United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 8, 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 May 20, 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 eight responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all eight 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.

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The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

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

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

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

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

Other Grounds for Withholding

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

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Zelensky still not scheduled
Date:	Thu, 1 Aug 2019 13:19:01 +0000

I heard they were offered dates. (b)(5)
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From: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 7:59:20 AM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Zelensky still not scheduled

Gordon,

Zelensky is still not scheduled. I'm following up with the WH now. Best,Lisa

Lisa Kenna

Executive Secretary

Department of State

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Summary for S
Date:	Tue, 9 Jul 2019 18:11:11 +0000

Lisa,
I will be in DC tomorrow & Thu. I have meetings with Jared, Bolton, Potus (tbc) the Ukrainian NSA etc. on a host of issues. I am uncomfortable that S and I have not spoken for some time and just want to be certain I am synced up with his current strategy on a number of issues.



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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 6:31:33 AM
To: Kenna, Lisa D
Subject: Re: Summary for S

Thanks Lisa



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From: Kenna, Lisa D
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 7:30:42 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Subject: Re: Summary for S

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Thank you, Gordon. I'll print and pass to him tomorrow morning. Best, Lisa

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2019, at 11:59 AM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

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Mike,
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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	Volker, Kurt D (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: Zelensky Change
Date:	Fri, 30 Aug 2019 01:59:21 +0000

Maybe lemons into lemonade?



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From: S(b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:10:27 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Zelensky Change

Yes. I'll do it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 29, 2019, at 6:44 PM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

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To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: Zelensky Change
Date:	Thu, 26 Sep 2019 09:10:12 +0000



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To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Zelensky still not scheduled
Date:	Wed, 23 Oct 2019 11:54:04 +0000



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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Ukraine Call Back On
Date:	Sun, 13 Oct 2019 13:40:39 +0000



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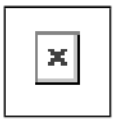
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From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) (b)(6)
Cc: McCormack, Brian (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Ukraine Call Back On

Exactly. The MFA called to confirm that this was a legitimate call, set for 18:00 and a test at 17:00 as Gordon says. When I get your confirmation, I will confirm with them. At Gordon's suggestion, I will ask to be present in President Zelenskyy's office for the call.

From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 1:54 PM
To: michael.b.williams (b)(6)
Cc: McCormack, Brian (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Subject: Ukraine Call Back On

Ukraine MFA reported that the call is now 18:00 Kyiv with a test at 17:00? Kindly confirm this is back on so that we can confirm to Ukraine.



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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Request for a phone call
Date:	Tue, 22 Oct 2019 09:26:34 +0000



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From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 7:58 PM
To: (U) Vindman, Alexander S (Kyiv | EOP) (b)(6) hill, fiona (b)(6) (b)(6)
Cc: Kent, George P (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6) Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Request for a phone call

President Zelenskyy would like to begin to establish a good relationship with POTUS, to demonstrate to the President that the new Ukrainian administration is committed to reform and to becoming a strong partner for the United States. Zelenskyy greatly appreciates the gracious letter of May 29 inviting him to visit the White House and looks forward to finding a convenient time for that meeting.

Others may have edits or suggestions.
Bill

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From: Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 8:48 PM
To: hill, fiona (nsc.((b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Cc: Kent, George P (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6) Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Request for a phone call

Ambassador, what can I say is the reason for the call?

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V/R,
Alexander S. Vindman
Director for Eastern Europe and Russia
National Security Council
Desk: (b)(6)

From: Hill, Fiona EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 1:40 PM
To: 'Taylor, William B (Kyiv)' (b)(6) Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Cc: Kent, George P (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6) Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Request for a phone call

We will put in a request and then it can be raised in the meeting with Danylyuk tomorrow. Senator Johnson is also coming in to meet with Ambassador Bolton.

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Cc: Kent, George P (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6) Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Request for a phone call

Alex, Fiona,
Vadym Prystaiko asked me to put in a request to you for a phone call between the two presidents. President Zelenskyy would make himself available in the second half of any day this week or next. Is there any guidance for him on such a call? Many thanks
Bill

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Bolton Checklist
Date:	Sun, 13 Oct 2019 12:48:29 +0000



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Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 3:51 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: USEU-FO-DL (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) Brown, Kelly E (b)(6)
Subject: Bolton Checklist

Ambassador John Bolton Meeting July 10, 2019 (2-3pm)

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