



**United States Department of State**

***Washington, D.C. 20520***

January 27, 2023

Case No. FL-2020-00134

Nikhel Sus  
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics of Washington  
1101 K St., NW Suite 201  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Sus:

As we noted in our letter dated December 29, 2022, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Thus far, the Department of State has identified one additional responsive record subject to the FOIA. We have determined that the record 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 the record. 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 any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Benton Peterson at [Benton.Peterson@usdoj.gov](mailto:Benton.Peterson@usdoj.gov) or (202) 252-2534. Please refer to the case number, FL-2020-00134, and the civil action number, 20-cv-02076, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Miller".

Jeanne Miller  
Division Chief, Programs and Policies  
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

<b>From:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	(b)(6) Henderson, Katherine C (b)(6) Fisher, Mary-Kate (b)(6) (b)(6)
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Madison Dinners January/February 2020/UPDATE FOR JANUARY 9, 2020 DINNER
<b>Date:</b>	Thu, 2 Jan 2020 14:29:21 +0000

Many thanks (b)(6). Appreciate the insight.

Very best,

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 2, 2020 9:14 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**CC:** (b)(6) Henderson, Katherine C (b)(6) Fisher, Mary-Kate  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: Madison Dinners January/February 2020/UPDATE FOR JANUARY 9, 2020 DINNER

Dear (b)(6)

I hope your new year is off to a good start.

I just learned **UK Foreign Minister Dominic Raab** has another commitment the evening of January 9, and will **not** be attending the Madison Dinner. S is aware.

Thank you.

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Office of the Secretary

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019 7:32 PM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6); Henderson, Katherine C (b)(6); Fisher, Mary-Kate <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: Madison Dinners January/February 2020/UPDATE FOR JANUARY 9, 2020 DINNER

Hi (b)(6)

Thank you for this update.

I will let you know what I find out about the UK Foreign Minister.

Happy New Year!

Best,

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Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of State

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On Dec 31, 2019, at 6:51 PM, (b)(6) wrote:

**Mrs. Pompeo, a quick update for everyone before the ball drops for a New Year! We are in good shape for Jan. 9 Madison with 12 Accepts with you and the Secretary. 4 Pending. (b)(6) I've made a note below to see if you or (b)(6) can ascertain whether we think the UK Foreign Minister Dominic Raab and his wife are actually able to attend?? I will stand by and can always send details to their POC if need be. People were so busy with the holidays that we had a fair number of regrets and you will see for those with heavy schedules, I have offered BOTH Feb. dates.**

**Feb. 24—Moving along with 6 Accepts with you and the Secretary. Although I have listed all possible pending, I am HOLDING back on a few until I have a few regrets just so we can navigate our numbers for the Madison dining room.**

**Feb. 27—Again, juggling names around but am making connections with this group and will add another update with more progress after the January 9<sup>th</sup> dinner. Note—the Korean Ambassador presents his credentials on Jan. 6 so I will reach out then to extend the invitation for Feb. 27.**

**Also attaching the latest Master Excel update with the 3 separate dinner spreadsheets for January and February.**

**Many thanks and I will stay in touch.**

**Very best,**

(b)(6)

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

**Sent:** Sunday, December 22, 2019 8:44 PM

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

**Cc:** CAM HENDERSON (b)(6)

MARY KATE

FISHER (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** RE: Madison Dinners January/February 2020/UPDATE FOR JANUARY 9, 2020 DINNER

**Mrs. Pompeo, I wanted to send a quick update on our progress for the next Madison dinner on Thursday, January 9 before the holiday week. I received more confirmations/rsvp's end of this week so we are in pretty good shape. You will see we had sufficient regrets due to the holidays, travel, etc. that I had to go into the back-up list but have had some success there with both the Chief Chaplain of the Army, Major General and Mrs. Solhjem and Dr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy, Chairman and CEO of Raytheon. Both are very pleased to have been included.**

**You will also note for several regrets, I went ahead and offered the February dates as they appear to travel so much and have such busy schedules. (Brit Hume, Governor Sununu and Archbishop of DC, Wilton Gregory.) I will continue to connect with all others on the February lists**

this week as I am in and out of the office and send those updates as soon as I have more confirmations.

**THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 2020**  
**ACCEPTS/12/UK FM RAAB TBD**

--The Secretary and Mrs. Pompeo

--HRH, Princess Reema bint Bandar bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/Readily ACCEPTS/Doubtful she will bring a Guest

**\*\*--HE, The Right Honorable Dominic Raab, UK First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Mrs. Erika Raab, (b)(6) shared this news on Saturday Dec. 21 via the S Staff that the Secretary had extended the invitation to the UK Foreign Minister and his wife. I will stand by to see IF it is an actual accept. (b)(6) --Any update on the UK FM through Richard Buangan, etc.? I can send a digital or details to whomever if we believe they are able to attend.**

--The Honorable Mike Gallagher, U.S. House of Representatives, (R/WI)/ACCEPTS with pleasure but spouse Anne must regret as (b)(6)

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--Dr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Kennedy (Elaine)/Chairman, CEO, Raytheon/ACCEPT with pleasure. (b)(6)

--Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kilmeade (Dawn)/"Fox and Friends"/Very pleased to be included.

--The Honorable and Mrs. Robert C. O'Brien (Lo' Marie) NSC Advisor to the President/ACCEPT with pleasure.

--Chaplain Major General and Mrs. Thomas L. Solhjem (Jill)/U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains/ACCEPTS with pleasure. Very grateful to be included.

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**PENDING 4/Will continue to circle back.**

--Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Jean Case/He CEO of Revolution and former Chairman AOL/Mrs. Case CEO of the Case Foundation & Chairman of the

Board of Trustees of National Geographic/They are in and out over the holidays but I keep circling back.

--U.S. Supreme Court Justice and Mrs. Neil Gorsuch (Marie Louise)

Jan. 9 REGRETS/As I work through other February names, will continue to circle back to these if need be. But already offered to Sununu/Gregory/Hume and Heck as their schedules are so busy.

--Mr. and Mrs. Brit Hume/FOX Commentator/REGRETTED Jan. 9, Feb. 24, Feb. 27 are (b)(6) I said we would remain in touch. Very grateful for the invitation.

--Dr. and Mrs. William Dahut (Karen)/NIH and she is Booz Allen/Very sorry but must REGRET due to a (b)(6) Appreciate the invitation.

--Mrs. Michael Gallagher (Anne) REGRETS but Husband Rep. Gallagher will attend.

--Archbishop of Washington, D.C., Wilton D. Gregory, REGRETS as at (b)(6) Heavy schedule and also offered Feb. 24 & Feb. 27/TBD

--Mr. Gary B. Heck and Guest Ms. Susan Hewlett/Owner Korbel Champagne Cellars/(b)(6) ACCEPTS FEB. 24. Honored and thrilled to be included.

--Mr. David Solomon, Chairman, CEO, Goldman Sachs Group, Inc./Very sorry but (b)(6)

(b)(6) ends his "sincerest regrets and hopes to join another event in the future."

--The Honorable and Mrs. Michael Steele (Andrea)/MSNBC Political Analyst/Former Lt. Governor of Maryland and Former Chairman of the RNC/Regret January 9 but offered Feb. 24 below.

--Governor and Mrs. Chris Sununu of New Hampshire, REGRETS as Jan. 9 (b)(6) Such a busy schedule, I also offered Feb. 24 & 27 and they are reviewing those dates. TBD

--Mr. Glenn Youngkin, Co-CEO & Board Member, the Carlyle Group, REGRETS as (b)(6) and very sorry. Hopes to be included again.

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## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

### **6 ACCEPTS**

--The Secretary and Mrs. Pompeo

--Her Excellency, Emily M. Haber, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the U.S. and Mr. Hansjorg Haber/Very pleased to be included.

--Mr. Gary Heck, Chairman, Owner, Korbel Champagne Cellars and Guest Ms. Susan Hewlett/Honored and thrilled to be included. REGRETTED JAN. 9 due to (b)(6) and Feb. 24 worked well.

### **PENDING**

24 /Holding back on several of these until we hear from Sununu and Archbishop Gregory to ensure our numbers don't get too high for the dining room. Offered them BOTH Feb. dates due to heavy travel schedules. ALSO offered Feb. 24 only to Mike Steele of MSNBC as he had to regret Jan. 9 at (b)(6)

--Mr. and Mrs. Marc & Laura Andreessen/Co-Founder Netscape/Andreessen and Horowitz

--Secretary of Energy Dan & Adrienne Brouillette

--Ms. Sara Blakely, CEO, Spanx and Spouse Mr. Jesse Itzler, Marquis Jets Founder

--Mr. Scott Cook, Co-Founder Intuit, Director, Chairman Ex. Committee and Spouse Ms. Signe Ostby Cook

--Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. and Marilyn Coors, Former Chairman Molson Coors Brewing Company

--Mr. Paul Gigot and Guest, Editorial Page Editor & VP, Wall Street Journal

---Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Washington, D.C./Regretted Jan. 9 due to (b)(6) Due to heavy travel I offered him both Feb. 24 and

### **27. TBD.**

--The Honorable & Mrs. Henry McMaster (Peggy) Governor of South Carolina

--Ms. Dana Perino, Fox News, Former WH Press Secretary and Spouse Mr. Peter McMahon, British Businessman, International Medical Products

--The Honorable & Mrs. Pat and Franki Roberts/U.S. Senate, Kansas

--The Honorable & Mrs. Mike & Andrea Steele/MSNBC/Former Lt. Gov.

MD and former RNC Chair. Regretted Jan. 9 due to (b)(6) Offered only Feb. 24 for now.



--The Honorable & Mrs. Chris & Valerie Sununu/U.S. Senate, New Hampshire/Regretted Jan. 9 due to (b)(6) Offered both Feb. 25 & 27 due to his heavy schedule.

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 15, 2019 5:06 PM  
**To:** Susan Pompeo (b)(6) (b)(6) Henderson, Katherine C  
(b)(6) Fisher, Mary-Kate (b)(6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: Madison Dinners January/February 2020

Wonderful Mrs. Pompeo and thank you very much.

We will push these out as soon as possible and fully comprehend your directions for both the Diplomatic priority and the ability to move guests within their categories to obtain an acceptable date for them.

We will stay in touch and add to the master list.

Very best,

(b)(6)

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On December 15, 2019 at 4:45:54 PM EST, Susan Pompeo (b)(6) wrote:

Hi (b)(6)

Mike and I have drafted guest lists, back up name and a strategy for the first three Madison Dinners of 2020. Again, we think that invites to all three of the first 2020 dinners should go out as soon as possible.

Mike wants you to feel free to move all names on these guest lists around, within their "category." That is, if Michael Steele can't attend January 9th—see if February 24 works, etc. If you end up with two media guests at one dinner—that's fine.

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(b)(6) Still only looking for one couple in that category at each dinner. In the government category—having two couples is good. In the private sector, two or three couples.

Some of the names below are new, so please be sure all of the names below are on our master list. I have contact information for many of the names if you have difficult finding.

Finally, with respect to Jimmie Allen—could you have someone google his 2020 concert tour schedule and compare it to our 2020 Madison Dinner schedule? Then, invite provide him with a couple dates that appear to potentially work for him in 2020 (that is, that he is performing somewhere near DC OR appears to have a break in the tour).

**Thursday, January 9**

**Media:**

Brit Hume (FOX)  
Lt. Gov. Michael Steele (MSNBC)  
Brian Kilmeade (FOX)

**Foreign Diplomat:**

Princess Reema (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ambassador to US) Note: no spouse  
Ambassador Ashok Kumar (Singapore) Spouse: Gouri Mirpuri Note: (b)(6)  
really want them scheduled when both are able to attend

**Government:**

Gov/Mrs. Sununu  
Robert & Lo'Marie O'Brien  
Rep. Mike Gallagher (Wisconsin)  
Justice/Mrs. Gorsuch

**Private Sector:**

Archbishop of Washington DC, Wilton D. Gregory  
M/M Steve Case  
David Solomon  
M/M William Dahut

**Monday, February 24 (Fat Tuesday is the next day, so we should do another Mardi Gras themed dinner & decorations at this Dinner!)**

**Media:**

Dana Perino (FOX)  
Paul Gigot (WSJ)

**Foreign Diplomat:**

Ambassador Emily Haber (Germany) Spouse: Hansjoerg  
Ambassador Maris Selga (Latvia) Spouse: Marika

**Government:**

Gov/Mrs. McMaster  
Energy Secretary Dan & Adrienne Brouillette  
Sen. Pat and Franki Roberts

Justice Brett/ Ashley Kavanaugh

**Private Sector:**

Marc & Laura Andreessen  
Sara Blakely and Jesse Itzker  
Scott Cook and Signe Ostby  
M/M Peter Coors

**Thursday, February 27**

**Media:**

Mr./Dr. Ben Shapiro  
James and Dorothy Brown

**Foreign Diplomat:**

Republic of Korea (is there a ROK Ambassador to US right now—I couldn't find??)  
Ambassador Caceres (Paraguay) Spouse: Ana Maria

**Government:**

Gov/Mrs. Lee  
Labor Secretary Gene & Trish Scalia  
Rep. Elise Stepanik  
Justice Clarence & Ginny Thomas

**Private Sector:**

Kathy Ireland (has met with Mike in his office, etc.)  
Bob Johnson (founder BET)  
Michael Corbat (CEO of Citibank)  
Mitch Daniels (Purdue Univ. President; former Governor of Indiana; former OMB  
Director for POTUS Bush)

**Back up Names for these three dinners:**

**Government:**

Chaplain MG Thomas L. Solhjem & wife, Jill (chaplain's mobile # is (b)(6))  
(Chief of Chaplains for the U.S. Army)  
Senator Joni Ernst (Iowa)  
AG Bill and Chris Barr

**Private Sector:**

Theo Upstein,, GM Cubs baseball  
Gary B. Heck, owner/president (family founded) Korbel Champagne, Wine and Brandy  
(I have contact info)  
Tom Kennedy, CEO Raytheon  
Glenn Youngkin, CEO Carlyle Group  
Mariano Rivera, former pitcher NY Yankees

Lonnie Bunch III, 14th Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution

Thank you as always, Susan

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