



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 14, 2021

Case No. FL-2020-00044
FL-2020-00045

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

Dear Ms. Sloan:

As we noted in our letter dated March 3, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has identified 13 additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all 13 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) Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
CC:	Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)>
Subject:	RE: Greetings!
Date:	Fri, 30 Aug 2019 13:55:56 +0000

That's great news, thank you!

Jennifer Williams

Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
Office of the Vice President

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 9:54 AM
To: Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC (b)(6) Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP
(b)(6)
Cc: Aliu, B. Bix <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: Greetings!

The Vice president is confirmed to speak.

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From: Berkley, William B. EOP/NSC (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 3:40:31 PM
To: Williams, Jennifer L. (b)(6)
Cc: Aliu, B. Bix (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Greetings!

Copy.

Bix just to deconflict, (b)(5)

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2019, at 3:37 PM, Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)> wrote:

Hi Bix,

+ Brad Berkley

Many thanks for your note! Great to e-meet you and (b)(6) I really appreciate your team's support for the VP's visit, especially on such short notice. I spoke briefly with Brad this morning about the bilats and events that the VP plans to keep on his schedule, and (b)(5)

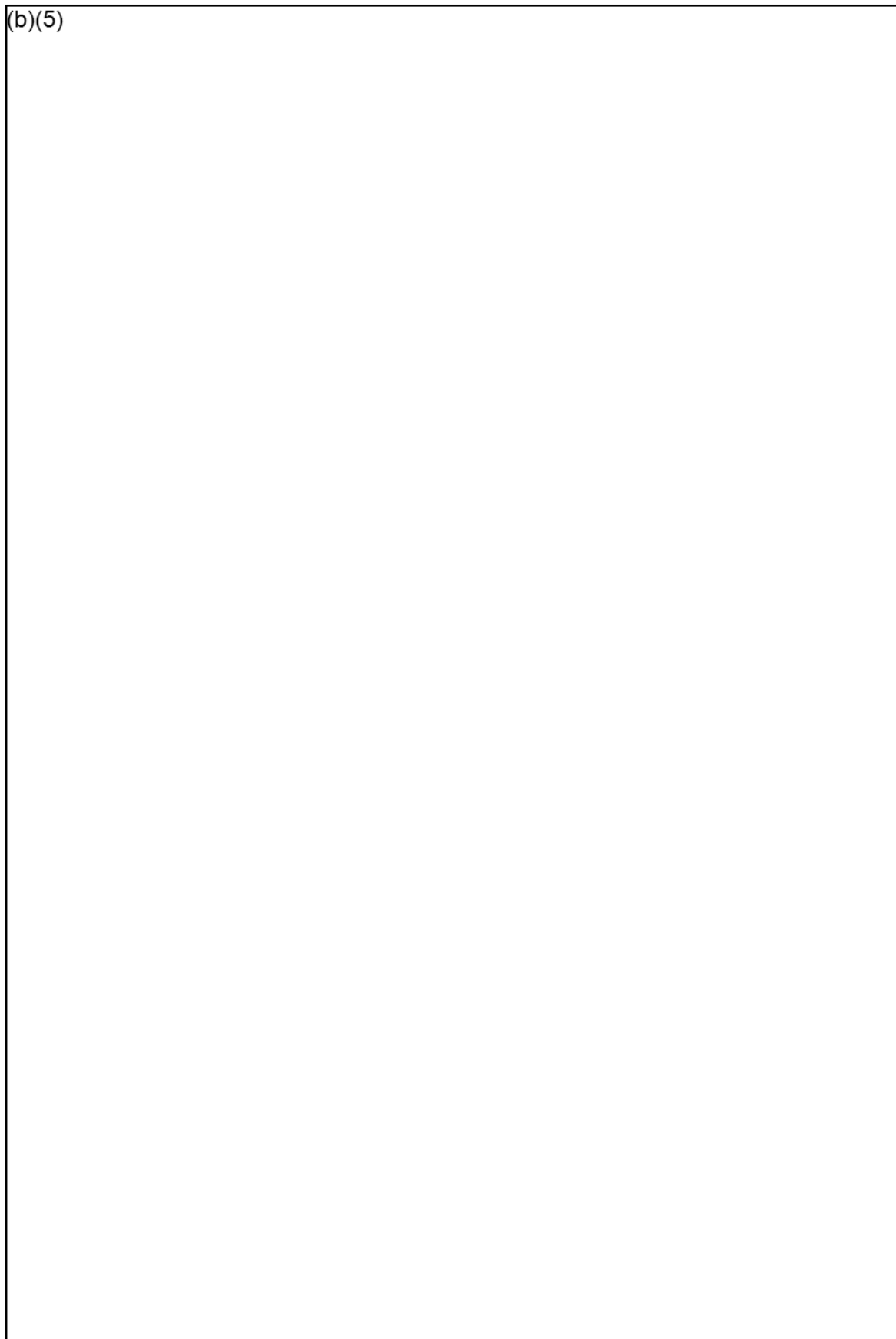
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Here's our current proposed schedule, pending confirmation from the various parties:

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Thank you,

Jennifer

Jennifer Williams

Special Advisor for Europe & Russia
Office of the Vice President

(b)(6)

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

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 8:41 AM

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

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: Greetings!

Importance: High

Hi Jennifer: My name is Bix, I'm the DCM in Warsaw. We look forward to working with you on the VP's visit. I have cc'd (b)(6) who is overall control. Please let us know what you may initially need and how we can help out. 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:** "Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP" (b)(6)

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

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| <b>From:</b>    | "Rose, Thomas A. EOP/OVP" <(b)(6)> |
| <b>To:</b>      | Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6)> |
| <b>Subject:</b> | Re: Zelensky                       |
| <b>Date:</b>    | Thu, 5 Sep 2019 20:11:06 +0000     |

Nope — nothing yet. We are still in Europe

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On Sep 5, 2019, at 15:02, Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6)> wrote:

(b)(5)



**Gordon D. Sondland**

Ambassador of the United States of America  
 United States Mission to the European Union  
 Rue Zinner 13  
 1000 Brussels, Belgium

(b)(6)

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| <b>Sender:</b>    | "Rose, Thomas A. EOP/OVP" <(b)(6)> |
| <b>Recipient:</b> | Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) <(b)(6)> |

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| <b>From:</b>     | Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) |
| <b>To:</b>       | (b)(6)                      |
| <b>Subject:</b>  | FW: VP Briefing             |
| <b>Date:</b>     | 2020/06/22 16:11:59         |
| <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:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 10:04 PM  
**To:** Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: VP Briefing

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 10:03:20 PM  
**To:** Sondland, Gordon D (USEU) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: VP Briefing

Ambassador,

OVP Special Advisor Jennifer Williams advises that since the VP is traveling with family and will have a long day after an overnight flight, they've been asked to protect his executive time. As a result, it won't be possible to *formally* schedule a meeting. However, she thinks it will be feasible for you to have a quick chat with the VP on the margins of the Zelensky bilat.

Having noticed the Zelensky pre-brief participation wasn't defined in the schedule, I sought confirmation you were on the list — especially given your recent travel and active engagement on the account. She said she would look into where things stand.

Best,

(b)(6)

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

**Sent:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 8:30 PM

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

**Subject:** Re: Motorcade

Great. Thx. Lets figure out 5mins together



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**Gordon D. Sondland**

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1000 Brussels, Belgium

(b)(6)

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

**Sent:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 2:20:08 PM

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

**Subject:** Motorcade

Ambassador, for your reference:

Guest 1 will be located right after “Support”, just in front of Staff 1 and 2, or close to the front

Other passengers include Secretary Perry, Ambassador Mosbacher, the State dept. director of Protocol, and the very unlikely potential for 1 or 2 additions (possibly the VP’s family).

Some of these individuals, ie: Ambassador Mosbacher will only be in the vehicle for certain movements. ie: to the Royal Castle for Dinner. At the Castle only 6 vehicles will get into the courtyard on arrival, Guest 1 is included in that 6.

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| <b>Sender:</b>         | Libby, Mark W (USEU)(b)(6) |  |
| <b>Recipient:</b>      | (b)(6)                     |  |
| <b>Sent Date:</b>      | 2020/06/22 16:11:58        |  |
| <b>Delivered Date:</b> | 2020/06/22 16:11:59        |  |

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| <b>From:</b>     | Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) |
| <b>To:</b>       | (b)(6)                      |
| <b>Subject:</b>  | FW: Warsaw Update           |
| <b>Date:</b>     | 2020/06/22 16:04:27         |
| <b>Priority:</b> | Normal                      |
| <b>Type:</b>     | Note                        |

More responsive.

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

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SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

**From:** Libby, Mark W (USEU)  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 31, 2019 9:18 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Warsaw Update

Silly question on Warsaw - does he depart JBA on Sunday or Saturday? Saturday right?

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

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**From:** Libby, Mark W (USEU)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 7:56:06 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Warsaw Update

Thanks for wrangling this!

Mark W. Libby  
Deputy Chief of Mission

U.S. Mission to the EU

Brussels

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

**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 7:54:21 PM

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

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

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Warsaw Update

8:00pm wheels up, check-in at 7:30, 6:30 hotel departure

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

**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 7:52 PM

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

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

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: Warsaw Update

Departure time from JBA?



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

**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 1:37:32 PM

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

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

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Warsaw Update

Ambassador,

It looks like everything is coming together as expected. Your control officer (b)(6) (copied) latest information, based on a recent countdown meeting with the VP's trip team in Warsaw, is that you are in the official delegation and all of the same events as before (official ceremony, bilateral meeting with Ukraine, and VVIP dinner; Slovenia and Baltic bilats have dropped). OVP's team in Warsaw is simply waiting for DC's official blessing. Based on Lisa's last email, I expect that to be forthcoming imminently.

FAIR WARNING: Monday is problematic. The Duda welcome ceremony and bilat run time will likely exceed the drop-dead for when you need to head to the airport. (b)(6) are working options, but you may have to skip that meeting in order to get back here in time for your dinner (18:20 wheels down; 19:30 meal).

The traveling party will be using 2 C-32's (Boeing 757s) to get to Warsaw. You have a confirmed seat on the support plane – and will be seated in the 8-person senior staff cabin (generous recline, biz class equivalent). OVP Ops advises business casual/business professional for check-in, but most change into casual attire during the flight, and business for arrival. Rosie will follow up with further details.

(b)(6)

Chief of Staff

U.S. Mission to the European Union

Email: (b)(6)  
Office:  
Mobile:

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| <b>Sender:</b>    | Libby, Mark W (USEU) (b)(6) |
| <b>Recipient:</b> | (b)(6)                      |
| <b>Sent Date:</b> | 2020/06/22 16:04:27         |

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| <b>From:</b>    | Morgan, Matthew E. EOP/OVP (b)(6)    |
| <b>To:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6) |
| <b>Subject:</b> | Call Today?                          |
| <b>Date:</b>    | 2019/06/21 20:20:47                  |
| <b>Type:</b>    | Note                                 |

Ulrich,

Any chance you could give me a call at your next convenience? It would be helpful to discuss today.

Thank you!

Matt

MATTHEW E. MORGAN  
Deputy Chief of Staff & Counsel  
Office of the Vice President

(b)(6)

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| <b>Sender:</b>         | Morgan, Matthew E. EOP/OVP (b)(6)    |
| <b>Recipient:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6) |
| <b>Sent Date:</b>      | 2019/06/21 20:19:52                  |
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| <b>From:</b>    | Rose, Thomas A. EOP/OVP (b)(6)       |
| <b>To:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6) |
| <b>Subject:</b> | Follow Up                            |
| <b>Date:</b>    | 2019/03/20 21:39:00                  |
| <b>Type:</b>    | Note                                 |

Thanks so much for reaching out today. I very much appreciate it. I did speak w/boss about this and he indicated he will try to connect with the Secretary tomorrow.

The reason I am personally so grateful to you is that you are the very first person in nearly 7 months to have even attempted to clarify matters with me. I do appreciate it.

Thanks again!

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| <b>Sender:</b>         | Rose, Thomas A. EOP/OVP (b)(6)       |
| <b>Recipient:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6) |
| <b>Sent Date:</b>      | 2019/03/20 21:38:09                  |
| <b>Delivered Date:</b> | 2019/03/20 21:39:00                  |

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| <b>From:</b>    | Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)                  |
| <b>To:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)                     |
| <b>CC:</b>      | (b)(6)                                         |
| <b>Subject:</b> | FW: Ukraine Reform Conference, July in Toronto |
| <b>Date:</b>    | 2019/06/03 17:13:55                            |
| <b>Type:</b>    | Note                                           |

Ulrich,

Per our conversation this morning

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**From:** Clow, Brian (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2019 12:47 PM  
**To:** Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ukraine Reform Conference, July in Toronto

Hi Marc – It was good see you in Ottawa.

Following up on Prime Minister Trudeau's invitation to the Vice President, the V.P. seemed interested in attending the Ukraine Reform Conference in Toronto in July.

The conference is happening from July 2 to 4, 2019 in Toronto. More info here:  
[https://www.international.gc.ca/gac-amc/campaign-campagne/ukraine\\_reform-reformes/index.aspx?lang=eng](https://www.international.gc.ca/gac-amc/campaign-campagne/ukraine_reform-reformes/index.aspx?lang=eng)

President Zelensky is confirmed to attend.

We'll make sure your Embassy in Ottawa has all of this info.

Best,  
 Brian

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Brian Clow  
 Executive Director, Issues Management & Canada-U.S. Relations  
 Office of the Prime Minister of Canada  
 (b)(6)

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| <b>Sender:</b>    | Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6) |
| <b>Recipient:</b> | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)    |

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| <b>From:</b>    | Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)        |
| <b>To:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6) |
| <b>Subject:</b> | Incoming                             |
| <b>Date:</b>    | 2019/09/03 09:09:02                  |
| <b>Type:</b>    | Note                                 |

We are fielding press inquiries this morning on Doombeg accommodations. Heads up that press inquiries likely coming to State Dept too.

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| <b>Sender:</b>         | Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)        |
| <b>Recipient:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6) |
| <b>Sent Date:</b>      | 2019/09/03 09:08:36                  |
| <b>Delivered Date:</b> | 2019/09/03 09:09:02                  |

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| <b>From:</b>    | Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)        |
| <b>To:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6) |
| <b>Subject:</b> | Re: Follow-up                        |
| <b>Date:</b>    | 2019/04/17 16:35:13                  |
| <b>Type:</b>    | Note                                 |

Great! Thank you

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On Apr 17, 2019, at 11:23 AM, Brechbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)> wrote:

FYI... (b)(5)  
(b)(5)

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**From:** Brechbuhl, Thomas U  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 7:31 AM  
**To:** Marc Short (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Follow-up

Marc,

I trust you had a nice Palm Sunday and are looking forward to Easter.

In follow-up to our conversation a week+ ago I wanted to let you know that:

1. We are working for a time to get Jarrod to come over to the department to discuss the possibilities
2. (b)(5)

Thanks,

TUB

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| <b>Sender:</b>         | Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)        |
| <b>Recipient:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6) |
| <b>Sent Date:</b>      | 2019/04/17 16:34:42                  |
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| <b>From:</b>    | Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)                                             |
| <b>To:</b>      | Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)<br>(b)(6)                                            |
| <b>CC:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6)<br>Scully, Bethany S. EOP/OVP (b)(6) |
| <b>Subject:</b> | Re: Getting Back to You                                                   |
| <b>Date:</b>    | 2019/06/04 15:18:34                                                       |
| <b>Type:</b>    | Note                                                                      |

(b)(5) and I didn't have that info this morning when I first emailed. I Debriefed Mulvaney who has spoken with Pompeo about (b)(5). Landon and Bethany speak for me. Thank you

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On Jun 4, 2019, at 9:32 AM, Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6) wrote:

Marc,  
Landon Loomis just provided our Western Hem office with different guidance regarding tomorrow's meeting. Am I correct that Landon is speaking for you?

I only ask because there are several players and chains on the meeting, and I want to be sure we are executing precisely (b)(5).  
Thank you, Lisa

-----Original Message-----

From: Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 7:44 AM  
To: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)  
Cc: Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)  
Subject: RE: Getting Back to You

Thanks for getting back to us. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

-----Original Message-----

From: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)  
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 5:02 AM  
To: Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)  
Cc: Kenna, Lisa EOP (b)(6)  
Subject: Re: Getting Back to You

Marc,

With the time difference and non-stop schedule over here I wanted to check in. Are you good on the various questions that you posed over the 36 hours or so, including the two below?

If not, which ones are still open in your mind?

TUB

T. Ulrich Brechbühl  
Counselor, U.S. Department of State

>On Jun 3, 2019, at 10:44 PM, Brechbuhl, Thomas U <(b)(6)> wrote:  
>  
>Marc,  
>  
>I wanted to get back to you and share some thoughts on the two issues you raised yesterday.  
>  
>As I am still traveling in Europe and therefore on a different time, I am copying Lisa Kenna, the  
Exec Sec, so she can share any updates that might break while I am asleep.  
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(b)(5)

>  
>Thanks,  
>  
>TUB  
>  
>Sent from my iPhone

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| <b>Sender:</b>         | Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)     |
|                        | Kenna, Lisa D (b)(6)              |
| <b>Recipient:</b>      | (b)(6)                            |
|                        | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)        |
|                        | (b)(6)                            |
|                        | Scully, Bethany S. EOP/OVP (b)(6) |
| <b>Sent Date:</b>      | 2019/06/04 15:17:07               |
| <b>Delivered Date:</b> | 2019/06/04 15:18:34               |

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| <b>From:</b>    | Pham, John Peter </O=(b)(6)><br>(b)(6)                                                                    |
| <b>To:</b>      | Makin, Sarah E. EOP/OVP (b)(6)<br>Risch, Carl C (b)(6)<br>(b)(6)<br>Brechtbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6) |
| <b>Subject:</b> | Re (b)(6) Case - Parole Approved by USCIS                                                                 |
| <b>Date:</b>    | 2020/01/31 12:31:25                                                                                       |
| <b>Type:</b>    | Note                                                                                                      |

Good morning, Sarah.  
 You've made my day with that news.  
 Best,  
 Peter

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On January 31, 2020 at 6:59:29 AM EST, Makin, Sarah E. EOP/OVP  
 (b)(6) wrote:

Update - the Embassy granted an appointment for the family when the Embassy opened and they were given the foil. They depart (b)(6) tomorrow (Saturday) and should arrive in the US Sunday.  
 Thank you, all.

On Jan 30, 2020, at 7:15 PM, Makin, Sarah E. EOP/OVP  
 (b)(6) wrote:

Thank you, Carl. Really appreciate that.

Yes; I should have been more clear in the email below. The password for the attachment is (b)(6)

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**From:** Risch, Carl C (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 7:12 PM  
**To:** Makin, Sarah E. EOP/OVP (b)(6)  
 Brechtbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Pham, John Peter  
**Subject:** RE (b)(6) - Parole Approved by USCIS

Thanks. I forwarded this message to our consular section in (b)(6)

By the way, is there a password for the attachment? I couldn't open it. It appears to be encrypted.

SBU -PRIVACY OR PII

**From:** Makin, Sarah E. EOP/OVP (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 6:45 PM  
**To:** Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6) Risch, Carl C (b)(6)  
**Cc:** Pham, John Peter (b)(6)  
**Subject:** (b)(6) - Parole Approved by USCIS

Alcon – the (b)(6) request for parole was approved by USCIS tonight (notice letter is attached; (b)(6) The family is filling out the DS-160 form now (and filing it online).

Dr. Pham has reached out to the DCM in (b)(6) requesting an expedited appointment tomorrow to issue the foil (b)(6) (b)(6) Should we run into any issues or get pushback about getting them in tomorrow, I may reach out and ask for additional assistance.

God willing, the family will be on a plane to the United States on Saturday. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of this family.

Best,  
 Sarah

*Sarah E. Makin-Acciani*  
*Deputy Assistant to the President*  
*Director of Strategic Outreach, Vice President Mike Pence*

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| <b>To:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6) |
| <b>Subject:</b> | RE: phone call                       |
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Do you have 5 minutes to chat sometime today?

Thanks again for your help last night.

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**From:** Pinkos, Stephen M. EOP/OVP  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 7, 2019 9:11 AM  
**To:** Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)  
**Subject:** phone call

Good morning Ulrich:

Do you have 10 minutes to talk at some point today or tomorrow? (b)(5)

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Thanks,

Steve

Stephen Pinkos  
Deputy Assistant to the President and  
Deputy National Security Advisor to the Vice Presdeint  
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| <b>To:</b>      | Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)<br>(b)(6)                        |
| <b>Subject:</b> | RE: Request for James Morris to receive title of Ambassador |
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Ulrich,

I tracked down the letter that Bob Grand references below regarding Jim Morris. Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Best,

Matt

MATTHEW E. MORGAN  
Counsel to the Vice President

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**From:** Grand, Bob (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 17, 2019 5:05 PM  
**To:** BrechbuhlTU (b)(6) Morgan, Matthew E. EOP/OVP (b)(6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Request for James Morris to receive title of Ambassador

Ulrich

Just wanted to introduce you to Matt Morgan, General Counsel to VP Pence. It was my understanding that VP Pence had sent a letter to the Secretary about this issue. Was hopeful you and Matt could chat and he is happy to provide a copy of the letter. Will step out of discussion but wanted to get you both introduced.

Thanks

Warmest regards

Bob

**Bob Grand** | Partner

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THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

August 9, 2018

The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write to recommend that you give all due consideration to assigning Mr. James “Jim” Morris the rank of Ambassador.

As you know, Jim has been serving honorably as the United States Representative on the Executive Board of the United Nations Children’s Fund. Since his swearing-in on May 16, 2018, he has proven himself as a dedicated public servant and has led as one of America’s chief voices for at-risk children around the world. Given Jim’s unique role speaking to UNICEF on behalf of the United States, I believe that a title change to United States Ambassador is both appropriate and fitting.

While I understand that there are legal and prudential processes to examine, I respectfully request that the Department of State give this recommendation proper consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mike Pence".

Michael R. Pence  
Vice President of the United States

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| <b>From:</b>    | (b)(6)                        |
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| <b>Subject:</b> | RE: Two trips to consider     |
| <b>Date:</b>    | 2019/04/22 13:12:23           |
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**From:** Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 8:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Two trips to consider

That's why I sent it to you

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 8:19 AM  
**To:** Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Two trips to consider

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MRP

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**From:** Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 8:15 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Two trips to consider

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**From:** Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 8:14 AM  
**To:** 'Grenell, Richard A' (b)(6) Rose, Thomas A. EOP/OVP  
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**Cc:** Scully, Bethany S. EOP/OVP (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Two trips to consider

Thanks, Ambassador. Love the June 13 idea.

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**From:** Grenell, Richard A. (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 6:18 AM  
**To:** Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6); Rose, Thomas A. EOP/OVP  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** Two trips to consider

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Also, on June 13 we are dedicating the Embassy's outdoor balcony (looking over Brandenburg Gate) as The Ronald Reagan Terrace with a plaque unveiling and an audio visual stand to watch the Reagan speech (which took place below the embassy). June 13 is the anniversary of Reagan's Tear Down This Wall speech. I would love for the VP to be the keynote.

Ric Grenell

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| <b>Recipient:</b> | Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6) |
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