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Looks like I lose that bet.

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I'm betting that Kyiv's mayor was talking about a visit of America's mayor 10 years ago.

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I'd be interested in hearing more on the visit of America's Mayor.

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**From:** <(b)(6)>

**Date:** July 31, 2019 at 5:57:59 AM EDT

**To:** Undisclosed recipients;

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### Political News:

**Rada Updates:** Office of the President Head Andriy Bohdan believes the new Rada will not meet before September 1. "Given that I'm a lawyer, I understand the timeline for the work of the Verkhovna Rada, it probably won't have time to start work before September

1," he said at a press briefing in Kyiv July 30. The start date depends on a large number of lawsuits that do not allow the Central Election Commission of Ukraine to form the final convocation of the future parliament, Bohdan said. ([UkrPravda](#)) In other Rada news, media reported Oleksandr Dubinsky of Servant of the People, also associated with TV channel 1+1, declared the creation of an MP group in the Verkhovna Rada on his Telegram channel. "We decided to create an MP group of deputies elected in first-past-the-post constituencies under the provisional title 'Justice' in the new parliament. There are five of us already. Join in," he wrote. Dubinsky posted photos from Truskavets also featuring blogger Oleksandr Kunitsky and 1+1 journalist Olga Vasilevska-Smahliuk. Another possible MP to join the group is Maxim Buzhanskiy, who won in the 25<sup>th</sup> single-mandate constituency in Dnipropetrovsk region, media reported. ([Hromadske](#))

**Update on Russian Tanker Detained Last Week:** A Ukrainian court has analyzed the legitimacy of actions taken by military prosecutors and Security Service investigators in searching the Russian tanker Neyma at the Izmayil port in Odesa region July 25 and put both the tanker and the documents found during the search under arrest, Ukrainian Chief Military Prosecutor Anatoliy Matios wrote on Facebook. He dismissed arguments that the investigative procedures on board the vessel were illegitimate without permission from the Russian consul. In addition, he noted: "The existing international treaties ratified by both Russia and Ukraine do not envision the need to obtain consent or permission from a diplomatic or consular official of a foreign state to conduct investigative procedures on board a sea or river vessel in Ukrainian territory." ([Ukr Pravda](#)) Media also reported the Russian Foreign Ministry commented on the arrest of the tanker Neyma. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Grigoriy Karasin, said, in an interview to Russian radio Kommersant FM, that it is the owner of Neyma tanker who should challenge the decision of Ukrainian authorities to arrest the tanker. "The most important thing for us was to get the people released. Our citizens, sailors, are at home now. The vessel is privately owned, so all must be resolved through court," Karasin said. According to him, the Russian MFA will follow the situation with the tanker. ([Ukr Pravda](#))

**Plans for Ukrainian Independence Day:** The Office of the President announced a new format for Independence Day celebrations. "Instead of a traditional Soviet-style parade with an expensive demonstration of military equipment on the capital's central street, a March of Dignity will take place. This European-style event intends to begin a new tradition of honoring everyone Ukraine is proud of. The plan is that representatives of various branches of troops and the Armed Forces of Ukraine will march along Khreshchatyk Street. ATO veterans will be able to join in with members of their brigades," Office of the President Head Andriy Bohdan said at a press conference in Kyiv July 30. According to Bohdan, medics, teachers, athletes, diplomats and civil volunteers, as well as the head of the Ukrainian state will also join the march. "This will be a modern event in ideological and technical aspects. President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy and other leaders of the state will take part in the march. After that, the head of state will address the Ukrainian people," Bohdan said. ([1+1 TSN 19.30 Broadcast](#))

**Commentary from PM Groysman on Poroshenko:** Media quoted Prime Minister Groysman's reaction to former President Petro Poroshenko's interview to Ukrainska Pravda. Groysman said: "It is a pity that he [Poroshenko] subverted people's big hopes and support [in support of] his private interests. Eventually, given his approaches, I was unable to realize all that I had intended to do. That's why we have different paths to

follow. Well, for him it's all over. But, I am sure, for Ukraine all lies ahead!" (Ukr Pravda)

### **Donbas Conflict Updates:**

MoD update as of 12:30, July 31, 2019:

- RLF violated the "harvest ceasefire" with a short SALW attack near Luhanske. UAF did not return fire;
- UAF combat losses in the past 24 hours: No casualties;

Map as of July 31: Not released as of 12:35

### **Economic News:**

**Deputy Head of Presidential Office outlines Ukraine's free-market path:** Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration Oleksiy Honcharuk said that the new President's economic team intends on taking the free-market path that proved successful for Ukraine's western neighbors – Poland, Hungary, and Slovakia – in the 1990s. President Zelenskyy is committed to strategic partnership with the IMF and World Bank and plans to implement an aggressive program of selling state-owned enterprises. According to Honcharuk, who is widely considered a leading candidate for Prime Minister, the new government will be formed in August and the Rada will convene in early September. Finance Minister Oksana Markarova and the current central leadership are to be retained as the new government moves toward a fiscal surplus and renegotiates the IMF program.

**The ban on farmlands sales may be lifted before end-2019:** Honcharuk also said the Presidential team believes that the moratorium on sales of agricultural land hampers economic growth and should be lifted in 2019. The President's Office is holding talks with the World Bank on the best model for opening up the agricultural market in Ukraine. According to different scenarios, lifting the moratorium may accelerate Ukraine's economic growth by 0.5 percent to 3 percent per year.

**Finance Ministry sold a record amount of hryvnia bonds on July 30:** The Ministry of Finance placed UAH 17.2 billion (\$690 million) in sovereign bonds on July 30 - 150 percent more than at last week's bond auction. The bond maturity also increased and interest rates dropped by 20 to 50 basis points compared to last week.

**Hryvnia strengthens to its highest position against the U.S. dollar in three years:** On July 30, the hryvnia exchange rate reached UAH 25 to the U.S. dollar, strengthening 10.7 percent from January 2019. According to financial market experts, the main reason for hryvnia strengthening against the dollar is regular sales of foreign currency at Ukraine's interbank market by non-residents preparing to purchase hryvnia-denominated bonds.

**Currency Rate:** The exchange rate averaged **UAH 25.12/USD 1** at Bloomberg Markets as of 12:30 pm on **July 31, 2019**.

### **Western Media Roundup:**

*Please see the attached Word document for the full text of the following Western media articles relating to Ukraine and the surrounding region.*

- Ukraine's anti-corruption campaign targets Klitschko and Poroshenko ([Deutsche Welle](#))
- Ukraine pundit who predicted Zelenskiy's rise now forecasts his fall ([Reuters](#))
- Ze Academy: Ukraine lawmakers' first assignment is a crash course in politics ([The Independent](#))
- Ukraine Turns to Blueprint That Transformed Ex-Communist Europe ([Bloomberg](#))
- The Democratic Candidates on Russian Aggression Against Ukraine ([Council on Foreign Relations](#))
- How art imitates life in Ukraine ([Washington Times](#))
- Three Easy Wins for Ukraine ([Atlantic Council](#))
- A Plan to Transform Ukraine's Notoriously Bad Parliament ([Atlantic Council](#))

### **Ukrainian Social Media Commentary:**

Ukrainian social media users are discussing a conflict between Kyiv City Mayor Vitaliy Klitschko and the Office of the President of Ukraine. At a July 30 press conference, Andriy Bohdan, Head of the Office of the President, said that in a private conversation, Klitschko told him he lost control over the Kyiv City Council and “there are a couple of ‘supervisors’ controlling the groups of deputies [in the City Council].” Bohdan also said some of those ‘supervisors’ contacted him and tried to convince him to leave Klitschko in the office and offered Bohdan a bribe for this.

Some social media users expressed concerns over attempts to get rid of Klitschko. “If the new government listens to the opinion of the people, and this is how it positions itself, then let's hold early elections of the Mayor of the capital, see who wins and appoint him the head of Kyiv City State Administration. This is the ideal democratic, fair option. Moreover – let's change the Law On the Capital and merge the offices of Mayor and head of the Kyiv City State Administration, getting rid of Yanukovych's usurpation legacy. Otherwise, it turns out that the right to elect the local government is being taken away from the residents of Kyiv,” wrote blogger Serhiy Naumovich.

Blogger and columnist Olexiy Minakov wrote that he thinks Bohdan's press conference was a massive information attack on Klitschko, which serves only as the groundwork for an upcoming “bigger media campaign against him aimed at his weakening and removal from real affairs.”

Klitschko himself wrote on Facebook that Bohdan's allegations are “[HBO's] Tales from the Crypt – all he said is a collection of gossip, manipulative speculation and nothing more.” Klitschko contined: “When the head of the Office of the President says such things it looks, at least, strange and incompetent. Mr. Bogdan, hand over all your "horror stories" to law enforcement. And don't embarrass yourself with such "informative speeches"! You are also manipulating laws and the Constitution. Reminder: Kyiv residents elect a government that is responsible for everything that happens in the city. And the attempt to divide the offices of mayor and chairman of the Kyiv City State Administration is an attempt to deprive the community of the right to influence the processes of managing the capital, it is also an attack on local self-government.” The next day, July 31, Klitschko posted pictures of a meeting with lawyer Rudy Giuliani, calling him “an old friend” and “one of the most reputable mayors in the world.” Some Ukrainian social media users viewed Klitschko's step as trolling in retaliation for Bohdan's accusations. Some social media users criticized Klitschko for pursuing personal goals, while others appreciated his action.

**Notable U.S. Embassy Kyiv Social Media Content:**

- Our biweekly social media highlights analytics report is attached.
- On World Day against Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Embassy released a Medium article in Ukrainian about the 2019 anti-trafficking heroes honored by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and presidential adviser Ivanka Trump.

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<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 1 Apr 2019 09:11:19 +0000

**Released in Part**

Below are PAS answers (highlighted green) for our questions.

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**Subject:** Input Request: Responses to Hill article allegations

[REDACTED] has been tasked with drafting and compiling responses to allegations made in the various Hill articles. Attached and copied below is a parsed list of those 30+ allegations. We've highlighted the statements where [REDACTED] would appreciate other sections' input. Sorry for the short fuse, but please send me your input by **1 PM Monday**, and let me know if you have any questions in the meantime.

This recent article by AntAC is also a useful reference point: <https://antac.org.ua/en/publications/hero-lutsenko-and-soros-group-antac-rebuts-new-article-of-the-hill-journalist/>

Thanks,

**Original Hill Article:**

*Note: There is already cleared Washington language to respond to this article's allegations.*

- According to the Ukrainian Prosecutor General, Ambassador Yovanovitch gave him a "do-not-prosecute list" during their first meeting.

- The Prosecutor General did not receive \$4 million that the U.S. Embassy was supposed to allocate to his office.

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- Former Congressman Sessions has proof the Ambassador spoke of her "disdain" for the Trump Administration. [REDACTED]

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**Second Hill Article from Last Week:**

- NABU Director Sytnyk tried to interfere in the 2016 U.S. election on behalf of candidate Hillary Clinton and was involved in helping to release the black ledger files that exposed Manafort's wrongdoing in Ukraine.

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- During this time, NABU had frequent contact with the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv. [Lutsenko is investigating this.] [REDACTED]

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**First Hill Opinion Column from Last Week:**

- The Embassy and chief Ukrainian prosecutor have a dysfunctional relationship.
- A U.S. official, George Kent, asked Lutsenko to stand down on the misappropriation of U.S. aid funds case.

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**Claims After First Batch of Hill Publications:**

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- Ambassador Yovanovitch is packing her bags and leaving early. [REDACTED]

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- According to Larisa Sargan of the PGO Office, Amb Yovanovitch's do-not-prosecute list included "not two or three names, but more" and among them are representatives of the legislative branch.
- Karen Greenaway, in April-May 2016, gave excerpts from the black ledger to Sytnyk for publishing, to compromise then-candidate Trump. George Kent gave copies of this to MP Sergey Leshchenko and SBU head Viktor Trepak to publicize it.

- Greenaway and Sytnyk warned Kholodnitskyi not to investigate Obama administration lawyer Greg Craig, who was involved in the black ledger. (b)(5)

- Greenaway was fired by the FBI in December 2018. (b)(5)

- Not a single U.S. lawmaker was contacted by the FBI or CIA about the Ukrainian government being involved in our U.S. election. (b)(5)

- Ambassador Yovanovitch told Ukrainian officials and U.S. Embassy employees not to listen or worry about President Trump's policy because he's going to be impeached. (b)(5)

- "Hillary, Kerry and Biden people" colluded with Ukrainian operatives to make money and affect the 2016 election. (b)(5)

- The Obama team was involved in Ukraine's elections, so the Ukrainians were probably paying back a favor by feeding the USG info on Manafort to help Clinton. (b)(5)

- "They knew the entire time" (about Ukrainian collusion? Unclear). Marie Yovanovitch, George Kent, Yuriy Lutsenko, Serhiy Leshchenko, Fusion GPS, Joe Biden, Hunter Biden, Burisma, Devon Archer (b)(5)

- Serhiy Leshchenko is funded by George Soros (b)(5)

- Stop Fake is associated with the Chalupa sisters, part of the British military warfare operation. Has targeted LaRouche, etc. (b)(5)

- Kurt Volker and David Kramer of the John McCain Institute are involved in the operation against Trump. (b)(5)



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- Lutsenko met with Giuliani in late January 2019. Lutsenko was trying to establish relations between the presidents of Ukraine and the U.S. with his recent statement. [REDACTED]

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- Kholodnitskyi expressed concern about the disclosure of black ledger info to the Embassy, and they were not interested. According to Kholodnitskyi, they [Embassy staff] are well aware of the reasons for the disclosure of the black ledger. [REDACTED]

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- When Biden was vice president, his son was appointed to the Burisma board despite having no relevant experience. This led to Kolomoiskyi being removed from the U.S. visa ban list. [REDACTED]

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- While Joe Biden was interacting with Ukraine, his son got \$3.1 million over 14 months from the Ukrainian. [REDACTED]

- Under VP Biden's leadership, \$3 billion in aid [note: later in the video, this is described as an IMF loan] went to Ukraine. And his son's company (Burisma) was implicated in the disappearance of \$1.8 billion of that money [as Kolomoiskyi was controlling the transaction]. [REDACTED]

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- The disappearance of \$1.8 billion was being investigated, but the investigation all but vanished in January 2017, coinciding with Vice President Biden's visit right before President Trump's inauguration. [REDACTED]

- George Kent, Karen Greenaway, David Sakvarelidze, Vitaliy Shabunin were involved in stealing \$4 million (intended for the PGO).

**From The Most Recent Hill Column:**

- At the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, the Obama administration took the rare step of trying to press the Ukrainian government to back off its investigation of both the U.S. aid and the group AntAC.

- Amb Y gave a list of people Lutsenko should not prosecute, including AntAC and two members of parliament who supported AntAC's anti-corruption reform agenda.

o Note: Mr. Solomon's second set of questions specifically enquired about MP Nayem, MP Leshchenko, and Shabunin of AntAC

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- AntAC, which is associated with George Soros, was collaborating with FBI agents investigating Manafort's business activities with pro-Russian figures in Ukraine. [REDACTED]

- The Embassy's implied message to Ukraine's prosecutors: Don't target Antac in the middle of a U.S. presidential election, in which Soros was backing Clinton.
- The Embassy applied pressure because it did not want Americans to see who was being funded with U.S. tax dollars.
- The State Department said last week there was not a do-not-prosecute list. But Kent's letter shows Embassy pressure on what would normally be a sovereign country's internal law enforcement matter. This was not the only case in which American officials exerted pressure on Ukrainian investigators in 2016.
- After the Obama Justice Department launched its Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Initiative a decade ago to prosecute corruption in other countries, the State Department, Justice Department and FBI outsourced some of its work in Ukraine to groups funded by Soros. AntAC, which received 59 percent (or \$1 million) of its nearly \$1.7 million budget since 2012 from U.S. budgets tied to State and Justice, and nearly \$290,000 from Soros's International Renaissance Foundation, according to the group's donor disclosure records. [REDACTED]
- The U.S.-Soros collaboration was visible in Kiev. Several senior Department of Justice (DOJ) officials and FBI agents appeared in pictures as participants or attendees at Soros-sponsored events and conferences. One of those was Karen Greenaway.

***FBI response was in the article:*** The FBI confirmed Greenaway's contacts with the Soros group, saying they were part of her investigative work: "In furtherance of the FBI's mission and in the course of their duties, FBI employees routinely travel and participated in public forums in an official capacity. At a minimum, all such travel and speaking engagements are authorized by the employee's direct supervisor and can receive further authorization all the way up to the relevant division head, along with an ethics official determination."

- In one event during 2016, Greenaway and Ambassador Yovanovitch participated alongside AntAC's executive director, Daria Kaleniuk, and Lutsenko was present. The message was clear: the embassy supported AntAC.

**Other information we might want to gather:**

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7/10/19, 2:56 PM - Bill Taylor: Just had a meeting with Andriy and Vadym. Very concerned about what Lutsenko told them -- that, according to RG, the ZE-POTUS meeting will not happen. Advice?

7/10/19, 2:57 PM - Kurt Volker: Good grief. Please tell Vadym to let the official USG representatives speak for the U.S. lutsenko has his own self-Interest here...

7/10/19, 2:58 PM - Bill Taylor: Exactly what I told them.

7/10/19, 2:59 PM - Bill Taylor: And I said that RG is a private citizen.

7/10/19, 6:23 PM - Bill Taylor: I briefed Ulrich this afternoon on this.

7/10/19, 9:26 PM - Bill Taylor: Eager to hear if your meeting with Danyliuk and Bolton resulted in a decision on a call.

7/11/19, 5:26 AM - Bill Taylor: How did the meeting go?

7/11/19, 5:29 AM - Kurt Volker: Not good — let's talk — kv

7/11/19, 5:31 AM - Bill Taylor: Just called. You are on the phone.

7/14/19, 5:07 PM - Gordon Sondland: Everyone is now focused on making the Potus ZE call happen prior to 7/21

7/14/19, 5:09 PM - Kurt Volker: Anything new you have heard?

7/14/19, 5:12 PM - Gordon Sondland: Tim Morrison is also tracking now. Good sign

7/14/19, 5:16 PM - Bill Taylor: They will make it happen whenever, but they want him in an office, ideally his, so the connection and interpretation are clear. Any indication of timing most welcome

7/15/19, 5:10 PM - Bill Taylor: We keep getting readouts of the Danyliuk-Bolton meeting that predict no phone call or meeting any time soon. This can't be my message to Ze. How to proceed?

7/15/19, 5:31 PM - Gordon Sondland: Talking to NSC tomorrow at 8:30 eastern

7/16/19, 7:47 PM - Bill Taylor: Make any progress?

7/17/19, 5:46 PM - Bill Taylor: Danyliuk just asked if there was any news from the WH. Any update?

7/17/19, 5:47 PM - Gordon Sondland: I put in a call to Potus and am waiting for a return

7/17/19, 5:47 PM - Bill Taylor: Excellent -- thanks, Gordon

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7/20/19, 1:50 AM - Gordon Sondland: Looks like Potus call tomorrow. I spike directly to Zelensky and gave him a full briefing. He's got it.

7/20/19, 1:52 AM - Gordon Sondland: Sure!

7/20/19, 2:01 AM - Kurt Volker: Good. Had breakfast with Rudy this morning — teeing up call w Yermak Monday. Must have helped. Most imp't is for Zelensky to say that he will help investigation — and address any specific personnel issues — if there are any

7/20/19, 6:53 AM - Bill Taylor: Good idea for us to check in at noon Washington time. I just heard that the POTUS call that had been scheduled for 1500 Kyiv time today has been put on hold pending the outcome of the election tomorrow. Is that what you hear?

7/20/19, 11:52 AM - Bill Taylor: If possible, I'd like to at least know when these are scheduled. I can at least reinforce what you are doing.

7/20/19, 11:53 AM - Gordon Sondland: Call me Bill thx

7/20/19, 5:41 PM - Bill Taylor: Do we need to talk at noon Washington time?

7/20/19, 5:45 PM - Kurt Volker: Yes - I'm available. Not sure if Gordon can or not but let's plan on it, and we'll loop Gordon in if we can

7/20/19, 6:32 PM - Bill Taylor: Kupperman (sp?) wants to talk to Danyliuk secure so I am meeting taking him to my office. Can we reschedule?

7/20/19, 6:37 PM - Kurt Volker: Absolutely

7/20/19, 6:37 PM - Kurt Volker: Anytime today will work for me

7/20/19, 6:46 PM - Bill Taylor: Maybe after the Kupperman-Danyliuk call? Around 9 my time tonight?

7/20/19, 7:29 PM - Kurt Volker: Ok

7/20/19, 8:48 PM - Bill Taylor: Just finished with Danyliuk. Will be in the car in 10 minutes. Call then?

7/20/19, 8:49 PM - Kurt Volker: Yes - good

7/20/19, 9:27 PM - Bill Taylor: Call now?

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5/11/19, 1:45 AM - Bill Taylor: The Guliani story today is a killer. I can't see how anyone can operate out there. Any advice?

5/11/19, 1:45 AM - George Kent: Missed voice call

5/11/19, 1:48 AM - George Kent: Let's talk. The NYTimes guy is letting himself be used. The game was already afoot for months - there is simply more transparency. I am not crawling into a hole. We serve the American people and US interests, not a political operator who has OC figures for clients (Giuliani).

5/11/19, 2:09 AM - Bill Taylor: Let's talk. Later tonight or tomorrow sometime?

5/11/19, 2:58 AM - George Kent: Tomorrow better. My phone clock notes it is 3 am Kyiv time - I got up at 0330 this morning to catch the flight. So I need to turn in

5/11/19, 3:19 AM - Bill Taylor: Absolutely! Any time tomorrow. Sleep well

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5/26/19, 9:12 PM - Bill Taylor:

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5/27/19, 12:26 AM - George Kent:

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5/27/19, 12:43 AM - Bill Taylor: George, I really appreciate your advice and opinion.

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Sorry

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to be so down

5/27/19, 5:58 PM - Bill Taylor:

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5/27/19, 11:33 PM - Bill Taylor:

5/28/19, 5:12 AM - George Kent:

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5/28/19, 12:00 PM - Bill Taylor:

5/28/19, 3:02 PM - George Kent:

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Looking forward to seeing you today after the Pompeo meeting.

5/28/19, 3:02 PM - George Kent: FYI I have a 0930 secure video conf with embassy Kyiv. You are Welcome to come by if the S meeting ends before 1030 (and ends well).

At 1030 I am meeting Don Winter, former secretary of Navy and newly appointed military industry reform adviser. You are also welcomed to join that. Otherwise. If you go back across the street to USIP, I could bring my salad and join you for lunch

5/28/19, 3:29 PM - Bill Taylor: I have the feeling that this is not going to end well, George. I will report.

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5/28/19, 5:39 PM - Bill Taylor:

5/29/19, 1:18 AM - Bill Taylor:

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5/29/19, 1:23 AM - George Kent: That Sondland-Mulvaney channel is the operative one - Gordon arranges the POTUS meeting thru Mulvaney. So that is good news.

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5/25/19, 5:06 PM - Kurt Volker: Missed voice call

5/25/19, 5:07 PM - Kurt Volker: Anti-Trust Reform.docx (file attached)

Anti-Trust Reform

5/25/19, 5:21 PM - Bill Taylor: I like this a lot.

5/25/19, 5:22 PM - Kurt Volker: Thanks! Will need more expert advice, but wanted to kick this off

5/25/19, 5:23 PM - Bill Taylor: I look forward to pushing it in Kyiv.

5/26/19, 9:14 PM - Bill Taylor: I am still struggling with the decision whether to go. Can anyone hope to succeed with the Guliani-Biden issue swirling for the next 18 months? Can S offer any reassurance on this issue?

5/27/19, 1:25 AM - Bill Taylor: You mentioned that several people have asked you to go out as CDA. I think that is the answer. It



wouldn't be that long. No one knows the issues better. People will ask, why isn't Kurt going out -- we already have a special envoy.

5/27/19, 6:23 AM - Kurt Volker: Let's see how it looks on Tuesday ... I don't know if there is much to do about the Giuliani thing, but I do think the key thing is to do what we can right now since the future of the country is in play right now

5/27/19, 1:47 PM - Bill Taylor: It is, and that's why it's encouraging that you would consider being charged during this critical time. I, for one, fully support you -- as would Steve in any way we can.

5/27/19, 9:33 PM - Kurt Volker: But as we discussed "I can't do it for a variety of reasons, and I am more useful being here anyway. We need someone on the ground there.

5/27/19, 10:20 PM - Bill Taylor: How about for a short period of time?

5/27/19, 11:22 PM - Kurt Volker: I can visit for a day or two, but not longer. Still have all the other commitments here

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7/7/19, 9:46 PM - Bill Taylor: Do you have a minute to talk?  
7/7/19, 10:08 PM - Bill Taylor: My question is about Danyliuk-  
Prystaiko -- have you been working with both on the phone call? Did

Prystaiko and Ze get it when you laid out what needs to happen on the call? Should I follow up with Prystaiko?

7/7/19, 10:09 PM - Bill Taylor: Or with Bohdan?

7/7/19, 11:30 PM - Kurt Volker: Hi bill " sorry " just saw this " I can talk now or first thing tomorrow if you can - best Kurt

7/7/19, 11:32 PM - Kurt Volker: Spoke w Zelensky, bogdan and Prystaiko in Toronto. Have spoke w Danylyuk by phone and will see him in DC Tuesday. There does seem to be some disconnect on their side " in addition to our side! Best - Kurt

7/8/19, 6:21 AM - Bill Taylor: Yup. Can I tell the three of them -- Prystaiko, Danyliuk and Bohdan -- that we can schedule the phone call if Ze is ready to say that he is not interfering, one way or another, in any investigations? I would like to talk about it -- what's a good time for you today?

7/8/19, 4:12 PM - Bill Taylor: Let's talk today. I will be asking to see Bohdan (probably with Vadym) to try to nail down this end of the phone call. They didn't say that they were on board for the call when you talked to them in Toronto?

7/8/19, 4:12 PM - Kurt Volker: Hi bill - I can call around 9:30/9:40 dc time of ok?

7/8/19, 4:14 PM - Kurt Volker: Zelensky was on board - bogdan was skeptical. Worried that a call substitutes for a visit. I pulled the two of them aside at the end and explained the Giuliani factor...

7/8/19, 4:16 PM - Bill Taylor: Live interview here 4:30 here, 9:30 there. How about 6 here, 11 there? Or pick a later time today.

7/8/19, 4:31 PM - Kurt Volker: Great " I can do 1:30pm here / 8:30 for you " does that work?

7/8/19, 5:01 PM - Bill Taylor: Perfectly

7/8/19, 8:29 PM - Bill Taylor: Calling shortly

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7/20/19, 6:55 AM - Bill Taylor: Preparations for the trip are well underway. You had breakfast with RG?

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<b>From:</b>	"Tremont, Pamela M" (b)(6)
<b>To:</b>	(b)(6)
<b>CC:</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: (b)(1) Meeting Readout 2/25
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 26 Feb 2019 04:55:33 -0500

(b)(6) + [redacted] better address (i.e., the one he sometimes checks.) ☺

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**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; Tremont, Pamela M; Holmes, David A; (b)(6)  
Schutte, John P (b)(6)  
(b)(6)  
**Subject:** (b)(1) Meeting Readout 2/25

Ambassador (b)(1) requested a meeting today. Here are the main points:

(b)(1)

(b)(1)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; Tremont, Pamela M; Holmes, David A; (b)(6)

Schutte, John P; (b)(6)

(b)(6) Castillo, Raymond A; (b)(6)

**Subject:** (b)(1) Meeting Readout 2/11

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Ambassador (b)(1) and I had a revealing conversation with (b)(1) today. Here are the main points:

(b)(1)

(b)(1)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; Tremont, Pamela M; Holmes, David A; (b)(6)

Schutte, John P; (b)(6)

(b)(6) Castillo, Raymond A; (b)(6)

**Subject:** (b)(1) Meeting Readout 1/28

Colleagues — Here's the latest from (b)(1) today:

(b)(1)

(b)(1)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2019 5:05 PM

**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; Tremont, Pamela M; Holmes, David A; (b)(6)

Schutte, John P (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** Meeting Readout

Colleagues – Here are some points from my brief meeting with (b)(6) today:

(b)(1)

(b)(1)



(b)(1)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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

**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2018 12:26 PM

**To:** Yovanovitch, Marie L; Tremont, Pamela M; Holmes, David A; (b)(6)

Schutte, John P; (b)(6)

(b)(6)

**Subject:** (b)(1) Meeting Readout

Colleagues – Here's a summary of my meeting with — Yesterday:

(b)(1)

(b)(1)

(b)(1)

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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