



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 9, 2020

Case No. FL-2020-00044

Melanie Sloan
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

As we noted in our letter dated October 28, 2020, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has identified eight additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all eight records may be released in part.

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 questions, you may contact Trial Attorney Indraneel Sur at Indraneel.Sur@usdoj.gov, or by phone at (202) 616-8488. Please refer to the case number FL-2020-00044, and the civil action number, 20-cv-322, in all correspondence about this case.

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
- 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

From: "Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP" (b)(6)

To: (b)(6)

CC: Chang, Aaron C. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)>
 Ruiz, Joseph EOP/WHO (Ass
 Scully, Bethany S. EOP/OVP
 Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC
 (b)(6)
 Aliu, B. Bix (b)(6)
 (b)(6)

Subject: Re: (b)(5)

Date: Mon, 2 Sep 2019 07:12:58 +0000

Hi (b)(6)

(b)(5)

Thank you!
 Jennifer

Jennifer Williams
 Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
 Office of the Vice President
 (b)(6)

On Sep 1, 2019, at 8:46 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

(b)(5)

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Sender: "Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP" (b)(6)

Recipient: (b)(6)
 Chang, Aaron C. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)>
 Ruiz, Joseph EOP/WHO (Ass
 Scully, Bethany S. EOP/OVP
 Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC
 (b)(6)

Aliu, B. Bix (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From:	"Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP" (b)(6)
To:	Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
CC:	Kent, George P (b)(6) (b)(6) Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: (b)(5)
Date:	Fri, 13 Sep 2019 21:16:30 +0000

Many thanks, Ambassador!

Jennifer Williams

Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
Office of the Vice President

(b)(6)

From: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 5:15 PM
To: Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A
 (b)(6)
Cc: Kent, George P (b)(6)
 (b)(6) Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
 (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (b)(5)
 (b)(5)

Jennifer,
 Glad to. I've passed the request to Foreign Minister Prystaiko and Ihor Zhovkva in the Presidential Office.
 Bill

SBU

From: Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2019 12:02 AM
To: Taylor, William B (Kyiv) (b)(6) Kvien, Kristina A (b)(6)
Cc: Kent, George P (b)(6)
 (b)(6) (U) Vindman, Alexander S (Kyiv | EOP) (b)(6)
 (b)(6)
Subject: (b)(5)
 (b)(5)

Ambassador Taylor,

Greetings from Washington! (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Many thanks,

Jennifer

Jennifer Williams

Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
Office of the Vice President

(b)(6)

From: Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 4:58 PM
To: DL OVP LeaderCalls <(b)(6)> Members OVP VPMILAIDE
(b)(6) DL NSC WHSR Watchfloor (b)(6)
Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)> OVPSchedule (b)(6)
Kellogg, Joseph Keith K. Jr. EOP/OVP (b)(6) Pinkos, Stephen M. EOP/OVP
(b)(6) Mindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC
(b)(6)
Cc: DL OVP NSA EXECSEC (b)(6)
Subject: (b)(5)
(b)(5)

Many thanks,

Jennifer

Jennifer Williams

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	(b)(6)
	Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
	(b)(6)

From:	"Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP" (b)(6)
To:	Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
CC:	Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)>
Subject:	Re: Vwp
Date:	Sun, 1 Sep 2019 20:36:20 +0000

Got it - thank you!

Jennifer Williams
 Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
 Office of the Vice President
 (b)(6)

On Sep 1, 2019, at 10:28 PM, Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC
 (b)(6) wrote:

Yes that is the (b)(5) cleared language re (b)(5)

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On Sep 1, 2019, at 4:09 PM, Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP
 (b)(6) wrote:

(b)(5)

Thanks,
 Jennifer

Jennifer Williams
 Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
 Office of the Vice President
 (b)(6)

On Sep 1, 2019, at 9:51 PM, Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC

(b)(6) wrote:

(b)(5)

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 1, 2019, at 1:30 PM, Aliu, B. Bix

<(b)(6)> wrote:

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Sender:	"Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP" (b)(6)
Recipient:	Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC (b)(6) Aliu, B. Bix (b)(6)

From:	"Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP" (b)(6)
To:	Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
CC:	Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)>
Subject:	Re: Urgent - please read
Date:	Mon, 2 Sep 2019 13:09:18 +0000

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Jennifer Williams
 Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
 Office of the Vice President
 (b)(6)

On Sep 2, 2019, at 1:57 PM, Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC (b)(6) wrote:

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On Sep 2, 2019, at 2:18 AM, Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP (b)(6) wrote:

Received. (b)(5)

Jennifer Williams
 Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
 Office of the Vice President
 (b)(6)

On Sep 2, 2019, at 8:13 AM, Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)> wrote:

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From: Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP (b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2019 10:09:19 PM
To: Berkley, William B (b)(6)

Cc: Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)>

Subject: Re: Vwp

(b)(5)

Thanks,
Jennifer

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Sender: "Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP" (b)(6)

Recipient:	Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)>
	Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)>

From:	"Aliu, B. Bix" <(b)(6)>
To:	Williams, Jennifer L. (b)(6)
CC:	Berkley, William B (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Urgent - please read
Date:	Mon, 2 Sep 2019 06:24:05 +0000

You're simply fabulous! Thank you for all!

From: Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2019 8:23:05 AM
To: Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)>
Cc: Berkley, William B (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Urgent - please read

That is the highest praise I will receive on this trip!

Jennifer Williams
Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
Office of the Vice President
(b)(6)

On Sep 2, 2019, at 8:21 AM, Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)> wrote:

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From: Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2019 8:18:03 AM
To: Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)>
Cc: Berkley, William B (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Urgent - please read

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Jennifer Williams
Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
Office of the Vice President
(b)(6)

On Sep 2, 2019, at 8:13 AM, Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)> wrote:

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Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2019 10:09:19 PM
To: Berkley, William B (b)(6)
Cc: Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: Vwp

(b)(5)

Thanks,
Jennifer

Jennifer Williams
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(b)(6)

On Sep 1, 2019, at 9:51 PM, Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC
(b)(6) wrote:

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<(b)(6)> wrote:

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Sender:	"Aliu, B. Bix" <(b)(6)>
Recipient:	Williams, Jennifer L. (b)(6) Berkley, William B <(b)(6)>

From:	"Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC" (b)(6)
To:	Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)>
Subject:	RE: You two!
Date:	Tue, 3 Sep 2019 12:30:35 +0000

IMHO, it was mostly Embassy Warsaw... I was just a channel for all you and your team's great work, probably more so than folks here were comfortable with. But I am glad it turned out as well as could be under the circumstances.

Now, we owe you a new date for POTUS to come and this time (b)(5)

William "Brad" Berkley

Director for European Affairs – Central and Southeastern Europe and the Western Balkans
National Security Council | The White House

(b)(6)

From: Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 1:30 AM
To: Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)>
Cc: Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Subject: Re: You two!

Thank you Bix! All credit goes to Brad, you and your incredible team - it was a pleasure to be a part of it at the very end. So glad everything worked out, and I hope you and your colleagues get to breathe a sigh of relief and enjoy the rest of the week!

Hope we get a chance to work together again.

Best,

Jennifer

Jennifer Williams
Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
Office of the Vice President

(b)(6)

On Sep 3, 2019, at 6:17 AM, Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)> wrote:

Jennifer and Brad – This visit couldn’t have been so successful without you two. From your unwavering support to sticking up for us when the going got tough, I cannot thank you enough for all you both did. I am extremely appreciative, as is the Ambassador, and the entire mission.

My very, very best,
Bix

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**B. Bix Aliu**  
*Deputy Chief of Mission*  
*Embassy of the United States of America*  
Warsaw, Poland

Tel: (b)(6)

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| <b>Sender:</b>    | "Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC"                 | (b)(6) |
| <b>Recipient:</b> | Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP<br>Aliu, B. Bix | (b)(6) |

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>From:</b>    | "Aliu, B. Bix" (b)(6)               |
| <b>To:</b>      | Mansaray, Saibatu I. EOP/OVP (b)(6) |
| <b>Subject:</b> | (b)(5)                              |
| <b>Date:</b>    | Fri, 30 Aug 2019 09:19:48 +0000     |

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Sender:</b>    | "Aliu, B. Bix" (b)(6)               |
| <b>Recipient:</b> | Mansaray, Saibatu I. EOP/OVP (b)(6) |

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| <b>From:</b>     | Libby, Mark W (USEU)(b)(6)               |
| <b>To:</b>       | (b)(6)                                   |
| <b>Subject:</b>  | FW: US Ambassador to EU, Gordon Sondland |
| <b>Date:</b>     | 2020/06/22 16:10:31                      |
| <b>Priority:</b> | Normal                                   |
| <b>Type:</b>     | Note                                     |

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

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:26 PM  
**To:** Libby, Mark W (USEU)(b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: US Ambassador to EU, Gordon Sondland

FYSA, in case he calls you.

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:23 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: US Ambassador to EU, Gordon Sondland

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Here is the latest following today's countdown meeting:

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I think that's it for the moment. Happy to discuss more as necessary, and I'll definitely follow up tomorrow.

Thanks,

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

**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:19 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: US Ambassador to EU, Gordon Sondland

Thanks for the update. Seems like right people are engaged, and post's support is greatly appreciated.

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

**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:15:07 PM

**To:** (b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: US Ambassador to EU, Gordon Sondland

FYI, the countdown mtg got postponed until 6pm. (b)(5)

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:35 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: US Ambassador to EU, Gordon Sondland

Thanks.

We have a countdown meeting at 5pm, so sometime after we finish I can let you know the latest on everything.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:24:36 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: US Ambassador to EU, Gordon Sondland

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**From:** Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:13 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: US Ambassador to EU, Gordon Sondland

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

**From:** Aliu, B. Bix (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:01:54 AM  
**To:** Small, Jared S. EOP/WHO (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) Libby, Mark W (USEU) <LibbyMW@state.gov>; (b)(6)  
 (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** US Ambassador to EU, Gordon Sondland

Dear Jared: Our Ambassador to the EU, Gordon Sondland, is traveling to Warsaw as part of the Secretary of State's Delegation. (b)(5)

(b)(5) I have cc'd his deputy and executive assistant here.

Please let them know what you may need to arrange for this.

My best,  
Bix

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B. Bix Aliu

Deputy Chief of Mission

Embassy of the United States of America

Warsaw, Poland

Tel: (b)(6)

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