



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 26, 2021

Case No. 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 April 14, 2021, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has identified three additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all three 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeanne" and last name "Miller" clearly distinguishable.

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:	Kenna, Lisa D </O=SBUSTATE/OU=EXTERNAL (FYDIBOHF25SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=9601B5EE8773437DAF42832A7324D736>
To:	Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Zelensky requests to meet VP
Date:	2020/01/20 18:44:54
Type:	Note

Marc,

I am not aware of the final decision on this one. Best, Lisa

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 20, 2020, at 11:03 AM, Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP [REDACTED] (b)(6) wrote:

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> Hi Lisa,

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> [REDACTED] (b)(5)

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Kenna, Lisa D [REDACTED] (b)(6)

> Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 3:30 PM

> To: Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP [REDACTED] (b)(6)

> Subject: Zelensky requests to meet VP

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> Marc,

> S asked me to ensure you are aware that when he spoke with Zelensky yesterday, [REDACTED] (b)(5)

[REDACTED] (b)(5)

> He also requested to meet [REDACTED] (b)(5)

> Best, Lisa

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> Sent from my iPhone

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To:	Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)>
Subject:	Amb Sondland to join the VP
Date:	2019/08/30 17:24:49
Type:	Note

Marc,

I believe you are tracking that Amb Sondland was a member of the (b)(5) and was manifested for the Duda and Zelensky meetings, and other events. (b)(5)

(b)(5) Gordon will still be manifested. Many thanks for your support. Best, Lisa

Lisa Kenna
Executive Secretary
Department of State

(b)(6)

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Recipient:	Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP <(b)(6)>
Sent Date:	2019/08/30 17:24:48
Delivered Date:	2019/08/30 17:24:49

From:	Brechbuhl, Thomas U </O=SBUSTATE/OU=EXTERNAL (FYDIBOHF25SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F574F2EC330848F48F57C676D8A6F4EC-BRECHBUHL, THOM>
To:	Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Two trips to consider
Date:	2019/04/22 13:00:26
Type:	Note

Thx...

Official
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From: Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 8:50 AM
To: Brechbuhl, Thomas U (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Two trips to consider

Chain below. FYI

From: Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 8:40 AM
To: (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Two trips to consider

That's why I sent it to you

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

Thanks for flagging this massive process foul. ☺

MRP

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

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

(b)(6)

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

(b)(5)

Ric Grenell

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Recipient:	Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP (b)(6)
Sent Date:	2019/04/22 13:00:26