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Washington, DC 20585

December 15, 2021

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Via email: foia@americanoversight.org

Re: HQ-2020-00052-F

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is a supplemental response to the second partial response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

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Please produce all responsive records from February 1, 2019, through the date the search is conducted.

Your request was assigned to DOE's Office of Executive Secretariat (ES) and Office of the General Counsel (GC) to conduct a search of their files for responsive documents. The search started on October 16, 2019, which is the cutoff date for responsive documents. On March 16, 2020, you received a first partial response to this request consisting of forty-three (43) documents.

On June 21, 2021, you received a second partial response consisting of twenty-one (21) documents. Seven (7) documents were sent to the Department of State (DOS) for consultation, attachment 21 to document 13 was referred to DOE's Office of Classification, Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security (Classification Office), and attachment 22 to document 13 was sent to the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) for consultation.

On July 15, 2021, you received a supplemental response to the second partial response, consisting of document 16, which had been sent to the DOS for consultation, as well as attachment 21 to document 13, which had been referred to the DOE's Classification Office.

On July 15, 2021, you received a third and final partial, consisting of fifty-three (53) documents. Seven (7) documents were sent to the DOS.

On October 18, 2021, you received a supplemental response to the second partial for DOE, consisting of attachment 22 to document 13, which was sent to EXIM for consultation.

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This letter serves as a supplemental response to the second and third partials for DOE. DOS has provided release determinations for thirteen (13) documents, which had been sent to DOS for consultation. These documents are now being released to you as described in the accompanying index. The accounts for all of the outstanding documents under consultation from non-DOE entities, and shall be the final supplemental response to this request.

Upon review, DOE has determined that certain information should be withheld in the documents pursuant to Exemption 5 and 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, (b)(5) and (b)(6).

Exemption 5 of the FOIA protects from mandatory disclosure "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters that would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency…." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Exemption 5 incorporates the deliberative process privilege and the attorney-client privilege. The deliberative process privilege protects recommendations, advice, and opinions that are part of the process by which agency decisions and polices are formulated. The information withheld under this privilege consists of inter-agency pre-decisional information.

Portions of these documents reflect deliberative discussions. The DOE may consider these preliminary views as part of the process that will lead to the agency's final policy decision about these matters. The withheld information does not represent a final agency position, and its release would compromise the deliberative process by which the government makes its decisions. Thus, the information is being withheld under Exemption 5 of the FOIA as pre-decisional material that is part of the agency's deliberative process.

Exemption 6 is generally referred to as the "personal privacy" exemption; it provides that the disclosure requirements of FOIA do not apply to "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). In applying Exemption 6, the DOE considered: 1) whether a significant privacy interest would be invaded; 2) whether the release of the information would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations or activities of the Government; and 3) whether in balancing the privacy interests against the public interest, disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.

The information withheld under Exemption 6 consists of nonpublic, private, or secure email addresses and telephone numbers and names. This information qualifies as "similar files" because it is information in which an individual has a privacy interest. Moreover, releasing the information could subject the individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications. Since no public interest would be served by disclosing this information, and since there is a viable privacy interest that would be threatened by such disclosure, Exemption 6 authorizes withholding the information. Therefore, we have determined that the public interest in the information's release does not outweigh the overriding privacy interests in keeping it confidential.

This satisfies the standard set forth at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A) that agencies shall withhold information under FOIA "only if (I) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption . . . ; or (II) disclosure is prohibited by law . . . ." 5 U.S.C.

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§ 552(a)(8)(A) also provides that whenever full disclosure of a record is not possible, agencies shall "consider whether partial disclosure of information is possible . . . ." Thus, we have determined that, in certain instances, a partial disclosure is proper.

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the determination to withhold the information described above. The FOIA requires that "any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be provided to any person requesting such record after deletion of the portions which are exempt." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). As a result, a redacted version of the documents are being released to you in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(3).

The FOIA provides for the assessment of fees for the processing of requests. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i); see also 10 C.F.R. § 1004.9(a). In our October 16, 2019 letter, you were advised that your request was placed in the "other" category for fee purposes. Requesters in this category are provided with two free hours of search time and 100 free pages of duplication. In that same letter, we informed you that your fee waiver was granted. Thus, no fees will be charged for processing your request.

You also requested expedited processing of your request. Your request for expedited processing was initially denied in our letters dated October 16, 2019. Upon reconsideration of our decision to deny expedited processing of your request, your request was granted in our letter dated November 22, 2019.

If you have any questions about the processing of the request or this letter, your attorney may contact Hilarie Snyder, Trial Attorney, at Hilarie.E.Snyder@usdoj.gov or 202-305-0747.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexander C. Morris

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Office of Public Information

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- Thirteen (13) documents *are being released in part pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6.*

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From: Buchan, Samuel
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:13 PM
To: Lockwood, Andrea;Sandoli, Robert;McKearin, Josh;Tumminia, Paul;Noel, Emily E
Cc: Bell, Heather (Embassy KYIV)
Subject: FW: UKRAINE: Presidential Inauguration Scene Setter and Look Ahead

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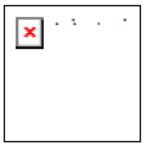
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Holmes, David A (Kyiv) (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) Bell, Heather R (Kyiv) (b) (6)
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Subject: UKRAINE: Presidential Inauguration Scene Setter and Look Ahead

1. (SBU) Secretary Perry and members of the U.S. Presidential Delegation, Embassy Kyiv warmly welcomes you to Ukraine for President-elect Volodymyr Zelenskyy's inauguration. The May 20 ceremony will close the first of several consequential chapters following Zelenskyy's historic 48-point landslide victory April 21 in unprecedented free and fair elections, and will open the next chapter in which Zelenskyy will build his team and attempt to advance an ambitious agenda in a system in which more formal power resides with the Rada (parliament) and Cabinet than with the President. Jockeying for advantage in this year's parliamentary elections was the backdrop of the negotiations that resulted in the snap May 20 inauguration, which likely preserved for Zelenskyy the option of triggering early elections in late July rather than late October should he so choose. Zelenskyy is expected to announce his appointments for key security, foreign affairs, and justice posts soon after inauguration, the first public confirmation of his policy direction on key U.S. priorities. Initial indications of Zelenskyy's policies appear broadly favorable to U.S. interests, particularly on anti-corruption and justice reforms, and recent polls show Ukrainians are following Zelenskyy's lead. With Ukraine facing another historic opportunity to take major steps forward – and in the process validate Zelenskyy's election night assertion that Ukraine's democracy can be a model for other post-Soviet countries in which "everything is possible" – U.S. engagement and support remains critical.

Snap Inauguration Opens a New Chapter: Zelenskyy Versus the Old Rada

2. (SBU) The Rada voted May 16 to hold president-elect Volodymyr Zelenskyy's inauguration Monday, May 20 at 10:00 am. As required by the Constitution and past precedent, the president elect will be sworn in officially by the Chair of the Constitutional Court in the Rada chamber before the full parliament, with a small number of key international dignitaries observing from the visitors' gallery. Ministry of Foreign Affairs Protocol, Rada leadership, and Zelenskyy team contacts all confirmed the May 16 official swearing-in would be the only inaugural event, laying to rest rumors of plans for a separate ceremonial inauguration to be scheduled at a later date to maximize international attendance. Immediately after the vote, Zelenskyy's communications director Dmytro Razumkov ridiculed the Rada for not selecting Zelenskyy's preferred date of Sunday, May 19. He criticized MPs for "annoying the Ukrainian people" by setting the date on a weekday, which could limit attendance by foreign VIPs and contribute to road traffic in Kyiv. While the date was only one day off Zelenskyy's preference of May 19, the message was clear: the old Rada was out of step and should

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heed Zelenskyy's overwhelming electoral mandate. It also created a pretext in the likely event the snap inauguration failed to meet expectations and the precedent of high-level international representation.

The Real Competition for Power Begins

3. (SBU) Posturing aside, Zelenskyy largely prevailed in the debate over the inauguration date, which itself was the first round in a high-stakes competition now underway with the legacy Rada over early elections, electoral reform, and the composition of a new government that will collectively determine whether Zelenskyy can translate his overwhelming electoral mandate into the consolidated institutional power necessary to implement his agenda. Ukraine's constitution places most power in the hands of the parliament, and its dual-executive system (President and Prime Minister) imposes significant checks on presidential power, requiring any president to command a parliamentary majority to advance a legislative agenda and appoint senior officials. The broad scope of President Poroshenko's powers was largely due to his ability to form and preserve a functional minority coalition government, which remarkably remained intact (with only one replacement of a prime minister) for the duration of his five-year term. In contrast, President Yushchenko was beholden to a fractious Rada and ultimately succumbed to competition with a strong Prime Minister Tymoshenko. Zelenskyy's ability to implement his ambitious agenda will depend largely on whether he can preserve a comparable level of presidential power that we have become accustomed to under Poroshenko, which in turn depends on commanding a Rada coalition of at least the scale and durability of Poroshenko's.

4. (SBU) Recent polls suggest a commanding Rada coalition is within Zelenskyy's grasp. A joint poll by the Rating Group, Center for Social Monitoring, and the Ukrainian Institute of Social Studies released May 16 shows Zelenskyy's Servant of the People party could receive up to 40 percent of the vote in the Rada elections, compared to about ten percent each for a rebooted Bloc Petro Poroshenko (BPP), Tymoshenko's Batkivshchyna, consolidated pro-Russian parties, and other combined pro-reform parties (including Hrytsenko, Smeshko, Groysman, and Vakarchuk), with ten percent distributed among small factions unlikely to surmount the five percent threshold required under current law to enter the Rada, and another 10 percent undetermined. If these proportions translated directly into Rada seats, Zelenskyy would lack an outright majority, but would have no shortage of options with which to form a majority coalition or collaborate in coalitions of convenience, and he would be unlikely to face any constellation of comparable opposing forces.

Snap Elections More Likely Despite Coalition Machinations, But Not Guaranteed

5. (SBU) The snap inauguration appeared to preserve the potential for Zelenskyy to call early Rada elections, maximizing his coattails and avoiding the dissipation of his political momentum in the months ahead of parliamentary elections currently scheduled for October 27. Contacts generally concurred that Zelenskyy had adequate legal authority should he so choose, albeit by means of a flimsy legal mechanism. A previous court case determined the current ruling Rada coalition had been non-existent since February 28 because it had since failed to prove it maintained the requisite 226 seats to constitute a majority. Zelenskyy and faction heads could cite this case as a legal basis to dismiss the Rada and call early elections 60 days hence, by late July. Such a decree would have to be issued in a narrow window after Zelenskyy's inauguration May 20 and prior to May 27, since the constitution forbids early elections within six months of the end of the Rada session November 27. Zelenskyy faces a difficult political decision: early elections enable his nascent Servant of the People party to ride a wave of unprecedented popular support, but deprive it of the time needed to build the kind of local campaign infrastructure necessary to perform in 226 single-member district elections in addition to the national party list contest.

6. (SBU) Established political parties – including BPP, Batkivshchyna, and Opposition Bloc – likely desire early elections to piggyback on the campaign infrastructure they already deployed for the presidential elections, but fading junior coalition partner People's Front is making a last stand. Poroshenko and aligned former officials will lack immunity from Zelenskyy's inauguration until they win Rada seats, an uncomfortable

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interval they likely wish to minimize. The 50 percent of the Rada comprised of single-member district MPs (elected in specific constituencies rather than on a national party list) were also rumored to desire early elections to minimize the opportunity to pass electoral reform that could eliminate their seats. A complication arose May 17, the morning after the inauguration date announcement, when junior coalition partner Peoples Front, in a ploy to weaken the legal case for early elections, announced it was leaving the coalition, triggering a constitutionally mandated 30-day consultation period to form a new coalition before early elections could be called, running out the clock on the narrow May 20-27 window. This move by the leadership of Peoples Front, a constellation of deeply unpopular officials with only 0.5 percent support and dim Rada prospects, is unlikely to undermine the legal basis of the popular president-elect's claim that a coalition did not exist anyway, but it may create legal complications.

Electoral Reform Appealing and In Play, But Unlikely

7. (SBU) In parallel with the question of early elections, Zelenskyy's team and other factions have been exploring the potential for electoral reform prior to Rada elections, with a move towards a closed-list full party system gaining steam. This system would rid Ukraine of the notoriously corrupt single member district MPs who often leverage local influence to buy their seats for the criminal immunity they confer, which in turn facilitates their corrupt practices. Leading international and civil society organizations, including the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), believed a closed-list party system could be implemented before October elections notwithstanding the European best practice of avoiding electoral reform within a year of an election. Zelenskyy senior advisor Ihor Bohdan recently told IFES that while an open-list party system was the best option in the long-run, it would be too late to implement before October. He also speculated that a change to purely party list system that removes the single-member districts would not find sufficient support in the current Rada. The poor prospect of achieving such reforms ahead of the next Rada elections removed an incentive to forego early elections, but could be back in play if early elections are not called.

Composition of the Next Government – And Zelenskyy's Agenda – Hangs in the Balance

8. (SBU) The contest between Zelenskyy and the legacy Rada led by establishment politicians he defeated will dominate the political landscape for the next several months, and will not be resolved until a new Rada is elected, a coalition formed, and a prime minister and cabinet seated, which will determine Zelenskyy's ability to advance a coherent agenda. Zelenskyy's appointments will be a litmus test of his true intentions. Rumors about his potential choices appear favorable to a strong reform agenda, and his explanation for keeping his cards close to his chest to prevent regressive forces from undermining his candidates rings true. While the details of his policies remain sketchy, their broad outlines are generally favorable to U.S. interests. (b) (5)

9. (SBU) Recent polls show Ukrainians are following Zelenskyy's lead. Asked to name the top five priorities for the new President, the top response was that he should submit to the Rada bills on lifting immunity from MPs, judges, and the President (53.7 percent). Substantial pluralities also favored ensuring stability of the national currency and banking system (33.7 percent) and an acceleration of investigations of high-profile corruption crimes (25.8 percent). At the same time, Zelenskyy's lack of specifics on the Minsk process and negotiations with Russia will be a challenge. The second most popular priority cited by Ukrainians was to start direct negotiations among Ukraine, Russia, and the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk Peoples' Republics (DPR and LPR) to achieve a ceasefire and return Donbas (40.9 percent). Only 13.1 percent favored increasing

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economic sanctions against Russia, and 9.9 percent favored intensifying talks on NATO membership, underscoring the desire to try something different from the Poroshenko years and the importance of continued U.S. engagement.

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To: Haidet, Michael B. EOP/WHO;alexander.s.vindman (b) (6));Buchan, Samuel
Subject: RE: May 22/23 Briefing by Ukraine Pres Delegation

Michael- just checking...who will be responsible for reaching out to Senator Johnson?

From: Haidet, Michael B. EOP/WHO [mailto (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 9:00 AM
To: Almstead, Deidre <deidre.almstead@hq.doe.gov>; Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC <(b) (6) >
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: May 22/23 Briefing by Ukraine Pres Delegation

Following up to confirm that **Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 11:45 AM (30 min)** works for the group?

Thanks,
Mike

From: Almstead, Deidre <deidre.almstead@hq.doe.gov>
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To: Haidet, Michael B. EOP/WHO <(b) (6) >; Vindman, Alexander S. EOP/NSC <(b) (6) >
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That works for Sec Perry

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Can we plan for **Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 11:45 AM (30 min)**?

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Thursday afternoon is perfect.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 21, 2019, at 8:41 PM, Almstead, Deidre <deidre.almstead@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

> So sorry to ask but Sec Perry has a flight out of DCA at 2:45PM, would there be any chance we could push this up to **1PM or earlier on Thursday**? We will make anything else work.
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> **From:** Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b) (6)
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> Works for Amb Sondland. Thanks so much! Adding a couple others from del-lead Secretary Perry's Staff to confirm his availability.
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> Regards,
> Henry
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> **From:** Doyle, Emma <(b) (6) >
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Adding in Michael Haidet, who is coordinating scheduling.

Would **Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 3:30 PM (30 minutes)** work?

Best,
Emma

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Subject: RE: May 22/23 Briefing by Ukraine Pres Delegation

Hi Emma,
Many thanks in advance for any updates. If you need me, my phone is (b) (6) and my cell is (b) (6) .

Sincerely,

(b) (6)
Energy and Economic Officer
Office of the European Union and Regional Affairs
Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs
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Emma,

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Adding in Ambassador Sondland's control officer (b) (6) from the State Department who can coordinate the final timing for the Presidential Delegation's (Secretary Perry, Amb Volker, Amb Sondland, Senator Johnson) (b) (5) Wednesday May 22 in late afternoon or Thursday May 23 in the morning works best for the delegation members.

Thanks for your help in advance to set this up!

Regards,
Henry Haggard

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From: Buchan, Samuel
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 3:31 PM
To: (b) (6) ;Sherman, Nicholas;Sherman, Nicholas;Haggard, Henry R (USEU);(b) (6)
Subject: RE: U.S. Administration Support for Ukraine_Options Outline
Attachments: U.S. Administration Support for Ukraine_Options Outline.docx

All - Attached are the consolidated edits.

I would note that our principals (Secretary Perry, Ambassador Volker, and Ambassador Sondland) were all in agreement (b) (5)

Also, Ambassador Sondland will be preparing a write up following today's meeting. The attached document will remain in place as an internal document providing detail in support of Ambassador Sondland's updated paper.

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 7:33 PM
To: (b) (6) Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>; (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: U.S. Administration Support for Ukraine_Options Outline

Sam,

Thanks so much for putting this together, and giving us the chance to provide input. We really appreciate all the effort DOE is investing into improving the relationship with Ukraine. Secretary Perry's engagement has been really valuable and we look forward to working with you to make sure we maximize the opportunity that Zelenskyy's election offers us to move forward on key reform issues.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our comments. There are a couple areas I think we need to discuss further and which I've flagged in the text. Also the (b) (5)

Thanks much,
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 4:37 PM
To: Buchan, Samuel <Samuel.Buchan@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: U.S. Administration Support for Ukraine_Options Outline

Awesome, many thanks Sam! Looping (b) (6) And my cell phone is (b) (6)

Sincerely,

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From: Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 4:15 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: U.S. Administration Support for Ukraine_Options Outline

Here is the current draft. I'm still updating, but feel free to add anything you'd like.

Please use track changes.

Best,
Sam

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U.S. Administration Support for Reforms in Ukraine

Delegation Members: U.S. Secretary of Energy, Rick Perry
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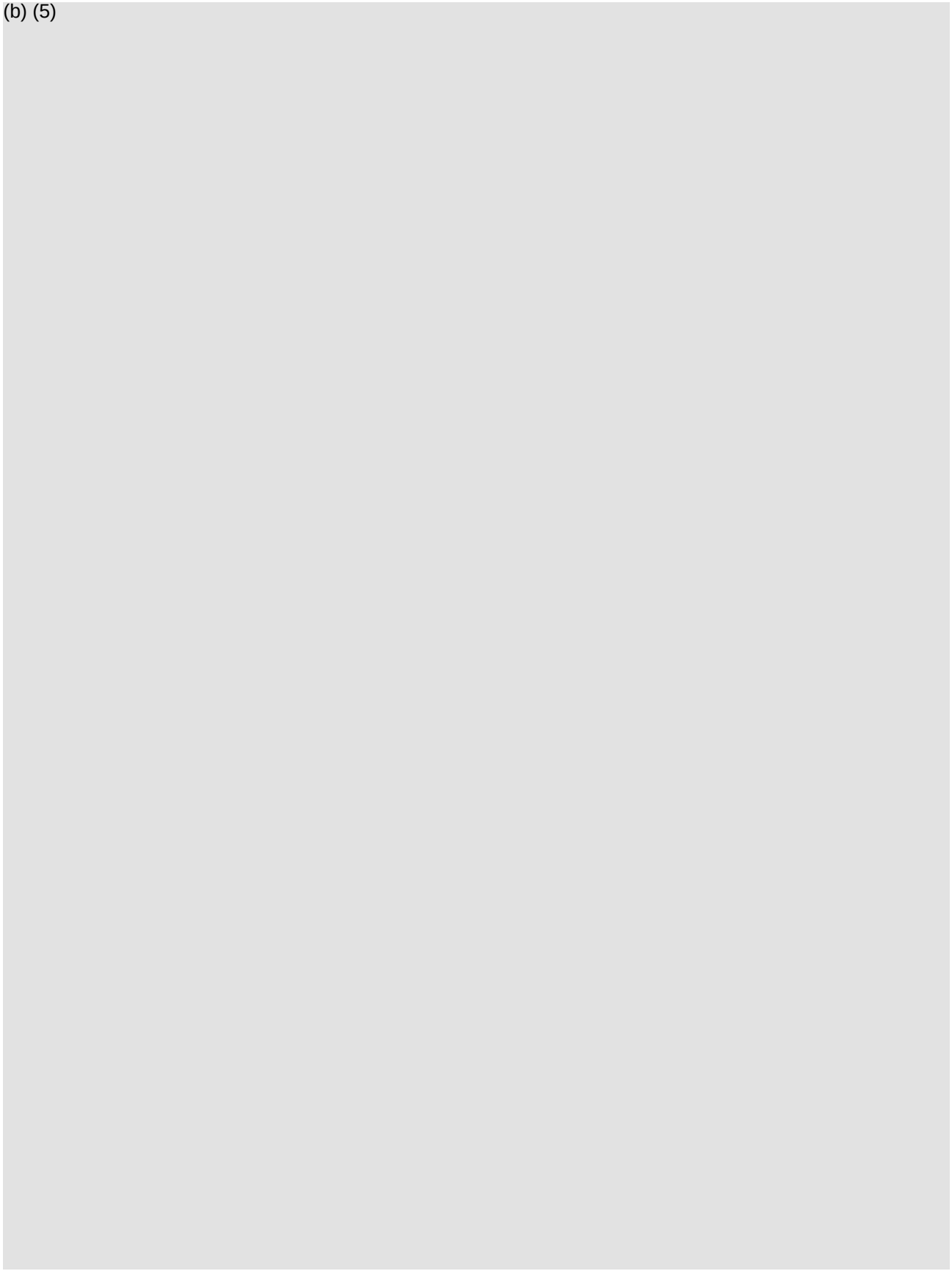
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Cc: (b) (6) ;Holmes, David A (Kyiv) (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Zelenskyy Prep call - 8pm Bxl Time Sunday, June 2?
Attachments: U.S. Administration Support for Ukraine_Options Outline.docx

All – Here is the paper that will be helpful on some of the energy aspects. Nick also has some materials that will help if we want to touch on interconnections.

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Best,
Sam

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, June 02, 2019 7:09 AM
To: Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b) (6) ; Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>; Sherman, Nicholas <nicholas.sherman@hq.doe.gov>; Sherman, Nicholas (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) ; Holmes, David A (Kyiv)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Zelenskyy Prep call - 8pm Bxl Time Sunday, June 2?

I'm available.

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From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, June 2, 2019 2:42 AM

To: Buchan, Samuel; Sherman, Nicholas; Sherman, Nicholas (USEU)

Cc: (b) (6) , David A (Kyiv); (b) (6)

Subject: Zelenskyy Prep call - 8pm Bxl Time Sunday, June 2?

Colleagues,

How about we convene a call at 8pm Brussels time tonight? For those available, please send me a note by 6pm Brussels time and then I will send out conference call info.

Suggest the below agenda:

1. Logisitcs (June 4 events – reception, dinner, pull asides)
2. Agenda (Amb S has a specific concept for the dinner agenda I can brief on)
3. Goals of Discussion (Energy; Reform; US visit; coordination w EU)
4. Other topics?

In addition to the dinner, believe a Perry-Sondland-Duda-Zelenskyy pull aside is in the works. I would suggest at 1030pm after the dinner, but happy to discuss w folks what might make the most sense.

Thanks,

Henry

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From: Buchan, Samuel
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2019 11:12 AM
To: Sherman, Nicholas;Sherman, Nicholas
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] DRAFT Ukraine Nonpaper on Short-Term Priorities for Cooperation
Attachments: 20180603 - Nonpaper on Ukraine Short-term Priorities for President Zelenskyy v2.docx

Let's chat about this in about 20

From: Holmes, David A (Kyiv) (b) (6)
Date: Monday, Jun 03, 2019, 10:46 AM
To: Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b) (6), Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>, (b) (6) Sherman, Nicholas <nicholas.sherman@hq.doe.gov>, (b) (6)
Cc: Kvien, Kristina A (b) (6), Pennington, Joseph S (Kyiv) (b) (6) Kent, George P (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DRAFT Ukraine Nonpaper on Short-Term Priorities for Cooperation

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Hi Henry and Team – Here's a draft of the paper we discussed on the call. Happy to discuss further. Best, David

David Holmes
Political Counselor
U.S. Embassy Kyiv

From: Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, June 2, 2019 6:14 PM
To: Holmes, David A (Kyiv) (b) (6); Buchan, Samuel <Samuel.Buchan@hq.doe.gov>; (b) (6) Sherman, Nicholas <Nicholas.Sherman@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: Conference Call - 8pm Bxl Time - Zelenskyy Prep

Colleagues,

Details for tonight's 8pm bxl time/2pm dc time conference call below.

Call agenda:

1. Logisitcs (June 4 events – reception, dinner, pull asides)

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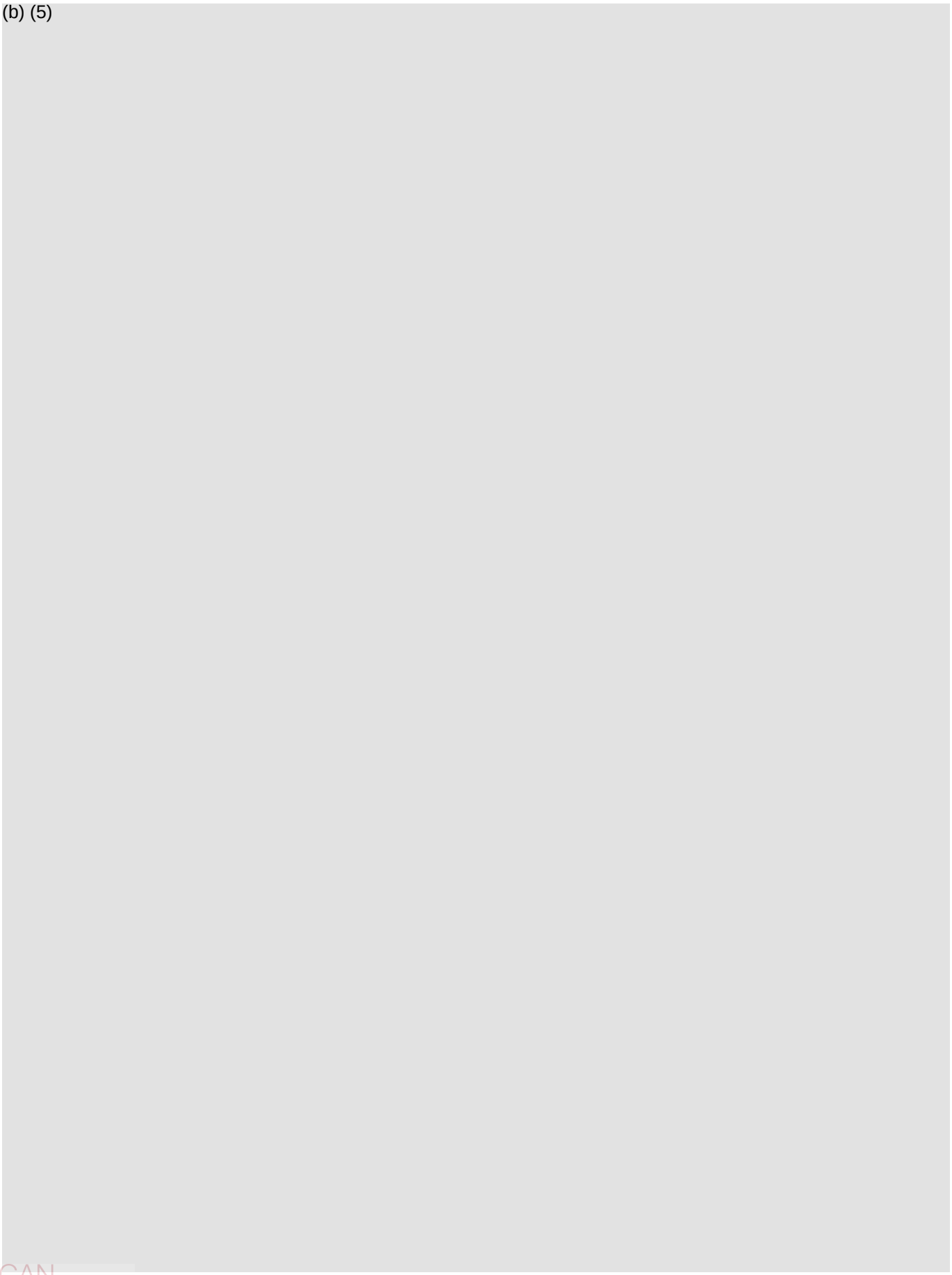
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Henry

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From: Buchan, Samuel
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:29 PM
To: Almstead, Deidre;Hebert, Ashley
Subject: FW: Draft Perry Vilnius schedule
Attachments: 2019 Oct 6-8 Notional Schedule 20190828.docx

Draft October Baltic schedule.

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:18 AM
To: Noel, Emily E <emily.noel@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>; Tumminia, Paul <paul.tumminia@hq.doe.gov>; (b) (6)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Draft Perry Vilnius schedule

Emily,

As I mentioned on our call, Embassy Vilnius has started to put together a notional schedule for Secretary Perry's visit to Vilnius. We've extrapolated key elements of 3+1 and PTEC, and then worked around those events to suggest additional meetings/engagements that we recommend he do during his time here. I know you may need a little time with this, so we wanted to send it your way to take a look and let us know what you think is feasible.

Kind regards,

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SECRETARY PERRY SCHEDULE
PROPOSED

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA
October 6-8 (TBC)

Participants:
Secretary Perry

Drivers: TBD

October 6, 2019 – 3+1 / P-TEC Ministerial Kick-Off	
TBC	Arrival at VNO Met by Control Officer/CDA
Time TBD	Modified country team (CDA, A/DCM, P/E, PAS, DAO, ODC, RAO) *Location TBD*
12:00-13:30	3+1 Energy Ministerial Lunch hosted by President/Prime Minister of Lithuania (Ministers only +1)
14:00-16:30	3+1 Ministerial (see separate agenda for more details: • 14:00 Introduction • 14:10 P-TEC and geopolitics of energy in Europe • 14:30 Implementation of Baltic States' synchronization project • 14:50 Baltic gas markets and supply diversification • 15:10 Geopolitics and energy diplomacy • 15:30 Roundtable discussion – conclusions/way forward • 15:50 Joint communique (4 in each); family photo • (TBC) 16:20 Press conference
17:00-18:30	Executive time at Kempinski Hotel
19:00	P-TEC Welcome reception and Ministers only dinner *Location TBC*

October 7, 2019 – P-TEC Ministerial	
07:30	*Breakfast with Foreign Minister Linkevicius (TBC)*
08:40	*Transport to P-TEC Conference site*

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09:00-09:10	Partnership for Transatlantic Energy Cooperation (P-TEC) Opening remarks by Atlantic Council Richard L. Morningstar, Atlantic Council
09:10-09:20	Opening speeches by President Gitanas Nauseda and Minister of Foreign Affairs Linas Linkevicius
09:20-09:50	Initial remarks/keynote by: Secretary Perry, Vice President of the European Commission Maros Sefcovic, and Minister of Energy of Lithuania Zygimantas Vaiciunas
10:00-10:45	*Meeting with Prime Minister Skvernelis (TBC)*
1100-11:45	*Meeting with President Nauseda (TBC)*
12:00-14:30	*Lunch TBD and aerial tour of Vilnius to view Astravets Nuclear Power Plant and Ignalina (if possible to include both) (TBC)* *Joined by Minister of Foreign Affairs and/or Defense*
15:00-15:20	Family photo (TBC)
15:30-16:00	Press conference (TBC)
16:00-16:15	Secretary gives opening statement at P-TEC Business Forum
16:30-17:00	*Provide closing remarks for day one of PNNL-led/State Department-funded workshop for Baltic states' Transmission System Operators in support of synchronization project (TBC)*
17:30-18:45	*Executive time at hotel, and/or bilat meetings*
19:00-20:30	*Dinner with Lithuanian energy sector leadership, hosted by CDA Marcus Micheli* *Location: CMR* *<u>Lithuanian participation</u>* *Energy Minister Zygimantas Vaiciunas* *Darius Maikstenas, Director General Lietuvos Energija* *Daivis Virbickas, Director General LitGrid* *Saulius Bilys, Director General Amber Grid* *Audrius Kamienas, Director General Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant** *Darius Silenskis, CEO Klaipedos Nafta* *MFA Vice Minister Zananavicius* *<u>USG participation</u>* *Secretary Perry +3* *CDA Marcus Micheli* *A/DCM Rebecca Grutz*

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(15 minute pull-aside with Ignalina General Director recommended. **Note: An advocacy request is pending for a U.S. company bidding on a tender related to the decommissioning project. This would be an opportunity to advocate on behalf of the company should the request be approved by the Department of Commerce.)*

October 8, 2019 – GIPL Groundbreaking Ceremony

08:00	*Press interview w/ energy sector reporters*
TBC	GIPL Groundbreaking ceremony (TBC) Location: Jauniunai Gas Compressor Station (approx. 30 minutes from Vilnius)
	Total event requires approx. 1.5 hours, + 30 min. drive each way; start time TBD

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Cc: EUR-WE-Germany-DL;Huffman, William (Stu)
Subject: RE: NS2 -FW: German Press Summary -- Sep 2 (unedited)

Well this is just poor reporting. Typical German fake news. He never said we would "probably" impose sanctions, and he never said that U.S. LNG was more expensive.

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 7:30 AM
To: Sherman, Nicholas <nicholas.sherman@hq.doe.gov>; Sherman, Nicholas (Embassy Brussels) (b) (6) ; Reichhardt, Mark <mark.reichhardt@hq.doe.gov>; Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: NS2 -FW: German Press Summary -- Sep 2 (unedited)

Nick, Mark, Sam,

Please see the brief write up of a German newspaper article on VP Pence's trip to Poland. Do you have any info you can share on Secretary Perry's statement? All of the English coverage I've seen ties the sanctions mention to Crimea, not NS2

Best,
(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 9:04 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: NS2 -FW: German Press Summary -- Sep 2 (unedited)

Pence in Warsaw / 2 Percent / Nord Stream 2

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:33 AM
To: Berlin PA Early Bird (b) (6)
Subject: German Press Summary -- Sep 2 (unedited)

Morning Press Summary
Press Office, U.S. Embassy, Berlin, Germany

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

German online and broadcast media outlets led with stories on potential British elections on October 14. Primetime newscasts led with analyses of the state elections in Brandenburg and Saxony. Tagesschau led with a report on the new Italian government, and ZDF-TV's primetime newscast heute opened with the protest against Johnson's prorogation move. Editorials focused on Brexit and the state elections.

Today's Topics

- Pence in Warsaw / 2 Percent / Nord Stream 2
- Huawei
- Maas / Israeli-Lebanese Relations
- Maas in Sudan and Congo
- Climate Protection
- State Elections
- China – U.S.
- Economy
- Chechen murder
- Miscellaneous

Headlines

Frankfurter Allgemeine: "Self-Criticism and Good Resolutions in Berlin after State Elections"
Süddeutsche: "Elections, Consequences""
Die Welt: "CDU Wants to Renew Itself"

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Handelsblatt: “The AfD Shock”
Tagesspiegel: “Woidke Aims at Kenia”
Spiegel Online: “Hurricane Dorain Kills 5 and Destroys 13,000 Houses on Bahamas”
Bild: “Jauch Millionaire Trained for 16 Years (Who wants to be a millionaire?)”

NYT: “Bahamas Take a Brutal Beating as at Least 5 Die in Hurricane Dorian”
WSJ: "Johnson Brandishes Election in Bid to Stop Parliament From Foiling Brexit"
FT: “Brexit weighs on Germany’s export-led manufacturers"
WP: "Dorian blasts Bahamas as Florida, other eastern U.S. states brace for hurricane"
FOX: "As Hurricane Dorian pummels Bahamas, some victims scramble to stay alive; at least 5 killed"
WT: "Trump impeachment push picks up steam during Congress’ recess”

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Huawei

In an interview with Handelsblatt, Huawei's CEO Eric Xu said: "We must accept the fact that we have to live with U.S. pressure for a long time to come. We should not harbor the illusion that the conflict will be settled in the coming weeks or months." The paper added that, since the President Trump has stopped all forms of telecommunication cooperation with China, the Chinese have restructured all their supply chains. Xu said: "Even today, we are autarchic enough; if not we would have been bankrupt." Handelsblatt added that the Chinese hope for a new European eco-system for smartphones. Xu said that Huawei is discussing such plans with European companies. "I assume that we will have clarified the details by the end of this or the beginning of next year."

Maas / Israeli-Lebanese Relations

Bild (1) reported that, according to a statement by the Israeli foreign ministry, Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz has asked his German counterpart Heiko Maas during a telephone call to urge the Lebanese government to stop attacks by the terror group Hezbollah against Israel. Katz said: "If you do not restrain Hezbollah actions against Israel, all of Lebanon will suffer the consequences." The Times of Israel reported that **Maas told Katz in a phone call that "Germany views Hezbollah in Lebanon in a similar way to how Israel views it, and Berlin will soon consider declaring it a terror group."** The Jerusalem Post added that Katz, according to a statement put out by his office, said that Israel has no interest in seeing an escalation of the situation in the north, but is prepared for all scenarios and will "react with strength against any attack against it, and will view the State of Lebanon as responsible."

Maas in Sudan and Congo

Maas departed for a visit to Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo on Monday night. MFA spokeswoman Adebahr said that Maas will meet officials of the newly formed interim government in Khartoum and conduct talks with FM Hamdok and the official of the General Council, General Buran He will also meet representatives of civil society. In Congo, he will visit officials in Kinshasa, Goma and Bukavu to get first-hand information on the outbreak of Ebola ad also visit the hospital of Nobel Peace laureate Denis Mukwege (BPA, Süddeutsche 5).

Climate Protection

Deutschlandfunk reported that the CDU and CSU are specifying their climate protection plans. The CDU leadership proposes an increase in the fee on flight tickets and the promotion of non-fossil technologies and fuels, according to the news agency dpa. Both parties will meet today to prepare the decisive session of the German government's climate cabinet on September 20. The CSU Bundestag group wants to approve a climate protection plan today that envisages making fossil fuels more expensive by trading carbon dioxide emission rights on a national level. The SPD coalition partner suggested that the continuance of the grand coalition also depends on progress in climate policies. In Berlin, the coalition committee discussed several proposals yesterday.

In an interview with Spiegel Online, Vice Chancellor Olaf Scholz said that the grand coalition can continue to exist only if it makes progress in its climate policy. What is necessary is a great success if this government is to continue its work. He added that small steps in climate policy would not make sense. Meanwhile, the Greens called upon the government to give up the goal of a 'black zero' in favor of investments in climate protection. Reuters also reported that Scholz urged Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives to support far-reaching steps on climate protection, warning that failure to do so would raise questions over their coalition's right to rule.

State Elections

CDU head **Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer** said that the CDU is on a renewal course "and it is part of the truth that we did not remove obstacles in such an elegant away as we would have liked to." She added that the results of the state parliament elections are a signal to the CDU to push for a renewal of the party. She said that the people expect the CDU to address future issues, and stressed that the party supported a possible coalition of the SPD, the CDU and another party in Brandenburg but ruled out any cooperation with the AfD. In her view, it is necessary to support a stable government with the CDU as "the voice of reason." Interim SPD chairwoman Manuela Schwesig called for a stronger concentration on issues that are relevant in Eastern

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Germany and called as an example the basic pension because this would be the response to the social distortions in Eastern Germany (all papers).

Several papers reported that Brandenburg's Minister President Dietmar Woidke is heading for a so-called Kenya coalition in Brandenburg. He told Tagesspiegel: "It is decisive that Brandenburg gets a stable and good majority." He added that only a coalition made up of the SPD (red), the Greens, and the CDU (black) would have a clear majority, while a coalition of the SPD, the Left Party and the Greens would only have a one vote majority.

Following the strong showing of the AfD in the state parliament elections, economic and industry associations and economic experts are pushing for greater investments in economically disadvantaged regions in Eastern Germany to alleviate the dissatisfaction of the people with the he governments. BDI Managing Director Joachim Lang likes to focus on the digital infrastructure and this would be a push not only for the people but also for industry in the region, he said. The Central Association of Germany's Handicraft said that the infrastructure is the decisive factor to counter this dissatisfaction (spiegel).

The chair of the **Central Council of Muslims**, Aiman Mazyek, told Neue Osnabrücker Zeitung that it would be wrong to describe AfD voters as “concerned citizens.” He said one should not pretend that AfD supporters are protest voters or naïve people. Mazyek underscored that they knew that their ballot would vote far-right extremists into parliaments.

The **Turkish Community in Germany** (TGD) said it was shocked at the strong showing of the AfD. TGD chairman Gökay Sofuoglu said: "The elections in Brandenburg and Saxony make clear that racism in the new Länder has found a majority again" and this must wake up society as a whole. The Central Council of Jews called upon the other parties to continue to carry out a clear political discussion with the AfD. Chairman Josef Schuster told Jüdische Allgemeine: "Nevertheless, it would be devastating now that the AfD has not become the strongest party in Brandenburg and Saxony, to lean back and continue as before."

There was broad coverage of the German state elections in the international press, with AP reporting that "Germany’s governing parties have staved off another crisis for now with wins in two state elections in the country’s east, but a far-right opponent that surged to finish a strong second savored the prospect of harrying mainstream rivals in its heartland Monday…. But [the AfD] fell short of beating the traditional parties that have governed those regions since German reunification in 1990, a possibility that seemed likely a few weeks ago and could have further destabilized Chancellor Angela Merkel’s struggling coalition government in Berlin. Other headlines included: "Mainstream German parties rule out co-operation with AfD. Far-right party’s strong showing in regional polls leaves CDU and SPD struggling to form coalitions" (FT); "Everyone Loses in Germany. Voters in state elections effectively choose ‘none of the above" (WSJ); "German Elections Reveal, and Deepen, a New East-West Divide" (Katrin Bennhold in the NYT)

Tagesspiegel reported that 50.6 percent of the inhabitants voted for the AfD in the Brandenburg village of Hirschfeld, but the paper added that the usual pattern that explains the reasons for this development (ignored by politics, high unemployment rate, no perspective for the future) does not apply for Hirschfeld where people have well-kept gardens, a restaurant, a pub, doctors, a pharmacy, a kindergarten and a primary school, but not a single refugee. The paper added that it will be difficult to understand the support for the AfD.

In Brandenburg, 13.7 percent of the voters voted for parties that failed to enter the state parliament in Potsdam. This means that every seventh vote for a party fell below the five –percent threshold.

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Almost one quarter of the 2.1 million eligible voters in Brandenburg were absentee voters. With 23.1 percent absentee voters, this is the highest percentage since German unification. In 1990, only 9.4 percent voted by mail.

The oldest n state parliament member could be AfD parliamentarian Marianne Spring-Räumschüssel. She could then open the first meeting of the state parliament on September 25 (Süddeutsche 6).

China – U.S.

Under the headline: "China is Turning into a Danger of the U.S.," Die Welt (6) carried a lengthy piece on the arms modernization of the Chinese navy. The paper added that experts are warning that the regime in Beijing has rearmed its fleet and that the Americans could now be defeated in a conflict. The paper added that this development is also creating dangers for Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea.

Economy

The FT reported that Germany's export-dependent economy is suffering from a Brexit shock which, along with the rise in global trade tensions and structural changes in the car industry, threatens to push Europe's economic powerhouse into recession. In the three months to June, exports to Britain dropped 21 per cent quarter on quarter, the biggest fall since the financial crisis a decade ago, contributing to the 0.1 per cent quarter-on-quarter contraction that Germany experienced in the same period.

The NYT carried a report on a Chinese investment of two billion euros in a battery plant in Arnstadt, Thuringia: "It is difficult to find anyone in the city of 28,000 who is not happy, even euphoric, that a Chinese company plans to invest more than $2 billion to build a battery plant in an open field on the outskirts of town. The project, by Contemporary Amperex Technology Ltd., better known as CATL, is believed to be the biggest example yet of a Chinese company's choosing to build a factory from the ground up in the European Union, rather than buy an existing business."

SPD finance policy expert Sarah Ryglewski will become the new undersecretary of finance. Finance Minister Olaf Scholz appointed her to succeed Christine Lambrecht who has become the new justice minister (Süddeutsche 18).

Chechen murder

The German government says it's aware of reports that the suspect in a brazen daylight killing in the heart of Berlin may have had ties to Russian intelligence, but wouldn't comment further on the case Monday. Government spokesman Steffen Seibert told reporters that "we have taken note of the reports you mentioned. Assume that the German government also has a great interest in a comprehensive investigation of this crime." Seibert referred further questions to state authorities in Berlin, who didn't immediately respond to a request for comment (AP).

Miscellaneous

Berlin police say a 25-year-old soldier with Turkish roots was assaulted in the capital by two men saying he didn't have the right to wear a German military uniform. Police spokesman Martin Halweg said the soldier, whose rank is the equivalent of a private first class, was walking in the Neukölln district Monday morning when

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two men punched and kicked him from behind, saying “only Germans are permitted to wear the uniform” (several German outlets, AP).

Bild (2) reported that **Health Minister Jens Spahn** is considering inviting nurses from Mexico. He will fly to Mexico-City in two weeks to promote his idea at nursing schools.

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From: Buchan, Samuel
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2019 8:53 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) ;Kent, George P;(b) (6) ;Haggard, Henry R (USEU);(b) (6) ;(U) Vindman, Alexander S (Kyiv | EOP);Williams, Jennifer L.(b) (6)
Subject: RE: Secretary Perry Meets Ukrainian Counterpart

Sorry I missed this earlier in the week, but I think we checked that box during the visit to Warsaw. We came out with a number of tasking that I will write up and send out the those involved.

Best,
Sam

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2019 10:57 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6) Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>; Kent, George P (b) (6) Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b) (6) (U) Vindman, Alexander S (Kyiv | EOP) (b) (6) ; Williams, Jennifer L. (b) (6) ; (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Secretary Perry Meets Ukrainian Counterpart

Outstanding!

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 10:42 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Is S1 Planning to Call His Ukrainian Counterpart?

(b) (6)

FYI, overnight from Post, and despite not having a formal readout on the Warsaw meetings, (b) (6) flagged some social media posts that show that S1 met there with the new Ukrainian Energy Minister.

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Notable U.S. Embassy Kyiv Social Media Content:

- U.S. Embassy Kyiv tweeted about Vice President Pence's meeting with President Zelenskyy of Ukraine to discuss security, energy, economic growth and progress of Zelenskyy's reform agenda.

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- U.S. Embassy Kyiv reposted Energy Secretary Rick Perry's publication stating that the Memorandum of Cooperation between the U.S.A., Poland, and Ukraine is an amazing "win" for the energy security, the economic security, and the national security of all three countries.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv reposted Energy Secretary Rick Perry's publication about signing together with Polish Minister Piotr Naimski and Ukrainian Secretary Oleksandr Danyliuk a Memorandum of Cooperation to promote regional energy security through natural gas supplies, including U.S. LNG.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv reposted Secretary Rick Perry publication about having a productive bilateral meeting with National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Secretary Oleksandr Danyliuk and Ukraine's new Energy Minister, Oleksiy Orzhel. The Facebook post was picked up by Liga Business, Obozrevatel, Gordon.ua,

U.S. Embassy Kyiv Ukraine shared a post.
September 1 at 5:26 AM ·

Міністр енергетики Перрі: Мав продуктивну двосторонню зустріч із секретарем РНБО Данилюком і новим Міністром енергетики України Олексієм Оржелем. США готові допомагати Україні повністю розкрити свій енергетичний потенціал за допомогою американських технологій, ресурсів та підтримки.

Secretary Rick Perry is in Warsaw, Poland.
August 31 at 1:11 PM ·

Held a productive bilateral meeting with National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine Secretary Oleksandr Danyliuk and Ukraine's new energy Minister, Oleksiy Orzhel. The U.S. is ready to help Ukraine achieve its full energy potential with American technology, resources and support. @ Warsaw, Poland

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 1:15 PM
To: Buchan, Samuel <Samuel.Buchan@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Kent, George P (b) (6)
Haggard, Henry R (USEU) (b) (6)
Holmes, David A (Kyiv) (b) (6)
Subject: Is S1 Planning to Call His Ukrainian Counterpart?

Sam, do you know whether Secretary Perry is planning to call and congratulate the new Minister of Energy and Environment, Oleksiy Orzhel? Given the important role S1 plays with regard to Ukraine, it might not be a bad idea. State is teeing-up a call from Secretary Pompeo to FM Prystaiko and I understand SecDef is planning to call his counterpart.

Best Regards, (b) (6)

(b) (6)
Director, EUR/EE (Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus)
U.S. Department of State
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From: Buchan, Samuel
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2019 9:54 AM
To: Tumminia, Paul
Subject: RE: Trilateral PTEC

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From: Tumminia, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2019 7:59 AM
To: Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: FW: Trilateral PTEC

FYI

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2019 7:37 AM
To: Tumminia, Paul <paul.tumminia@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Trilateral PTEC

Paul,

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Thank you!

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From: Buchan, Samuel
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2019 2:21 AM
To: Dorut Lucan; (b) (6) ';Lockwood, Andrea;Donnelly, Kurt D
Cc: Garrish, Theodore; (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Request for a coordination bilateral meeting US-RO

Dear Doru,

I'm adding in Andrea Lockwood, Deputy Assistant Secretary, and Assistant Secretary Ted Garrish to arrange a meeting with you.

Also added us Deputy Assistant Secretary Kurt Donnelly who represents the Department of State.

We can certainly arrange this meeting and we appreciate your availability to meet before the broader meeting.

Best regards,
Sam

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(www.blackberry.com)

From: Dorut Lucan (b) (6)
Date: Saturday, Oct 05, 2019, 4:35 PM
To: Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>, (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for a coordination bilateral meeting US-RO

Dear Sam,

Dear (b) (6)

Before the quadrilateral meeting (US-RO-RMD-UA) can we set up a coordination bilateral meeting between the US and Romania delegations in order to prepare the quadrilateral meeting?
Thank you for your assistance and if it is possible, could you tell us which time is most convenient for you ?

Doru

Embassy of Romania
Gaono g. 6, Vilnius, Lithuania
Phone: (b) (6)
Fax:
Mobile:
Email:

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From: Dorut Lucan
Sent: 4 octombrie 2019 16:56
To: 'Buchan, Samuel' <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>; (b) (6)
Cc: 'Tumminia, Paul' <paul.tumminia@hq.doe.gov>; 'Hebert, Ashley' <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Meeting US-RO-RMD-UA - with occasion of the 2nd P-TEC Ministerial in Vilnius

Dear Sam,

Thanks (b) (6) for your support.

Thank you for details.
Regarding the Romanian delegation for the quadrilateral meeting in format US-Romania-R.Moldova-Ukraine (October 7, 2019, 16:15 hrs, Gamma Room, Radisson Blu Lietuva Hotel) we plan to have the following present:

- Mr. Cristian BĂDESCU, Special Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania for Energy Security.
- Mr. Cosmin DINESCU, Ambassador of Romania in Lithuania.
- Mr. Doruț LUCAN, ministry plenipotentiary, Embassy of Romania in Lithuania.

For the 2nd Ministerial meeting of the P-TEC initiative the list of the Romanian delegation will be the same plus Mr. Cosmin GHIȚĂ general director Nuclearelectrica SA Company.

Best regards,

Dorut

Embassy of Romania
Gaono g. 6, Vilnius, Lithuania
Phone: (b) (6)
Email: (b) (6)

From: Buchan, Samuel [mailto:samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov]
Sent: 4 octombrie 2019 15:43
To: (b) (6) Dorut Lucan (b) (6)
Cc: Tumminia, Paul <paul.tumminia@hq.doe.gov>; Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Meeting US-RO-MD-UA - with ocassion of the 2nd P-TEC Ministerial in Vilnius

Thanks, (b) (6)

Dorut – Regarding the U.S. delegation, we plan to have the following present:

- Secretary Perry
- Assistant Secretary for International Affairs Theodore Garrish
- Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy Steven Winberg
- Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary Rachael Beitler
- Senior Advisor to the Secretary Samuel Buchan

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- Deputy Assistant Secretary Kurt Donnelly, U.S. Department of State
- Senior Advisor Paul Tumminia
- DOE Attache, Central and Eastern Europe Dan Milstein

Best regards,

Sam

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2019 6:50 AM
To: Dorut Lucan (b) (6)
Cc: Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>; Tumminia, Paul <paul.tumminia@hq.doe.gov>; Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>; (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting US-RO-MD-UA - with ocassion of the 2nd P-TEC Ministerial in Vilnius

Dorut,

Thank you for reaching out. Yes, we are tracking the meeting referenced below in your email. It will take place at 16:15 in the Gamma room of the Radisson Blu Lietuva hotel (on Konstitucijos). As for other organizing details, I've copied colleagues from the Department of Energy who can inform you regarding delegation size, etc. If you could forward the list of Romanian delegates to all of us on this email, we would appreciate it.

Kind regards,

(b) (6)
Deputy Pol/Econ Chief
U.S. Embassy Vilnius
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From: Buchan, Samuel
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 11:08 AM
To: 'Milstein, Dan';Lockwood, Andrea;Beitler, Rachael
Cc: (b) (6) Tumminia, Paul;Sandoli, Robert;McKearin, Josh;Milstein, Daniel J (Embassy Prague)
Subject: RE: 3 S1 in Vilnius cables for DOE HQ clearance
Attachments: 20191018 draft PTEC cable Tummia edits.docx; 20191015 CLEAN DRAFT Baltic 3+1 energy ministerial cable (Vilnius Edits)....docx; 20191018 DRAFT Secretary Perry-Lithuania bilat cable.docx

Thank you, Dan.

Attached are my cleared versions. I'm also adding in DCOS Rachael Beitler for here review.

I will include DAS Donnelly with my edits to the other cables. Thank you for all of your efforts in drafting these.

Best,
Sam

-----Original Message-----
From: Milstein, Dan
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 9:09 AM
To: Lockwood, Andrea <andrea.lockwood@hq.doe.gov>; Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: (b) (6) Tumminia, Paul <paul.tumminia@hq.doe.gov>; Sandoli, Robert <robert.sandoli@hq.doe.gov>; McKearin, Josh <josh.mckearin@hq.doe.gov>; Milstein, Daniel J (Embassy Prague) (b) (6) @state.gov>
Subject: 3 S1 in Vilnius cables for DOE HQ clearance
Importance: High

Andrea and Sam,

There are 3 cables from S1's visit to Lithuania that will be released from Embassy-Vilnius that are ready for your clearance. With your clearance, (b) (6) (cc'ed) at Embassy-Vilnius will release them. They are:

1) P-TEC event cable - drafted by (b) (6) on Oct 11. Cleared by Paul with minor edits on Oct 18. Attached.

2) Baltic 3+1 energy ministerial cable - re-drafted by me on Oct 15, cleared by Embassy-Vilnius this morning. Ready for your clearance. Attached.

3) S1-Lithuania bilat cable - drafted by me on Oct 18, edited by (b) (6) today and flipped to the high side. Ready for your clearance on the high side as soon as the CDA in Vilnius approves. SBU version attached as reference, (b) (6) will send you the classified version directly.

The cable I drafted with Embassy-Riga reporting on S1's visit there went out yesterday on the low side (19 RIGA 638). I forwarded it to you all.

I have also drafted cables on S1's Oct 7 trilateral meeting (USA, Poland, Ukraine) and quadrilateral meeting (USA, Moldova, Ukraine, Romania). We will need DAS Donnelly to clear and release these two cables from Main State because

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Embassy-Vilnius was not present in those two meetings. Andrea and Sam, do you want to discuss directly with DAS Donnelly or how do you want to handle?

Regards,
Dan

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TAGS: ECON, ENRG, PGOV, PREL, 3B, ETRD

Reftel: TBD (on P-TEC), Attachment (joint communique text)

SUBJECT: Inaugural Baltic 3+1 Ministerial on Energy met in Lithuania

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Reftel: TBD on 1) P-TEC and 2) Baltic 3+1 energy ministerial

SUBJECT: Secretary Perry and Lithuanian Leaders Discuss Energy Security in Vilnius

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TAGS: ECON, ENRG, PGOV, PREL, 3B, ETRD

Reftel: TBD (on 3+1)

SUBJECT: Lithuania Hosts Second Partnership for Transatlantic Energy Cooperation Meeting, Secretary Perry Announces E-TEAM Initiative

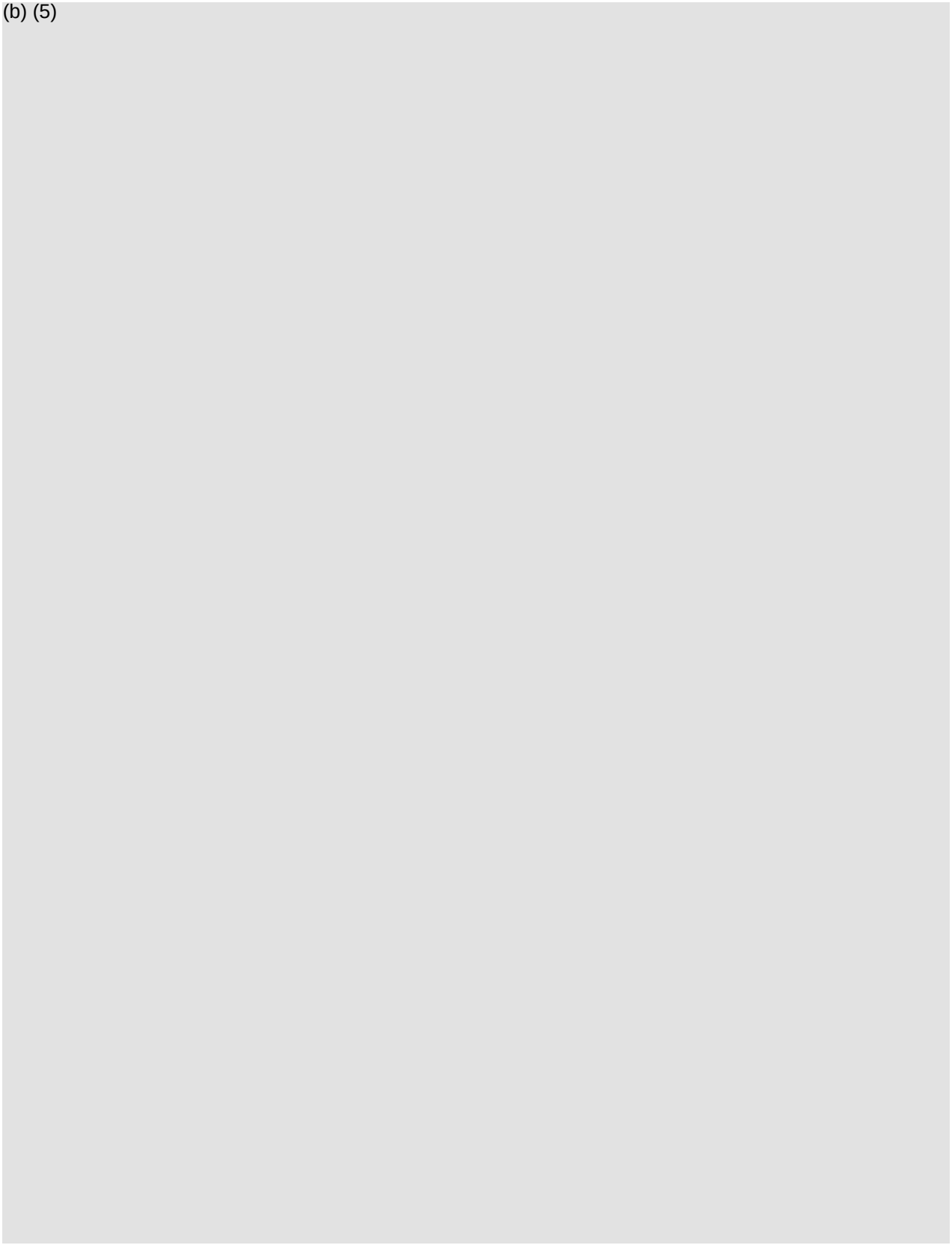
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To: 'Milstein, Dan';Lockwood, Andrea;Donnelly, Kurt D;Beitler, Rachael
Cc: Tumminia, Paul;Sandoli, Robert;McKearin, Josh;Milstein, Daniel J (Embassy Prague)
Subject: RE: S1's trilat and quadrilat cables attached for your clearance
Attachments: 20191022 DRAFT Sec Perry trilateral cable USA PL UA.DOCX; 20191022 DRAFT Sec Perry quadrilateral cable US MD UA RO.DOCX

Thank you very much Dan. Attached are my cleared versions.

I'm adding in DAS Donnelly for State's review as well.

Best,
Sam

-----Original Message-----
From: Milstein, Dan
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 4:55 PM
To: Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>; Lockwood, Andrea <andrea.lockwood@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Tumminia, Paul <paul.tumminia@hq.doe.gov>; Sandoli, Robert <robert.sandoli@hq.doe.gov>; McKearin, Josh <josh.mckearin@hq.doe.gov>; Milstein, Daniel J (Embassy Prague) (b) (6)
Subject: S1's trilat and quadrilat cables attached for your clearance
Importance: High

Sam and Andrea,

Attached are two draft cables ready for your review that cover S1's two other multilateral meetings in Vilnius: 1) the US-PL-UA trilateral meeting; and 2) the US-MD-UA-RO meeting.

I am sending these two you separately from the three I sent you this morning because Embassy-Vilnius was not in these two meetings and therefore cannot clear or release them for the State Department. You may remember that ENR's DAS Donnelly was in these two meetings as the State Department's one representative. Consequently, the appropriate way to get these out would be for him to clear and release them from Main State after you have edited/cleared. Neither Embassy-Vilnius nor I have discussed this reporting process with DAS Donnelly. Andrea, would you care to reach out DAS-to-DAS?

Without any State representative in the DOE A/S bilats, neither Embassy-Vilnius nor Main State can release a readout cable. However, I found an elegant solution for reporting on the Garrish-Winberg meetings with the Albanians and Montenegrins: (b) (5)

Regards,
Dan

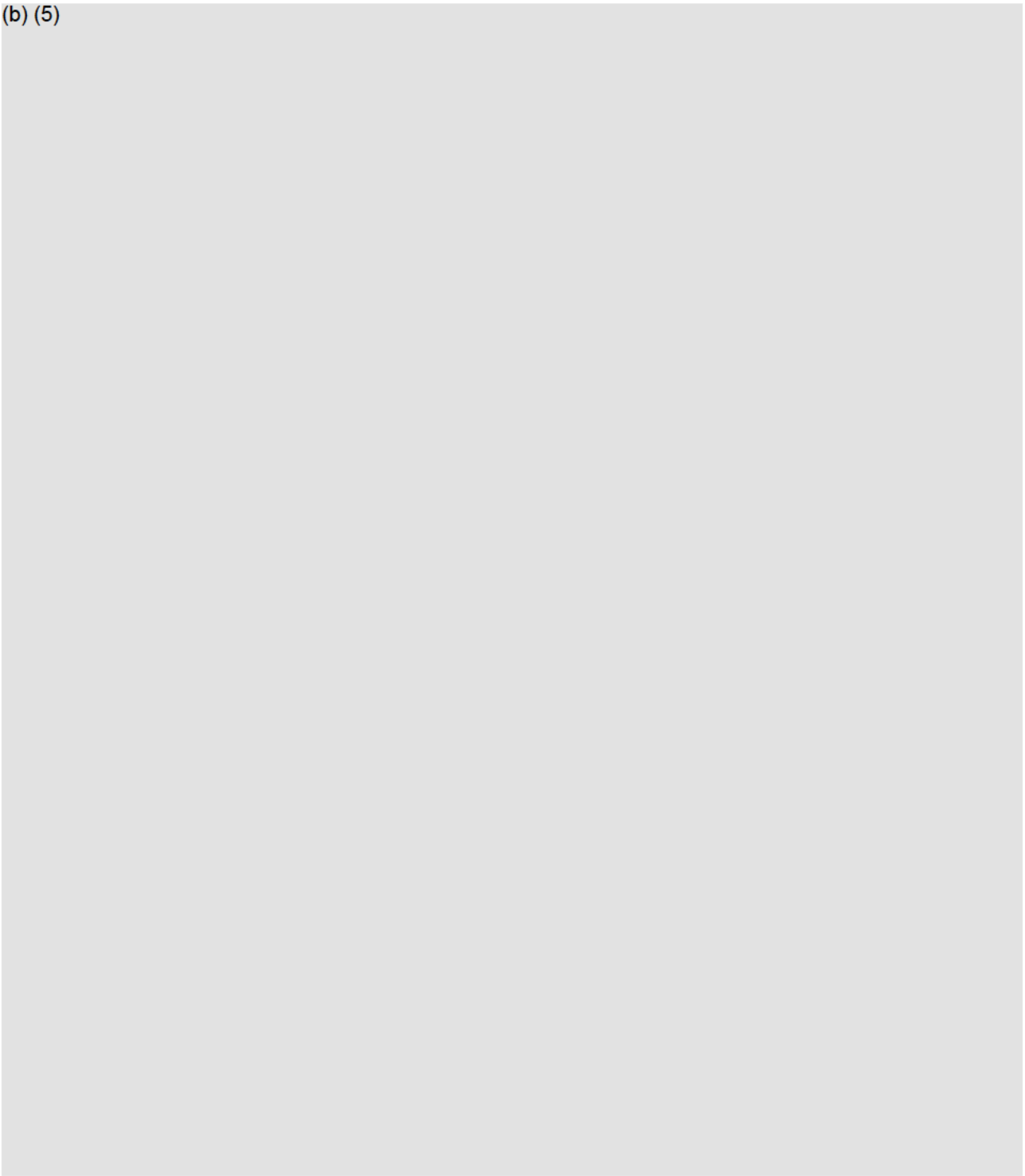
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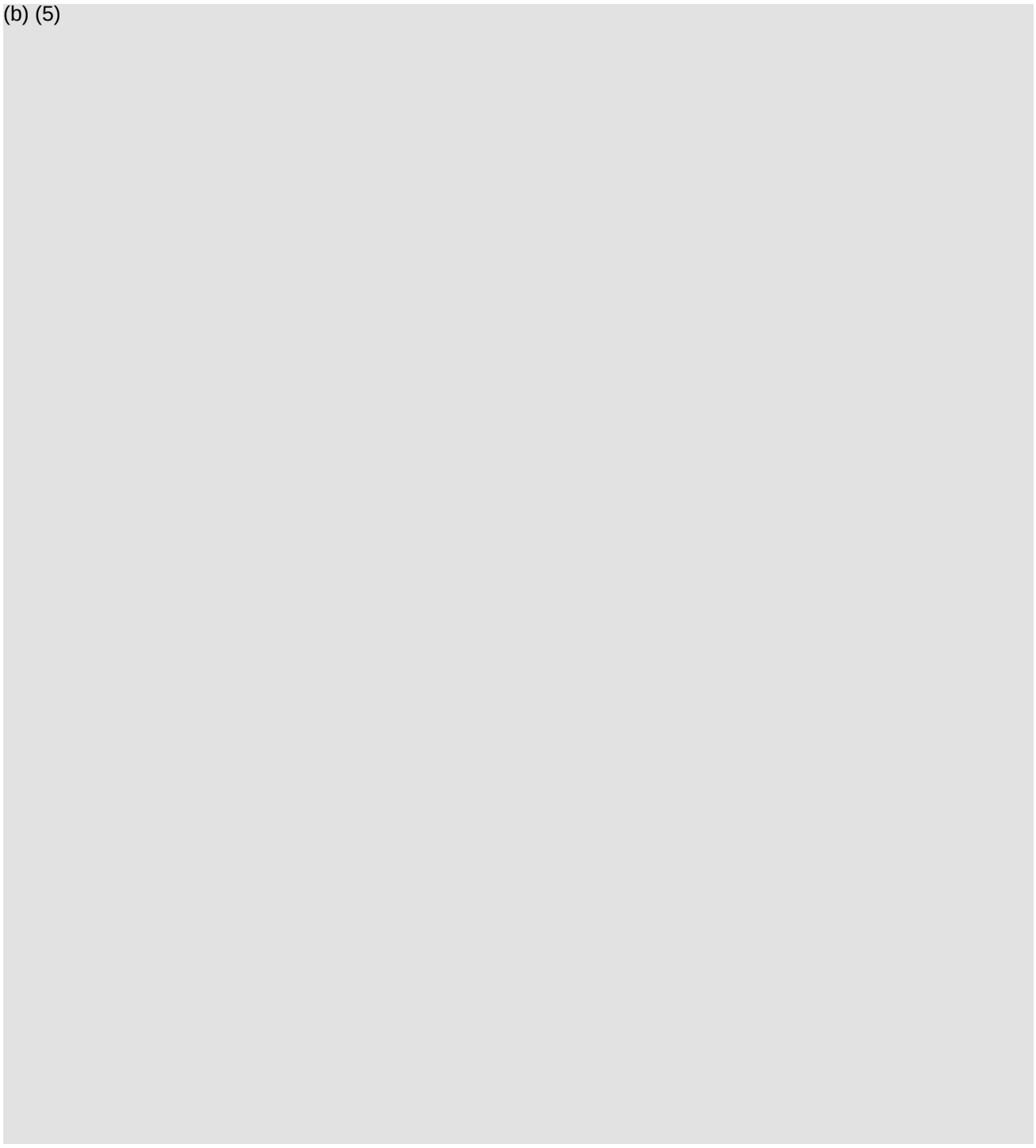
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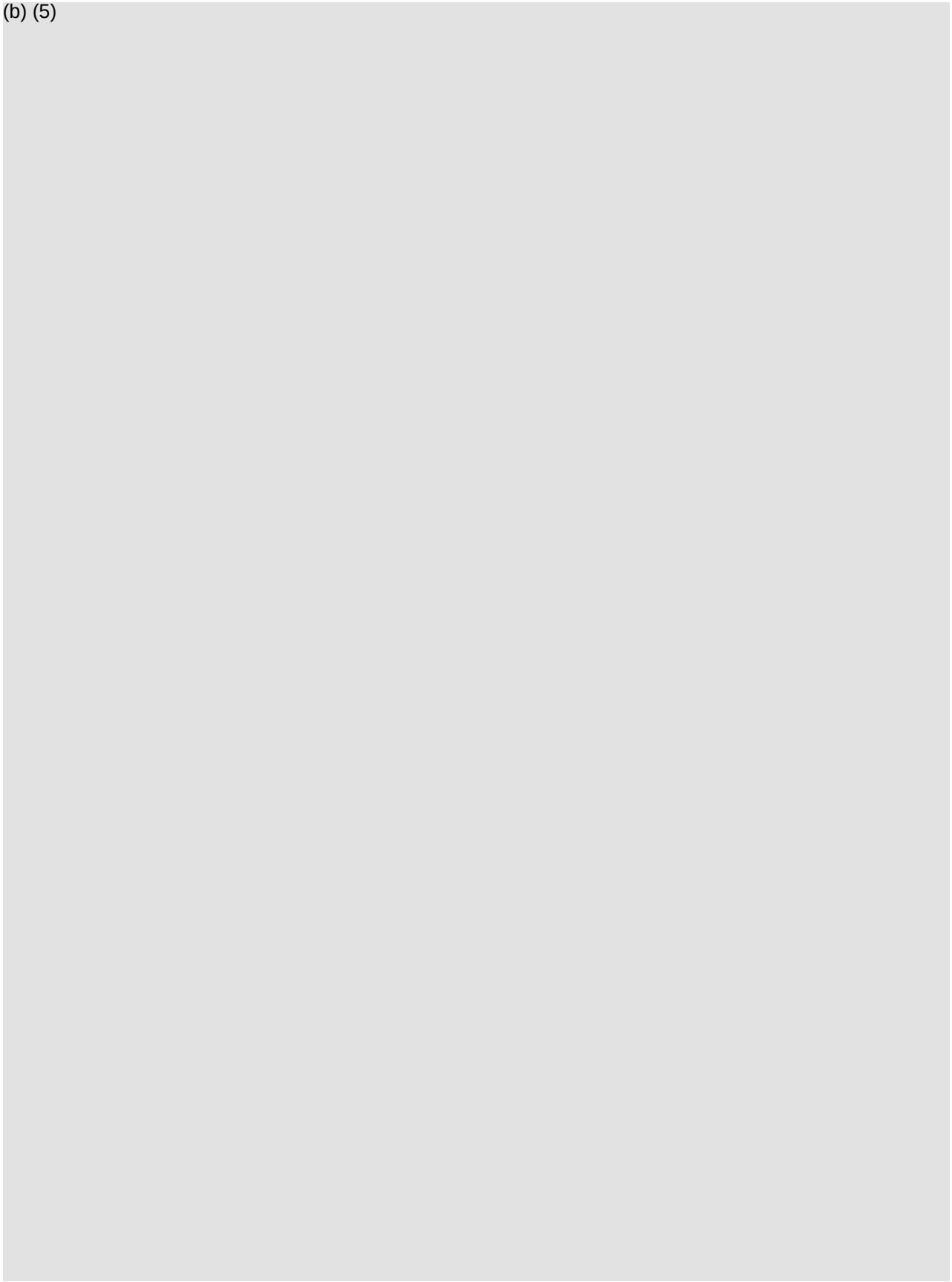
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SUBJECT: **Secretary Perry Discusses Energy Security and Moldova's Winter Gas Supply with Moldovans, Ukrainians, and Romanians on Margins of P-TEC Ministerial**

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Cc: Tumminia, Paul;Sandoli, Robert;McKearin, Josh;Milstein, Daniel J (Embassy Prague)
Subject: RE: 3 S1 in Vilnius cables for DOE HQ clearance

Thanks, (b) (6)! I'll go review now.

All other cables that I have previously sent back to you are now good to go.

Best,
Sam

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From: (b) (6)
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To: Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>; Milstein, Dan <dan.milstein@hq.doe.gov>; Lockwood, Andrea <andrea.lockwood@hq.doe.gov>; Beitler, Rachael <rachael.beitler@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Tumminia, Paul <paul.tumminia@hq.doe.gov>; Sandoli, Robert <robert.sandoli@hq.doe.gov>; McKearin, Josh <josh.mckearin@hq.doe.gov>; Milstein, Daniel J (Embassy Prague) (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 3 S1 in Vilnius cables for DOE HQ clearance

Sam,

I've just sent you and DAS Lockwood a draft of the Lithuania bilat cable for your clearance on the high side, which now includes content from the meetings with the President and Vaiciunas.

Are the 3+1 and PTEC cables ready to go out, or are we still waiting on additional clearances? Once you give me the green light, we can get them out quickly.

Kind regards,
(b) (6)

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Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 6:08 PM
To: Milstein, Dan <dan.milstein@hq.doe.gov>; Lockwood, Andrea <andrea.lockwood@hq.doe.gov>; BeitlerRachael <rachael.beitler@hq.doe.gov>
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Subject: RE: 3 S1 in Vilnius cables for DOE HQ clearance

Thank you, Dan.

Attached are my cleared versions. I'm also adding in DCOS Rachael Beitler for here review.

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I will include DAS Donnelly with my edits to the other cables. Thank you for all of your efforts in drafting these.

Best,
Sam

-----Original Message-----
From: Milstein, Dan
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 9:09 AM
To: Lockwood, Andrea <andrea.lockwood@hq.doe.gov>; Buchan, Samuel <samuel.buchan@hq.doe.gov>
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Subject: 3 S1 in Vilnius cables for DOE HQ clearance
Importance: High

Andrea and Sam,

There are 3 cables from S1's visit to Lithuania that will be released from Embassy-Vilnius that are ready for your clearance. With your clearance, (b) (6) (cc'ed) at Embassy-Vilnius will release them. They are:

1) P-TEC event cable - drafted by (b) (6) on Oct 11. Cleared by Paul with minor edits on Oct 18. Attached.

2) Baltic 3+1 energy ministerial cable - re-drafted by me on Oct 15, cleared by Embassy-Vilnius this morning. Ready for your clearance. Attached.

3) S1-Lithuania bilat cable - drafted by me on Oct 18, edited by (b) (6) today and flipped to the high side. Ready for your clearance on the high side as soon as the CDA in Vilnius approves. SBU version attached as reference, (b) (6) will send you the classified version directly.

The cable I drafted with Embassy-Riga reporting on S1's visit there went out yesterday on the low side (19 RIGA 638). I forwarded it to you all.

I have also drafted cables on S1's Oct 7 trilateral meeting (USA, Poland, Ukraine) and quadrilateral meeting (USA, Moldova, Ukraine, Romania). We will need DAS Donnelly to clear and release these two cables from Main State because Embassy-Vilnius was not present in those two meetings. Andrea and Sam, do you want to discuss directly with DAS Donnelly or how do you want to handle?

Regards,
Dan

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