United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 19, 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 July 8, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Thus far, the Department of State has identified an additional seven responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all seven 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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Rudy Giuliani

1 message

(b)(6) gsondland (b)(6) Mon, Aug 26, 2019 at 2:02 PM
To: John Bolton (b)(6)

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Zelensky

1 message

(b)(gsondland <(b)(6) Tue, Jul 30, 2019 at 4:47 AM
To: (b)(6) (USEU)" (b)(6)

Zelensky

WH Meeting
Middle East Plan
Nafto Gas

EDF
Case Studies

MAX
Mid -Oct relaunch need to get ready for PR push

MEETINGS
VDL
Borrell
Michel
Sissoli

FINLAND
List for Saceur

July 4 2020

DENMARK
N/S Permits

STRASBOURG
Mep meetings
Committee Addresses

TRADE
DST's
Meetings with Italy, Germany etc
Wine Tarrifs
New Deals that can be made

ROMANIA
Iohannis Visit

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Re: Working Visit with President Jean-Claude Juncker of the European Commission - July 25, 2018

1 message

(b)(6) gsondland (b)(6) Tue, Jul 24, 2018 at 10:11 AM
To: "Joyce, Morgan K. EOP/NSC" (b)(6)

Thanks Morgan!

Gen. Kelly wanted a pre-brief from me after this evenings upcoming discussions with the EU folks. Could you kindly check with him on a good time prior to the delegation arrival We'd and I will fill him in on the latest.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

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European Union
Brussels

On 24 Jul 2018, at 10:06, Joyce, Morgan K. EOP/NSC (b)(6) wrote:

> Good morning,
>
> Please find attached the scenario for tomorrow's (7/25) visit with the President of the European Commission.
>
> Let us know if you have any questions.
>
> Morgan
>
> Morgan K. Joyce
>
> Deputy Director Visits, Planning, and Diplomatic Affairs
>
> National Security Council
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> (b)(6) (office) (b)(6) (mobile)
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> <7.25.2018 Working Visit with President Jean-Claude Juncker of the Europe....pdf>
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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	Fwd: Zelensky Visit/Potus
Date:	Thu, 26 Sep 2019 09:34:09 +0000

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From: Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 1:11:28 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Cc: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6) Rick Perry (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Zelensky Visit/Potus

Yes, it's a scheduling exercise now.

Thanks,

Tim Morrison
NSC-EUR

From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 10:12 AM
To: Kenna, Lisa EOP (b)(6) Morrison, Timothy A. EOP/NSC

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Cc: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6) Rick Perry (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)

Subject: Zelensky Visit/Potus

I spoke to Potus again early this morning (DC time) and he reconfirmed to me that he and Zelensky had a good call yesterday and that Potus asked him to come visit at the WH. Understand this visit is in the works for late Aug/Early Sept?



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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Zelensky NSC
Date:	Tue, 22 Oct 2019 09:14:34 +0000

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 8:38 PM
To: Rick Perry (b)(6) Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6) rhjohn(b)(6)
Volker, Kurt D (b)(6)
Cc: McCormack, Brian <Brian.Mccormack@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: Re: Zelensky NSC

Just spoke with Mulvaney. He will make it happen

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 1:50:33 PM

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To: Rick Perry; Kenna, Lisa D; rhjohn(b)(6) Volker, Kurt D

Cc: McCormack, Brian

Subject: Zelensky NSC

(b)(5)

(b)(5) Potus committed to a meeting (b)(5)

(b)(5) Scheduling needs to be instructed by Mick Mulvaney to get it on the calendar. I have my own call in to Mick. Can you all push as well? Thx

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: Thanks
Date:	Sun, 13 Oct 2019 12:37:48 +0000

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From: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 7:22 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Cc: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Thanks

Please do that. S told me we should work to get that scheduled.

As I mentioned below I gave Bill and Kurt the full debrief of which the invite was a non trivial part.

TUB

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2019, at 1:10 PM, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) wrote:

> Yes. Just talked to Lisa. (b)(5) I spoke with POTUS 30 min before the call and he agreed to invite if he liked Zelensky. (b)(5) (b)(5) Potus wanted me to call him back

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From: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 8:06:48 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Thanks

Great. I take it he was happy as well.

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 1:06 PM
To: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Thanks

Thanks Ulrich. I am in Kyiv w Zelensky



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From: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 8:03:05 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Subject: Thanks

Thanks for all you did to make the Ukraine call happen!

I was in with S right afterwards and he gave me an update. I spoke with Kurt and Bill in Kiev shortly afterwards and shared the output. I presume you already had it, correct?

TUB

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From:	"Sondland, Gordon D (USEU)" (b)(6)
To:	(b)(gsondland <(b)(6)
Subject:	FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Kurt's Canada Meeting
Date:	Tue, 22 Oct 2019 09:27:38 +0000



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From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 8:01 PM
To: McCormack, Brian <brian.mccormack@hq.doe.gov>; Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D (b)(6) Perry (b) R. (b)(6) Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Kurt's Canada Meeting

Yup – he arrives tomorrow midday. Steny Hoyer, Tom Cole, Steve Cohen, Val Demings, Garret Graves, Gregory Meeks. Just confirmed that President Ze will see them tomorrow at 4, Andriy Kobolyev for lunch Monday, SBU Chief Ivan Bakanov and Chief of General Staff Ruslan Khomchak. Depart on Monday evening.

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From: McCormack, Brian <brian.mccormack@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 8:52 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) <(b)(6) Volker, Kurt D <(b)(6) Perry (b) R. (b)(6) Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Kurt's Canada Meeting

Will see if we can make the Bolton with the three of you. (b)(5) (b)(5)

He should also see the Senators Portman, Lankford and Johnson.

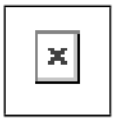
Also, Bill, I heard your have a Steny House CODEl coming your way. Can you share who is on it and who they're seeing?

Also, adding Ulrich for awareness.

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Date: Saturday, Jun 29, 2019, 1:48 PM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) <(b)(6) , Volker, Kurt D <(b)(6) McCormack, Brian <brian.mccormack@hq.doe.gov>, Perry (b) R. (b)(6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Kurt's Canada Meeting

I will be in DC on the 10th and should prob join the Bolton meeting.



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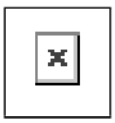
From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv)
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 1:34:14 PM
To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU); Volker, Kurt D; McCormack, Brian; Rick Perry
Subject: RE: Kurt's Canada Meeting

He is hoping to see Bolton. Should we schedule him with some of you?

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 8:32 PM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Volker, Kurt D <(b)(6) McCormack, Brian <Brian.Mccormack@hq.doe.gov>; Rick Perry (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Kurt's Canada Meeting

Who is Alex meeting with?



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From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv)
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 1:30:26 PM

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To: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU); Volker, Kurt D; McCormack, Brian; Rick Perry
Subject: RE: Kurt's Canada Meeting

Sounds good. FYI, Alexander Danyliuk is now planning to come to Washington on July 9 and 10. (b)(5) (b)(5) He is not traveling to Toronto. Prystaiko will accompany Ze there.
Bill

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From: Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2019 8:14 PM
To: Volker, Kurt D <(b)(6); McCormack, Brian <Brian.Mccormack@hq.doe.gov>; Rick Perry (b)(6) Taylor, William B (Kyiv) <(b)(6)
Subject: Kurt's Canada Meeting

Kurt will set up a call with those on this email through ops late Tue or Wed for a Ze download.

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