovitch? If so, when?**

14. **<u>Disinformation Packet on Yovanovitch.</u>**

- **To the best of your knowledge, how did the Secretary of State come into possession of a packet of dinsinformation that included claims about Ambassador Yovanovitch?**
- **Was it mailed? Hand-delivered?**
- **You testified that the packet of disinformation came "in response to inquiries by the Secretary and others about what our ambassador had done." What were those inquiries?**
    - **Did the Secretary ask people inside the State Department for information on what Ambassador Yovanovitch "had done"?**
    - **Did the Secretary ask people outside the State Department for information on what Ambassador Yovanovitch "had done"? Who?**
    - **What is your understanding of what the Secretary was referring to?**
    - **What had people told him that she "had done"?**
- **You testified that you believe that the Counselor, Ulrich Brechbul, obtained the packet from the White House. What is your understanding of who from the White House gave it to him?**
- **From whom did you receive the packet?**

- **Did you discuss the packet with the Secretary?**
  - **What specifically did you discuss about it?**
- **Did you discuss the packet with Ulrich Brechbul?**
  - **What specifically did you discuss about it?**
- **Did you ask the Secretary how he came into possession of the packet?**
- **You testified that you asked where it came from. What were you told in response?**
- **With who else did you discuss the packet?**
- **Upon receiving it, were you concerned that someone was seeking to smear Ambassador Yovanovitch?**
- **Why did you recommend that the Acting Legal Adviser provide it to the Inspector General?**
- **You testified that "you [were]n't aware of all that might be going on in the background." What did you mean?**
- **At the time you received the packet, why did you think that Rudy Giuliani might be involved with the information it contained?**
- **Is it your understanding that Giuliani gave the packet to the Secretary, or that he caused it to be delivered to the Secretary through the White House?**
  - **What is your basis for that understanding?**

15. **Calls with Foreign Leaders**

- **When did you learn of the content of the President's July 25 call with President Zelenksy?**
  - **What action did you take when you learned of the July 25 call?**
- **Did you communicate, or are you aware of efforts by any U.S. officials to communicate, to Ukrainian officials the topics that the President wanted to discuss with President Zelensky?**
- **Have you received transcripts or summaries of all of the President's calls with foreign leaders?**
  - **Did you receive a transcript or summary of the President's call with President Zelensky?**
  - **Did you receive a transcript or summary of any other calls between the President and a foreign leader in which he raised his political opponents?**
- **Are you aware of any records of communications between the President and foreign leaders that have not been stored on the standard White House system for such calls?**
- **Have you or anyone at the State Department undertaken any action in response to the statement from President Trump that China should investigate Hunter Biden to pursue the issue with China or with any other country?**

16. **Social Media.** As a U.S. Ambassador, you are charged with representing the interests of the American people and communicating the viewpoints of the U.S. Government overseas. This includes on any official social media profiles you have. As a recent review by the State

Department Inspector General found, a number of Ambassadors have not complied with the Department's social media policies.

- **Have you reviewed the Department's policies?**
- **Do you commit to following them going forward?**
- **What are some examples of the types of posts that you understand would require review by the Department?**
- **Do you commit to seeking review of any social media posts on a personal account that could be considered a matter of Departmental concern?**

17. **U.S.-Russia Relations**

- **If confirmed, will you encourage American companies to attend the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum? Will you attend the event?**
- **In what ways will the State Department work with the NSC and other government departments and agencies to address the arbitrary detention of U.S. citizens who are seemingly being arrested for the purpose of sanctions relief or prisoner trades?**
- **What actions will you take to secure Paul Whelan's release? What policy options has the United States put on the table in order to secure his release? Would you consider imposing targeted sanctions if Paul Whelan is not released in a timely manner?**
- **Why was Maria Butina released early? In your response, please do not refer me to the Department of Justice for an answer.**

18. **Arms Control and Nonproliferation**

- Russia remains the only country whose nuclear forces pose an existential threat to the United States. One of the ways the United States has sought to manage this threat is through arms control agreements by limiting the size and capabilities of Russian nuclear forces. These agreements also have sought to provide transparency and stability to our nuclear relations with Russia to ensure we avoid a catastrophic nuclear miscalculation by either side. I'm extremely concerned the administration discounts the vital importance of arms control to U.S. national security and is on course to allow the New START Treaty to expire in February 2021. **Do you believe it is in the national security interests of the United States to continue legally binding arms control efforts with Russia?**
- **Assuming Russia is in compliance with the New START treaty do you support a five year extension of it?**
- **The Administration has stated it is seeking a new arms control agreement with Russia and China that include a range of new and complex issues. Who within the State Department is leading these efforts since all of the senior arms control positions at the State Department are now empty?**

- **Do you believe if New START expires, and all limitations on Russian strategic nuclear forces disappear, that Russia will increase its strategic nuclear forces? Will changes to the U.S. nuclear posture be necessary if New START disappears in 16 months? Wouldn't these changes require significant additional funding for U.S. nuclear forces?**
- According to various reports, the administration is planning to withdraw from the Open Skies Treaty. It appears the administration is willing to take this step with zero consultation with Congress or U.S. allies. The Open Skies Treaty is an important multilateral arms control agreement and withdrawing would be yet another gift from the Trump Administration to Putin. It has been an essential tool for United States efforts to constrain Russian aggression in Ukraine. In December of 2018, the United States conducted an extraordinary flight under Open Skies that the Department of Defense stated was "intended to reaffirm U.S. commitment to Ukraine and other partner nations." **Has President Trump made a decision to withdraw the United States from the Open Skies Treaty? Yes or No. Was the State Department or the Defense Department consulted before a decision to withdraw was taken?**
- **We have spoken with numerous NATO allies who informed us they deeply value the Open Skies treaty and that a decision by the United States to withdrawal would adversely impact their security? Did the administration consult with allies before coming to this decision?**
- **What is the reasoning behind leaving Open Skies? How will abrogating Open Skies affect U.S. security?**

19. **<u>Russia in Africa</u>**

- The Administration's Africa strategy emphasizes Great Power competition across the continent. As exemplified by the recent Russia-Africa summit in Sochi, Russia is taking concrete steps to expanding its power and influence. At the summit's opening President Vladimir Putin pledged to double trade ties with the continent over the next 5 years. Putin also signaled interest in natural resources, promoting African partnerships with Russian natural gas and mineral resource companies, even meeting individually with several leaders to discuss potential projects. After the summit, the Central African Republic's (CAR) President stated that his country is considering hosting a Russian military base, and he would like Moscow to supply CAR with new weapons. **What is your understanding of Russia's goals and aims for expanding influence in Africa? If confirmed, how can you help shape the Administration's strategy for mitigating Russian influence across the African continent?**
- A Russian national is a security adviser to CAR's President, Faustin-Archange Touadera and there are reports indicating that Russia's defense ministry intends to establish a five-

person team at CAR's defense ministry. Russia has supplied arms to the CAR government, and the Russian private military contractor Wagner is present in the country.

- **What arms and material has the Russian government supplied to CAR?**
- **What is your understanding of the nature and purpose of Wagner's role in the Central African Republic? How many personnel do they have in country? To your knowledge, did Wagner play a role in the 2018 murder of three Russian journalists in Central African Republic? Do you see Wagner's role in CAR as positive?**
- **If confirmed, what concrete actions will you take to ensure transparency in Russia's activities in CAR?**

- Assistant Secretary Tibor Nagy was quoted in a recent news article as stating that "there is space for other countries to play a positive role in the [African] region." **What positive role is Russia currently playing in Africa? What positive role could it play, and what specifically will you do if confirmed to ensure that Russia's role in Africa is positive?**
- Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report into Russian meddling in the 2016 Presidential elections noted that the Kremlin engaged in a concerted effort to upend the U.S. elections using social media and cyberattacks. **To your knowledge did or does the Kremlin have similar plans to affect the outcome of African elections? If so, what impact did these efforts have? Does the Kremlin have a broader malign strategy to undermine democracy in Africa? What steps will you take as Ambassador if confirmed to discourage malign efforts by the Kremlin to impact the expansion of democracy in Africa?**

20. **Russia in the Middle East**

- The Administration's recent withdrawal from northern Syria has put Vladimir Putin firmly in the driver's seat in Syria and helped to reestablish Russia as a significant powerbroker in the Middle East. In Syria, Russia has bombed civilians in order to allow Bashar al-Assad to continue to rule over the rubble. In Libya, Russia has sided with ostensible U.S. allies like Egypt and the UAE to support General Heftar's destructive offensive in Tripoli against the international recognized Government of National Accord. Throughout the region, Putin has cut energy and weapons deals, often in defiance of Congressional sanctions that this Administration appears unwilling to enforce.
  - **What are Russia's goals in the Middle East? What countries in the region do you see as priorities for Russia and in what countries should the U.S. prioritize pushing back on Russian influence?**
  - **What steps is the U.S. taking to counter Russian influence in the Middle East? What further steps should the U.S. take?**
  - **If confirmed, what steps will you take to counter Russian influence in the Middle East?**

  - **Do you believe that Russia is capable of or politically willing to reduce Iranian influence in Syria?**
- Russia remains a key party to the JCPOA and has made clear its opposition to the maximum pressure campaign against Iran and has been muted in its condemnation of Iranian backsliding in the deal.
  - **What common interests does Russia share with the U.S. regarding Iran?**
  - **What role will you play in engaging with Russia regarding Iran and the JCPOA?**
- Russia continues to push weapons systems and arms sales with various Middle East countries. **What specific steps will you take to address this concern and potential threat to U.S. interests in the region?**
- **What message does it send to other countries in the Middle East that the United States has yet to fully implement CAATSA sanctions against Turkey for its purchase of the S400 Air Defense system?**

21. **Humanitarian Situation in Northeastern Syria**

- **What steps is the Administration/State Department taking to mitigate the humanitarian catastrophe in Northeast Syria?**
- As Russian and Syrian forces take control of territory, there are thousands of Syrian aid workers under immediate threat of harassment, harm, arrest, conscription or worse. **Will the USG ensure that funding for the humanitarian response inside Syria be made flexible to cover the costs of evacuation and relocation of these vulnerable Syrians who have supported US efforts and interests? What is the diplomatic strategy for ensuring humanitarian access to those in need in NE Syria via the most direct routes, including cross-border mechanisms authorized under UNSC Resolution 2449?**

22. **Crackdown on Activism in Russia**

- **Please discuss your understanding of U.S visa policy toward pro-democracy activists from Russia, in light of the fact that many have been criminally convicted by the Russian state as a result of their activism (with criminal charges and facts often fabricated or grossly exaggerated) and the fact that many are not employed, again due to their activism.**
- **Would you support the use of Global Magnitsky sanctions against judges, law enforcement investigators, and prosecutors who actively engage in the fabrication of cases and the criminal prosecution of pro-democracy protestors, and of the parents of youth protestors, often based on false or extremely exacerbated charges?**

- **If confirmed, how would you work as Ambassador with the U.S. State Department and the Administration to increase pressure on the Kremlin to release the now more than 300 political prisoners held in the Russian Federation?**

23. **UN Funding**

- In early October, UN Secretary General Guterres sent a letter to all Member States raising the alarm about the financial situation of the UN and calling on States to pay their dues as soon as possible. Due to the UN's financial crisis, the Secretary General has already suspended non-essential travel, stopped hiring, and cancelled or deferred some meetings. The letter indicated that unless States pay up, the UN may be unable to cover salaries beginning in November. **As of October 30, 2019, has the U.S. paid all its assessed dues to the UN in full? If not, please detail what funding is outstanding, why the funding has not yet been obligated, and when the Department expects those funds to be paid.**
- **What steps should the Department take to ensure that it pays its UN bills in full and on time?**

24. **Foreign Assistance**

- **Do you believe that it is in the U.S. interest to provide development assistance supporting activities that improve economic growth and opportunity, stability, wellness, and security? Do you believe the cuts to foreign assistance the Administration has consistently proposed for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020, if enacted, would improve the effectiveness U.S. foreign assistance?**
- During the President's 2018 State of the Union speech and again at the UN General Assembly in the Fall of last year, the President made the statement that the U.S. should only provide assistance "to our friends." **What is the policy realizing these statements? Who is, and is not, considered "our friends"? What role have you played in developing and implementing this policy? Do you believe that this sort of transactional politics serve as the basis for determining where and to whom receives U.S. foreign assistance?**
- **Can you explain the policy and process that led to the administration's decision to suspend most foreign assistance to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador? Would you please also provide the data that supports or recommends withholding or suspending foreign assistance as effective means towards reducing migration from these countries?**
- **What are the goals and objectives that administration expects to accomplish through the suspension of foreign assistance to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador? Would you please include how these goals and objectives apply to any**

decision to maintain, carryover, or instate a suspension on foreign assistance to these countries for fiscal year 2020 and beyond?

- **What role have you played in the decision to suspend most foreign assistance to El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala?**
- **What guidance is the State Department giving the USAID missions to El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala on how to plan for the year ahead while the status and availability of the resources remains in question?**

25. **Climate Security**

- **Do you believe the effects of climate change present challenges to U.S. national security that must be accounted for?**
- **Are you aware of efforts, led by the White House (particularly those led by former Senior national security advisor Dr. William Happer, to question or reevaluate the significance of and utilization of climate science in U.S. national security planning?**
- **What role, if any, did you have in decisions and implementation of policies to diminish the consideration, or question the validity, of applying consensus climate science to national security planning? Have you expressed concerns, or opposed, any of the Administration's efforts to diminish the utilization and application of climate science in national security planning?**

26. **Paris Agreement**

- **Do you believe it is in the U.S. national interest to be the only country not party to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change? How are U.S. interests' better served as a non-party to the Paris Agreement?**
- **How is the United States, when (or if) it becomes a non-party to Paris Agreement, is insulated or shielded from decisions and actions achieved by the parties to Paris Agreement that effect the global economy?**
- When the President announced his intentions to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement on June 1, 2017 he mentioned his intention to take a number of alternative and related actions to the U.S.'s withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. **In your role as Deputy Secretary of State can you please provide answers, to the best of your knowledge, to the following:**
    - **What progress has been made by the President to "start to negotiate, and we will see if we can make a deal that's fair"? What involvement and work has the State Department done towards developing a new "fair" "deal"?**
    - **What efforts has the White House made to "to immediately work with Democrats to either negotiate our way back into Paris"? Have you received**

any instruction, or taken any initiative to deliver on this objective as mentioned by the President?

- **What is the timeline for delivering outcomes on either of these intended actions?**

27. **El Salvador**

- **What was the strategic reason and rationale for suspending and reprogramming U.S. foreign assistance to El Salvador?**
- **Can you tell us when you were informed of the President's decision to suspend and reprogram U.S. foreign assistance to El Salvador?**
- **Were you informed of this decision prior to the president's announcement?**
- **What steps did you personally take to carry out this decision?**
- **What steps did you personally take in the decision to partially reinstate foreign assistance to El Salvador?**
- **What evaluation did the State Department conduct about the repercussions to U.S. national interests and national security of suspending and reprogramming U.S. foreign assistance to El Salvador? When did such an evaluation start and when did it finish? What were the findings of any such evaluation?**
- **What specific steps does the United States want El Salvador to take prior to obligating new U.S. foreign assistance for El Salvador? Has El Salvador taken any such steps? What is the potential timeline for reinstating U.S. foreign assistance to El Salvador?**
- **To your knowledge, is the Government of El Salvador speaking with any other foreign donors or investors—including, but not limited to the Government of China— to offset the impact of the U.S. cuts during this period in which we have suspended foreign assistance?**

28. **Guatemala**

- **What was the strategic reason and rationale for suspending and reprogramming U.S. foreign assistance to Guatemala?**
- **Can you tell us when you were informed of the President's decision to suspend and reprogram U.S. foreign assistance to Guatemala?**
- **Were you informed of this decision prior to the president's announcement?**
- **What steps did you personally take to carry out this decision?**
- **What evaluation did the State Department conduct about the repercussions to U.S. national interests and national security of suspending and reprogramming U.S. foreign assistance to Guatemala? When did such an evaluation start and when did it finish? What were the findings of any such evaluation?**

- **What specific steps does the United States want Guatemala to take prior to obligating new U.S. foreign assistance for Guatemala? Has Guatemala taken any such steps? What is the potential timeline for reinstating U.S. foreign assistance to Guatemala?**
- **Is the Government of Guatemala speaking with any other foreign governments—including, but not limited to the Government of China—to offset the impact of the U.S. cuts during this period in which we have suspended foreign assistance?**

29. **Honduras**

- **What was the strategic reason and rationale for suspending and reprogramming U.S. foreign assistance to Honduras?**
- **Can you tell us when you were informed of the President's decision to suspend and reprogram U.S. foreign assistance to Honduras?**
- **Were you informed of this decision prior to the president's announcement?**
- **What steps did you personally take to carry out this decision?**
- **What evaluation did the State Department conduct about the repercussions to U.S. national interests and national security of suspending and reprogramming U.S. foreign assistance to Honduras? When did such an evaluation start and when did it finish? What were the findings of any such evaluation?**
- **What specific steps does the United States want Honduras to take prior to obligating new U.S. foreign assistance for Honduras? Has Honduras taken any such steps? What is the potential timeline for reinstating U.S. foreign assistance to Honduras?**
- **Is the Government of Honduras speaking with any other foreign governments—including, but not limited to the Government of China—to offset the impact of the U.S. cuts during this period in which we have suspended foreign assistance?**

30. **U.S.-Mexico Joint Declaration and Supplemental Agreement**

- On August 7, 2019 I sent a letter to the Secretary regarding the U.S.-Mexico Joint Declaration and Supp. Agreement. To date, I have not received a fulsome, accurate, and transparent written response to each question as requested. I have also received the following statements conveyed by the Department to the Committee in response to questions originally submitted to the Department on June 8, 2019:
    - "We can confirm that we regard the Joint Declaration with Mexico to be an authoritative political agreement that both governments will implement in good faith." – email from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs (C. Donnelly) to SFRC staff, dated July 12. Acting Legal Adviser String, in his July 24 appearance before SFRC, testified that the JD is an "important, authoritative agreement."

- "We can now confirm that the United States regards the June 7 Joint Declaration and the Supplementary Agreement with Mexico, which we have previously provided to the Committee, collectively to constitute a binding agreement under international law. We will be transmitting these instruments to Congress, in accordance with the Case Act." – email from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs (C. Donnelly) to SFRC staff, dated July 29, and letter from Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs to Ranking Member Menendez, dated August 1.
- "We consider the Joint Declaration and Supplementary Agreement to be, collectively, an executive agreement, concluded in the exercise of the President's constitutional authority for the conduct of foreign relations." -- email from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs (C. Donnelly) to SFRC staff, dated July 29, and letter from Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs to Ranking Member Menendez, dated August 1.

- **Please explain why the Department characterized the Joint Declaration (JD) as an "authoritative political agreement," which appears to blur the line between instruments that are binding under international law – generally referred to as legal agreements – and instruments that are not binding under international law – generally referred to as political arrangements or commitments.**
  - **Please explain the precise characteristics that lead to the classification of a written instrument or oral commitment as an "authoritative political agreement."**
  - **Please provide examples of other "authoritative political agreements" in U.S. history. Were such instruments or oral commitments referred to as "authoritative political agreements" at the time they were finalized or concluded? If not, when were they classified as such? For any examples, please indicate whether they are binding or non-binding for purposes of international law, and whether they were reported under the Case Act (if finalized subsequent to enactment of that statute).**
  - **Does the United States ever enter into political agreements that are not "authoritative?" If yes, please explain why, and please provide examples of such non-authoritative political agreements.**
  - **Does the Department generally transmit to Congress authoritative or non-authoritative political agreements pursuant to the Case Act? If yes, please provide examples. If no, please explain why not.**

- **Were the JD and Supplementary Agreement (SA) negotiated and concluded pursuant to C-175 authority?**

- **If yes, did the C-175 authorization and underlying memorandum of law indicate that the JD, the SA or both, individually or collectively, would constitute a binding agreement under international law? Please explain.**
- **If yes, please proved the date(s) any such C-175 authority was issued.**
- **If yes, please provide copies of the authority and underlying memorandum of law.**
- **If the JD and/or the SA were not negotiated and/or concluded pursuant to C-175 authority, please explain why.**

- **Analysis of whether JD and SA are binding under international law**
  - **Please indicate whether the JD alone is binding under international law.**
  - **Please identify the characteristics of the JD from which it can be concluded that both the United States and Mexico regard the JD as binding under international law.**
  - **Please indicate which specific provisions of the JD impose binding obligations on either the U.S., Mexico, or both.**
  - **Please indicate whether the SA alone is binding under international law.**
  - **Please identify the characteristics of the SA from which it can be concluded that both the United States and Mexico regard the SA as binding under international law.**
  - **Please indicate which specific provisions of the SA impose binding obligations on either the U.S., Mexico, or both.**
  - **Please identify and explain in detail the specific factors that the Department analyzed in arriving at the position that the JD and SA collectively are binding under international law.**
  - **Please provide a detailed explanation, with relevant examples, of the legal theory by which the Department believes it is possible for a subsequent instrument, such as the SA, to render a change in the legal character of a prior instrument that was not itself previously considered binding under international law.**
  - **Please indicate whether the Department's analysis of the binding nature of the JD, SA, and the JD and SA collectively is consistent with the practice and precedent of the United States on international agreements and arrangements, or if the analysis departs from the practice and precedent of the United States in this area. If it does differ, please explain the following: how it differs; why the executive branch departed from U.S. practice and precedent; whether the executive branch's position on the JD, SA, and SA and JD collectively is a one-time departure from U.S. practice and precedent, or whether the departure represents a shift in executive branch practice; and**

whether the executive branch has made the Government of Mexico (GOM) aware of any departure in practice and precedent.

- **During the course of the negotiations of the JD and SA, what was the position of the United States on whether the JD, the SA, and the JD and SA collectively were binding under international law?**
  - **Upon finalizing the JD and SA, what was the position of the United States on whether the JD, the SA, and the JD and SA collectively were binding under international law?**
  - **Acting Legal Adviser String appeared to indicate in his July 24 testimony that questions of whether the JD and SA were binding under international law were still being considered within the executive branch. If the United States did not have a position on the question of whether the instruments were binding during the negotiation or when the instruments were finalized, please explain why that would be the case.**
  - **Did the position of the United States on whether the instruments were binding change from the outset of the negotiations to the date the instruments were finalized or at any point between the date the instruments were finalized to the July 29 communication from the Department to SFRC staff. If yes, please explain the substance of the change(s) – i.e. from what to what – and the reason(s).**

- **Has the position that the JD and SA collectively constitute a binding agreement under international law been conveyed to the GOM?**
  - **If yes, please indicate when this position was first conveyed to the GOM.**
  - **If no, please explain why it has not been conveyed to the GOM.**
- **What is the Department's understanding of the position of the GOM on the following:**
  - **Whether the JD is binding for purposes of international law,**
  - **Whether the SA is binding for purposes of international law, and**
  - **Whether the JD and SA collectively are binding for purposes of international law.**

  [Please note that the preceding questions are not a request for the Department to speak on behalf of the GOM; rather we are interested in the Department's understanding of the GOM's position.]

- **If the GOM does not share (and never has shared) the executive branch position that the JD and SA collectively are binding under international law, would that change the executive branch position that the JD and SA collectively are binding? If no, please explain.**

- **If the GOM does not share (and never has shared) the executive branch position that the JD and SA collectively are binding under international law, could the GOM be bound by any provision of such instruments? If yes, please explain.**

- **In light of the executive branch position that the JD and SA collectively are binding under international law and the indication that they will be transmitted to Congress pursuant to the Case Act, does the Department commit to transmitting to Congress, pursuant to the Case Act, all similarly-situated instruments going forward?**

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- The Department has indicated that it "consider[s] the Joint Declaration and Supplementary Agreement to be, collectively, an executive agreement, concluded in the exercise of the President's constitutional authority for the conduct of foreign relations." **Please be more specific concerning the constitutional authority asserted as the basis for the JD and SA. Which specific provisions of the Constitution does the Department view as providing the domestic legal authority for the JD and SA?**
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- **What are the most important actions you have taken in your career to date to support democracy and human rights? What has been the impact of your actions?**
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- **Do you commit to appear before this Committee upon request?**
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THE PRESIDENT: So, we're doing very well with China. We're talking to China. We're not ready to make a deal, but we'll see what happens. But, you know, we've been hurt by China for 25, 30 years. Nobody has done anything about it. And we have no choice but to do what we're doing.

It's working out very well, as you know. We called them on manipulation and they brought their numbers back, and they brought them back rapidly. And they were able to do that because they manipulate. But that's — so it's called "monetary manipulation." Not good.

But what happened and what's happening with China now — we have an open dialogue. We'll see whether or not we keep our meeting in September. If we do, that's fine. If we don't, that's fine. But it's time that somebody does what we're doing.

And I said, the American taxpayer is not paying for it. We had a big day in stock market yesterday, but the American taxpayer is not paying for it.

What China is doing is, by depressing their currency and by pouring tremendous amounts of money into their system, they're paying for it. The prices have not gone up. So when the Amer- — in fact, in some cases, they've gone down because the devaluation, plus the money supply — the amount of money that they pour in, which is a form of manipulation — has more than compensated for an increase in price.

So, as I said — and everybody questioned it — in the case of China, the tariffs have been amazing. We're taking in billions and billions of dollars. Now, China has had their worst year in 35 years now. It was in 26 years, but now it's in 35 years. I want them to do well. But as of this moment, they're having the worst year that they've had in many, many years — in decades. And really, we're just bringing the system back into order.

We have all the cards. We're doing well. Our country is doing fantastically well. You look at Europe; they've got problems. In fact, the biggest problem we have is the fact that a lot of other — continents, frankly — but a lot of other countries are not doing well. But we're doing great, and we continue to do great. Our companies are poised. They have a lot of cash. Our system is beautiful.

Q Mr. President, the NRA has been a strong supporter and ally of yours, going all the way back to the campaign. Can you take a position at odds with the NRA on background checks?

THE PRESIDENT: I think I could, but I don't think I'll be there. I have a great relationship with the NRA. They supported me very early, and that's been a great decision they made. We have Justice Kavanaugh. We have Justice Gorsuch. And they feel very strongly about the Second Amendment.

The NRA has made a great decision in supporting me, and nobody else would have won, aside from everything else. I have a very good relationship. I'll change it: I have a great relationship with the NRA. I have a lot of respect for the people at the NRA. And I have already spoken to them on numerous occasions. Numerous occasions.

And, frankly, we need intelligent background checks, okay? This isn't a question of NRA, Republican, or Democrat. I will tell you, I spoke to Mitch McConnell yesterday. He's totally onboard. He said, "I've been waiting for your call." He is totally onboard. I spoke to senators that, in some cases, people — friends of mine — but pretty hardline senators. Hardline. And when I say that, I say that in a positive way. Hardline on the Second Amendment. And they understand.

We don't want insane people, mentally ill people, bad people, dangerous people — we don't want guns in the hands of the wrong people. I think that the Republicans are going to be great and lead the charge along with the Democrats.

I spoke yesterday to Nancy Pelosi. We had a great talk. I spoke to Chuck Schumer. We had a great talk. And Chuck Schumer, in particular, loves my China policy, as you probably know. I said, "I can't believe it. You actually like something that I'm doing." He said, "Not 'like.' Love."

So Chuck Schumer is — he's great on the China situation, which we are winning and winning big. And China wants to do something, but I'm not ready to do anything yet. Twenty-five years of abuse. I'm not ready so fast. So we'll see how that works out.

But on the background checks — on background checks, we have tremendous support for really commonsense, sensible, important background checks.

Q Mr. President, you expressed support for background checks after Parkland. Why is now different?

THE PRESIDENT: Time goes by. I don't think I'm different, but I think the Senate is different. I think other people in the House are different. I think that people that maybe had their arm up a couple of years ago, maybe they feel differently. I don't think I feel any differently.

I think with a lot of success that we have, I think I have a greater influence now over the Senate and over the House.

Q Can it get done now? Can it get done now?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we can get something really good done. I think we can have some really meaningful background checks. We don't want people that are mentally ill, people that are sick — we don't want them having guns. Who does?

Q Mr. President, but if the NRA does not support that effort, will you fight them on it?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we'll see where the NRA will be. But we have to have meaningful background checks. You know, in the case of — in both cases, it's possible they wouldn't have been caught.

But in the one case, we also have to talk about age, because he did things that were very, very bad in Ohio, in Dayton. He did some things that were really bad. His school knew about it. When he turned 18, everything was expunged. We're going to have to get rid of that because you can't have that barrier. If they would have had that barrier, they would have been able to see. But because he was a minor, it was expunged. We're going to have to get rid of that barrier.

I think this: I think a lot of really meaningful things on background checks will take place, including red flags, including a lot of other very, very important items. And the Republicans are looking at it very seriously. And I really believe that the NRA — I've spoken to them numerous times — they're really good people. They're great

patriots. They love our country. They love our country so much. And, frankly, I really think they're going to get there also.

Q Mr. President, when you talked to Wayne LaPierre — you talked to him several times — did he warn you that background checks could cost you, politically? And did you say to him, "Forget politics, we have to do something now"?

THE PRESIDENT: No. No. I had a good talk with Wayne. And I like Wayne. And, you know — as you know, they supported me very early — far earlier than anybody thought possible, especially me not being a politician. And that support has paid off. We now have two Supreme Court justices that are phenomenal — Kavanaugh and Gorsuch. And, I mean, they're phenomenal people, and they're big believers in the Second Amendment, which Wayne is also and which I am.

I mean, there's been — there's been no President that feels more strongly about the Second Amendment than I do. However, we need meaningful background checks so that sick people don't get guns.

Q Will he support you? Will Wayne support you?

THE PRESIDENT: I think, in the end — I think, in the end, Wayne and the NRA will either be there or maybe will be a little bit more neutral, and that would be okay, too.

Look — look, the NRA has, over the years, taken a very, very tough stance on everything, and I understand it. You know, it's a slippery slope. They think you'll prove one thing, and that leads to a lot of bad things. I don't agree with that.

I think we can do meaningful — very meaningful background checks. I want to see it happen.

So I've got a lot of support. And I also have the support of other people on the other side. And I think the Democrats and Republicans have a chance to really come together.

Q On Mississippi, why wasn't there a better plan in place to deal with the migrant children in Mississippi? Why was there family separation?

THE PRESIDENT: The reason is because you have to go in; you can't let anybody know. Otherwise, when you get there, nobody will be there. But a big factor is to let people outside of the country that want to come in legally — illegally into our country, where they come in in caravans where they surge the border — which, by the way, we have the numbers way down right now, if you see, because Mexico has done a fantastic job.

Mexico has 26,000 soldiers, right now, on the border. They have been fantastic — because of tariffs. But I don't care what it is, because Mexico — in fact, I'll be calling the President at a certain point. I just hope they keep it up. Because if the Democrats will

change the laws — which I was thinking about putting together, as you know, with the gun situation. So we have immigration and we have, let's say, some of the things we're talking about right now — you have them together.

But I want people to know that if they come into the United States illegally, they're getting out; they're going to be brought out. And this serves as a very good deterrent. If people come into our country illegally, they're going out. They're not coming in illegally and staying. We have bad laws. They may get in — although we're being very tough — but they may get in, but it doesn't matter because they're going out. And when people see what they saw yesterday, and like they will see for a long time, they know that they're not staying here.

Q (Inaudible) black Americans give you another chance in 2020?

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, I think they really like — you know, it's really amazing because African American unemployment just came out very recently — the lowest in history. It's the best — the best numbers in history. African American employment — and Hispanic and Asian, too — have more people working today than ever worked in the history of our country.

Plus, I did criminal justice reform, which President Obama could not get approved — which the media never talks about. If President Obama got criminal justice reform done, it would be front-page stories all over the place. I got it done. I think that African Americans appreciate it.

So I got that. I have the best unemployment numbers. I have the best employment numbers for a lot of people. But for African Americans: number one that we've ever had.

One other thing we did, aside from criminal justice reform: Opportunity Zones. And they are doing unbelievably well. And you'll see that, and you've already seen it. But Opportunity Zones. And the biggest beneficiary there is African Americans.

Q (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: I think so. Yeah. I do.

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Q Did you watch Mr. Biden's comments overnight? And does it make you want to change your own rhetoric?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, he comments — look. Look, Joe is not playing with a full deck. He made that comment. I said, "Whoa." I saw it because I was on — something; I had a television. I saw his comment. Joe Biden is not playing with a full deck. This is not somebody you can have as your President. But if he got the nomination, I'd be thrilled.

Q What are you going to do, Mr. President, to keep conservatives from being banned on Twitter?

THE PRESIDENT: We're looking at that right now. We have a lot of these companies coming in a little while, as you know.

Q What are you going to say to them?

THE PRESIDENT: We're going to be very tough with them. They're treating conservatives very unfairly.

Hollywood — I don't call them the "elites"; I think the elites are people they go after, in many cases. But Hollywood is really

terrible. You talk about racist — Hollywood is racist. What they're doing, with the kind of movies they're putting out — it's actually very dangerous for our country. What Hollywood is doing is a tremendous disturbance to our country.

We have now, in a little while, all of the heads of the biggest companies coming in, and we're going to talk to them. They treat conservatives and Republicans totally different than they treat others. And they can't do that.

Q Will the Trump administration devalue the U.S. dollar?

THE PRESIDENT: No. We don't have to. We have such a strong dollar. The problem is, our dollar is at a level that it makes it hard. But the advantage to doing what we have is money is pouring in because we have the safest currency in the world. We have the standard of the world.

But because it's so strong — it's gotten so strong because other countries have problems — it makes it harder for our manufacturers.

So if we lowered the interest rate by the Federal Reserve, that would automatically bring down the dollar a little bit, and it would make it easier for Caterpillar and these companies.

But we have the greatest currency in the world. No, I wouldn't do that.

Q Are you thinking of cancelling the trade talk next month with China?

THE PRESIDENT: So, China wants to settle this deal. They've had the worst year that they've had in many, many decades. And it's getting only worse. Thousands of companies are leaving China. They would like to make a deal. I'm not ready to make a deal.

Q But are you willing to cancel the talks next month?

THE PRESIDENT: Maybe. We'll see what happens. Right now — right now the talks are scheduled in September. Whether or not we're talking about China, whether or not they're cancelled, we'll see.

Look, as I said, our people are not paying for these billions and billions of dollars that came in, $16 billion of which I gave to the farmers because they were targeted by China. And that's just a small fraction of what we've taken in.

So they are not — because what China has been doing — they're a currency manipulator — they've manipulated the value of their currency, and that's where the money comes. And also, they put tremendous money into the system.

So if you look, prices have not risen. Our people have not paid. So all of these guys that say, "Oh, Trump, Trump, Trump…" — they don't know what they're talking about.

Now, China is unique. That doesn't mean it happens with other countries. It probably doesn't. But the prices have not gone up. In fact, we have virtually no inflation in our country. If the Federal Reserve would bring down interest rates over a period of time —

Q How much?

THE PRESIDENT: I would love to see a point or even a little bit more than that. If they would stop quantitative tightening, we have a rocket ship.

I mean, we're doing well without it, but we're being handcuffed by the Federal Reserve. If they would stop that, it would be incredible.

Q Mr. President, do you want to expand South Korea and Japan Military Information Agreement? Will you support them?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I hope that South Korea and I hope that Japan start getting along with each other. You know, they're supposed to be allies. And it puts us in a very difficult position. South Korea and Japan are fighting all the time. They've got to get along because it puts us in a very bad position.

With that being said, I got a very beautiful letter from Kim Jong Un yesterday. It was delivered — hand-delivered from —

Q What did it say?

THE PRESIDENT: It was a very positive letter.

Q What did it say?

THE PRESIDENT: I'd love to give it to you. I really would. Maybe — maybe sometime I will.

Q Kim Jong Un mention of a next meeting and a summit talk?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we'll have another meeting. He really wrote a beautiful, three-page — I mean, right from top to bottom — a really beautiful letter. And maybe I'll release the results of the letter, but it was a very positive letter.

Q Any decision on Huawei?

THE PRESIDENT: We're not going to do business with Huawei. We're not doing business with them. And I really made the decision. It's much simpler not to do any business with Huawei. So we're not doing business with Huawei. That doesn't mean we won't agree to something if and when we make a trade deal, but we're not going to be doing business with Huawei.

Q When will you nominate someone to replace Coats? Are you looking at Maguire, Hoekstra?

THE PRESIDENT: Maguire is excellent. Admiral. Highly respected. A great leader. He's Acting right now. Sue did a great job. I like Sue Gordon very much.

I think that, over a period of time — I'm in no rush because we have a great Acting.

Q Have you interviewed Hoekstra?

THE PRESIDENT: I like Hoekstra a lot. I spoke to Senator Burr about different people. He's head of intelligence. And we're — I'm working together with Senator Burr and the whole committee. I want to get somebody that everybody can really come together with. I like Pete Hoekstra a lot. He's great. He's doing a fantastic job in the Netherlands right now.

Q You had mentioned it was down to three. Is it more than two?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I will tell you: That's a job that everybody wants. DNI. Everybody. But I'm dealing — I'm dealing with the committee. I'm dealing with, really, Senator Burr a lot. And we'll come up with somebody that's great. We have a lot of choice. A lot of people want the job.

Q Tension between Japan and South Korea, are you concerned?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, I'm concerned that they're not getting along with each other. They have to get along with each other. If

they don't get along, what are we doing? They have to get along with each other. It's very important.

South Korea and Japan have to sit down and get along with each other. Otherwise, what are we all doing?

Q Are you considering moving troops from Germany to Poland?

THE PRESIDENT: So, Poland has been a great, great friend of ours. They've offered to build a military base at the cost of many billions of dollars. No money put up by the United States whatsoever. They've offered to fund our troops and lots of other things — the way it should be. Not the stupid deals that we made with all these other countries that take advantage of us.

So, Poland has been terrific. And we're going to be going to Poland very soon. I'm sure you're going to be going with us. I had a great experience in Poland the last time I went. In fact, some of you actually said the speech was one of the best ever made in Europe by an American President. Hard to believe that you actually said that. When you said that, I was, like, in a state of shock.

Q On the fundraiser tonight, did Stephen Ross say anything about potentially cancelling, given the controversy?

THE PRESIDENT: No. Stephen Ross is a great friend of mine. He's a very successful guy. We were competitors but friends in real estate, in New York, in the old days. He's a great guy. He is — by

the way, I think he's probably more inclined to be a liberal, if you want to know the truth. But he likes me, he respects me. We're doing a fundraiser there. We're doing another fundraiser with another friend of mine. And I understand the fundraiser was totally sold out, and it's very successful.

Q Your reaction to the controversy, people boycotting?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think — I think it makes Steve much hotter. I explained — I didn't speak to him yet; I'll see him in a little while. The controversy makes Steve Ross hotter. He'll figure that out in about a week. But he's very happy. He's got a very successful — a lot of people are going.

We have two fundraisers. One is Steve; one is another gentleman. And I guess they're going to raise 11 or 12 billion — million dollars. Not billion. Million.

I'm getting used to saying "billion." We're talking about a lot of money.

Q When you talked about age restrictions to buy guns, 18 months ago you supported buying long guns at the age of 25, raising the age. Are you considering bringing that back now?

THE PRESIDENT: We're not talking about anything specific. I can tell you there's tremendous goodwill for meaningful — I'm talking

about “meaningful”; add that word — meaningful background checks so that sick and demented people don’t carry around guns.

You have to remember — and I’ve said it — it’s a big mental illness problem. And the gun doesn’t pull a trigger. A mind — a sick mind pulls a trigger. So we want to take that out of the equation.

Q Do you support the Toomey-Manchin bill or the House bill? Will you lift your veto threat?

THE PRESIDENT: We’re looking at Toomey-Manchin. Actually, if you look, there are many bills that have been put in over a period of four, five years. They went nowhere. But there’s never been a President like President Trump.

Q Mr. President, will you call Congress back into session to pass (inaudible)?

THE PRESIDENT: I don’t think we’ll need to. I may. Leadership is dealing along with me right now. By the time you call them back, they’re going to be back anyway. I don’t think we’ll need to call them back. I think we’ll have a very good package by the time they come back and they can start debating and voting on it then. So I really don’t think, for the extra little time, it matters.

Leadership is doing a really good job — Mitch McConnell, Kevin, Nancy. I spoke with Nancy Pelosi yesterday. I spoke with Chuck Schumer yesterday. There’s a lot of goodwill about this issue.

Q And do you think that — I mean, do you need to give a speech to do something to marshal support for this?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think so. No. No.

Q Will you lead the charge?

THE PRESIDENT: I think we have a lot of support. I mean, I'm very fortunate. In the Republican Party, I'm at 94 percent approval rating, so that helps. But I have a great relationship with the Republican senators. And I really think they're looking for me to make — give them a signal. And we're going to have great support, and I think we'll have the support from the Democrats also.

Q Mr. President, you also said this after Parkland. Why should Americans believe you now?

THE PRESIDENT: No, no. I never said what I'm saying now.

Q (Inaudible) background checks after Parkland.

THE PRESIDENT: What I'm saying — what I said, though: You have tremendous opposition from many people on both sides. I see a better feeling right now towards getting something meaningful done. Meaningful. And we did do things after Parkland, but it wasn't to the same level that I'm talking about now.

You know, we did do the Fix NICS and various other things. So we did do a lot of work after Parkland. But I think we have now a chance to do something, really, much more meaningful —

Q Support among Republicans or —

THE PRESIDENT: — having to do — having to do, as you know, with background checks.

Q Mr. President, it's almost back-to-school season. What is your message to young children and teenagers who are anxious or nervous about going back to school after these mass shootings?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, my message to young children going back to school is: Go and really study hard, and someday you'll grow up and maybe be President of the United States or do something else that's fantastic.

They have nothing to fear. They have nothing to worry about. In addition, we're in constant contact with states, with state governments. And they are really doing a great job. We have this so much better than it was two and a half years ago. Two and a half years ago, when I came in, it was really not a good situation. I think we have a very, very good system right now. That doesn't mean that there's not going to be some crazy person, but that's what we want to do. We want to take the guns out of the hands of crazy, demented, sick people.

Q (Inaudible) assault weapons ban — will you be telling the NRA to stand down?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, we're not looking at that right now. We're really looking at very meaningful background checks. I think it's going to happen. There's great, great support. But we're looking at very, very meaningful background checks.

Q What is the advantage to having Maguire as the head of DNI versus Gordon?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Admiral — as you know, Maguire — Admiral Maguire is a very talented man. He's a great leader. As an Admiral, was always a great leader. He is a man who is respected by everybody, and he's going to be there for a period of time. Who knows? Maybe he gets the job. But he'll be there for a period of time — maybe a longer period of time than we think. We'll see.

We're dealing with Senator Burr. We're dealing with the committee. We're dealing with probably 9 or 10 people that want the job very much. You know the name of almost every one of them. They're truly outstanding. Everybody wants DNI. Everybody wants it.

And I will say that the Admiral is such a great choice from the standpoint of now. And maybe he goes further. We'll see what happens. But we're dealing with the committee and Senator Burr.

We have people, all of whom you know — highly respected people. We'll be making a decision in the not-too-distant future.

Q Thank you, Mr. President. Are you still committed to naming Eugene Scalia Secretary of Labor? And when will you send a nomination to the Senate?

THE PRESIDENT: So, Eugene Scalia is a highly respected lawyer in Washington. His father, as you know, was the great, great, great Supreme Court Justice. Even the people with not his views would say he was a great gentleman, a great man.

Eugene Scalia — Gene Scalia — has had a fantastic career. As you know, he's our appointment for Labor Secretary. I think — so far, it's been received very well. He is a very — he's one of the finest minds and lawyers in Washington. And I will say, so far, that's been received very well.

Q On North Korea, this letter to you, did Kim Jong Un make any promises about stopping the ballistic missile testing that he's been carrying out?

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, he gave me a great letter. I would love to give you, but, I don't know, I don't think it would be appropriate. But it was a very personal letter.

Q Talked about missile testing?

THE PRESIDENT: It was a great letter. He talked about what he's doing. He's not happy with the testing. It's a very small testing that we did. But he wasn't happy with the testing; he put that in the letter. But he also sees a great future for North Korea. And so we'll see how it all works out.

In the meantime, I say it again: There have been no nuclear tests. The missile tests have all been short-range. No ballistic missile tests. No long-range missiles. We got back, and we're getting back — as we speak, we're getting back a lot of our fallen heroes. You know that. They're coming back into and through Hawaii. And we got back our hostages.

So I thought the letter — I just got it yesterday. It was hand-delivered and it wasn't touched by anybody. They literally take it from North Korea to my office. We have a system. It's the old-fashioned system. You don't have to worry about leaks. Something nice about that system.

Q Mr. President, what do you mean that he wasn't happy with the missile tests? He carried them out. He ordered them.

THE PRESIDENT: No, he wasn't. He wasn't happy with the tests — the war games. The war games on the other side, with the United States. And as you know, I've never liked it either. I've never liked it. I've never been a fan. You know why? I don't like paying for it. We should be reimbursed for it, and I've told that to South Korea. But I don't like it either. But I said, "Do this," because

this was a big test. This was a turnover of various areas to South Korea. I like that because that's what should happen.

Q Several countries issued travel warnings to United States. And Japan specifically said gunfire is potentially everywhere in the U.S. What is your reaction to that?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I can't imagine that. But if they did that, we'd just reciprocate. We are a very reciprocal nation, with me as the head. When somebody does something negative to us in terms of a country, we do it to them.

Look, our country has been taken advantage of by foreign countries, even allies — including allies, and in many cases, more than anybody else. We've been taken advantage of for many, many years, and it stops. It stopped.

Q In your view, Mr. President, should Colin Kaepernick get an opportunity to play in the NFL?

THE PRESIDENT: Only if he's good enough. Yeah, if he's good enough. Why would he play? If he's good enough. And I think if he was good enough — I know the owners. I know Bob Kraft. I know so many of the owners. If he's good enough, they'd sign him. So, if he's good enough — I know these people — they would sign him in a heartbeat. They will do anything they can to win games.

So I'd like to see it. Frankly, I'd love to see Kaepernick come in if he's good enough. But I don't want to see him come in because somebody thinks it's a good PR move. If he's good enough, he will be in.

Q Are you worried about global markets pulling back at all?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, the global markets are not as good as our market. Our market has been really good.

Q Are you worried about the effect — the (inaudible) effect to the U.S.?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, it always — it's never positive. Although, you could say it puts us in an even better position. I view it differently. I mean, most people would say that's a bad thing. I would say the fact that other countries aren't doing really well — China, in particular. China is doing horribly. Horribly. First time that anyone can remember. They are having a year like they never had. Almost — you know, go back, 30, 40 years. They're having one of the worst years ever. The numbers are phony. They're not doing 6.2; they're doing a totally different number.

Q What do you think they're doing?

THE PRESIDENT: Maybe neutral. Maybe even —

Q Does Democrats calling you and your supporters a white nationalist, a white supremacist, help you?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't think it helps. First of all, I don't like it when they do it because I am not any of those things. I think it's a disgrace. And I think it shows how desperate the Democrats are. Look, right now, I'm working with the Democrats on meaningful background checks. That's a big thing. Hopefully, we can do something. But — so I don't want to focus too much on that.

I will say this: For them to throw out the race word again — "racist, racist, racist." That's all they use — to anybody. They called Nancy Pelosi a racist. She's not a racist. They call anybody a "racist" when they run out of cards.

I'm winning in the polls. They're desperate. They've got lousy candidates. They've got bad candidates. I mean, I watched the debates. I mean, I look —

Q (Inaudible.)

THE PRESIDENT: I look — well, I mean, Joe Biden can't answer a simple question. Something is going wrong with him. I mean, the only — the only thing is — I mean, a lot of people think that he was the one that wanted Bob Mueller to testify because it made Joe look intelligent. Okay?

Q Is your base supporting background checks?

THE PRESIDENT: I think my base relies very much on common sense and they rely on me, in terms of telling them what's happening. I think meaningful background checks — I don't just say "background checks." Because we passed background checks a number of times, meaning the Democr- — but everybody knew they weren't that strong.

Q Do you want to expand the law?

THE PRESIDENT: I think meaningful background checks are a real positive. Politically, I can't tell you. You know, I don't know — good, bad, or indifferent. I don't care, politically. I don't want to have crazy people having guns.

END

10:22 A.M. EDT

Best -

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Sir — just FYI, Time now also says they'll have a separate longer request for response for a year-end piece we'll get soon. For this inquiry I'll send him to your counsel and will forward the other questions as soon as we receive them.

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Ambassador, given he is asking about your testimony should we refer him to Mr Luskin?

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Subject: Re: Urgent: TIME Magazine for Ambassador Sondland

Simon,
Referring you to the U.S.-EU PAO Christina Tomlinson and Press Officer (b)(6)
Regards,

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Subject: Urgent: TIME Magazine for Ambassador Sondland

Greetings, I'm the Time correspondent in Berlin, and last week I interviewed Mr. Andriy Yermak, a senior adviser to the President of Ukraine.

Mr. Yermak's comments cast doubt on the testimony that Amb. Sondland gave during the impeachment inquiry, and I would like to offer him the chance to respond.

Specifically, Mr. Yermak contradicted the account that Amb. Sondland gave of their meeting in Warsaw on Sept. 1. Mr. Yermak says that Mr. Sondland did not make it clear to him during that meeting that U.S. military aid would likely be conditional on the announcement of the investigations into Burisma/Biden and the 2016 elections.

Mr. Yermak says that he never talked to Sondland about such a conditionality, neither in Warsaw nor in previous meetings in Kyiv.

Could Mr. Sondland please comment on the apparent discrepancy between his and Mr. Yermak's recollection of these conversations? Whose recollection is correct?

We plan to publish the interview with Mr. Yermak at around 12:00 noon CET tomorrow, Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019.

Please let me know if we can expect any comment before then.

Many thanks in advance for your help,
Simon

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From: S(b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 7:03:17 PM
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Subject: Re: Zelensky

Yes.

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On Aug 22, 2019, at 7:00 PM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

> Mike,
> Should we block time in Warsaw for a short pull-aside for Potus to meet Zelensky?

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Subject: Re: Zelensky Bi-Lat UNGA

Gordon, I take your call whenever you ask.
Please keep the CDA in the loop.

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On Sep 14, 2019, at 9:36 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

I was told that someone was teeing up an UNGA bilat. (b)(5)

(b)(5) Btw, the CNN interview Ze was going to give yesterday will now be in NY.

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Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2019 8:09:08 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Zelensky Bi-Lat UNGA

No, but I can't see when things get confirmed. We will get an update on Monday, I'm sure.

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On Sep 15, 2019, at 6:13 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

> Did you know the bilat is confirmed in NY on 9/25 at 14:15?



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To:	Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Call
Date:	Wed, 31 Jul 2019 18:18:53 +0000

Friday early or late afternoon good. I have a number of things.
Have a long call with Von der Leyen tomorrow. Wanted to chat prior.

(b)(5)

Give me a couple of times Fri. Thx!

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Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 8:12:30 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Call

Today is really tight; tomorrow isn't much better. Can it wait until Friday?

I'm told it's related to a (b) – which?

Thanks,

Tim Morrison
NSC-EUR

From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 2:17 AM
To: Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Subject: Call

Hi Tim,

Can we talk this afternoon or Thurs? I have a pretty good list. I will be in NYC after 3 eastern.



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Subject:	Re: I Talked to Zelensky just now
Date:	Sat, 20 Jul 2019 08:29:11 +0000

Thanks Mick
Gordon

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From: Mulvaney, Mick M. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 10:24:32 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Cc: Rick Perry; S(b)(6) ; Blair, Robert B; McCormack, Brian; Kenna, Lisa D
Subject: Re: I Talked to Zelensky just now

I asked(b)(5)to set it up for tomorrow.
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On Jul 19, 2019, at 3:28 PM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

> He is prepared to receive Potus' call. (b)(5)
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Date:	Wed, 31 Jul 2019 06:23:19 +0000

(b)(5) Ok to send and copy Lisa. Thx

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USEU-Staff-Aide DL (b)(6)
Subject: Presidential Delegation events

Good morning Ambassador Sondland,

As you requested, below please find a list of Presidential Delegation events in the coming months that are the most likely priorities for you to attend. You had requested that Henry share this list with Counselor Brecheuhl's staff at the State Department to seek C's support for including in the Presidential Delegations for these events. If you agree with this list – and assuming it does not conflict with anything you have subsequently discussed with Lisa Kenna – we can send this off to C staff right away. Is that ok?

Presidential-delegation events

- (b)(5)
- **UNGA 74th Session:** New York, NY (September 17, 2019)
- **Munich Security Conference Core Group Meeting:** Doha (October 28-29, 2019)
- (b)(5)

Kind Regards,

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Subject:	Re: Scenesetter - Take 2
Date:	Mon, 4 Nov 2019 20:36:03 +0000

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Putney, Barton J (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6) (USEU)
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Subject: Scenesetter - Take 2

Good morning Ambassador,

A new version of the scenesetter is attached and below for your review. Hopefully this is in line with your thinking. As always, feel free to call or let me know if I should call you. I'm also checking my cell for texts periodically.

Thank you,
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EU: Scenesetter for Secretary Pompeo's September 2-3 Visit to Brussels

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Subject:	Re: Sitting with Pres Zelensky
Date:	Tue, 4 Jun 2019 02:41:09 +0000

Ok. I will discuss with Mike next week when things calm down. Thanks Mick.



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Subject: RE: Sitting with Pres Zelensky

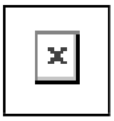
Adding Mike and John.

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, June 1, 2019 9:46 PM
To: Mulvaney, Mick M. EOP/WHO (b)(6)
Subject: Sitting with Pres Zelensky

On Tue. Any update on Oval visit?



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Subject:	Re: Ukraine
Date:	Thu, 12 Sep 2019 06:22:47 +0000

Yes pls call. some nuances you should know after my last convo w Zelensky.

Also could you please manifest me for the Trans-Atlantic Dinner at UNGA. S was ok w this.

Any EU or EU member bilats I should sit in on at UNGA?



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From: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:39:26 PM

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

Subject: RE: Ukraine

I'm told we'll have an update on Ukr on Friday. Shall I call now anyway?

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

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:05 PM

To: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)

Subject: Ukraine

Pls call me



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To:	(b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
CC:	Libby, Mark W (USEU) <LibbyMW@state.gov>
Subject:	Re: Upcoming S travel
Date:	Mon, 4 Nov 2019 10:22:23 +0000

Got it. Thanks



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Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 4:18:10 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Upcoming S travel

Ambassador FYSA: the stop in Ukraine will not happen. Here's the official Department statement on the Secretary's upcoming travel:

Secretary Pompeo's Travel to Germany

11/01/2019 02:35 PM EDT

Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary of State

Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo will travel to Germany from November 6-8 to underscore important bilateral relationships, meet with key leaders, and commemorate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

On November 6, the Secretary will arrive in Germany, where he will visit Grafenwohr, Vilseck, Modlareuth, and Leipzig to participate in events to commemorate the end of the Cold War and to highlight the United States' critical role in helping tens of millions of people in Eastern and Central Europe throw off the yoke of communism. In Leipzig, Secretary Pompeo will meet with German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas to discuss the importance of our Transatlantic partnership and the need for strengthened engagement in the face of growing threats from Russia, China, and Iran.

The Secretary will then travel to Berlin, where he will meet with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Defense Minister Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, and Vice Chancellor and Finance Minister Olaf Scholz to discuss areas of mutual cooperation and concern. While in Berlin, the Secretary will also deliver a speech on the continuing imperative to defend free nations and free peoples

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From: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 5:05 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: UKRAINE: Scene Setter for Secretary Pompeo

Still TBC: 5-hour stop on Nov 6

Sent from a mobile device; please excuse any brevity, typos, or autocorrect misfires.

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Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 4:18:03 PM
To: (b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: UKRAINE: Scene Setter for Secretary Pompeo

What is the trip date?

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Subject: FW: UKRAINE: Scene Setter for Secretary Pompeo

Ambassador, flagging the enclosed scene setter for S.

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From: SMART Core (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 3:53 PM
Subject: UKRAINE: Scene Setter for Secretary Pompeo

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Subject:	UKRAINE: Scene Setter for Secretary Pompeo

1. (SBU) Mr. Secretary, Embassy Kyiv welcomes you to Ukraine for your first visit as Secretary of State at one of the most critical moments in U.S.-Ukrainian relations in a generation. Ukraine – a democratic Euro-Atlantic aspirant under attack from an authoritarian, revanchist Russia – is the front line in defending our democratic values and strategic position. Our national security demands that this relationship remain strong and that Ukraine succeed. Large majorities of Ukrainians chose a fresh start this year by voting for political neophyte Volodymyr Zelenskyy in successive presidential and parliamentary elections, endorsing his platform largely consistent with our democratic values, reform priorities, and strategic interests. This ouster of the former president, installation of the country's youngest-ever government, and replacement of 80 percent of the Rada (parliament) rebooted Ukraine's political class, reflecting its failure to live up to the Ukrainian people's consistent demands for peace, prosperity, and justice – the same ideals that animated their 2014 Revolution of Dignity. This year's revolution at the ballot box underscores that, despite its imperfections, Ukraine is a genuine and vibrant democracy and an example to other post-Soviet countries and beyond – from Moscow to Hong Kong. How we respond to this historic opportunity will set the trajectory of our relationship and position on core principles central to our vital national interests for years to come.

2. (SBU) Ukrainians cherish the bipartisan American support that has sustained their Euro-Atlantic aspirations and recoil at the thought of playing a role in U.S. domestic politics or elections. (b)(5)

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(b)(5) Vice President Pence said after his meeting with President Zelenskyy in Warsaw, "The U.S.-Ukraine relationship has never been stronger." Ukrainians and their new government – even as they follow the controversy involving their country in our domestic politics and our evolving posture toward partners in other parts of the world – earnestly want to believe that.

3. (SBU) The policies we are implementing here match the three consistent priorities of the Ukrainian people since 2014 as measured in public opinion polling, namely, an end to the conflict with Russia that restores national unity, responsible economic policies that deliver European standards of growth and opportunity, and effective and impartial rule of law institutions that deliver justice in cases of high-level official corruption. (b)(5)
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(b)(5) The Zelenskyy administration has made positive steps consistent with each of these policy priorities, but they also face challenges (b)(5)
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Conflict Diplomacy: New Opportunities for Peace

4. (SBU) Since Russia occupied Crimea and asserted control over the Donbas – collectively comprising seven percent of Ukraine's territory – its conflict with Ukraine has claimed almost 14,000 victims amid a multifaceted hybrid war to destabilize Ukraine and reverse its Euro-Atlantic trajectory while consolidating Russia's power projection in the Black Sea and Mediterranean. Zelenskyy has taken political risks and paid a price in pursuit of peace that have yielded real progress, including the longest declared "ceasefire" since 2014, the exchange of high-profile political prisoners, and the beginning of a process of military disengagement and bridge reconstruction at a key crossing point on the line of contact. In response to Russia's unilateral imposition of three conditions to hold a "Normandy Four" summit, Zelenskyy weathered street protests in the wake of signing the unpopular "Steinmeier formula" for Minsk implementation that contributed to a seven percent drop in his stratospheric approval ratings (at 66 percent down from 73 percent in September). His team is working through onerous Russian positions and stalling tactics in an attempt to fulfill the other two conditions, including a second round of disengagement at two additional points on the line of contact (Zolote and Petrivke) and a negotiated summit outcomes document. Meanwhile, Ukraine's is also trying to negotiate a new gas transit agreement with Russia while preserving its Stockholm arbitration claims.

5. (SBU) (b)(5)
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Economy: Positive Outlook Threatened by Oligarch Kolomoyskyy

6. (SBU) Ukraine's economic situation has improved markedly in recent years following a severe financial crisis and near collapse of the banking system triggered by Russia's military intervention in

2014. The economic outlook has particularly brightened since Zelenskyy's election in April, as the central bank has successfully reduced inflation and international investors have flocked to the debt market, attracted by the new president's ambitious reform agenda. The new government led by Prime Minister Oleksiy Honcharuk has already passed dozens of laws intended to improve the business environment and attract international investment. (b)(5)

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7. (SBU) Although the economic outlook is currently positive, the situation could change rapidly if Ukraine fails to secure IMF backing by the end of the year. (b)(5)

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Anti-corruption Reforms: Rebooting Institutions in Line with International Standards

8. (SBU) Zelenskyy has declared he not only intends to fight corruption, but to defeat it. He has used his Servant of the People (SoP) party's commanding parliamentary majority to appoint a government and pass key legislation restricting parliamentarians' immunity, reinstating a law on illicit enrichment, and enabling prosecutorial reform – all positive steps to fighting corruption. Zelenskyy's team has committed to animating the independent anti-corruption institutions – including an investigative bureau, prosecutor's office, and most recently an anti-corruption court – that we have painstakingly built together with all the major international stakeholders and partners spanning the past two U.S. administrations. The Rada is passing reform bills at a blistering pace, and has been willing to work closely with us to avoid unforced errors. Ukraine is also moving ahead on corporate governance reform, and we have supported the impartial process of appointing independent members to supervisory boards of state-owned companies, including Naftohaz.

9. (SBU). Zelenskyy is making real progress in implementing rule of law reforms and strengthening anti-corruption institutions to defeat corruption. (b)(5)

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10. (SBU) Congress has approved over $3 billion in assistance to Ukraine since 2014, roughly half civilian and half security assistance, in addition to three $1 billion loan guarantees. We have provided this assistance in close collaboration with European partners, who have contributed a combined $12 billion since 2014. Our $1.5 billion in security assistance is comprised of technical assistance, training, and

equipment to the Ukrainian Armed Forces and security services. Non-security assistance supports civil society and other local partners to reform the justice sector and strengthen rule of law and combat corruption, enhance energy security, improve governance, increase cyber security, and promote economic growth and improved health services for Ukrainians. It also helps stabilize communities affected by conflict, integrate internally displaced people into new communities, and meet the humanitarian needs of Ukrainians affected by the conflict. U.S. assistance also played a key role in Ukraine's highly successful 2019 presidential and parliamentary elections, and we are leveraging our assistance resources to support the new government's reform priorities. (b)(5)
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11. (SBU) With the new Zelenskyy administration enjoying unprecedented popular support here, Ukraine increasingly in the public consciousness of Americans at home, and the United States political establishment clearer than ever in the importance of strong bipartisan support for Ukraine, (b)(5)
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One Team, One Mission

12. (SBU) To pursue our broad agenda, the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine operates with nearly 230 American diplomatic personnel, plus 659 locally hired staff, and numerous temporary staff, including up to 250 U.S. military personnel in training, advise, and assist roles. Ten cabinet level agencies are represented at the Embassy, which is also the platform for the largest Peace Corps presence (328 volunteers), Treasury advisory team, and Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) programs in the world. Despite changes in embassy leadership and political uncertainty, our team remains strong, results-oriented, and focused on making the most of Ukraine's once-in-a-generation opportunity to consolidate its Revolution of Dignity and solidify U.S. interests in the region. (b)(5)
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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(6) (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Warsaw Update
Date:	Wed, 28 Aug 2019 17:21:49 +0000

Reach out directly to Dan Walsh. Tell him that Pompeo, Perry and I are together for this trip. Kindly move me.



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

Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:20:22 AM

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

Subject: Re: Warsaw Update

The White House Advance team on the ground is coordinating manifests, clearing through the (b)(5) I've reached out to the trip coordinator to see if I can learn more.

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

Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:10:36 PM

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

Subject: Re: Warsaw Update

Who exactly is saying no to the VVIP dinner

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

Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:08:14 AM

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

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

Subject: Warsaw Update

Ambassador,

Here's an update on your Warsaw trip:

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- Time between your arrival at the RON and start of the Borrell meeting might be tight, especially if the Secretary wants a pre-brief. AF1 baggage delivery will take time. There's no guarantee you'll receive any checked bags prior to your meeting with S and Borrell; bring all essentials in your carry-on. You will have to swipe a credit card at the hotel for incidentals.

- Your control officer – (b)(6) (goes by (b)(6)) – is not credentialed for any of the events and does not have a seat in the motorcade. But, he will meet you at the RON upon arrival, and be on call to return at any time if you need assistance. He'll send you an updated schedule and his contact information on Friday.

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Zelensky Bi-Lat UNGA
Date:	Sat, 14 Sep 2019 16:53:36 +0000

Great



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From: Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2019 5:19:48 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Zelensky Bi-Lat UNGA

Can call when (b)(6) start in about 15. Ok?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 14, 2019, at 10:01 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

> Pls call at your convenience
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Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2019 3:49:19 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6) Rick Perry (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Zelensky Bi-Lat UNGA

Gordon, I take your call whenever you ask.
Please keep the CDA in the loop.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 14, 2019, at 9:36 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

I was told that someone was teeing up an UNGA bilat. (b)(5) (b)(5) Btw, the CNN interview Ze was going to give yesterday will now be in NY.
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Subject: Re: Zelensky Bi-Lat UNGA

Are we discussing a meeting at unga or in DC?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 14, 2019, at 8:55 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

> We discussed and Kurt and I will attend without Rick if he is unable
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> **Sent:** Saturday, September 14, 2019 2:17:47 PM
> **To:** Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
> **Cc:** Rick Perry (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D <(b)(6)
> **Subject:** Re: Zelensky Bi-Lat UNGA
>
> I don't know if we know when it will be yet; it may occur when Sec Perry is still (b)(6) Will follow-up.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Sep 14, 2019, at 12:30 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:
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> > Tim,
> > Please manifest Sec Perry, Amb Volker and me for the bilat. Thx
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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject:	Zelensky Oval 9/16
Date:	Wed, 31 Jul 2019 16:31:42 +0000

Is that correct?



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