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Mr. Evers:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 26 February 2020 and received by the Information Management Division on 27 February 2020, in which you requested the following 2 items:

"1. A copy of the Standard Form 86 (SF-86) form prepared by or on behalf of Ambassador Richard Grenell in connection with any security clearance or background investigation from June 2016 through the date the search is conducted. American Oversight seeks only the information contained in Section 20B of the SF-86 form relating to contacts with any official of the Moldovan government, including Vladimir Plahotniuc. American Oversight has no objection to the redaction of any other personal information contained in Ambassador Grenell's SF-86 aside from Ambassador Grenell's name, the signature line, signature date, and any disclosures regarding contacts with any Moldovan officials contained in his response to Section 20B.6, or any other parts of Section 20B, of his SF-86.

2. A copy of any interview notes or summary prepared during the course of Ambassador Grenell's background check in which Ambassador Grenell or other sources interviewed disclosed any contacts between Ambassador Grenell and any official of the Moldovan government, including Vladimir Plahotniuc."

ODNI does not conduct the actual security clearance investigation; therefore we would not have any of the original investigative documents. We suggest you write directly to the specific agencies that conducted the investigation(s) for those records. For your information when reaching out to agencies that conduct security clearance background investigations, these records are maintained within a Privacy Act system of records. In order to release these types of records, you would need to provide a signed authorization from the individual to whom the records pertain.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Requester Service Center at dni-foia@dni.gov or (301) 243-1499.

Sincerely,



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