United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 30, 2021

Case No. FL-2020-00021

Daniel McGrath
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Dear Mr. McGrath:

As we noted in our letter dated August 19, 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 three responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all three 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

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Subject:	Zelensky/Bolton Call
Date:	Tue, 11 Jun 2019 05:14:12 +0000

Mike,

FYSA in case you have questions or concerns:

Kurt Volker, Rick Perry and I spoke with John. He agreed with the need to expedite the Zelensky Oval meeting and will see what works whether just prior to or after Parliamentary elections.

In the meantime, the three of us will take point on USG/Ukraine engagement and (b)(5)
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Rick and I in particular are working the energy, Naftogas, Poland issues.

Gordon

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Subject: Fw: World News: Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky reassures European backers...

Mr. Secretary, Ambassadors --

This headline underscores the importance and timeliness of Zelenskyy's visit to Brussels, and the critical--perhaps historic--role of the dinner and engagement Gordon coordinated. Thank you for your participation and dedication to this effort.

And many thanks for your engagement at 3SI in Ljubljana.
We're on a roll! The EUR Bureau stands ready to support all these endeavors.

And enormous gratitude to Georgette for the special Brussels-to-Ljubljana transportation!

Best, Phil

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Wednesday June 5 2019

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Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky reassures European backers

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A bigger role for green bonds

IFC and HSBC launch first climate capital fund for 'real economy' issuers

US-China tariffs may cut global growth in 2020, IMF warns

Levies and their impacts are 'self-inflicted wounds that must be avoided'

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Jack Daniel's maker expects whiskey tariffs to weigh on 2020 results

Duties weighed on Brown-Forman sales growth during fourth quarter

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FCA is examining whether fund broke the spirit and letter of investment rules

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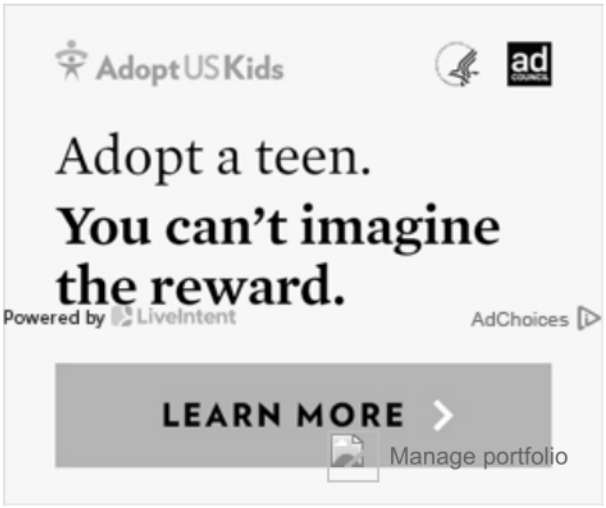
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Subject: Follow points from US Del visit to Ukraine

Hi all -- please see attached some top line thoughts... Also attached is a first cut at a non-paper on breaking up the oligarchic system.

Please share w Sec'y Perry and Sen. Johnson.

Looking forward to discussing at 9:45am.

Thanks - Kurt

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Top-Line Points on Ukraine/Zelensky

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